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Herald Editor Bill McClellan dies



BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

It is with a heavy heart the *Big Spring Herald* announces the death of Managing Editor Bill McClellan.

McClellan, 63, died Sunday morning in a San Antonio area hospital following a severe illness.

"We are all shocked and saddened by the news of Bill's death," said Rick Nunez, general manager of the Herald. "Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. Bill was not only an integral member of this staff, he was also a wonderful and

generous person, well-liked by his co-workers. He will be missed."

McClellan joined the Big Spring Herald staff in 1998 as the news editor and assumed the role of managing editor in 2011, overseeing all aspects of the newsroom operations.

A Stamford native, he had more than 30 years of experience in the newspaper business. He was a graduate of Sam Houston State University and served in several daily, small town newspapers. He was the sports editor and later managing editor at the *Snyder Daily News* for many years.

He is survived by his daughter Jeanette Walker and her family; sons, David Miller and Corey Miller and his family; his brother Bob McClellan and his family; his sister, Susan and her family and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Dixie Marie McClellan who died Jan. 31, 2013.

Family members are planning to hold a private service at a later date.

Steve Reagan, who has been serving temporarily as the managing editor during McClellan's absence, will continue those duties at this time.

City to host blood drive

Herald Staff Report

In response to an urgent need for O-Negative blood, the city of Big Spring will host a community blood drive Friday.

O Negative is the universal blood type and can be safely transfused into anyone. This is especially important in an emergency situation when there is no time to perform a blood type test.

All blood types are welcome.

The blood drive is schedule from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the City Council Chambers, 310 Nolan.

It takes less than an hour from the time you walk up to the blood drive until you

What: Community blood drive.
Where: City Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
When: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.



Police and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on the Interstate 20 service road just east of Highway 350 Saturday morning. No injury information has been made available

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Obama sends \$4 trillion budget to Congress

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
 AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is sending Congress a \$4 trillion budget Monday that seeks to raise taxes on wealthier Americans and corporations and use the extra income to lift the fortunes of families who have felt squeezed during tough economic times.

He would also ease tight budget constraints imposed on the military and domestic programs back in 2011, and unveils new initiatives including an ambitious \$478 billion public works program for highway, bridge and transit upgrades.

The administration said the budget represented a strategy to strengthen the middle class and help "hard-working families get ahead in a time of relentless economic and technological change."

"This country's better off than it was four years ago, but what we also know is that wages and incomes for middle class families are just now ticking up," Obama said in an interview broadcast on Monday's "Today Show" on NBC. "They haven't been keeping pace over the last 30 years compared to, you know, corporate profits and what's happening to folks in the very top."

Even before the massive budget books landed on lawmakers' desks, Republi-

GOP Rep. Paul Ryan, the new chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, accused the president of exploiting "envy economics." Interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press," Ryan said, "This top down redistribution doesn't work."

various spending cuts and tax increases would trim the deficits by about \$1.8 trillion over the next decade, leaving the red ink at manageable levels.

Congressional Republicans say the budgets they produce will achieve balance and will attack costly benefit program like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

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Obama, interviewed by NBC before the start of Sunday's Super Bowl game, said he believed there were areas where he can work with Republicans, who for the first time in his presidency control both houses of Congress.

"My job is not to trim my sails and not tell the American people what we should be doing, pretending somehow we don't need better roads, that we don't need more affordable college," Obama said.

Obama's budget emphasizes the same themes as his State of the Union address last month, when he challenged Congress to work with him on narrowing the income gap between the very wealthy

cans were on the attack, accusing the president of seeking to revert to tax-and-spend policies that will harm the economy while failing to do anything about the budget's biggest problem — soaring spending on government benefit programs.

Obama's fiscal blueprint, for the budget year that begins Oct. 1, proposes spending \$4 trillion — \$3.99 trillion before rounding — and projects revenues of \$3.53 trillion.

That would leave a deficit of \$474 billion. Obama's budget plan never reaches balance over the next decade and projects the deficit would rise to \$687 billion in 2025.

The administration contends that

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Obituaries

Matthew Leon Burnett



Matthew Leon Burnett, 20, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Pastor Michael Willard officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 4, 1994, in Midland and had attended Big Spring schools.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Tonya Wright and Victor Pruitt of Big Spring; his father, Marcus Burnett of Midland; his longtime girl-

friend, Felicia Burciaga of Big Spring; one brother, Kalob Burnett of Big Spring; one sister, Amanda Wright of Big Spring; his maternal grandmother, Paula Green of Big Spring; his paternal grandparents, Jimmy Burnett of Midland and Kathy Vance of Mena, Ark.; aunts and uncles, Robert and Denise Smith, Carl Stanley Friday and Paul Daniel Lee; and cousins, Stormi Smith, Reba Smith, Nicole Wilcox, Chesnei Smith, Hayley Burnett-Lee, Carl Wayne Nicholson and David Valdez.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Earl Wright; and his maternal grandfather, Clayton Lee.

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

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DOMINIQUE ROSE SARMIENTO, 22, of 1900 Martin Luther King 210 was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GILBERT JIMINEZ JR., 19, of 1201 Sycamore St. was arrested on a charge of resting arrest, search or transport.
- JACQUES LAMAR GREEN JR., 26, of 2636 Langley Drive was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspend/invalid with previous conviction.
- GUSTABO ALFREDO RIOS, 33, of 1600 Harding St. was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$1,500 and two or more convictions.
- WILFREDO FUENTES, 28, of 2811 La Fontera Boulevard Apt. 3024 was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass-property/building/aircraft-vehicle; possession of a dangerous drug; manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- JOHN PATRICK FLAHERTY, 45, of 584 Second Avenue was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MATHEW ASCENCIO CRUZ, 22, of 703 Settles St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the area of Meadow Lane and Brown and the 1400 block of Lexington Avenue.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.
- KRYSTLE LYNN SALDANA, 32, was booked by the BSPD

on charges of terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious bodily injury and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- BRITTANY CHRISTIAN 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTRP/tampering with governmental records.

- JASON BARAJAS FRANCO, 39, was booked by the BSPD on sentence/driving while intoxicated.

- KELVIN WAYNE FLARITY, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

- JACOB MONTOYA, 35, was booked by the HCSO on warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear; and theft of property, more than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500, by check.

- MARTIN GARCIA LEIJA, 49, was booked by the HCSO on warrants or driving while license invalid and violate promise to appear.

- STEVEN THOMAS SIMS, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, less than \$1,500 with two convictions or more.

- MARCUS JOE ANDERSON 34, was booked by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check; evading arrest, detention with vehicle; tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair; driving while license invalid; and fail to signal with turn indicator.

- DAVID GRIJALBAMORALES JR., 19, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- TEPHANIE ANNE SHULTS, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for FTA/theft of property, more than \$20,000 but less than \$100,000.

- JOSE ARMANDO BASQUES PEREZ, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and criminal trespass.

- VANESSA NICHOL HIGHFIELD, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sym-

pathetic 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 Min-

istries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

Flexible payment options.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across

from the movie box office, next to Sears).

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open

Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

Elias Heredia

Elias Heredia, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 01, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

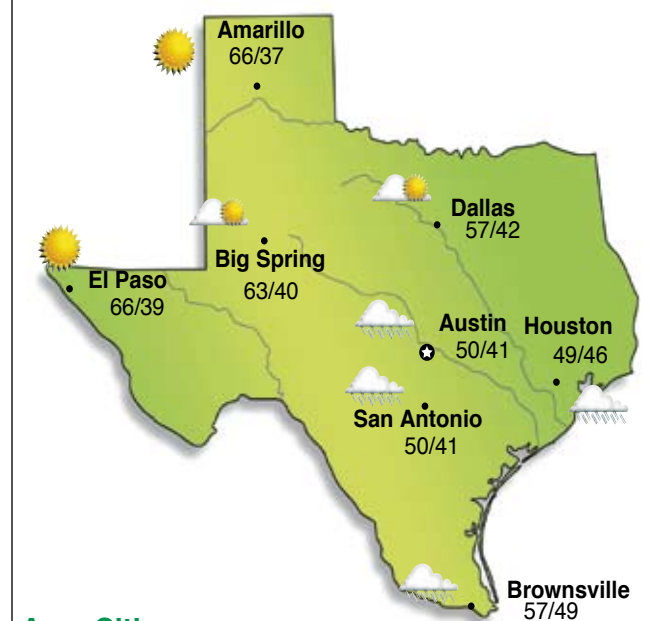
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 2/3	Wed 2/4	Thu 2/5	Fri 2/6	Sat 2/7
63/40 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 63F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	72/32 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 30s.	54/38 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	71/46 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	80/52 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 6:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 6:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM

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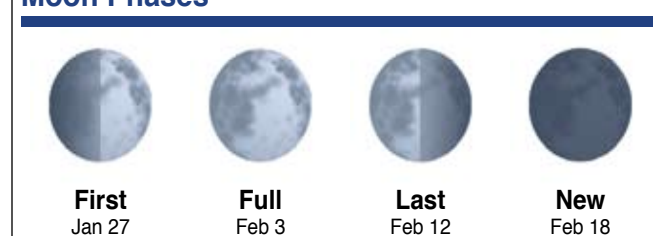
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	59	42	pt sunny	Kingsville	53	46	rain
Amarillo	66	37	sunny	Livingston	49	41	cloudy
Austin	50	41	rain	Longview	56	37	pt sunny
Beaumont	47	40	rain	Lubbock	65	36	pt sunny
Brownsville	57	49	rain	Lufkin	55	41	cloudy
Brownwood	57	39	pt sunny	Midland	62	39	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	52	47	rain	Raymondville	56	48	rain
Corsicana	55	41	pt sunny	Rosenberg	48	42	rain
Dallas	57	42	pt sunny	San Antonio	50	41	rain
Del Rio	48	42	rain	San Marcos	50	42	rain
El Paso	66	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	55	41	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	63	44	pt sunny	Sweetwater	59	41	pt sunny
Gainesville	57	39	pt sunny	Tyler	56	40	pt sunny
Greenville	56	40	pt sunny	Weatherford	59	42	pt sunny
Houston	49	46	rain	Wichita Falls	61	40	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	31	sunny	Minneapolis	23	13	sn shower
Boston	22	12	sunny	New York	26	21	mst sunny
Chicago	26	22	sn shower	Phoenix	75	51	sunny
Dallas	57	42	pt sunny	San Francisco	68	51	mst sunny
Denver	58	30	mst sunny	Seattle	52	46	rain
Houston	49	46	rain	St. Louis	49	31	mst sunny
Los Angeles	75	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	39	29	pt sunny
Miami	74	65	cloudy				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 2/3	Wed 2/4	Thu 2/5	Fri 2/6	Sat 2/7
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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News in brief

Obama sending \$4 trillion spending plan to Congress, pledging to address middle-class squeeze.

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Japan's leader defends handling of Islamic State group hostage crisis as nation mourns

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe defended his policy toward terrorism, as the flag at his official residence flew at half-staff Monday in a mark of mourning for two hostages killed

by the Islamic State group.

During a long day of parliamentary debate, Abe parried numerous questions about his handling of the hostage crisis, which came to a grisly end with news early Sunday that journalist Kenji Goto had been beheaded by the extremists.

Abe said his announcement of \$200 million in non-military aid for the fight against the Islamic State group, made during a visit to the Middle East just days before the militants demanded a \$200 million ransom for the two hostages, was meant to convey Japan's strong commitment to battling terrorism and fostering peace and stability in the region.

Some have questioned that decision, saying Abe should have been more cautious and not mentioned the Islamic State group by name.

Who's winning in Iraq: Kurds or Islamic State? In fog of war, neither side shows clear edge

SNUNY, Iraq (AP) — Only stray dogs and a dozen armed fighters walk the streets of Snuny, a ghost town at the base of Mount Sinjar where rapid military changes of fortune are written on the walls.

"Smoking is banned" has been scribbled in Arabic outside one cafe. A nearby building bears the warning: "Submit to the Islamic State, you infidels."

Those messages don't reflect the views of the new management. Today, flags representing various Kurdish political groups flap furiously in the wind over Snuny, claiming ownership of the town's barren streets.

But all along the Kurds' shifting front lines, it's a tenuous hold sustained only with timely air sup-

port from the U.S.-led coalition. Questions remain whether the coalition-backed Kurds can secure strategic crossroads like Snuny and renew an offensive versus the Islamic State group, which controls a broad swath of northern Iraq from its base in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul.

The Kurds retook Snuny from the Sunni militants last month, but a weeks-old battle has reached a point of stalemate on the other side of the mountain for militant-held Sinjar. To the southeast, the oil-rich city of Kirkuk remains at risk of Islamic State recapture.

5 Ukrainian troops killed as fighting continues for key eastern railway hub

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Officials say five Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and 29 wounded in the past day in eastern Ukraine as fighting rages around a strategic railway hub.

Defense Ministry Spokesman Vladislav Seleznyov told The Associated Press Monday that fighting remains most intense around Ukraine-held Debaltseve, which is now almost entirely encircled by Russia-backed rebels.

Municipal authorities in Donetsk, the main rebel stronghold in the region some 60 kilometers (37 miles) southwest of Debaltseve, said in a statement posted online that 15 civilians were killed by shelling over the weekend. Explosions could still be heard throughout the city on Monday morning.

The conflict in eastern Ukraine has claimed more than 5,100 lives since April. Despite a September cease-fire and a period of relative calm in December, fighting has intensified in recent weeks.

BUDGET

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and everyone else.

While Republicans have let it be known that they have very different ideas about budget and tax priorities, Democrats voiced support for Obama.

"If we are serious about rebuilding the disappearing middle class we need a budget which creates millions of decent-paying jobs," said Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats and is the ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee.

Obama's six-year \$478 billion public works program would provide upgrades for the nation's highways, bridges and transit systems, in an effort to tap into bipartisan support for spending on badly needed repairs.

Half of that money would come from a one-time mandatory tax on profits that U.S. companies have amassed overseas that would be set at 14 percent.

Higher taxes on the wealthy and on fees paid by the largest financial institutions would help raise \$320 billion over 10 years which Obama would use to provide low- and middle-class

tax breaks.

His proposals: a credit of up to \$500 for two-income families, a boost in the child care tax credit to up to \$3,000 per child under age 5, and overhauling breaks that help pay for college.

Obama also is calling for a \$60 billion program for free community college for an estimated 9 million students if all states participate.

The budget also proposes expanding child care to more than 1.1 million additional children under the age of 4 by 2025 and seeks to implement universal pre-school.

Obama's budget will propose easing painful,

automatic cuts to the Pentagon and domestic agencies with a 7 percent increase in annual appropriations, providing an additional \$74 billion in 2016, divided between the military and domestic programs.

Many Republicans support the extra military spending but oppose increased domestic spending.

Another centerpiece of the president's tax proposal is an increase in the capital gains rate on couples making more than \$500,000 per year. The rate would climb from 23.8 percent to 28 percent.

Obama wants to require estates to pay

capital gains taxes on securities at the time they are inherited. He also is trying to impose a 0.07 percent fee on the roughly 100 U.S. finan-

cial companies with assets of more than \$50 billion.

DRIVE

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finish your snack and juice. Stacie King is coordinating the City of Big Spring blood drive and urges donors to call her at 264-2347 for an appointment.

Linda Grace, Donor Recruitment Representative with United Blood

Services, urges residents to be local heroes and make time to save lives. She suggested that those who are not able to donate recruit others in their place. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in United Blood Services' Hero in Me rewards program.


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nors must be at least 16, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and do-

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Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ Q 10 6 5 2
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ K 8 3

WEST
 ♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ K 9 8 4
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ Q 10

EAST
 ♠ 10 9 8 7 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ J 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ J 4
 ♥ A J 7 3
 ♦ Q 10 5 3
 ♣ A 9 7

The bidding:
 East Pass South 1♦ West Pass North 2♥ Pass 4♥
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

If you look at all four hands, you might wonder how declarer managed to go down one at four hearts. But the fact is that he did, and, furthermore, it's likely that most declarers playing the hand would have suffered the same fate.

The bidding was normal, and so was the opening lead of the king of diamonds. But something unusual occurred when East played the nine on the king at trick one, and then the deuce on the ace at trick two. When West next led the six of diamonds at

trick three, declarer, having observed East's high-low signal, presumably indicating a doubleton, naturally ruffed with dummy's ten to avoid the possibility of East overruffing dummy with a low trump.

But to everyone's surprise, including his partner's, East unexpectedly produced the four of diamonds at trick three. When declarer next led the heart deuce from dummy, East showed out, and South, to his chagrin, found that he had to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

East was Ira G. Corn, highly successful Dallas industrialist and financier who also distinguished himself in the world of bridge during the '60s and '70s. He certainly had no high cards to work with against four hearts, and yet there is no doubt that he single-handedly defeated the contract without taking a trick!

Without Corn's imaginative high-low play in diamonds, declarer would have lost only one trump trick and would have made four hearts. Aside from the K-9-8-4 West actually had, there were several other trump holdings he might have had that would have brought about South's defeat if he could be induced to ruff high in dummy on the third diamond lead. The little white lie told by Corn thus had everything to gain and almost nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: A malady called notrumpitis.
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1	9	3	8	2	7	4	6	5
3	8	6	2	7	4	9	5	1
9	5	2	1	3	8	6	7	4
4	1	7	9	5	6	8	3	2
2	6	4	7	1	9	5	8	3
5	7	9	4	8	3	1	2	6
8	3	1	5	6	2	7	4	9

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Bufs, Lady Bufs move closer to postseason

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Forsan High School boys' and girls' basketball teams both took huge strides toward claiming a spot in the 2015 postseason on Friday night by picking up key victories on the road.

The Buffaloes scratched themselves into the playoff talk with a resounding 51-38 victory over Ozona in District 8-2A play. Forsan has now won three of its last

four outings, including three straight, and improved to 5-4 in district play.

The Buffaloes jumped on Ozona early – on both sides of the ball. While holding the Lions to just two baskets in the first eight minutes with a stifling defense, the Forsan offense hit on all cylinders by grinding out 18 first-quarter points.

The Bufs took a commanding 14-point lead, at 18-4, into the start of the second.

Ozona managed to curb Forsan's attack in the second and third quarters. The Lions matched the Bufs point-for-point over the ensuing 16 minutes of play and went into the fourth down 41-27.

FHS closed out the contest with a 10-point effort in the final stanza.

Ian Park provided plenty of fireworks for the Buffaloes against Ozona. The FHS standout pumped in a game-high 24 points in the affair.

Jesse Cervantes also reached double figures for the Buffaloes, finishing with 12.

Walker Park and Trevor Williams both added five for the Bufs' assault, respectively. Madi Roman added eight.

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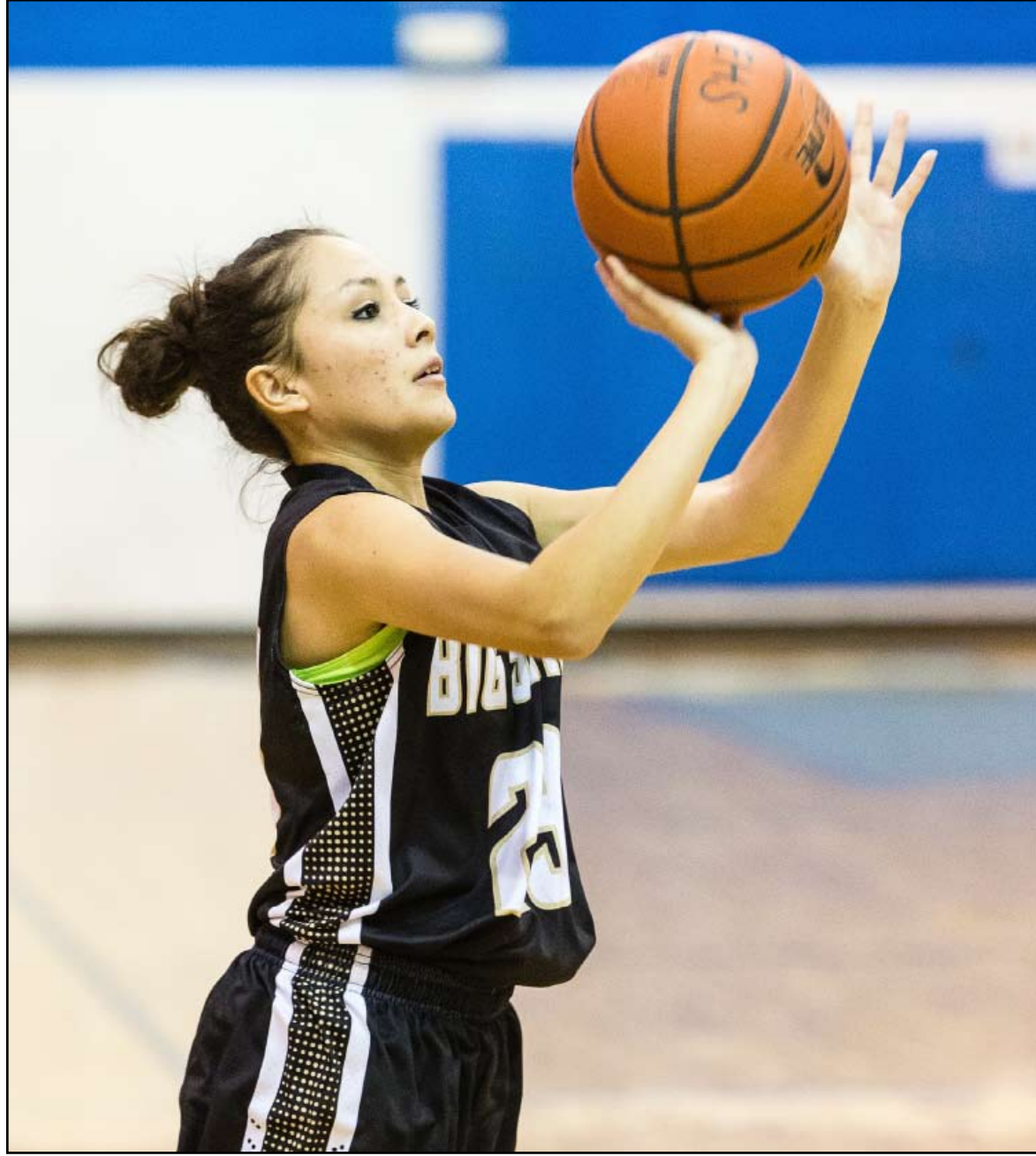
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girls moved to 6-3 in district play.

Kaylee Kemper and Mary-Ashley McDaniel led the Lady Bufs' assault by throwing in 13 and 10 points, respectively.

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Stefani Diaz launches a shot from the outside during the Lady Steers' game against Estacado on Friday. Big Spring will host district-leading Levelland on Tuesday in the Steer Gym.

Lady Steers still control their own playoff destiny

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

As tough as Friday's loss to the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors was, the Big Spring High School Lady Steers can take solace in three facts: First, and foremost, is the knowledge they are still in control of their own destiny as far as the Class 4A state playoffs are concerned. Secondly, they need only win two of their final three games to punch their postseason ticket. And lastly, after Tuesday's matchup with Levelland, the their final two opponents are the bottom feeders in the District 2-4A standings.

Relax, the sky isn't falling.

In fact, the Lady Steers' bid to finish second in the district race isn't dead – even if they should lose to Levelland tomorrow. Lamesa, which is currently tied for second in the standings with Big Spring, faces a considerably tough final stretch. Should Lamesa drop one of its final three games, the Lady Steers and Lady Tors could finish in a tie for

District 2-4A Girls		
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
y-Levelland	7-0	26-2
Big Spring	4-3	14-14
Lamesa	4-3	10-12
Snyder	3-4	7-18
Lubbock Estacado	3-4	6-22
Sweetwater	0-7	3-17
y- Clinched playoff berth		
Tuesday's Games – Lubbock Estacado at Snyder; Levelland at Big Spring; Lamesa at Sweetwater.		

second and be forced to hold a one-game district playoff to determine the No. 2 and No. 3 postseason seeds.

More than anything, tomorrow's round of games in District 2-4A are dramatically more important for Estacado and Snyder, both of whom are currently fighting for their playoff lives. The winner of Tuesday's showdown

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Patriots edge Seattle, 28-24, for 4th title

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The final 12 seconds included a perfect possession by Tom Brady for the go-ahead points, a juggling catch that could have been the victory of the year, and a victory-clinching, end-zone interception on a pass — not run — from the 1.

A Super Bowl that got off to a slow start wound up with a "Whoa!" finish, a lot like the New England Patriots' entire season.

Brady threw two of his four touchdown passes in the final quarter to erase a double-digit deficit, rookie Malcolm Butler picked off Russell Wilson's short throw while Marshawn Lynch watched, and the Patriots ended a decade drought without an NFL title by beating the defending champion Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in a taut classic Sunday night.

"Every team has a journey," said Brady, who was voted Super Bowl MVP for a record-tying third time, "and a lot of people lost faith in us early. But we held strong. We held together."

He was talking about the preceding months, not minutes. But either made sense. After all, back in late September, when New England lost 41-14 at the Kansas City Chiefs to fall to 2-2, there was a lot of talk about whether Brady was done, whether the Patriots were simply no longer a powerhouse.

Yet Sunday night, when coach Bill Belichick was asked when he knew he had a special team, he pointed to halftime of that poor performance against the Chiefs.

"We weren't having a good day, but we kept fighting," Belichick said. "To me, if there was ever a time that we were not going to compete as hard, that would

have been it. ... The fight and the competitiveness was there, and that gave me a lot of confidence going into the next week's game. That was a key point in our season."

And so perhaps these Patriots were prepared to weather the scrutiny that came with an NFL investigation into whether they deliberately deflated footballs in the AFC championship game two weeks ago. They compartmentalized that and focused on the Super Bowl.

Perhaps they were prepared to set aside Brady's two interceptions that helped dig a 24-14 hole in the fourth quarter. They moved into the lead after Brady connected with Danny Amendola from 4 yards out for one score with about 8 minutes left, then hit Julian Edelman from 3 yards for another TD with 2:02 remaining.

Perhaps they were prepared to not let the game get away when Seahawks receiver Jermaine Kearse made a falling, juggling, bouncing reception on his back for a 33-yard gain that set up first-and-goal from the 5 with 66 seconds to go. It was Butler who was in coverage on that play, although there was nothing more he really could have done.

Perhaps they were prepared for a shotgun pass by Wilson two plays later from the 1, rather than a run by the barrel-chested Lynch, who tied for the league lead in touchdown runs this season with 13.

Butler sure was ready, and his pick sealed the ultimate outcome, even if everyone had to wait while the officials cleared up a field-wide brawl.

"When they passed the ball, I was kind of surprised by it," Patriots nose tackle Vince Wilfork said. "But at the See **TITLE**, Page 10

Hawks, Lady Hawks to travel to SPC on Feb. 5

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will enjoy a few days break before heading to Levelland on Thursday for their most important games of the season.

The HC men, fresh off a win over Midland College, enters Thursday's affair holding a one-half game

lead over South Plains in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

The Howard College women will be looking to snap an 8-game conference losing streak on Thursday when they face off with the Lady Texans.

Games will begin at 5:45 p.m.



Abigail Flores and the HC Lady Hawks will face SPC on Thursday.

Silen, Crockett sink hole-in-one shots at Comanche Trail course

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Randy Silen and Daniel Crockett both heated up the Comanche Trail Golf Course recently by sinking holes-in-one on back-to-back days in January.

Silen kicked off the

celebrations at the Big Spring course on Jan. 18 with an ace on the 190-yard No. 3 hole. To register the shot, Silen used a 5 wood.

Silen's shot was witnessed by a four golfers, including Terry Whetsel, Mark Hedges, Joey Grant and Jim Avery. Crockett added to the

excitement level on Jan. 19 by recording a hole-in-one on the 153-yard No. 15 hole. He used an 8-iron on the shot.

Crockett's ace was witnessed by a trio of golfers, including Pat Loya, Rocky McCullough and Gary Burton.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2015, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2014, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2014. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared by the Veteran's Administrations are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district.

Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request. This is a public service announcement by Howard County Appraisal District, 315 South Main, PO Box 1151, Big Spring, TX 79720 #8588 January 22, 2015

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The City of Forsan will hold a public hearing at 5:30 PM of February 5, 2015 at City Hall, 409 Ave. D, Forsan, Texas in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens' participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Steve Park, Mayor, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact, Steve Park, Mayor, at the City Hall (432) 457-2355. #8606 February 2, 2015

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HOLIDAY
MATHIS

Dear Annie: I am close to my parents, and my husband and I love to visit them when we're in town. We always stay in their home, not only because it is convenient for us, but because I know my mother would be upset if we didn't.

The problem is my sister and her children. While we are at my parents' house, she drops the kids off each morning, and they stay until nearly midnight (even on school nights). My sister does not work outside the home. She simply wants the time for herself.

One of the children plays a video game, loudly, all hours of the day. He screams obscenities at the TV and will not respond to our kind insistence that he turn down the volume. I have tried gently broaching this topic with my mother, to no avail. We have trouble falling asleep at night, as we have to listen to the sound of gunfire and obscenities from the guest room.

KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Annie's Mailbox ®

Is there a kind way to tell my mother that we would like to have child-free time without the grandchildren present? Is this overstepping our role as houseguests? -- Just Want Peace and Quiet

Dear Peace and Quiet:

You are not overstepping to want a good night's sleep, but you have no say over Mom's rules, such as they are. We are sure Mom loves having you, but she is not likely to make waves with your sister, who lives closer and with whom she needs to have a good relationship. You will lose that battle.

Tell your mother you understand why she indulges the grandchildren, but from now on, you will spend at least one or two nights at a hotel in order to rest and will visit her during the day. Please be nice about it. Mom has enough aggravation. We feel sorry for her and especially for those kids, who are growing up with so little parental guidance. Your sister could benefit from some parenting classes, but it is unlikely that she will take advice from you.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 19 years. We have no children together, but we each have children from previous marriages.

From Day One of our marriage, he made it clear he did not want to pay for Christmas, birthdays, weddings, etc., on my side, which was fine. I've taken care of my side, and he's done his.

We are now at an age where we need to put our affairs in order. He wants each child to get the same amount from our estate. I disagree. I want the amount to be divided in half, and each half then divided between the children on each side.

We have not been arguing about this. We just haven't taken care of the arrangements. I will agree to whatever you say. -- Taking Care of Business

Dear Business:

Generally, we believe all children should be treated equally when dividing an estate, because otherwise, there is rancor between the children. However, if you brought vastly unequal assets into the marriage and the children were not raised together, the situation is different. Please discuss these issues with an estate attorney, who will help you sort through the

possibilities and reach a decision that satisfies both of you.

Dear Annie: "Tired and Disgusted Other Half" wrote that her husband is disrespectful and puts her down in front of their children and friends. She said she's been married too long to leave. Your response was good, but I was married to such a man. He refused to understand what the problem was and would not go for counseling, because I was the one with the problem.

There are men who will not benefit from counseling, nor will their wives or their relationships. I suspect it's a high percentage of older men. I was married for 32 years, and I stayed too long. -- California

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Austen

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know you're privileged, and you don't take your good luck for granted. Giving to others reminds you just how fortunate you are, and it also puts you in a fantastic mood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Many people find it easier to say the things they don't really mean while the really true messages go unstated. Not you. You feel a burning desire to relay honesty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are getting better and better at living in the moment. In fact, today

you absolutely lose yourself in a long stretch of time and feel completely happy for the loss.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There may be such a thing as too much information, but there's no such thing as too much knowledge. The more you learn the easier life becomes. Each problem you solve will lead to solving another problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't want to promise more than you can deliver, and yet you'll have to make certain assertions, or you won't get the opportunity to perform. You won't be sorry for taking a conservative approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The truer you are to your nature the better. Anyway, today you don't have the energy to pretend. Your honesty is the reason things fall rather miraculously into place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). After you give, you forget about it. This is the best way, as keeping track of the tab gets tedious. When others give to you, however, you never forget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You see the rules as guidelines; whereas, the others on your team see them as the structure in which they must operate. You'll end up meeting somewhere in the middle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a time to broadcast and a time to listen. When you're not sure which one to do, listening is the best choice and the one that will prevent you from missing an opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You feel a strong emotional attachment to a theory you cannot prove. It won't matter to you that others don't agree, and you shouldn't waste your time trying to influence them, either.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not true about the watched pot -- it boils at the exact same rate as the pot that's not being watched. But is hovering really a good use of time? You'll walk away because you have better things to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you're nice doesn't mean you're boring. You have depth, and you make interesting choices. You just happen to do this while using manners and exercising compassion.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2). The way you think makes you beautiful, and you'll love the attention. In April, you may decide that in order to focus on your work you have to change the way you approach your social life. August will send you on a wild goose chase if you're not careful. Assume you already have everything you need -- you really do! Gemini and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 22, 31, 24 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What are some relaxation techniques that would work for a high-strung Virgo with Virgo rising? Lately, I've been walking around with this giant knot in my stomach, and I'm always on the verge of tears. The worst part is that there's nothing to pin it on in my life. Nothing is really going terribly wrong, except that I'm terrified that I'm sick or going to lose my job or that something horrible

is going to happen. How can I keep from being so anxious? It's an awful way to live."

1. Many Virgos experience relief from mental anguish when they make exercise a bigger part of their life. The chemicals that exercise releases in the brain can reset your mind to a more positive channel. Daily exercise for longer than 20 minutes can have miraculous results, especially if you're getting out in the fresh air and the sunshine.

2. Virgos tend toward perfectionism, but expecting yourself to perform at a high level all the time just isn't reasonable. Allow yourself to be less than perfect.

3. Recognize that your fear is the result of your thinking, and that's something you can change. Stop scaring yourself with horror stories from an imagined future.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Colombian pop star Shakira was just 12 years old when she released her first record, and her tenacity finally paid off in Grammys. The dancing Aquarian diva has been honored by the United Nations and other organizations for her extensive charitable contributions. Her natal moon in soulful Cancer reveals a strong intuitive sense and a powerful bond with family.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 3

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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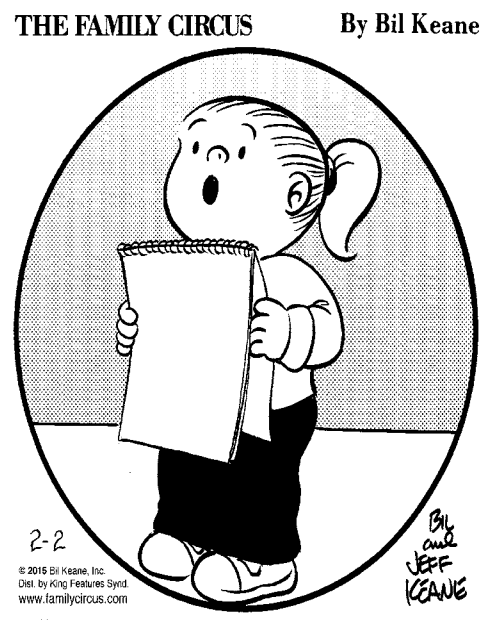
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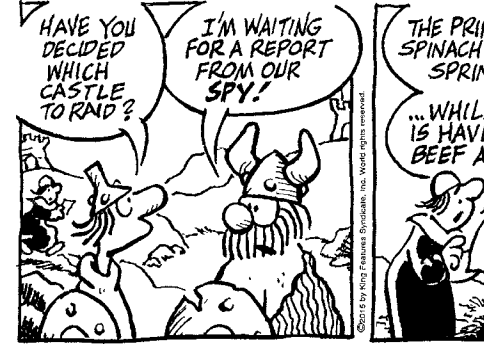
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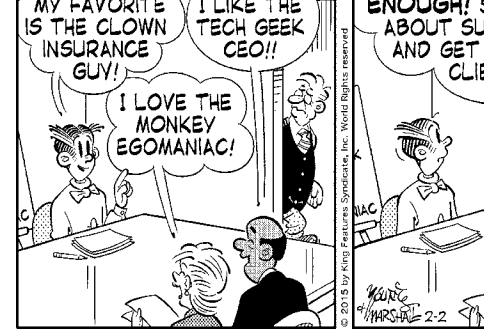


"What kind of presents do we get on Groundhog Day?"

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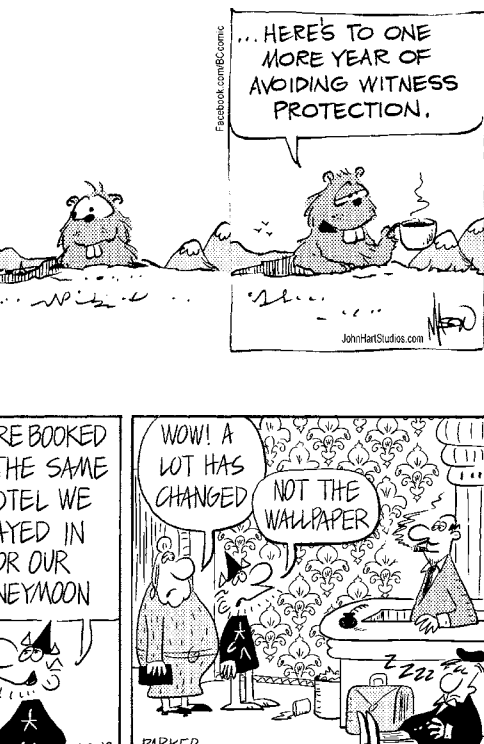
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2015. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 2, 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana. On this date: In 1653, New Amsterdam, now New York City, was incorporated. In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo,

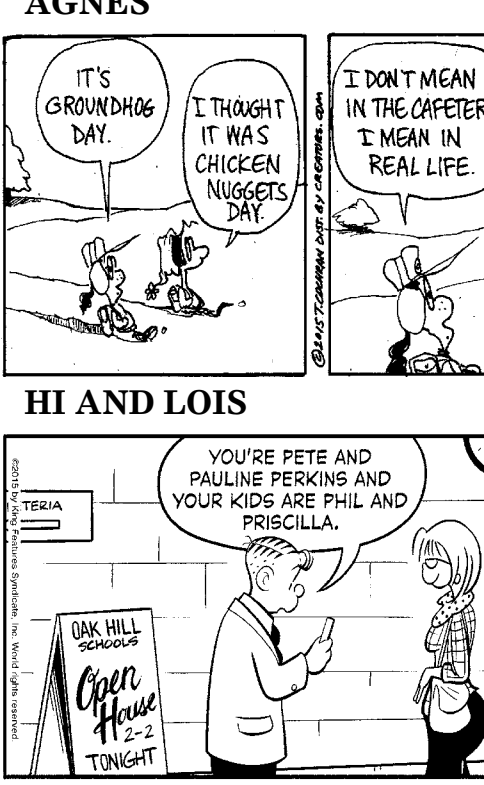
ending the Mexican-American War, was signed. In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival. In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co. The musical "Shameen Dhu," featuring the song "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral," opened on Broadway. In 1915, Israeli statesman Abba Eban was born in Cape Town, South Africa. In 1925, the silent film "The Lost World," based on the Arthur Conan Doyle novel about explorers who encounter living prehis-

toric animals in South America, had its world premiere. In 1932, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" for Brunswick Records. In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- Resorts with hot springs
 - "Shoo!"
 - Mimicked
 - One of __ days (eventually)
 - Approximately
 - Stash away
 - "Yes __, Bob!"
 - Pre-trial court payment
 - Architect's drawing
 - Tough-to-hit pitch
 - Physicians: Abbr.
 - Hearing organ
 - Get paroled
 - Rattan chair crafters
 - Sculpture on a pedestal
 - Tilts a bit
 - The thing over there
 - Waterproof canvas covering
 - Desert-dry
 - Construction-site lifting machine
 - Admired person
 - Fishing rod
 - Feels unwell
 - West Point freshman
 - Talking bird
 - Looked closely (at)
 - Stashed away
 - Catch sight of
 - __-de-sac
 - Crime-scene evidence
 - Army division
 - Person, place, or thing
 - Scattered seeds
- DOWN
- Elaborate party
 - Tiny pantry pests
 - Fake name
 - Very pale
 - Misplace
 - Shelter
 - Lower leg
 - Where Lima is capital
 - "Be with you in __!"
 - People on a quest
 - Clearheaded
 - Alaskan king __ (seafood)
 - Saudi Arabia's continent
 - Tumpike payment site
 - Cleopatra's snake
 - Hand-examining seer
 - Escape from
 - Jam-packed
 - Sounding
 - __ Vegas, NV
 - Parking area
 - Not worth doing
 - Applaud
 - Aviation prefix for dynamic
 - Manicurist's bottle
 - Make beloved
 - "Thou __ not steal"
 - Turns brown from the sun
 - Threesome
 - After-bath garment
 - Said "Not guilty," perhaps
 - Bright red bird
 - Gets a secret glimpse of
 - Touchdown caller, for short
 - __-view movie
 - Deep-sea diver's gear
 - Yellowfin and albacore
 - Sight or hearing
 - Prohibited thing
 - Informally
 - Performer's part
 - Victorious shout
 - Well-groomed
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 - Your, in the Bible

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down between Estacado and Snyder will, in all likelihood, find itself on the outside looking in when the playoffs begin on Feb. 13. Whichever team wins will move into fourth place in the 2-4A standings, while the loser will fall one game back with just two games left.

The Lady Steers will try and regroup in front of their home fans against district-leading Levelland. The Loboettes, who enter the game at 26-2, clinched at least a tie for the district title last week with a 66-17 rout of Sweetwater. A win over the Lady Steers would clinch the district crown, and give the Loboettes the No. 1 seed heading into the

postseason.

Big Spring played Levelland close during the first half of their first district contest. The team trailed by just 10 at the half before falling 71-39.

A loss against Levelland, combined with a win by Lamesa over Sweetwater and a win by either Estacado or Snyder, would put Big Spring in a tie for third heading into Friday's home game against Snyder.

District 2-4A Boys			
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L	
Lubbock Estacado	5-0	19-7	
Big Spring	3-2	16-8	
Lamesa	3-2	15-8	
Levelland	3-2	16-9	
Sweetwater	1-4	8-10	
Snyder	0-5	7-17	

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

Estacado finishes its season with games against Sweetwater (Feb. 6) and at Lamesa (Feb. 10).

Following tomorrow's game with Estacado, Snyder's will travel to Big Spring before finishing the year at Levelland.

Lamesa's final three games are anything but easy. Following Tuesday's game with Sweetwater, the Lady Tors will travel to Levelland on Friday and then host Estacado on Feb. 10.

The Big Spring boys will be playing Levelland for second place. They are tied with Lamesa at 3-2.

Big Spring's games with Levelland will tip off at 5 p.m. with subvarsity action. The varsity girls will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.



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Big Spring's Tobyn Tannehill shoots over an Estacado defender for a basket during the Steers' game on Friday. Tannehill and his BSJS teammates will host Levelland on Tuesday.

BSJHS teams to play last home game

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' basketball teams will close out their home schedule today against Snyder.

The BSJHS seventh and eighth grade A and B teams will host Snyder, in the junior high gyms. Games will be played at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Big Spring boys' teams will make their final road trip of the season by going to Snyder.

The BSJHS boys' and girls' will close out the 2014-15 seasons next Monday when they face off against Sweetwater. The boys' teams will play at home, with the girls will finish on the road.

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same time, we made the play."

Lynch gained 102 yards on 24 carries and scored an earlier TD, leaving many mystified as to why Seattle wouldn't have handed off to him in that vital situation.

Even some of the Seahawks were bewil-

dered.

"I don't understand how you don't give it to the best back in the league," linebacker Bruce Irvin said. "We were on the half-yardline and we throw a slant. I don't know what the offense had going on, what they saw."

With the retractable roof open on a cloudless evening, the Patriots (15-4) won the fourth Lombardi Trophy of

the Brady-Belichick partnership, adding to those from the Super Bowls played in 2002, '04 and '05. They lost their last two trips to the big game, though, in 2008 and 2012, both times against the New York Giants.

This time, though, Brady and New England pulled it out — and in the process, prevented Seattle (14-5) from the ninth set of back-to-back Super Bowl championships.

At age 37, Brady went 37 for 50 for 328 yards and matched his childhood idol, Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana, for most Super Bowl MVP awards. Brady also broke Montana's Super Bowl record for most career touchdown passes, getting to 13.

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In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by February 25, 2015, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 31, 2015. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2014 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone (800) 835-5832.

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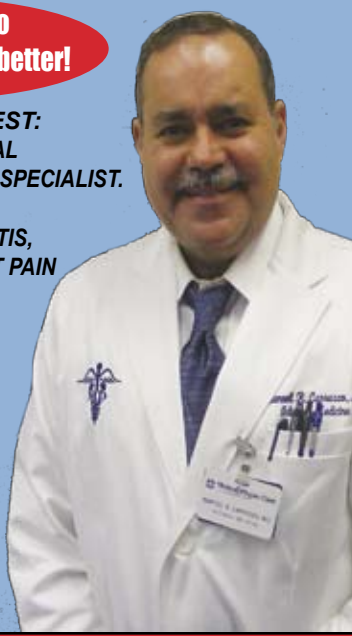
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