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Corwin, Brorman honored at banquet



Duo named chamber's man, woman of the year

LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Speechless would be the best way to describe the reaction of both recipients of the Big Spring Area Chamber Man and Woman of the Year announced Tuesday night during the annual chamber banquet.

"I am like her, I don't know what to say," said 2015 Man of the Year, Tommy Corwin, referring to the statement made by the previously announced 2015 Woman of the Year recipient Christy Brorman.

Both honorees seemed a little overwhelmed at the end of the banquet as they stood with their large families and received individual congratulations from a crowd of people offering hardy handshakes. The annual award is given to people who have a record of service to make the a positive difference to the community.

Last year's Man of the Year, Paschal Odom, described Corwin as "one of the best community-minded, family man to hit Big Spring's city limits."

Corwin is originally from Oklahoma. He was brought to the town to work for an electric company. He raised a family while balancing his responsibilities with his job, church, serving in the National Guard and volunteering for the community.

He is one of the instrumental forces at the Big Spring State Hospital resale shop — the Chalet, which is manned and run by volunteers. He also greatly helps with the Howard County Fair board, assists with the organization of the annual Hang Gliding competition, serves on the Big Spring Symphony, and helps with the beautification effort of Comanche Trail Lake, dam and park.

"And when it comes to the festival of lights, he is invaluable," Odom said. "Image a sub-zero night. The holiday exhibits on the cliffs at the state park are not working. Here he comes, responding cheerfully to an emergency call. The lights are restored for the Big Spring's Christmas season."

"And then there are all those little known Good Samaritan contributions he makes for so many deeds done quickly, quietly and without compensation."

Like Corwin, Brorman is also not a native of Big



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Amy Jacobs, the new president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, addresses the audience during Tuesday's chamber banquet.



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Clockwise from top left: Tommy Corwin, right, is introduced as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year by past recipient Paschal Odom during the chamber's annual banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday; Woman of the Year recipient Christy Brorman is congratulated by family members; and guest speaker Tumbleweed Smith shares a laugh with dignitaries at the podium.

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Municipal candidate filing period opens

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Election season has officially begun.

Today is the first day people can file candidacy for one of three Big Spring City Council positions up for election this year.

Voters in three districts — District 2, currently held by Carmen Harbour, District 4,

represented by Bobby McDonald and District 6, where Marvin Boyd is the incumbent — will elect city representatives on May 9.

McDonald has declared he will not seek re-election, while Harbour and Boyd said Tuesday they are undecided whether they will seek new terms on the council.

City Secretary Donald Moore

said prospective candidates have between now and Feb. 27 to file for the election. Candidates do not need to live within the district they wish to represent, but they must have been a resident of Big Spring for at least one year by the date of the election.

Early voting the municipal

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Obituaries

Curtis Smith



Curtis Smith, 79, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, in Amarillo. The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 3, 1935, at Center, Texas to Margie and Truitt Smith. He married Verna Medlin on June 2, 1957, in Lubbock. He owned Curtis Implement Company for a number of years. He later worked at Sears and sold other farm products for Primrose Oil Company. He managed KBYG and worked for Texas Agricultural Commis-

sion. He served on the City Council at Coahoma. He has lived in Coahoma since 1965 and was a member of Grace Fellowship Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Verna of Coahoma; one son, David Smith of Odessa; three daughters, Vanita Woolsey and her husband, Larry, of Amarillo, Annette Henry and her husband, Jackie, and Angela Smith, all of Coahoma; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, David Smith.

Pallbearers were Jason Henry, Christopher Henry, Austin Henry, James Grimesly, Horace Bowden and Charles Herrington. Honorary pallbearers were Eric Henry, Jeremy DeYoung and Jason Henry Jr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Earl Franklin Cole



Earl Franklin Cole, 91, of Big Spring, Texas, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at 2 p.m., at First United Methodist Church in Panhandle, Texas. Jack Pack, Earl's nephew, and Buddy Payne, pastor, will officiate.

He was born April 22, 1923 in Garvin, Okla. to Claud Cole and Bessie Cole. He was the seventh of eight children. He married Mary Foster in 1944 in Quartzsite, Ariz. She preceded him in death in 2007.

He served overseas with the Army Air force during World War II and was a member of the Panhandle VFW. He enjoyed gardening, flowers and fishing.

He spent his last years at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring.

He is survived by four sons, Larry and wife Jeanne, Glen, Randy and wife Jeanne and Kevin and wife Deb; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; an infant son Jimmy Dean; four sisters; three brothers; and one granddaughter.

Arrangements under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Horace P. Yanez

Horace P. Yanez, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 at his residence. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 12, 1929, in Big Spring, Texas and married Pilar Porras April 26, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas.

Horace was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and played baseball for the Big Spring Tigers from 1946 to 1948. He served in the United States Army and had worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, retiring as supervisor of building management after 27 years of service. He enjoyed cooking and baking for his family.

Horace was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and was ordained as a deacon in Jan.

1979. He served at St. Thomas Catholic Church and continued serving until his death. He was a member and director of the Cursillista movement.

Survivors include his wife, Pilar Yanez; two sons, Juan "Johnny" Yanez and Ricky Yanez and wife, Alma; three daughters, Gloria Blackburn, Velma Flores and husband, Luis Jr. and Maria Salazar and husband, Jesse, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Rachel Granato of Kingsville and Aurora Gallardo of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ynez and Dolores Yanez; a daughter, Irma Rios and husband, Faustino; a son-in-law, Everette Blackburn; two sisters, Rebecca Rodriguez and Lumina Guzman; and three brothers, Ynez Yanez Jr., Clarence Yanez Sr. and Prospero Yanez.

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

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA, 44, of 2510 Dow Drive was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; possession of a dangerous drug and for a warrant from another agency.
- PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ, 34, of 3405 Airport Road was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and possession of a dangerous drug.
- MARILYN MARIE MENDEZ, 44, of 3509 E. I-20 was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of a dangerous drug.
- JOSEPH CONQUEST, 27, of 1407 E. 15th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxicated.
- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 27, of 1602 Sunset Avenue was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

stance, less than 1 gram and possession of a dangerous drug.

• RICKY WAYNE ASHBURN, 59, of 1100 Richie Road was arrested on a charge of hindering officers, discharging official duties.

• ANTHONY REY LOPEZ, 26, of 2410 Morrison Drive was arrested on a charge of runaway.

• JOSE ANGEL TERCERO, 38, of 5006 Wasson Road as arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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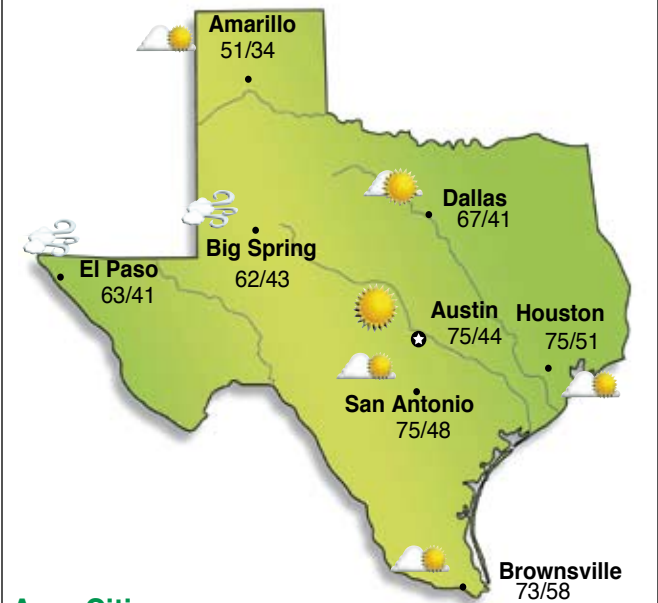
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 1/29	Fri 1/30	Sat 1/31	Sun 2/1	Mon 2/2
62/43 Partly cloudy skies. Gusty winds in the morning. High 62F.	49/41 Cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s.	53/39 Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	48/28 Showers ending by midday. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	52/36 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
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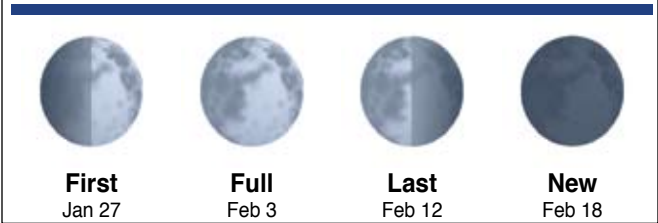
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	40	mst sunny	Kingsville	77	55	pt sunny
Amarillo	51	34	pt sunny	Livingston	73	46	pt sunny
Austin	75	44	sunny	Longview	70	40	mst sunny
Beaumont	73	49	mst sunny	Lubbock	59	38	pt sunny
Brownsville	73	58	pt sunny	Lufkin	74	45	mst sunny
Brownwood	67	40	mst sunny	Midland	61	41	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	70	53	pt sunny	Raymondville	77	57	pt sunny
Corsicana	69	41	mst sunny	Rosenberg	74	49	mst sunny
Dallas	67	41	mst sunny	San Antonio	75	48	pt sunny
Del Rio	75	53	pt sunny	San Marcos	75	46	mst sunny
El Paso	63	41	windy	Sulphur Springs	67	40	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	61	42	pt sunny	Sweetwater	60	40	mst sunny
Gainesville	63	38	pt sunny	Tyler	67	42	mst sunny
Greenville	65	39	mst sunny	Weatherford	64	41	pt sunny
Houston	75	51	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	58	39	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	34	pt sunny	Minneapolis	32	15	pt sunny
Boston	31	26	mst sunny	New York	35	33	cloudy
Chicago	37	18	mixed	Phoenix	77	54	cloudy
Dallas	67	41	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	49	mst sunny
Denver	46	32	pt sunny	Seattle	54	43	mst sunny
Houston	75	51	pt sunny	St. Louis	46	28	cloudy
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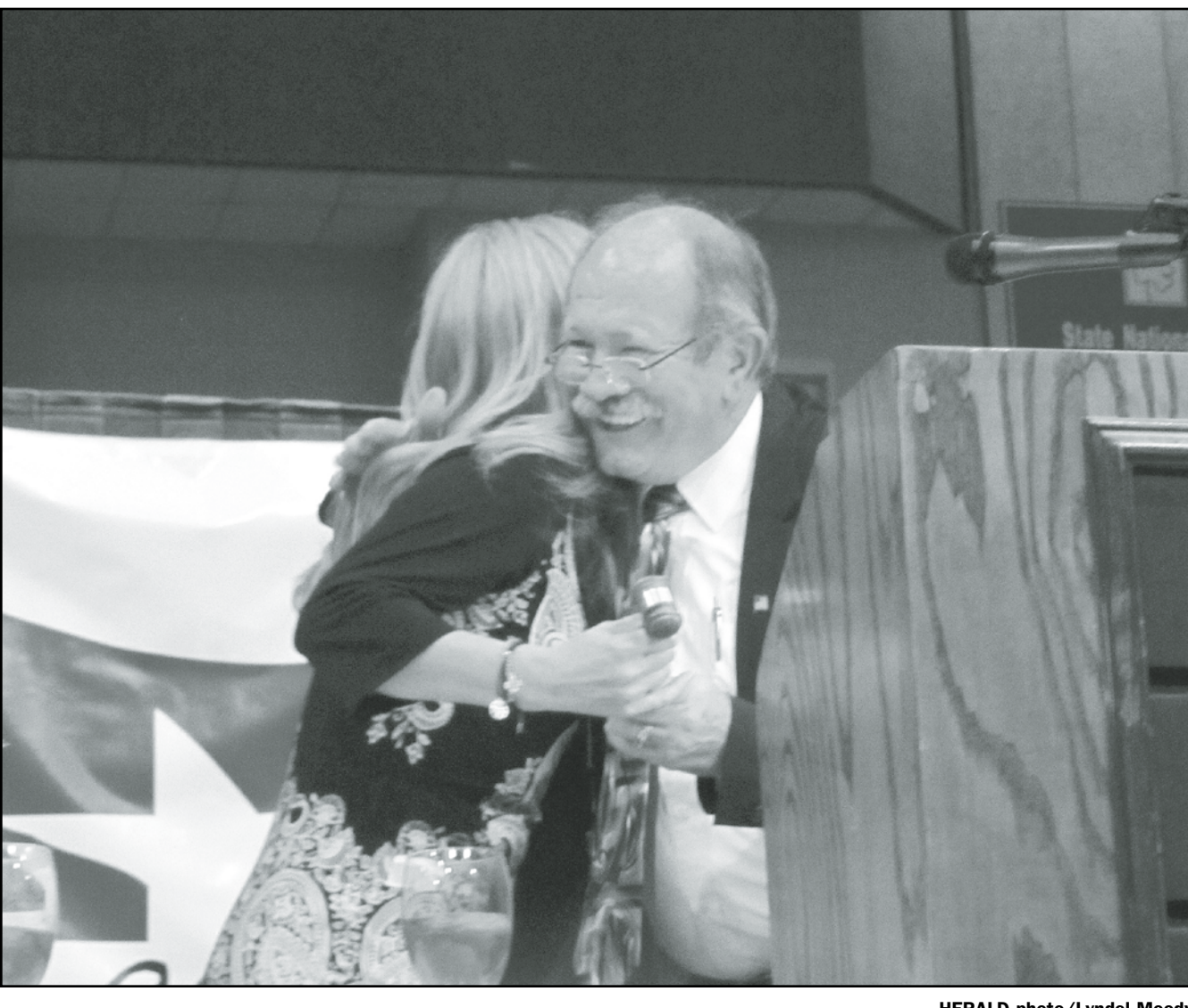
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Outgoing Chamber of Commerce President Bruce Schooler hugs his successor, Amy Jacobs, during Tuesday's Chamber banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Take note

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- Reservations are being taken for transportation to the Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garrertt Coliseum parking lot to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

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election will be held from April 27 to May 5 in the office of Howard County Election Coordinator Sandra Bloom, located on the first floor of the county courthouse.

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

POLICE

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ, 34, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and possession of a dangerous drug.

- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA, 44, was booked by the BSPD was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled

substance, less than 1 gram; and possession of a dangerous drug; and on warrant for driving while license invalid.

- CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrants MTRP/possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces drug in a free zone.

- JOSEPH CON-

QUEST, 58, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- MARILYN (MORCE) MENDEZ, 44, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of a dangerous drug.

- MATTHEW'BRIAN HERNANDEZ, 24, was booked by the DPS on warrant for violate

promise to appear and ran stop sign.

- JOSE ANGEL TERCERO, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

- RICKY WAYNE WASHBURN, 55, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

CHAMBER

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Spring, but not by much. She moved to Big Spring at the age of 5, graduated from Big Spring High School and received her cosmetology degree from Howard College. She owns and operates her own business.

"Our community is greatly enriched by its volunteers, and if you have been one, or hope to become one, you have probably met our Woman of the Year," said Gloria McDonald, former chamber Woman of the Year recipient.

McDonald added Brorman found her niche when she joined the Downtown Revitalization Association in 2010 and got involved with organization the annual Funtastic Fourth Festival.

"She has totally revamped this festival...it has grown in attracting vendors from all over the area," McDonald said. "She has brought in well known performing acts and brought back hometown per-

former like country signer Mark McKinney and promoted local artist like Adrian Calvio with AC & the Heaters. She has made this event a destination event for Big Spring/Howard County."

Brorman is the mother of eight children and is very involved with their activities. Her husband Jeff, is the plant manager of Alon USA and the couple are active in Cornerstone Covenant Church.

"One thing that she is known for is taking in extras...extras like stray dogs, cats, friends or relatives and foster kids," McDonald said. "Her heart is open to all and she is there to help however and whenever she is needed."

Also receiving a nod of acknowledgement was the Food2Kids Big Spring program. This is a program by the West Texas Food Bank and brought to Big Spring by a group of people at the First United Methodist Church. The group currently provides a sack of

food for 350 elementary age students at three Big Spring elementary schools for over the weekend. The group's goal is to eventually reach all five elementary schools.

The program was the recipient of the Russ McEwen Community Honor Award. This honor, named after the late Russ McEwen, a Big Spring businessman and former city mayor, is to recognize organizations or a group of individuals who touch the lives of many in our community.

Although the award winners were the "stars" of the event, the evening included a presentation by radio personality Tumbleweed Smith who left several of the attendees rolling in laughter. Outgoing Chamber president Bruce Schooler gave a brief wrap up of the year-long chamber accomplishments while acknowledging the outgoing board members before handing off the gavel to incoming presi-

dent Amy Jacobs.

"Tonight we are here to celebrate many individuals, but we are also here to celebrate the greater Big Spring area," Jacobs said. "There are so many great things to look forward to in 2015. Our area continues to pull together to make this the place to be. I sat in this room not too long ago as I listened to Brint Ryan shared a vision of reinvigorating this city one building at a time, one step at a time by working together That is the key. Our theme tonight is hand to hand. Together we can accomplish great things."

"I, of course, look to education as the center

of our bright future in Howard County," Jacobs, who is also the superintendent of Coahoma ISD, continued. "All our schools are faced with challenges just like in other areas but by working together we can face those challenges. Although we don't often advertise it — for obvious Steer, Buffalo and Bulldog reasons — our districts work together for the greater benefit for our public school districts. The same can be said for any entity. Working together you can accomplish more. As a chamber, we are excited to continue to lead the charge for community pride. We have taken the oppor-

tunity to thank you for your service to the community as we have visited various chamber businesses for a quick thank you for all you do for the community. Our strength is in you. If you want more, do more and achieve more, our community will become more. Our community is what we make it. Let's choose to make the best it can be.

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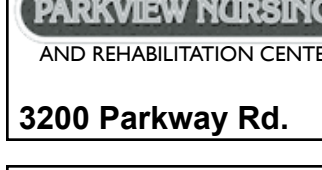
Dora Hernandez, 94, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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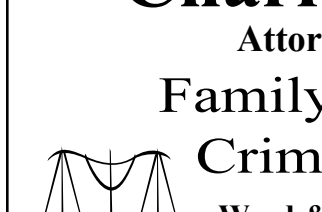
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Opinion

Cheating in sports? Say it ain't so

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The rumor is there is going to be a football game this Sunday. Being reasonably certain that some of you are Patriots fans and some of you will be pulling for the Seahawks, I'll attempt to neutralize any antagonism coming my way by saying it's irrelevant to me who wins this year's "Super(Hype) Bowl." I honestly don't care, although I have been seriously amused this past week with "Deflate-gate" going on. In case you're not familiar with that term, it's the media's tagline for the allegations of cheating brought against the New England Patriots in their AFC Championship blow-out win in pouring rain against the Indianapolis Colts. Apparently, under-inflated footballs are easier to throw and catch than properly inflated ones and that's what the NFL has concluded the Patriots used. Pardon the pun, but the controversy has blown up in the NFL over deflated footballs.

The Patriots dominated Indianapolis in all facets of the game, as they've done the past few games against the Colts. And a former NFL official was quoted as saying he'd be surprised after the balls were found to be under-inflated at half time if they weren't pumped back up for the second half, like they're supposed to be.

And in that second half, New England quarterback Tom Brady was 12 for 14, passing for 131 yards. He had two touchdown passes and the Patriots out-scored Indianapolis 28-0. Those are very good stats with, we assume, properly inflated footballs. But the story certainly doesn't help New England's reputation. Those who hate the Patriots — and there are many — already think the team cheats, after the 2007 Spy-Gate scandal when the team and head coach Bill Belichick were punished for illegally videotaping an opponent's defensive signals during a game.

Do we really expect people in the multi-billion dollar business of professional sports to be honest and forthright? Are we that

naive? Come on, people, money is the business world's god and professional athletes can easily be tempted to check their integrity at the door if it means drawing a six figure paycheck. For instance, the NFL's highest paid quarterback makes \$115,068.49 a day, every day of the year, in base salary alone, apart from endorsement deals in the millions. That's more than I make.

Whether fans like it or not, one thing that will always happen in sports is cheating. It might leave a bad taste in everyone's mouth, tarnish the game and players' legacies and usually gets a harsh penalty if caught, but athletes will continue to do it.

The list is very long of high-profile athletes who have cheated. Lance Armstrong, Jose Canseco, Barry Bonds, and Alex Rodriguez are just a few, and there are many whose names aren't as familiar.

In 1990, jockey Sylvester 'Sly' Carmouche lived up to his name and showed how a gentleman woos Mother Nature. On a bitterly cold day in December, Sly was the shock winner at Delta Downs in Louisiana (the odds against him were 23-1). How'd he pull it off?

Taking advantage of the fog, Sly waited for the race to begin, then let the rest of the pack to run off into the fog. He stopped, then just waited for the other racers to come around the track behind him. At that point he sped up and left the other racers in his dust.

As with most cheats, it was Sly's greed that brought him down. People were willing to accept this outside bet winning — anything can happen. However the margin of his victory began to raise a few eyebrows. Even in the tricky conditions, Sly managed to win by an immense 24 lengths.

Soon jockeys began coming forward saying that they'd never actually seen Sly go past them and eventually the cheater got a 10-year ban but was reinstated after eight, probably because he found a way to manipulate time somehow.

What brothers Sergio and Fika Motsoeneng did was pretty crafty, but, like most cheaters, they eventually got caught. The Motsoeneng boys thought it to be a good idea to enter the 56-mile Comrades race in South Africa

— as one contestant — with each brother rotating during different legs of the race.

Although they weren't twins, the brothers looked extremely similar, so they figured they'd be able to pull a quick one over everyone. While the plan was masterful, they overlooked the placement of their watches—as each wore one on an opposite wrist as the other—which derailed their attempt. Regardless, they still only managed to finish ninth, proving that cheaters don't always win.

Although he ultimately got caught for forging his birth certificate, that doesn't mean that former Little League star Danny Almonte didn't earn the VIP treatment until he was discovered a liar. Dominating opponents in the 2001 Little League World Series, Almonte was the toast of the town, being squired about to meet with the mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani, and widely talked about on every sports TV and radio program. But like other athletes in this article, Danny was able to enjoy some of the spoils of success, though his dad was charged with fraud and banned from Little League baseball for life.

It's ridiculous that former pitcher Gaylord Perry is in the Hall of Fame because he admitted to using an illegal spit ball for the entirety of his career. While his numbers of 314-265 are impressive, Perry acknowledged wrongdoing by publishing a book in the middle of his playing days entitled, "Me & The Spitter: The Candid Confessions of Baseball's Greatest Spitball Artist (or How I Got Away With It)," which showed that he was using the banned pitch for years.

Remember Tonya Harding? Does the name Sonny Liston ring a bell? Back to current events, when Super Bowl XLIX kicks off Sunday in Arizona, I'll be interested to see how the crowd reacts to the Patriots. Maybe they can all sneak into the stadium in St. Louis Cardinal uniforms. That wouldn't be cheating, would it?

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

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Free tuition should just be the start

It's good that many Republicans have joined Democrats in declaring the growth of economic inequality a problem. And some are even looking to solutions beyond making the rich richer through tax cuts. As we've seen, rising stock prices do not necessarily lead to jobs — for Americans, that is.

The crumbling of the once-mighty American middle class has two unstoppable causes, globalization and automation, and one stoppable one, a poorly educated workforce. A high-school diploma no longer guarantees a decent income. That's something we can fix.

President Obama's proposal for a free community college education is a good start. Two-year colleges are the gateway to more job training or a four-year college degree.

Let's dispense with defeatist talk that we can't afford to educate our people. Obama's plan is to pay for the schooling with higher taxes on America's economic elite. It wouldn't even bother with the upper middle class, just the super-rich.

Do we hate the super-rich? We do not. We can thank them as they contribute more to the country that made their fortunes possible.

Some less visionary Republican leaders have framed the proposal as an income redistribution plan. But the money

would be redirected not from the rich to the non-rich but from the very rich to education. A more productive labor force makes the entire country more prosperous.

Not everyone gets this. There remains a view of education chiefly as an expense rather than an investment in human capital.

An example can be seen in the House Republicans' recent bill calling for "dynamic scoring" of legislation. It would require the official bean counters to include the economic benefits of tax cuts in scoring the cost of legislation. That would make tax cuts easier to pass.

The idea of "dynamic scoring" is not without merit, but the House's vision has eyes only for tax cuts.

Spending on things like roads and bridges also produces economic benefits. So does improving the workforce. Universal education is what made America great in the 20th century.

Some Republicans, especially on the state level, seem more enlightened on the importance of education as an investment in the future. Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval has proposed a \$1 billion tax increase to strengthen the state's schools. Some fellow Republicans in the state Legislature think the conservative thing is to kill it and have vowed to do so.

In successful advanced economies, such as Germany's, education is free right through med school. Here education has become a luxury item. It's nuts that U.S. student debt has passed \$1 trillion and that undergradu-

ates who borrow for school now owe an average of \$30,000. Nearly 20 percent are in default on their student loans.

True, many students arrive at community college without the math they should have learned in fifth grade. Why? Lousy public schools? Chaotic home life? Newly arrived with little English?

Never mind why. Set up a classroom and teach them the math again — and, if necessary, again. For education, America should be the land of second chances, third chances and fourth chances.

As for the ages of those in the classroom, forget about that. Young to elderly, all should be welcome. And the learning should be free or just about.

Online classes already provide cheap and convenient instruction in almost every discipline. Perhaps Internet-based courses can break open the cages in which elite institutions trap students in ludicrously expensive degree programs.

Meanwhile, fight any effort to direct student aid at poor people only. Education should be regarded not as welfare but as basic, like water. So open the spigots, and let it flow.

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News in brief

Mother makes emotional appeal to Japanese prime minister to save son as death threat looms

TOKYO (AP) — The mother of a Japanese hostage held by Islamic State group extremists appealed publicly to Japan's leader to save her son Wednesday after his captors purportedly issued what they said was a final death threat.

Junko Ishido, mother of journalist Kenji Goto, read to reporters her plea to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, which she said she sent after both Abe and the main government spokesmen declined to meet with her because their schedules were full.

"Please save Kenji's life," Ishido said, begging Abe to work with the Jordanian government until the very end to try to save Goto.

"Kenji has only a little time left," she said.

The effort to free Goto and a captured Jordanian pilot, Lt. Mu'ath al-Kaseasbeh, gained urgency with the release of an apparent ultimatum late Tuesday from the Islamic State group.

'I had to jump out the window:' New England digs out as the spared 2nd-guess the forecast

BOSTON (AP) — New Englanders savaged by a blizzard packing knee-high snowfall and hurricane-force winds began digging out as New Yorkers and others spared its full fury questioned whether forecasts were overblown.

The storm buried the Boston area in more than 2 feet of snow and lashed it with howling winds that exceeded 70 mph. It punched a gaping hole in a seawall and swamped a vacant home in Marshfield, Massachusetts, and flipped a 110-foot replica of a Revolutionary War ship in Newport, Rhode Island, snapping its mast and puncturing its hull.

"I had to jump out the window because the door only opens one way," Chuck Beliveau said in the hard-hit central Massachusetts town of Westborough. "I felt like a kid again. When I was a kid, we'd burrow through snow drifts like moles."

But signs of normalcy emerged: Flights were to resume at dawn Wednesday at Logan International Airport, among the nation's busiest air hubs, and Boston's public transit and Amtrak trains to New York and Washington were set to roll again.

Bitter cold threatened to complicate efforts to clear clogged streets and restore power to more than 15,000 customers shivering in the dark, including the entire island of Nantucket. A 78 mph wind gust was reported there, and a 72 mph one on neighboring Martha's Vineyard.

NYC storm regulations enacted by Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio could be the new normal

NEW YORK (AP) — They appeared to be scenes from a frozen apocalypse.

Streets across the nation's largest city were empty, the only movement the changing traffic lights signaling to cars that weren't there. The subway system was shuttered, the city's pulse rendered still. Hardy souls who braved the snow were threatened with fines or arrest.

And it could be the new normal.

Though the snowstorm largely missed New York City, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio staunchly defended their unprecedented, stringent restrictions, both saying they believed in landing on the side of caution and suggesting they would take such measures again.

"Would you rather be ahead of the action or behind? Would you rather be prepared or unprepared? Would you rather be safe or unsafe?" de Blasio asked Tuesday at City Hall. "To me it was a no-brainer: we had to take precautions to keep people safe."

Human smugglers turn to cargo ships for Syrian refugees seeking better lives in Europe

ABOARD THE COAST GUARD CUTTER TYR (AP) — The crew was about to dig into dinner when word of the "ghost ship" came through: a freighter hurtling out of control to-

ward Italy with no crew — and hundreds of Syrians as cargo.

The cattle freighter — its animal pens crammed with families — was on a collision course with the Italian coast, and the refugee who had phoned authorities from on board said the cabin's controls were jammed. The Tyr changed course and set off on a race against time.

The rescue operation by the Icelandic cutter Tyr was one of the most perilous in a string of high-seas dramas that point to a new modus operandi among smugglers who send migrants across the Mediterranean. Gangs buy scrapyards-bound cargo ships over the Internet and pack them with Syrians willing to pay top dollar to flee their ravaged homeland. The ships are then pointed toward Europe and abandoned, the migrants' fate hanging between shipwreck and rescue.

Until recently, most migrants paid several hundred dollars for a trip aboard an old fishing boat, dinghy or speedboat. Hundreds of men, women and children perish every year in those voyages when their unseaworthy vessels capsize in stormy seas.

The war in Syria, which has driven more than 3 million people into flight, has offered a new, lucrative opportunity for smugglers. Comparatively well-off refugees are able to pay higher prices for passage on bigger, safer ships from the far eastern Mediterranean directly to Italy, from where they then cross overland to central and northern European countries.

Apple's fortunes depend on iPhones now, but what will it do next?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple CEO Tim Cook says consumer demand for new iPhones has been "staggering" and "hard to comprehend." That helped the company report record-smashing earnings for its latest quarter and primed its stock for a rally Wednesday.

But after selling a record 74.5 million iPhones in three months that ended in December, what can Apple do next?

Some analysts worry that Apple depends too much on the iPhone, which contributes two-thirds of its sizable revenue — leaving the company vulnerable if some other gadget comes along to replace the iPhone in popularity. Cook and Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri, however, say they're optimistic about other products in Apple's portfolio.

Senate hearings to begin on Loretta Lynch, who would be first black female attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's attorney general nominee, Loretta Lynch, is facing Senate questioners as she seeks to become the first black woman to hold the nation's top law enforcement job.

In the first Republican-led confirmation session of the Obama administration, Lynch was to appear Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee as it opens two days of hearings on her nomination.

Lynch, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, would replace Eric Holder, who announced his resignation last fall after leading the Justice Department for six years.

She already has earned praise from several GOP senators for her impressive credentials and accomplishments, and is widely expected to win confirmation. But first she will face tough questions from Republicans who now control the Senate. The hearing gives them an opportunity to press their opposition to Obama administration policies while showcasing their own governing roles as the 2016 presidential election cycle gets underway.

Holder was a lightning rod for conservative criticism and clashed continuously with Republicans, becoming the first sitting attorney general to be held in contempt of Congress. Republicans want to hear Lynch pledge that she'll do things differently.

Case of 14-year-old Palestinian girl in Israeli prison for hurling rocks at cars stirs anger

BETIN, West Bank (AP) — The fate of a 14-year-old Palestinian girl, tried before an Israeli military court for hurling rocks at passing cars in

the West Bank and sentenced to two months in prison, has gripped Palestinians who say her treatment demonstrates Israel's excessive measures against stone-throwing youth.

Malak al-Khatib, arrested last month, is one of only a rare few female Palestinian minors who have ever faced arrest and sentencing by Israeli authorities.

"A 14-year-old girl won't pose any threat to soldiers' lives," said her father, Ali al-Khatib. "They are well equipped and well trained so what kind of threat could she have posed to them?"

The Israeli military said al-Khatib was charged with stone-throwing, attempted stone-throwing and possession of a knife and that under a plea bargain, she was sentenced to two months in prison and a \$1,500 fine.

Having spent four weeks in detention, al-Khatib has another four left weeks left at a central Israeli prison for women.

Israel fires artillery rounds into Lebanon after anti-tank missile strikes military vehicle

JERUSALEM (AP) — An anti-tank missile hit an Israeli military vehicle near the Israeli-Lebanese border on Wednesday, the Israeli military said. Lebanese security officials said Israel later fired at least 35 artillery shells into Lebanon.

The exchange sent tensions soaring around the volatile boundary. The military did not immediately report any casualties, and said residents of the area have been ordered to remain in their homes.

Communities along the two countries' shared border have been on edge since last week, when an airstrike attributed to Israel on Syria's Golan Heights killed six Hezbollah soldiers and an Iranian general. It was not immediately clear whether Wednesday's incident was retaliation for that airstrike.

The Shiite militant Lebanese group — a top suspect to have been behind the missile — said it had no immediate comment.

Wednesday's attack took place near Mount Dov and Shebaa Farms, a disputed tract of land where the borders of Israel, Lebanon and Syria meet.

Govt tells immigration agents to identify immigrants who shouldn't be arrested, deported

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration has ordered immigration agents to ask immigrants they encounter living in the country ille-

gally whether they might qualify under President Barack Obama's plans to avoid deporting them, according to internal training materials obtained by The Associated Press.

Agents also have been told to review government files to identify any jailed immigrants they might be able to release under the program.

The directives from the Homeland Security Department mark an unusual change for U.S. immigration enforcement, placing the obligation on the government for identifying immigrants who might qualify for lenient treatment. Previously, it was the responsibility of immigrants or their lawyers to assert that they might qualify under rules that could keep them out of jail and inside the United States.

It's akin to the Internal Revenue Service calling taxpayers to recommend they should have used certain exemptions or deductions.

The training materials apply to agents for Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. They instruct agents "to immediately begin identifying persons in their custody, as well as newly encountered persons" who may be eligible for protection from deportation.

If court kills health care subsidies, most in poll want Congress to restore financial aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 6 in 10 Americans would want Congress to restore federal financial assistance for millions buying health care coverage under President Barack Obama's health care law if the Supreme Court invalidates some of those government subsidies, a poll said Wednesday.

The finding by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation suggests that a complicated political landscape might await Republicans, who want to repeal and replace the law, should the court annul a crucial part of it later this year.

The court will hear arguments in March in a case that will decide whether Obama's 2010 law allows federal subsidies only in states that have established their own health insurance marketplaces, and not in states whose markets are run by Washington's HealthCare.gov. The federal government runs the marketplace in 37 states.

The court's decision is expected in June.

Should the court strike down the subsidies, Obama and Congress would have to decide what to do.

Administration officials have sidestepped questions about their next move.

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Don't expect puppy love at doggy weddings, experts say

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When pet owners dress up their dogs in miniature white dresses and tiny tuxes, some believe the barks that signal “I do” reveal true puppy love. These animal lovers say their pooches can feel real longing for other pets, but experts aren't so sure. Most people agree a wedding is just for fun or charity when the groom is drooling and the bride's gown needs tailoring for her tail. After all, “you may now lick the bride” doesn't have quite the same ring to it.

The doggy nuptials are gaining attention as Valentine's Day approaches and people find new and unique ways to pamper their pets.

“Pet marriage or weddings are for people,” said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, executive director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Owners host weddings because it makes them feel good, she said, though most get planned for dogs instead of cats. People can't know what dogs are thinking, but studies have shown they do experience emotion, Beaver said.

“Fear is a classic example,” she said. “But we don't know if they experience it as you or I would.”

Others say it's all about the animals — even if that

means the first dance is a walk around a patch of grass instead a waltz.

“The weddings are for the dogs,” said Adina Slotsky, the owner and CEO of Hollywood Pet Parties. Though birthday parties, dubbed “barkdays,” are much more popular, she said.

When owners plan doggy nuptials, aka “puptials,” they can go all out. There are groomsmen and bridesmaids of every breed — and even some people who get down on all fours — flowers, music and a reception with food both people and pooches can enjoy, ranging from apple slices to baby back ribs with spinach.

All pet weddings move

quickly because of short animal attention spans. With all the distractions, dogs spend lots of time on leashes.

A simple wedding costs about \$300, Slotsky said. But it can easily grow to thousands of dollars if guests are plentiful, the venue is top-notch, the food is extravagant, a band plays and a florist creates centerpieces, she said.

The most lavish pet wedding took place in New York in 2012 when Baby Hope Diamond, a fluffy white Coton de Tulear, married a poodle named Chilly Pasternak as a charity fundraiser.

It was a ceremony for the ages, complete with limos, a \$6,000 designer dress, a sushi chef, mixologist to create

“puptails,” florist, orchestra, wedding planner and parking valets.

The event raised \$158,187.26 for the Humane Society of New York and earned a place in Guinness World Records for the most expensive pet wedding.

One thing pet owners don't have to worry about is divorce. But because animals have unique personalities just like people, there is no guarantee two animals will get along, Beaver said.

No studies show pets like or love one another, but “it is very common for two or more individual animals to spend a great amount of time together and show signs of stress if separated,” she said.

Odds and ends

Rhode Island school announces snow day to ‘Let It Go’ tune

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The head of a school took inspiration from the movie “Frozen” to announce a snow day.

In a video released ahead of Tuesday's big storm, Matt Glendinning sang the announcement to students at Moses Brown School to the tune of the movie's best-known song, “Let It Go.”

The video features singing by the chairman of the school's performing arts department, Justin Peters, while Glendinning lip-synced lines including: “The snow glows white on Route 95, not a tire track to be seen. We could make you come to school, but that would just be mean.”

“School is closed, school is closed, ‘cause it snowed so much last night,” he continues. “School is closed, school is closed. So stay at home and sit tight.”

Lyrics were penned by the school's director of communications, Adam Olenn, who recently joined the staff after working at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and came up with the idea.

Glendinning has been head of school for six years. He admitted he had not seen “Frozen” before recording the video, which was released Monday, but described filming it as the most fun he's ever had.

Glendinning appears around the Providence campus of the private Quaker K-12 school wearing a striped hat, mittens and a scarf he throws over his shoulder with a flourish. Students join in the fun, with a group of thrilled students jumping up and down and two lip-syncing along after Glendinning sings “School is closed. You can stay in bed and sleep.”

Large, brown dog called ‘Shaggy’ evades capture for 6 months

CASCADE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A large, brown dog spotted wandering neighborhoods in western Michigan has evaded capture attempts for more than six months.

The dog, called “Shaggy” after his shaggy appearance, has made his home in an area that's surrounded by wooded areas and large ravines. MLive.com reports that some area residents want to capture him, but he managed to slip through their grasp.

The dog has been seen around parts of Kent County, including Cascade Township. Avery Sullenger-Wedder, who is involved in capture efforts, says residents are worried that he needs a home. She says he's not aggressive toward people and “will happily walk beside you as you walk your dog.”

Man hid cocaine inside prosthetic leg in his car, police say

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Police say a Delaware drug suspect went out on a limb to transport a stash of cocaine, but he was busted when officers discovered the drug hidden inside his prosthetic leg.

Dover Police say 39-year-old Marlow Holmes was

arrested Monday afternoon during a traffic stop. They said police dogs alerted officers to the presence of narcotics inside the car Holmes had been riding in. During a search of the car officers said they discovered more than 28 grams of cocaine stuffed into the prosthetic leg that Holmes was wearing, and arrested him.

Police say Holmes faces charges of possession with intent to deliver cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was jailed, with bond set at \$81,000.

Police say they kept the drugs as evidence but returned Holmes' leg.

Firefighters rescue cows that took icy dip in Colorado pond

FOUNTAIN, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters in Colorado have rescued two cows that plunged through the ice on a pond.

Fountain Fire Chief Darin Anstine says someone driving by the pond south of Colorado Springs spotted the cows' heads sticking out of the water about 30 feet from shore Tuesday afternoon. Firefighters wearing protective suits used saws to cut through 6 to 8 inches of ice and clear a channel to the shore.

Anstine says the cows were able to walk out of the pond about an hour after they were spotted. It's unclear how long they were in the water, but they're doing fine.

Anstine says he's seen a lot of dogs rescued from icy ponds in his 28 years with the department, but never a cow.

Years-old stash of marijuana found inside NM woman's van

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico woman drove a van for more than 13 years without realizing there was marijuana hidden inside.

Melodie Peil told the Alamogordo Daily News she bought a 1990 Chevrolet van at a local dealership in 2001 so she would have room to transport her daughter's children.

Until Friday, she had no idea that on trips to softball games and on vacations out of town she had been transporting 13 1/2 pounds of marijuana hidden in one of the vehicle's doors.

A family friend discovered the marijuana when he removed a door panel to repair a broken handle.

Inside a hole cut in the door were five bricks of marijuana covered in plastic wrap and foil.

Police say the marijuana is so old that it's worthless.

Ohio man says dog got the best of would-be burglar

PORT CLINTON, Ohio (AP) — A family in northern Ohio says a man trying to break into their home left behind a trail of blood after meeting their dog at the front door.

The family in Port Clinton says they were home when their 11-year-old pit bull named Mamma heard something at the door and began growling.

Tony Byrd Jr. tells The Blade newspaper in Toledo he heard screaming coming from the front of the house Sunday night and came out to see the would-be burglar shutting the door and running to a car.

Byrd says he then saw a blood trail in the snow.

He says their dog normally is playful and that she must have sensed something about the man.

Police are asking hospitals to watch for anyone seeking treatment for dog bites.

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News in brief

Perry to respond to ruling to continue his criminal case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry is planning to formally respond to a judge's ruling allowing a felony abuse-of-power case against him to proceed.

On Wednesday, Perry will read a statement surrounded by his defense attorneys at an Austin hotel.

That comes a day after state District Judge Bert Richardson, who like Perry is a Republican, rejected the former governor's arguments that the case should be dismissed as unconstitutional.

Perry's attorneys maintain he was within his rights when he threatened, then exercised, a 2013 veto of funding for public corruption prosecutors. That came after the Democrat leading the unit refused to resign following her drunken-driving conviction.

Perry left office last week, but may soon announce an expected 2016 presidential run.

His attorneys have already said they'll appeal Richardson's ruling.

Texas lawmaker confronted by gun rights group gets security

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas lawmaker has been provided security after his confrontation with gun rights activists led to panic buttons made available to House members.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday that Rep. Poncho Nevarez (nuh-VAR'ez) received threats. The Democrat from Eagle Pass says Department of Public Safety officers have been assigned to him and to his family at home.

DPS declined comment.

Nevarez opposes a bill that would let Texans carry handguns openly without a permit.

Nevarez on Jan. 13 had a heated exchange with members of a pro-gun group in his office. A video posted online shows Nevarez asking the people to leave and having trouble closing his door on the group.

The House the next day told DPS to make panic buttons, to summon help, available in legislative offices.

Texas children had to drop pants over feces at school gym

GUSTINE, Texas (AP) — A North Texas school district is investigating after about two dozen elementary students had to pull their pants down when feces were found on a gym floor.

A parent says the children in Gustine were forced to expose their underwear for inspection.

Maria Medina told WFAA-TV that boys were taken to one room and girls to another on Monday. Medina says she was furious after learning students were told to lower their pants so school workers could try to find the culprit behind the waste.

Superintendent Ken Baugh says he does not condone the search and that partially strip-searching students went too far. He says the district is investigating.

Gustine, with a population of about 460, is located

90 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

2 dead in gunfire in Rosenberg, police investigating 2 sites

ROSENBERG, Texas (AP) — Two people have been killed and another wounding during early-morning gunfire at a Houston-area apartment and an unoccupied high school stadium.

Rosenberg police say the suspected gunman was among the dead Wednesday.

Officers responded to reports of gunfire at some apartments around 2 a.m. CST Wednesday. Police found a woman fatally shot and a man wounded. He was transported to a hospital.

Officers spotted a suspect and pursued him to Traylor Stadium, in the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. Investigators say gunfire broke out and the suspect was killed. Rosenberg police didn't immediately say if officers fatally shot the man or if he took his own life.

Names of the victims and the suspect weren't immediately released.

Further details weren't immediately available.

Rosenberg is 25 miles southwest of Houston

4 hurt in Houston house fire, window broken for escape

HOUSTON (AP) — At least four relatives have been hurt in a Houston house fire in which the victims escaped through a broken window.

The Houston Fire Department early Wednesday responded to a 911 call to report the fire and say five people were trapped inside.

KPRC-TV reports a 14-year-old boy in the one-story home managed to break a window and help the others get out.

Fire officials say the teen wasn't hurt, but his three siblings and their uncle were taken to a hospital for treatment of burns and cuts from going through the window.

Investigators didn't immediately say who apparently placed the emergency call or a possible cause of the fire.

Further details weren't immediately available.

South Texas man convicted in human smuggling, hotels cases

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has been convicted of human smuggling and helping to hide more than 20 immigrants in hotel rooms.

Gustavo Villegas of Laredo was convicted Tuesday night of four counts of harboring immigrants for profit. The 38-year-old Villegas remains in custody pending sentencing by a federal judge in Laredo.

Prosecutors say Villegas last July participated in a conspiracy to smuggle and harbor 21 immigrants at two hotels in Laredo. Law enforcement officers used surveillance to locate the immigrants and track vehicles to Villegas, who was arrested in October.

Investigators say Villegas rented at least one of the hotel rooms.

Further details on sentencing weren't immediately available.

City panel says Austin police chief violated ethics rules

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A city panel has ruled the Austin police chief violated ethics rules by not filing a 2012 personal financial report in a timely manner.

The Austin Ethics Review Commission unanimously voted Tuesday to uphold the complaint filed by ex-police officer Jermaine Hopkins in December.

The commission gave Police Chief Art Acevedo a written reprimand for the violation. Acevedo said through his attorney the violation was unintentional.

Hopkins said he's pleased by the panel's vote, but he's disappointed in the lack of punishment.

Hopkins is appealing his termination for failing to follow orders and other policy violations. He says he made the complaint because city officials need to be held accountable. He says he didn't make the complaint out of retaliation for his firing.

Irving police arrest man after woman stabbed at gym

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A 32-year-old man is facing criminal charges after Irving police say he stabbed a woman running on a treadmill at a gym multiple times with a screwdriver.

Police say the motive behind the Tuesday attack is unclear. Staff at 24 Hour Fitness say both the 49-year-old victim, whose identity wasn't released, and the suspect, Phillip Roberts, are both gym members.

Roberts has been booked into Irving City Jail and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

It wasn't immediately clear if he has an attorney yet.

Police say the victim and Roberts have no known relationship. They say the investigation is still in the early stages and is ongoing.

EPA permit paves way for \$500M power plant in South Texas

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Federal regulators have issued a permit that paves the way for construction of a \$500 million power plant in South Texas.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Monday that the greenhouse gas permit was granted for the Tenaska Brownsville Generating Plant in Brownsville. A Tenaska spokeswoman says a few construction permits and approvals related to interconnections are still required.

Omaha, Nebraska-based Tenaska intends to build a gas-fired generating plant as a joint venture with the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.

Officials say the project will create upward of 700 construction jobs.

Once online, the plant will employ about 20 people.

The EPA said in a statement that the permit approval requires Tenaska to ensure mitigation measures that protect the air quality at nearby Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Landmark.



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Buzzer beater lifts Reagan Co. past Coahoma

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Reagan County Owls needed all 32 minutes of play to sneak past the Coahoma Bulldogs in a key District 5-3A showdown on Tuesday night. And we do mean every second of play.

Reagan County threw up a buzzer-beating shot to claim a

tough 59-57 decision over the Bulldogs in front of a large crowd in the Coahoma gym.

The Owls, who had managed to tie the game with 12 seconds left in regulation, got an extra dose of luck in the final 10 seconds. After the Owls had missed a free throw with 6 seconds left, Reagan County alertly tied up the ball on the

rebound, forcing a jump ball call that enabled the Owls to retain possession. The Owls followed that with the game-winner seconds later.

Coahoma, now 10-10 for the year, put itself in position to upset Reagan County with a dominating effort in the final eight minutes of play. Led by the hot shooting of Kyler

Franks and Braxton Iden, the Bulldogs outscored the Owls by a staggering 18-5 margin in the initial 7:54 of the fourth.

Franks and Iden both finished the game with double-digit offensive totals, as did Kody Barber.

Reagan County, now 16-7 and 3-11 in district, controlled the game early. The Owls out-

scored Coahoma by a 3429 clip in the first half, and pushed the cushion to 52-39 in the third with an 18-10 spree

Franks closed out the game with a team-high 20 points. Iden and Barber added 13 and 10, respectively.

The Bulldogs, now 1-2 in district, will host rival Stanton on Friday.

Big Bang in Big Spring

Yanez pumps in career-high 23 in Steers' 64-61 victory

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Matt Yanez gave the large crowd in the Steer Gym plenty of reason to yell on Tuesday night as the 5-foot-7 senior guard pumped in a career-high 23 points en route to leading the Big Spring Steers to a thrilling 64-61 victory over the Lamesa Golden Tors.

"That was an exciting game," said Big Spring head coach Ian Ritchey. "I think people got their money's worth."

Yanez's record-setting night – combined with a dominating performance by Tyler Bryan in the final 37 seconds capped a stellar come-from-behind performance by the Steers. Big Spring had trailed heading into the fourth quarter by a slim 42-41 clip.

Ty Sealy, one of three Steers to finish the game in double figures offensively, got Big Spring's fourth-quarter rally going early in the fourth. The 6-foot-4 senior took a pass from the corner from Tobyn Tannehill and pushed him home from the baseline for a 43-42 lead.

Just over two minutes later, Tannehill added to the Steer lead. The senior knocked down a three-point shot from the corner to up Big Spring's lead to four, at 46-42.

Lamesa answered back, however. The Tors, who had entered the game tied with Big Spring and Levelland for second in the district standings, reeled off a 6-2 run over the ensuing two minutes to knotted the score at 48-48.

Yanez delivered a blow to Lamesa's rally hopes seconds later by pulling up from the left side and knocking down the fifth of his career-best six



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring junior Diamonique Mayes goes up for one of her three third-quarter baskets in Tuesday's 61-49 victory over Lamesa, Mayes finished the game with 15 points, and was one of three BSHS players – including Julianna Rodriguez and Jackie Castillo – to reach double figures in the contest.

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Ogle, Buffs pound Irion Co.

Dalton Ogle pumped in 16 points and Ian Park, Ryan Pearson and Jesse Cervantes all added nine more on Tuesday night and led the Forsan High School Buffaloes to a thrilling 67-41 rout of Irion County in District 8-2A play.

Overall, Forsan picked off 22 points in nine different players in the victory.

The Buffaloes, who went to the free throw

line just six times in the contest, got off to a fast start against Irion County. Forsan posted a 31-27 run in the first 16 minutes and went into the lead with a 4-point lead.

The Buffaloes blew the game open with a dominating effort in the third quarter. Forsan reeled off 22 points in the first eight minutes of the second half and built a commanding 53-29 cushion. Ben Mikeska and

Walker Park also played well for the Buffs. Each finished with eight. Garrett Evans added two, while Josh Evans and Jacob Valdez chipped in two apiece.

The Forsan girls didn't fair as well, falling to Irion County by a 44-32 margin.

Lindsay Boeker led all Lady Buffs with nine points.

Forsan plays Ozona on Friday.

Lucas scores 22 in Wildcats' win over O'Donnell

Beau Lucas pushed in a team-high 22 points on Tuesday and powered the Grady Wildcats to a 77-63 victory over the O'Donnell Eagles in District 11-A action.

With the win, Grady improved to 21-2 for the year, and remained unbeaten in district with a 5-0 mark.

In all, five GHS players scored into double

figures in the contest, including Cole Avery with 15. Dillon Polson added 12, while Braeden Jones and E.J. Rodriguez added 11 and 10, respectively.

Lady Steers move into 2nd in 2-4A standings

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Lamesa Lady Tors came into Tuesday's showdown with one simple plan: Don't let Julianna Rodriguez beat them.

With Rodriguez facing a double team every time she touched the ball, Diamonique Mayes, Jackie Castillo and August Alexander made Lamesa pay dearly. The three combined for 35 points and helped the Big Spring Lady Steers build a 10-point lead, at 36-26, heading into the final eight minutes.

Facing a huge deficit, Lamesa switched to a man-to-man press defense late in the second half ... then Rodriguez drove the final nail home by sinking three shots from the field and hitting five of her six trips to the free throw line in a routing 61-49 victory.

"They did a great job tonight," said first-year head coach Stacy Smalley. "They (Lamesa) came out and doubled Julianna every time she touched the ball, but she did a great job of finding the open player, and Diamonique, Jackie and August took advantage of it. You could tell, the girls were not going to lose on our home court."

If anything, the Lady Steers came out a huge winner for their efforts. In addition to avenging an earlier loss to Lamesa and climbing past the .500 mark, Big Spring climbed into sole possession of second place in the District 2-4A and put themselves in the driver's seat in the race for the Class 4A state playoffs.

Big Spring, which struggled greatly from the floor in their earlier 45-34 loss to Lamesa, found their offensive groove quickly against the Lady Tors in the first quarter. The

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Little League sign-ups to resume Jan. 31

Big Spring Little League will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season continuing on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at the Springtown Plaza (formerly Big Spring Mall) on the end by Beall's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The league is open to players ranging in ages from 4-16. Parents registering their children should bring a birth certificate.

Registration fees are \$90 per child and the league provides the entire uniform.

Sign-ups will also be held Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also on Feb. 9-13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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Abigail Flores and the HC Lady Hawks will return to action on Thursday evening when they face Midland College. Games will begin at 5:45 p.m. in Midland.

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Roshini Patel, LT 17 BK 4 of Belvue Addition, Located at 906 Birdwell Ln, is requesting a variance for a side yard setback for multi-family.
Juddy Johnson, LT 2 BK 6 of Indianola Addition, Located at 1503 Avion St, is requesting a variance for a side yard setback for an addition.
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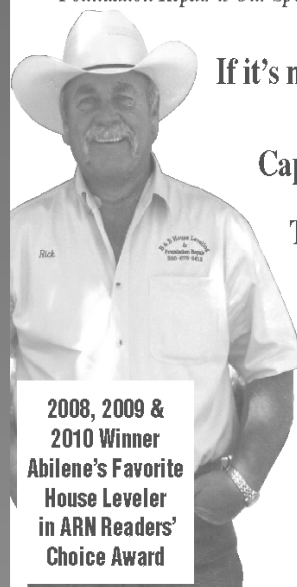
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone (512) 463-6792).
#8594 January 28, 2015

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Bid Requirements
Sealed Bids for **graded caliche base material** will be received by the **Glasscock County Judge** at the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 E. Currie Street, Garden City, Texas, until 9:00 a.m., February 23, 2015, at which time the bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated. These bids will subsequently be considered for award by the Commissioners Court of Glasscock County
Each bid shall be signed by the Bidder and shall include:
1) the unit price per ton bid for the specified graded base material; and
2) the exact location in Glasscock County of the pit or stockpiled material;
3) the means of weighing the produced material.
Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the **Glasscock County Judge**. The envelope should have the name of the Bidder and "**February 2015 Graded Base Bid**" typed or written on the outside of the envelope. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the **Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, 117 E. Currie Street, Gar-**

den City, Texas 79739. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered. The Glasscock County Commissioners Court may consider the actual location of proposed stockpiles, the haul distances from these stockpile locations to the roads where the material is to be used, potential traffic concerns on or near these haul routes and any other concerns associated with this project in considering award of this bid. Glasscock County will accept the lowest and best bid for each location or for combinations of locations. Bidders may combine some or all of the locations together in a bid that reflects a lower unit bid than the individual bids. The County will consider all bids or combinations of bids along with the above considerations when evaluating these bids. Glasscock County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities, informalities or minor defects, or to accept the proposal or proposals they deem to be in the best interest of Glasscock County.
Material Specifications
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tions for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges:
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Before any material is received by the County, the successful bidder(s) must submit to the County Judge a report from an acceptable testing laboratory certifying that the material to be purchased meets or exceeds these material specifications. The County may, at its discretion, test the quality of material furnished by the Contractor at any time to assure its compliance with the above-referenced specification. Questions concerning these specifications or bid procedures should be addressed to Don W. Bonifay,

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The specified material shall be supplied and measured by the ton. Material shall be located at sites in Glasscock County owned or leased by the successful Bidder. These specific locations shall be stated in the bid document. These locations shall be secured by the successful Bidder against theft or vandalism and provisions shall be made to assure timely access by the County. The following are the Graded Caliche Base quantities and approximate locations required by this bid:
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Payments
Bids submitted shall be a unit price amount (in U.S. Dollars), which shall constitute the total cost for producing, stockpiling and securing each ton of Graded Caliche Base material at the designated locations. Payment shall be upon completion of each segment of the job (CR 280, McDonald Road, CR 220 and Tank Farm Road) to the satisfaction of the County. Invoices submitted to the Glasscock County Treasurer at least seven days prior to the Glasscock County Commissioners Court's regularly scheduled meeting will be paid within seven days of that Court meeting.
#8595 January 28 & February 3, 2015

Retail Moon

The phrase associated with Taurus is "I have," but it just as well may be "I don't have" for the way Taurus energy tends to focus us on shopping lists and retail shelves. The Moon is in Taurus for much of the day tempting the dollars right out of our pockets.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Exercise self-control. Remember, the cost of luxury doesn't always have to be financial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though the glamour of far-flung, fantasy achievements may keep stars in your eyes and a fire in your belly, it's the small and reasonable goals that will lead you to actual improvements.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Why talk seriously about life? The trifling matters don't deserve such a heavy tone, and the important matters are unbearable unless approached with the

Tomorrow's Horoscope

levity of humor.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your way with people will get you deals, invitations and, perhaps best of all, the truth (if that's what you want to hear). It can be fun to know the truth when you're the only one around who does.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life is like a musical today -- people sing out when they are filled with emotion. Well, maybe they won't exactly sing, sing, but they'll make more noise to let you know what's important to them.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In many environments, boldness is rewarded. Today's environment calls for restraint. Subtlety will be noticed.

Believing in the power of small, thoughtful moves takes a kind of inner boldness.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Plan your next travel and your mind will fly before the rest of you into the adventure. This will lighten your mood, which is in danger of getting bogged down with the sameness of recent days.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Each person brings out something slightly different in you. That's why getting out of your circle of friends and loved ones is so crucial to personal growth.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't pass failure on the way to success, you're not aiming for a significant enough success. The

game is only fun when there's a fair amount of risk involved.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You appreciate the beauty of a good list, especially on a day like today when there is so much you want to do in so many different categories of life. List-making will keep you organized.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The power is inside you. Keep affirming this throughout the day because there will be temptations to reach for sources of power outside of yourself that you do not need.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't give in to the group mind. It's not wrong, so much as it's inferior to the ideas you can come up with if you sequester yourself in a quiet place to think for a while.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's tempting to ask for fewer problems, but you'll be better off with a "bring it on" attitude. More problems mean more solutions; more solutions mean more capabilities. You're destined for greatness.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 28). To invigorate your journey, the path needs to veer in the next four weeks. Ask for suggestions from people you admire in February. One remarkable change you make will color up the rest of your year. A super-sweet individual will make life dreamy in April. Invest in your family in May. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 7, 50, 22 and 18.
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "No one at my work appreciates me. I'm one of the top producers at the company, and yet my job is so behind the scenes and I've been there for so long that no one even sees me. What do you think a Taurus should do to get some appreciation?"

I'm one of the most consistent earners they have ever had. I don't want to say what I do. It's unconventional to say the least. Please fix a stable Taurus working in an environment of unstable people up with some advice."
Taurus is the sign of the rock-solid person. What happens to rocks is that they get upstaged by the changing landscape of trees and flowers and sunsets and snow -- temporal elements are attention grabbers for sure. But without the rock, we would have nothing to measure the changes by and no context by which to appreciate them. My advice is to speak frankly. Remind them of what you contribute, tell them you don't feel appreciated and that you're going to take some personal time to recharge. Let them scramble and assess the loss they'll endure without you. When you return you'll be greeted by a whole new attitude.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Elijah Wood (1/28/1981) will star with Vin Diesel in "The Last Witch Hunter," an action/fantasy film about a battle involving modern day witches of New York City. The world's most famous hobbit was born when the Sun, Mercury and Mars were in whimsical Aquarius suggesting the intense powers of imagination needed to work with invisible monsters in front of a green screen.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sylvia Misapplies a Rule

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q 5 3
♥ J 8 7 5
♦ Q
♣ K J 10 9
WEST
♠ J 9
♥ 4 2
♦ J 10 9 4 2
♣ 7 5 3 2
EAST
♠ K 8 6 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ A Q 6
SOUTH
♠ 10 7 4
♥ A K Q 10 9
♦ K 8 7
♣ 8 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
When I recently ran into Sylvia and asked her to give me one of her old-time lollapaloozas, she came up with this deal where she held the East cards. It occurred shortly after she joined the club, and as usual she was playing in the expert game even though she had started to play bridge only a few weeks earlier.
At the time, Sylvia's shortcomings and indiscretions were often called to her attention by her exasperated partners. Unfortunately, their constant

flow of unsolicited admonitions served only to confuse her and muddle what little knowledge she had already accumulated.
It was therefore not surprising that when she picked up the East hand, after having experienced a mild disaster on the preceding deal, her thoughts were in a state of disarray.
Sylvia won the opening diamond lead and, dimly recalling the rule that she should lead up to strength and through weakness (actually, she had been told exactly the opposite), she returned the spade deuce into dummy's A-Q!
Declarer played the seven and took West's nine with the queen. After drawing trumps, he then led a club to the nine, losing to the queen. Sylvia stuck to her guns and again led a spade, West's jack forcing dummy's ace.
South could do no better than lead the king of clubs, losing to Sylvia's ace. Sylvia then cashed her king of spades, and South went down one.
Declarer, of course, would have made the contract had Sylvia not adopted this extraordinary defense. Without the spade shift at trick two, he would have had time to establish two club winners in dummy to take care of his potential spade losers.
Confusion has its own virtues.

Tomorrow: A play fit for a queen.
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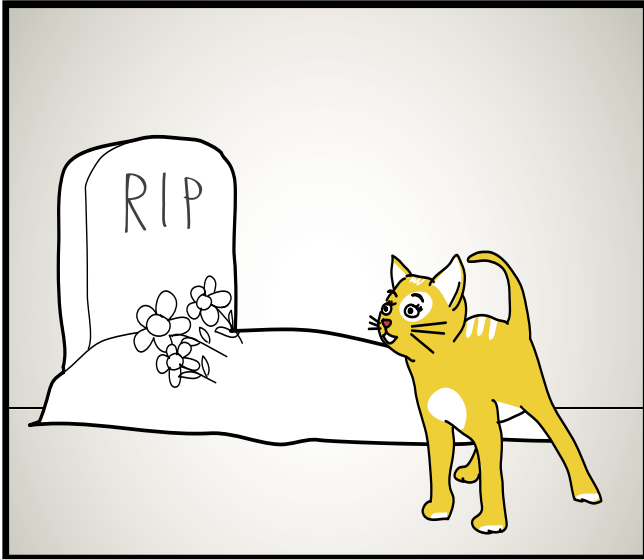
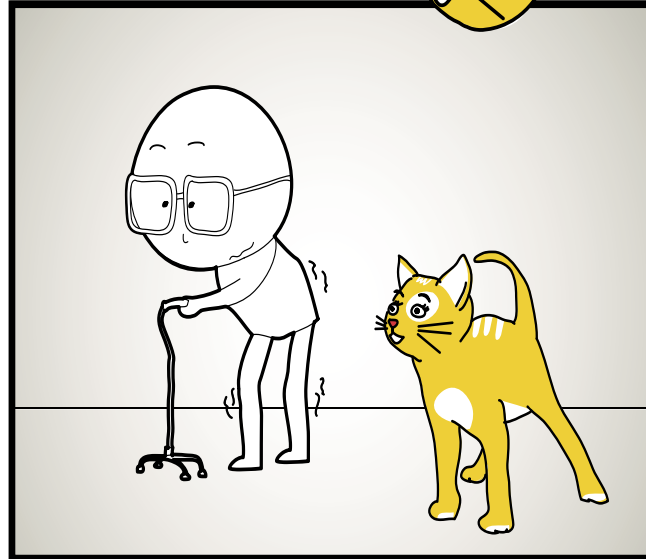
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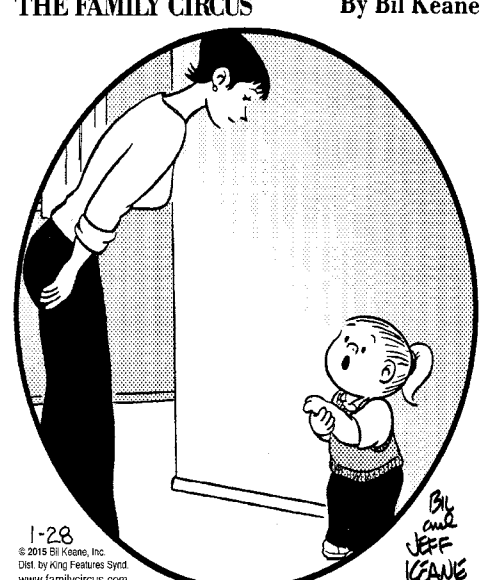
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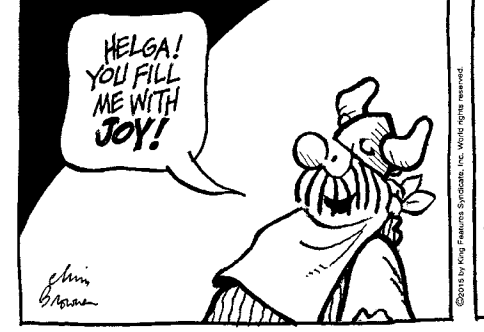
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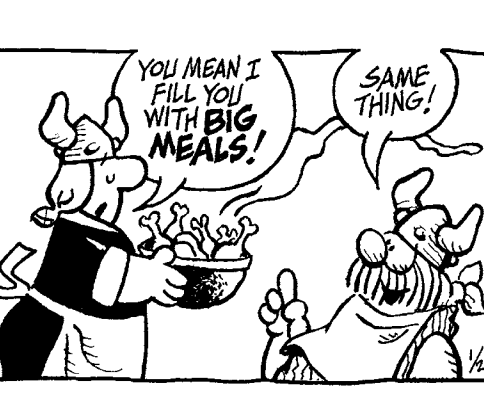
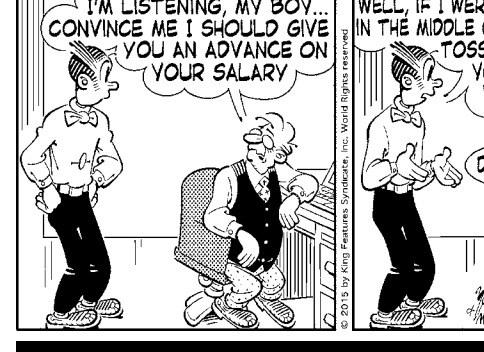


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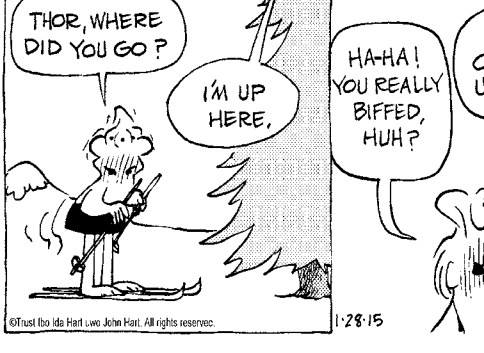
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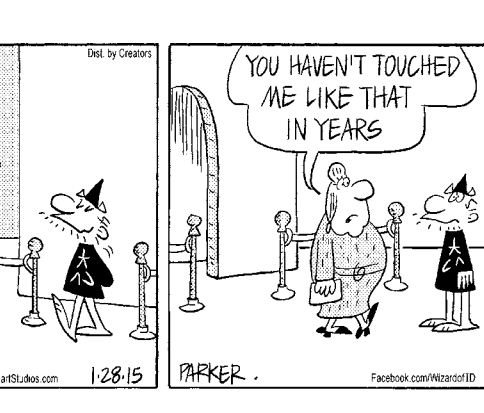
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2015. There are 337 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Jan. 28, 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service. The American merchant vessel SS William P. Frye, en route to England with a cargo of wheat, became the first U.S. ship to be sunk during World War I by a German cruiser,

the SS Prinz Eitel Friedrich, even though the United States was not at war. On this date: In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI. In 1813, the novel "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen was first published anonymously in London. In 1909, the United States withdrew its forces from Cuba as Jose Miguel Gomez became president. In 1939, Irish poet-dramatist William Butler Yeats died in Menton, France. In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly re-opened Burma Road. In 1956, Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on "Stage Show," a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey. In 1962, the last of Washington, D.C.'s original streetcars made its final run.

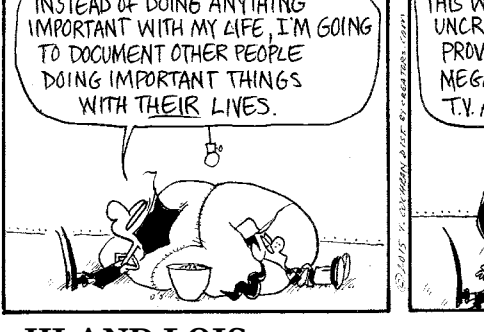
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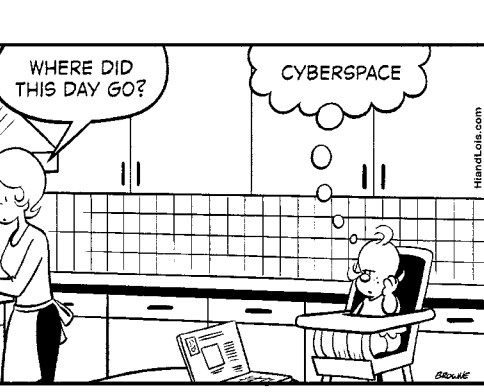
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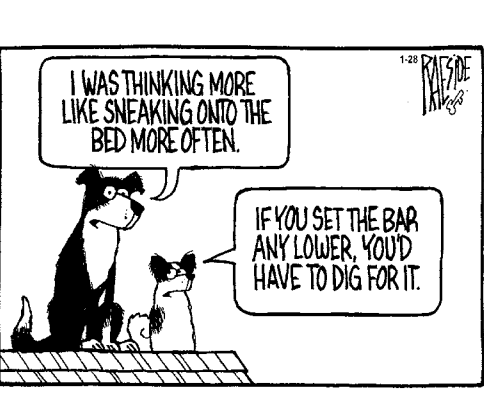
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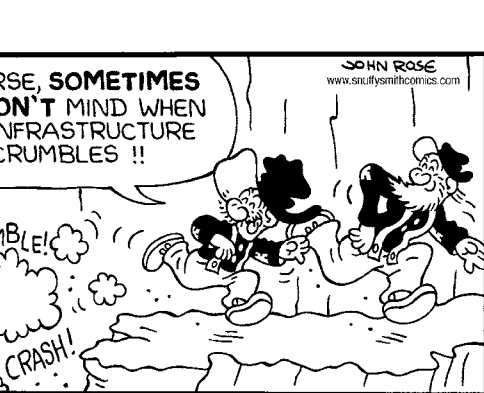
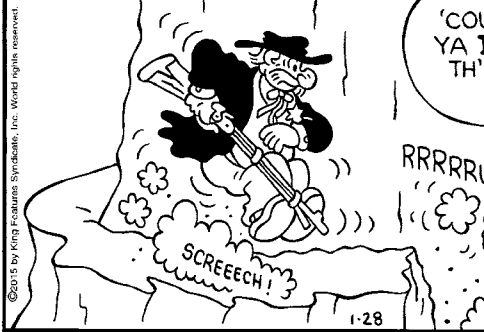
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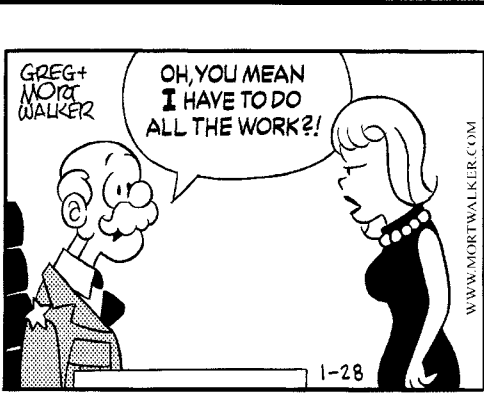
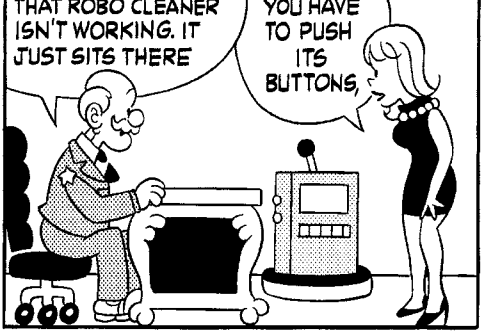
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Italian scooter brand
 - 6 Most common inert gas
 - 11 That gent's
 - 14 One more time
 - 15 Measuring device
 - 16 Uncanny talent, for short
 - 17 Noise-reduction barrier
 - 19 __ Baba
 - 20 Subj. for some immigrants
 - 21 Lamb's dad
 - 22 Roger of tennis
 - 24 Celebrity blogger __ Hilton
 - 26 Privileged group
 - 27 Tampa neighbor, familiarly
 - 30 Stuck at a chalet, perhaps
 - 33 Gemstone measure
 - 34 Anything to eat
 - 35 Disparity
 - 38 David Mamet play
 - 42 Convened
 - 43 Exodus author
 - 44 Hunter constellation
 - 45 Olympics officials
 - 48 Marked, as midterms
 - 49 Bonnie's partner in crime
 - 51 French impressionist
 - 53 Yacht race
 - 56 Da Vinci Code author Brown
 - 57 Faux __ (minor error)
 - 60 Ruckus
- DOWN**
- 61 Backyard planter, perhaps
 - 64 Animal park
 - 65 External
 - 66 Lazy person
 - 67 Stamp out
 - 68 Stingless bee
 - 69 CBS spinoff of 2004-13
 - 10 Had to have
 - 11 Amplification device
 - 12 Small spot of land
 - 13 Pointy roof
 - 18 Unadorned
 - 23 Yale student
 - 24 Orchard fruit
 - 25 Mideast nationalist movement
 - 27 Phony deal
 - 28 Domesticated
 - 29 Not quite excellent
 - 31 Picnic throwaways
 - 32 College URL suffix
 - 34 Jamie of M*A*S*H
 - 36 Natural balm
 - 37 Frog hangout
 - 39 Actor's help
 - 40 Adjective for shows like 69 Across
 - 41 Greek-letter club
 - 46 It's west of Mont.
 - 47 Procedure
 - 48 Chew like a rat
 - 49 Short-lived fashion
 - 50 Strung along
 - 52 Really like
 - 54 Singer's travel plan
 - 55 Palo __, CA
 - 57 Hungarian sheepdog
 - 58 "You said it!"
 - 59 Surprisingly agile
 - 62 Quarterback great Dawson
 - 63 Stats for 62 Down

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STEERS

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treys to push BSHS' lead to 51-48. He buried another three-pointer just over a minute later to increase the Steers' lead to 56-51.

The Tors didn't go down quietly. Lamesa went on a 10-5 run over the two minutes and pulled into a 6-61 tie with 37 seconds left in the game.

Bryan came up huge for the Steers from there.

Following Lamesa's game-tying basket, Kei-Shawn Broussard's attempt to give Big Spring the lead back fell short. Fortunately for BSHS, Bryan managed to wrangle the rebound and draw a foul.

The 6-foot-4 senior hit both of his ensuing free throw attempts to stake the Steers to a 63-61 advantage with 24.2 seconds left.

Just 13 seconds later, Bryan pulled down a defensive rebound in the paint, drew a foul and proceeded to close out the win with by hitting the front end of a two-shot opportunity.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 16-7 for the season.

The Steers got off to a quick start against Lamesa. Big Spring, backed by points from six different players, opened the game with a 13-3 run.

The Tors found their offense in the final four minutes of the first. They posted a 16-6 run in the last 4:06 of the frame to tie the game at 19-19 heading into the second.

Sealy, who finished the gam with 17 points, helped BSHS regain the upper hand in the sec-



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Tyler Bryan shoots a free throw in the final seconds of the Steers' 64-61 win over Lamesa.

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Tuesday's Games - Sweetwater 57, Snyder 50; Estacado 68, Levelland 60; Big Spring 64, Lamesa 61.

Friday's Games - Snyder at Lamesa; Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado; Sweetwater at Levelland

ond. He scored eight of the team's 16 points in the frame and helped the Steers roll into the half with a 35-31 lead.

Yanez also contributed greatly to Big Spring's second-quarter success. He scored eight pints in the frame, including six via two treys.

Lames posted an 11-6 run in the third and took a slim lead into the fourth.

Tannehill, who netted seven points in the fourth quarter, finished the game with 11 points.

GIRLS

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Lady Steers opened the game with an impressive 12-1 run and never looked back.

After Lamesa had opened the contest with a free throw, Mayes, Castillo and Tiffani Ruiz reeled off three quick baskets to stake the BSHS girls to a 6-1 lead with 3:55 left in the opening frame. Castillo put Lamesa on its heels from there, turning a pair of Ruiz steals with in a 37-second span into two easy layups and a 10-1 advantage.

Alexander closed out Big Spring's 12-0 run moments later by taking a pass from Mayes in the post and powering up a shot for a 12-1 lead.

The Lady Tors, now 3-3 in district, ended a scoring drought that spanned 6:03 with a three-pointer in the closing seconds of the first and pulled to within 12-4 at the start of the second.

Castillo paced the BSHS attack in the first quarter. A senior guard, she pumped in six of her 12 points in the initial stanza.

Lamesa battled its way to within six, at 20-14, late in the second before Rodriguez sent Big Spring into the half with plenty of momentum. The Lady Steers' point guard drained her only two shots of the first half by sinking back-to-back three-pointers in the final 2:03 to send Big Spring into the intermission with a 26-14 advantage.

Lamesa made another run at the Lady Steers' lead early in the third. The Lady Tors opened the second half with a 10-4 run and trimmed their deficit to 30-24 with

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1:14 left in the period.

Alexander, Mayes and Mariah Walsh squashed the LHS threat from there. The three combined for six straight points and inflated Big Spring's lead to 12, at 36-24.

Lamesa scored a basket in the final seconds

of the third and trailed 36-36 heading into the fourth.

The Lady Tors reeled off another 10-4 run in the first 1:49 of the fourth and moved to within 40-36 with 6:11 left.

Rodriguez took care up the uprising from there. She pumped in 11 of her game-high 17 points in the final 5:35 of the game to seal the victory.

Mayes, who has averaged double-digit totals in rebounds over the last four games, finished as the third BSHS player to reach double figures offensively. She closed out the contest with 15 points.

Alexander just missed double figures. She closed out the contest with eight points.

Freshmen upend Lady Tors

The Big Spring High School freshman girls' team posted a 35-14 win on Tuesday over Lamesa in District 2-4A subvarsity action.

With the win, the freshman girls improved to 6-7 for the year, and to 3-2 in district.

Cierra Martinez led all BSHS scorers with 15 points. Sidney Evans added 10, while Lexi Delafuente chipped in four.

Kalli Hale, Jori Hanelen, and D'Amberly Baldwin played well defensively.



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