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Candidates begin filling out school, municipal election ballot spots

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Time is quickly running out for residents considering a run at a city council or school board trustee position to place their name on the May 9 ballot.

The deadline to file candidacy paperwork is 5 p.m. Friday

in order to have a name on the official election ballot.

City of Big Spring

On Tuesday morning, Steve Waggoner filed to seek his first term for the District 4 position on the City Council.

"I want to do something for the city," Waggoner said.

"I've lived here 40 years and I've seen the infrastructure problems within our city. I think with this city council, we are heading in the right direction and I would like to be a part of it."

A 32-year educator, Waggoner spent a large part of his career in the Big Spring ISD

school district. He served as an instructor in the district band program and 14 years at the administration level as principal first at Kentwood Elementary, then at Anderson Kindergarten and finally ending his career at Washington Elementary.

The current representative

of District 4, Bobby McDonald, has publicly stated he would not seek another term.

Seeking a second term as the District 2 representative, Carman Harbour has filed the necessary candidacy paperwork with the city.

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Blaze totals trailer home

Faulty space heater likely cause of Sand Springs fire

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

A travel trailer was destroyed and a family dog was lost after a fire ripped through the vehicle Tuesday parked at a Sand Springs residence.

At approximately 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, volunteer firefighters and Big Spring emergency service responders were called to the scene of a travel trailer on fire in the back yard of a residence located at 103 Collins Road, just off of Salem Rd. and North Outer Rd. I-20.

Tommy Sullivan, Fire Chief for the Howard County Volunteer Firefighters was the first one on scene. Upon arrival, firefighters found a travel trailer fully engulfed in flames and smoke.

The smoke from the fire could be seen from as far away as the oil refinery.

"Someone came running around the corner and asked me if that was my trailer out back," said Dennis Noggler, owner of the trailer. "I didn't even get the answer out before they told me it was on fire."

The trailer, which was purchased only a few months ago, was occupied at the time by a friend, Shawntina Thorpe, according to the owners.

"She got out alright, but we haven't been able to find her dog, B.B.," said Noggler's wife, Shanna Noggler.

The flames were going strong and the smoke



Firefighters and emergency medical service personnel responded to a trailer home fire in Sand Springs Tuesday morning. In the above photo, the trailer home is consumed by flames. At left, volunteer firefighters finish quenching the blaze. The trailer home was a total loss, officials said.

HERALD photos/Julie Bass

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Council reverses course on rezoning request



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
City Planner Roxanne Johnston addresses the city council Tuesday evening.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council said, "not so fast" to a local homeowner wishing to change the zoning designation on his property.

During their Tuesday meeting, the council reversed an earlier decision to allow a change in the zoning of property at 906 Birdwell from single-family to multi-family designation, thus sinking the owner's plan to use the residence as a tri-plex.

The owner had received a permit in 2013 to remodel the home to accommodate multiple renters, even though the property was designated for single-family use, an action city officials readily admitted was in error.

"Mistakes were made," City Planner



Benavides

Roxanne Johnston said plainly.

Nevertheless, officials recommended the council approve the rezoning request, in large part because of the expense incurred by the property owner and that no complaints had been received by neighbors, and council members OKed the change on first reading in January.

Spurred by District 6 Councilman Marvin Boyd, however, the council took a second, firmer look at their action Tuesday.

Debate was split between two camps — those who believed the city should stand firm on zoning regulations and others who felt reversing the original approval would amount to making the property owner pay for the city's mistake.

"I realize mistakes were made, but I

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Obituaries

Stanford Muse

Stanford Muse, 91, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He will lie in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Wednesday and Thursday. Graveside services with military honors will be at 11 a.m. March 2, 2015, at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

He was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Bluefield, W.Va. to Melinda and Leonard Muse. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, entering on Feb. 26, 1943, and was discharged on Jan. 18, 1946. He served in the Pacific Theater and received 3 Bronze Service Stars and was with the 25th Infantry, 93rd Division.

He has been a resident of Howard County and Big Spring for more than 70 years. He worked on construction of the Veterans Administration Medical Center and then worked there for more than 42 years. He was a member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church.

He is survived by one nephew, Clinton A. Muse Jr. of Big Spring and one great-nephew, Arthur Muse, also of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mineola Muse; and one brother, Clinton Muse Sr.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- SHANNON LEE BOUDREAUX, 24, of 1217 Lindberg St. was arrested on warrants for theft less than \$50 and bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only.
- KATYANA ALEXANDRIA CAMPBELL, 19, of 1314 S. Birdwell Lane was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 26, of 1314 S. Birdwell Lane was arrested on warrants for driving while license was invalid and two warrants from other agencies.
- KENNETH MICHAEL MCPHERSON, 24, of 3613 W. Hwy 80 was arrested on charges of criminal trespass of property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

- JOSE ANTONIO MORAN JR., 20, of 2200 S. Runnels was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- THEFT was reported in the 360

- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1600 block of Harding.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3900 block of W. Hwy 80.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and 3rd St. and in

the 1500 block of Sunset Ave.

- HARASSMENT was reported in the 3000 block of W. Hwy 80.

- TELEPHONE HARASSMENT was reported in the 3000 block of W. Hwy 80.

- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry St.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 1000 block of Locust.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard county Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- SHANNON BOUDREAUX, 44, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft less than \$50 and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- MASON WAYNE GREEN, 30, was booked by Glasscock on a warrant for parole violation.

- KATYANA ALEXANDRIA CAMPBELL, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury to a family member.

- KENNETH MCPHERSON, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass of property/building/aircraft/ve-

hicle.

- JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while invalid, rider not secured by safety belt, and violate promise to appear.

- JOSE A. MORAN JR., 20 was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL, 17, was booked on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- ROLAND ROIJAS RODRIGUEZ, 33, was booked by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction suspended without fine.

- RODNEY ROBLES, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated 3rd (or more) offense.

- VANCE EDWARD TURMAN, 49, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

- AARON SCOTT COMBS, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams.

- JORDAN QUINN AGUILAR, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for running a red light and violate promise to appear.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from ad-

diction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- 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.

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 Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207.

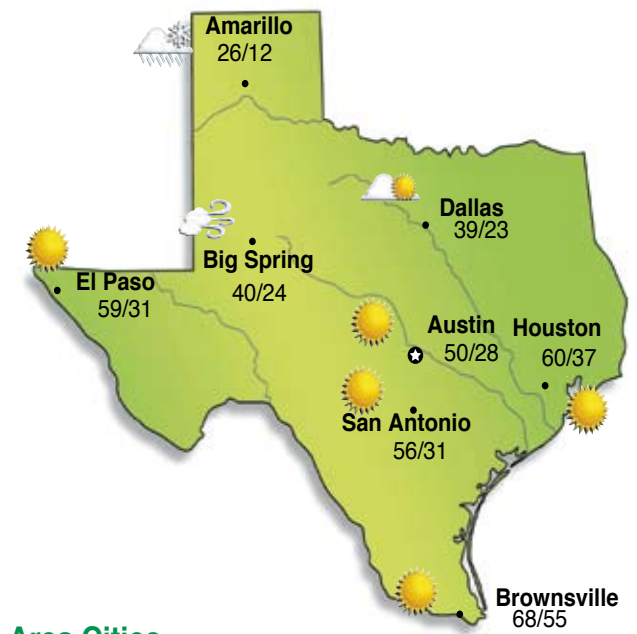
Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1	Mon 3/2
				
40/24	35/26	54/45	73/45	56/48
Partly cloudy skies. Gusty winds in the morning. High around 40F.	Snow showers in the morning. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid 20s.	Freezing rain and sleet early. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	A few morning showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM

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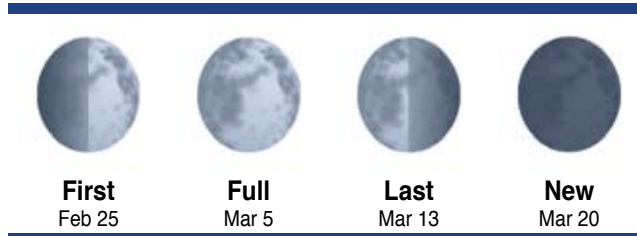
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	37	24	windy	Kingsville	67	38	sunny
Amarillo	26	12	sn shower	Livingston	54	32	mst sunny
Austin	50	28	sunny	Longview	43	23	pt sunny
Beaumont	58	34	sunny	Lubbock	35	16	cloudy
Brownsville	68	55	sunny	Lufkin	51	32	mst sunny
Brownwood	38	24	mst sunny	Midland	39	23	windy
Corpus Christi	65	37	sunny	Raymondville	68	49	sunny
Corsicana	40	25	mst sunny	Rosenberg	58	35	sunny
Dallas	39	23	pt sunny	San Antonio	56	31	sunny
Del Rio	59	38	sunny	San Marcos	51	30	sunny
El Paso	59	31	sunny	Sulphur Springs	38	22	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	45	28	pt sunny	Sweetwater	37	23	windy
Gainesville	38	19	pt sunny	Tyler	41	25	pt sunny
Greenville	38	21	pt sunny	Weatherford	39	22	pt sunny
Houston	60	37	sunny	Wichita Falls	37	21	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	25	cloudy	Minneapolis	10	-4	pt sunny
Boston	23	10	cloudy	New York	29	16	cloudy
Chicago	14	-3	sn shower	Phoenix	72	47	sunny
Dallas	39	23	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	50	sunny
Denver	20	4	sn shower	Seattle	53	45	rain
Houston	60	37	sunny	St. Louis	26	6	sn shower
Los Angeles	70	51	sunny	Washington, DC	35	24	sn shower
Miami	87	67	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1	Mon 3/2
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High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate

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Steers to face Clint in Fort Stockton

Big Spring Independent School District officials announced late Wednesday morning that the Big Spring High School boys' basketball team will face Clint in a Class 4A area round playoff game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Fort Stockton.

The Steers opened the basketball playoffs Tuesday night with a 68-65 victory over Bushland. See Page 7 for more on the game.

COUNCIL

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would hate to see that someone has already gone through the permitting process, then we change our minds," Mayor Larry McLellan said. "I'm in favor of leaving the property the way it is."

District 5 Councilman Raul Benavides was unmoved by that argument.

"Some responsibility has to fall on the homeowner," he said. "He knew what the zoning designation was for his property, and he took a gamble."

District 4 Councilman

Bobby McDonald was sympathetic to the owner's plight, but sided with Benavides.

"I just hate to penalize the person who owns this property," McDonald said. "On the other hand, I really don't see how we can allow this ... There's not an easy answer, is there?"

When the issue came to a vote, McLellan and District 1 Councilman Raul Marquez Jr. were in favor of the zoning change, while Boyd, Benavides and McDonald were joined by District 2 Councilwoman Carmen Harbour in voting against the measure.

With the council's action, the property owner must now bring the resi-

dence back into compliance with single-family regulations or seek remedy in the courts, Johnston said.

In other action Tuesday, the council approved:

- An audit of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and the minutes from the EDC board of director's latest meeting.

- The purchase of four patrol units for the local police department at a cost of slightly more than \$156,000.

- Advertising for bids for city-owned property at 707 Nolan St.

- An interlocal agreement with other communities for this year's seal coating project.

RACES

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"I had a lot of constituents contacting me, wanting me to run again," Harbour said. "I hadn't intended on running again ... but we're starting to build a better Big Spring, and I want to be part of that. I feel there's a lot we've accomplished, but there's a lot more to do, and I want to see this through."

In the first contested race in the county for this election cycle, Thomas Padilla filed to run for the District 2 race and will face Harbour in the May 9 election.

"I am retired and I thought maybe I can give back something to the community," Padilla said. "I've lived here most of my life and I think its time to do something."

The Stanton native moved to Big Spring when he was an elementary student and attended North Ward Elementary which was

renamed Bauer Elementary School while he was still attending the facility. He is a Big Spring High School graduate and served three active years in the U.S. Army and 21 years in the National Guard. After his active military service, Padilla returned once again to Big Spring and earned an associates of arts degree from Howard College. Then he spent the next 35 years as an employee for Ocor Electric. His is married to Maria, a cosmetology instructor at Howard College, and the couple have one son.

In the District 6 race, no one has stepped up to run for the position, including the incumbent, Marvin Boyd, who announced Tuesday night during the city council meeting he would not seek another term.

Paperwork to file as a candidate in the May 9 election can be picked up at City Hall, 310 Nolan St. Candidates do not have to live in the district they run to represent. For more information, call 264-2401.

City of Coahoma

Only two people in the Coahoma City Council race have filed for the three at-large positions up for election. Mayor Warren Wallace is seeking another term, as is Ronnie Dodson. City Councilman Jay Holt has not filed the necessary paperwork as of this morning.

The filing period continues until 5 p.m. at the Coahoma City Hall, 122 North First St., Coahoma.

As in the city elections, candidates for area school board trustees have been less than forthcoming.

Big Spring ISD

In the District 4 race, incumbent Tony Kennedy, the current board vice president, has filed to seek another term. He has served on the board since 2003. He has yet to receive a challenger.

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- In honor of Texas Independence Day, members of the Texas Nationalist Movement will read the Texas Declaration of Independence and William B. Travis' "Victory or Death" letter of appeal for the Alamo on the east lawn of the Howard County Courthouse by the War Monument. The event will be held Saturday, March 7, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Texas Independence Day is Monday, March 2.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

FIRE

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was thick as the firefighters worked to put out the fire. In all, three volunteer firefighter units, one Big Spring unit, and an ambulance answered the call.

"It's a total loss, 100 percent gone," said Dennis.

The Noggles said that they were not sure what started the fire, but Dennis said it looked as though the fire

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

- 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

started in the bathroom of the trailer where a space heater was being used, possibly to help keep the pipes from freezing.

"I just bought it six months ago. I got a great deal on it and everything worked," said Dennis.

The trailer was a 1979 gooseneck model.

It was later confirmed by Sullivan that the cause of the fire was indeed a space heater that was too close to combustible.

The only other official candidate is Maria Padilla, who has filed to seek her old position, District 2. The current representative for District 2 is Pat DeAnda, who has not filed to run for another term as of this morning.

Candidates interested in seeking a position must live in the district they wish to represent.

Forms to file can be picked up at the BSISD district's administration office, 708 E. 11th Place, and returned by Friday. For more information, contact the district's business office at 264-3620.

Coahoma ISD

Incumbent Brian Moore is the only one of the three at-large positions open this year who has filed to seek another

term. Jody Reid and Alan Wright have not as yet filed.

Anyone interested should pick up candidate filing forms at the CISD administration office, 600 N. Main, Coahoma. For more information, call Judy Dodds at 394-5000.

Forsan ISD

In the Forsan ISD race, incumbents Lewis Boeker, board vice-president, and Chris Olsen

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have filed paperwork to seek an additional term. Both seats are at-large positions. For more information, visit the FISD administration office at 411 W. 6th St., Forsan or call LaDonna Johnson at 457-2223, ext. 2

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Stanford Muse, 91, died Thursday. In state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Wednesday and Thursday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., March 2, 2015, at Lincoln Memorial Park in Dallas.

Lois Wright, 83, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMS DEPLOYMENT, AMS SURCHARGE, AND NON-STANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

On January 23, 2015, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) a Request for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees. The docket number and style of this application are Docket No. 44361, Sharyland Utilities, L.P.'s Request for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees.

Sharyland is seeking approval from the Commission for its AMS deployment plan pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.130 and the Commission's order in Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate, Docket No. 41474 (Jan. 23, 2014). Sharyland is also seeking approval of non-standard metering fees pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.133. Sharyland also requests approval of the AMS surcharges for recovery of the reasonable and necessary costs which Sharyland will incur under its deployment plan pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.130(k).

If approved, Sharyland's AMS surcharges will go into effect on July 1, 2015. The AMS surcharges will apply to electric service to residential customers and non-residential customers, other than those who have interval data recorder (IDR) meters or take unmetered service. The AMS surcharges will be billed to the retail electric providers (REPs) providing retail electric service to such customers in Sharyland's service areas. The costs recovered through the AMS surcharges will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission. Sharyland has proposed the following AMS surcharges:

Residential	\$3.17
Secondary Small	\$3.25
Secondary Large	\$4.60
Primary	\$3.52

Furthermore, P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.133 allows a customer to choose to receive electric service through a non-standard (non-advanced) meter and authorizes Sharyland to assess fees to recover the costs associated with providing the non-standard metering service from a customer who elects to have a non-standard meter. The following fees will only affect those customers that refuse installation of an advanced meter or any other retail customer who requests non-standard metering service:

Non-refundable, one-time up-front fees

Advanced meter with disabled communication:	\$114.95
Existing meter that meets applicable accuracy standards:	\$167.04
If commercially available, an analog meter that meets applicable meter accuracy standards:	\$190.12
Digital, non-communicating meter:	\$190.12

Recurring monthly fee

During amortization period:	\$39.91 per month
After amortization period:	\$23.24 per month

If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 44361, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland at (512) 721-2668.

A copy of the application is kept at Sharyland's office at 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, Texas 75201 and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Ave., Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 721-2700 (Telephone), (512) 721-2656 (Facsimile).

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is March 9, 2015, and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

—FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we learn to forgive as well as be forgiven.

Amen

How did we ever come to this?

Regardless whether you call yourself a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Tea Partier or any number of other political designations, surely you must be frustrated by what is happening in your country. It defies understanding how anyone can defend recent actions in Washington. How in the world has this happened? How have we reached such a place of weakness that the United States of America, the greatest bastion of freedom in the history of the world, is no longer respected and honored as a beacon of light penetrating the religious, social and political darkness around the world?

We have been on a slippery slope for years and apparently millions of Americans aren't going to wake up until it is absolutely too late. I am certainly not commenting on this present administration alone. For years, in all parties, there has been a steady decline in morality, decency, respectability and integrity. Factor in a total disregard for America's heritage and the foundational principles that have historically guided her, a shocking lack of respect for the Constitution and the legal system, a disdain for biblical righteousness in any form, and one has to believe the handwriting is on the wall. America is in serious trouble.

The leadership base in Washington recently has been a total insult to every decent American citizen, especially the millions who confess Christianity as their faith base. For example, the bizarre comments made by our President at the recent Prayer Breakfast are indefensible.

While he said some reasonably good things, the troubling part of this speech came with his poorly-timed and inequitable comparison of Middle-Age Christianity to modern, radical Islam. In a time when we need global leadership against the threat of ISIS, Obama chose to minimize ISIS' danger by generalizing them as a common threat, such as many religions have been. ISIS is a grave, conscienceless, brutal global threat to peace that the whole world should be concerned about.

In an attempt to deflect guilt

from Muslim madmen, President Obama said, "Lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ. In our home country, slavery and Jim Crow all too often was justified in the name of Christ."

Christian apologist and author, Ravi Zacharias' response is well stated, and is helpful in defending Obama's mischaracterization of Christianity.

"Citing the Crusades, he used the single most inflammatory word he could have with which to feed the insatiable rage of the extremists. That is exactly what they want to hear to feed their lunacy. In the Middle East, history never dies and words carry the weight of revenge."

The President's comparison was ludicrous and insulting to every decent God-fearing person on the planet. His comments were historically inaccurate and socially insulting. The Crusades were a defensive Christian reaction against Muslim madmen of the Middle Ages. Here is how Princeton scholar and Islamic expert Bernard Lewis states it: "The Crusade was a delayed response to the jihad, the holy war for Islam, and its purpose was to recover by war what had been lost by war — to free the holy places of Christendom and open them once again, without impediment, to Christian pilgrimage."

Regarding the other fable, the Inquisition, the Church saw heretics as lost sheep who needed to be brought back into the fold. By contrast, secular authorities saw heresy as treason; anyone who questioned royal authority, or who challenged the idea that kingship was God-given, was guilty of a capital offense. It was they — not the Church — who burned the heretics. Indeed, secular authorities blasted the Church for its weak role in the Inquisition.

According to St. Louis University and Crusade scholar Thomas Madden, "All the Crusades met the criteria of just wars." How many ISIS atrocities, Mr. President, have met the criteria of just wars? The ones where they buried people alive, stoned children, raped women, and crucified men? Moreover, according to Henry Kamen, the leading authority on the Inquisition, a total of 1,394 people were killed during the Inquisition. Today, Muslim madmen kill more than that in a few months.

If that event wasn't insulting enough, our President has now further embarrassed our nation by his disrespect for Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who will visit Washington in early March. After Netanyahu's visit was announced, Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State John Kerry announced they would be out of town while the Israeli leader is in Washington.

The Associated Press reported that the White House was seeking other "ways to undercut" Netanyahu's trip to the U.S. and was "doubling down on a cold-shoulder strategy" including sending top cabinet members out of the country when Netanyahu is in town and during the annual conference of the pro-Israel lobby the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, AIPAC.

Interestingly, Obama has time to meet with the leader of Qatar, a country long accused of supporting terrorism. The Israeli government has lambasted Qatar for supporting terrorism and for allowing Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal to use Qatar as his base. Former Israeli national security adviser Yaakov Amidror told the Times of Israel in July that Qatar continues to fund Hamas's terror infrastructure.

Besides the issue of terror financing, Qatar has offered moral and religious support for the most extreme interpretations of Islam. "U.S. officials say Qatar has now replaced its neighbor Saudi Arabia as the source of the largest private donations to the Islamic State and Al Qaeda affiliates," the Daily Beast reported.

Meanwhile, our President continues to defend terrorists and live in a fantasy world about how to combat extremists. Obama said the only way to combat radicalization is to challenge the view that Western values conflict with Islam.

Now the headlines are citing FBI reports and atheist authors claiming the religious right in America is a bigger threat than ISIS. Last time I checked, Christians weren't beheading people who don't believe the same as they do.

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

Eddy Prince is senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.

Clinton Inc. comes to Silicon Valley

On Tuesday, Hillary Clinton addressed the Watermark Silicon Valley

Conference for Women. The former first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state came to the Bay Area at a time when I hear more people, on the left and the right, cringing at the prospect of Clinton's heading the Democratic ticket next year — and, worse, squaring off against Jeb Bush in a Bush-Clinton rerun. To many, a Clinton nod has the grim inevitability of death and taxes.

Still, Clinton is a fit keynote speaker for a conference that boasts the theme "Lead On." According to a press release, the event "will feature one-of-a-kind discussions among thought leaders and industry experts about how women can rise to the top of their organizations; insight and expertise about navigating career and life transitions, and interactive sessions offering practical advice to help create and grow positive personal experiences outside the workplace." For even if she failed to win the White House in 2008, Clinton surely has crashed the glass ceiling.

It was less than a year ago that

Clinton complained that she and President Bill Clinton were "dead broke" when they left the White House in 2001. Now she is primed to serve as the Democrats' Mitt Romney.

Since 2001, the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation has raised close to \$2 billion. Last week, The Wall Street Journal reported that at least 60 companies that lobbied the State Department when she was secretary — including Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Wal-Mart — donated more than \$26 million to the foundation, as well as \$3.2 billion to philanthropic projects set up by the Clinton Global Initiative.

The Washington Post reported "substantial overlap between the Clinton political machinery and the foundation."

A third of donors that gave more than \$1 million are foreign governments.

As the Post reported, the role of interests in such countries as Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Argentina may spur questions about Clinton's independence should she become commander in chief. Last year, Politico reported, the foundation raised \$145 million while spending \$8.5 million on travel.

No one expects the Clintons to fly Southwest or live in a ranch house. Or even one house. But as The Wall Street Journal's Kimberley Strassel observed, "most family charities exist to allow

self-made Americans to disperse their good fortune to philanthropic causes. The Clinton Foundation exists to allow the nation's most powerful couple to use their not-so-subtle persuasion to exact global tribute for a fund that promotes the Clintons."

The foundation even sucks up money from state university trusts. When Hillary spoke to UCLA last year, she charged \$300,000 — payable to the foundation. When the school asked for a lower fee because it's a public university, The Washington Post discovered, Team Clinton explained that 300K was the "special university rate."

Mitt Romney got into the private sector to make money — and the left slammed him for it when he ran for the White House.

Do Democrats think voters are going to watch the Clintons living large but decide it's better when the Clintons cash in because they owe it all to public service?

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Forget your troubles, but don't forget your blessings

I think that one of the great treasures in life is being able to share the experiences you have with others. I have been given one of the greatest opportunities in the world in sharing by the pleasure of writing for the *Big Spring Herald*. I treasure the space I am given each week



DARRELL RYAN

and I hope I can always share things. Today, I would like to share something I came in contact with several years ago called the Summary of Life. No matter who you are, or where you are, you will find these truths to be self-evident and will conjure up a smile or two as you read them. As a child you learned the following: 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats. 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair. 3) If your sister hits you, don't

hit her back. They always catch the second person. 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato. 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food. 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair. 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time. 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap. Then, as we age we learn some other inter-

esting things: 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree. 2) Wrinkles don't hurt. 3) Families are like fudge, mostly sweet and with a few nuts. 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground. 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside. 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy. 7) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional. 8) Forget the health food. We need all the preservatives we can get. 9) When you fall down,

look for what else you can do while you're down there. 10) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions. 11) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician. 12) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone. Then comes the cycle for success that we learn as we grow older: 1) At age 4 success is not messing in your pants. 2) At age 12, success is having friends. 3) At age 17, success is having

a driver's license. 4) At age 35, success is having money. 5) At age 50, success is also having money. 6) At age 70, success is having a driver's license. 7) At age 75, success is having friends. 8) At age 80, success is not messing in your pants. And so goes life, but there is also something we should use as a constant: Don't forget the blessings we have each day. *Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for Big Spring Independent School District.*

Goat farmers, producers face increased demand for dairy

MADRID, Iowa (AP) — Buying two goats in August 2008 was little more than an experiment for farmer Paula Olson and some entertainment for her daughters. Six and a half years, 14 milking goats and roughly \$300,000 later, she's in the midst of constructing a small-scale creamery in Madrid, Iowa, that's set to feature goat milk, cheese, ice cream and more. And though her creamery isn't yet open, Olson said local businesses have begun inquiring about her products, prompting her to already consider expanding. Americans' growing taste for more unusual fare has contributed to a steady increase in demand for goat products in recent years, and producers across the country are trying to determine how to secure enough milk to give consumers what they want while continuing to develop their merchandise. The nation's dairy goat herd climbed 2 percent in the past year to 365,000 animals, but producers said their annual sales are rising even faster — up by 15 percent or more. In Iowa, the number of goat farms has climbed from less than 20 a decade ago to about 200, behind only Wisconsin and California. Sheep and goat milk accrued \$92.2 million in sales in 2012, accord-



2014, compared to 0.02 percent for goat milk, according to a statement from Dairy Management, Inc., which collects money from the nation's approximately 47,000 cattle dairy farmers for product promotion. Still, goat products serve a niche in the dairy market. Jennifer Bice, founder of Redwood Farms in Sebastopol, California, has been in the dairy goat business for 45 years and witnessed the changing industry. Besides an interest in traditional dairy alternatives, many people favor goat milk because they think it has a lower environmental impact, Bice said, attributing it to the fact that goats aren't factory-farmed like cattle and produce less manure. The increasing popularity of natural foods also has aided demand for products such as Redwood's goat milk yogurt. Bice's company, which complies with various organic standards, contracts with several grocery stores and restaurants that emphasize organics. As goat farmers continue to grapple with best methods and test new products, Bice said she expects interest to only grow. "I don't see any reason for it to stop," she said.

ing to the most recent figures available from the U.S. Agriculture Department's census, with combined sales about a third higher than in the previous 2007 census. Goat dairies remain a relatively new market, however, so those in the industry are trying out new techniques largely by trial and error. "It's not like the cow world," said Larry Hedrich, owner of LaClare Family Farm in Chilton, Wisconsin. "There aren't reams and reams of research available." Shelby Cornelius, president of the Iowa Dairy Goat Association,

said membership has doubled since he took over in 2013 as farmers search for guidance in how to get the most from their goats. The association has provided information on topics ranging from cheesemaking to artificial insemination, he said. Much of the new demand appears to be due to increased interest in artisan cheeses and populations that are more accustomed to goat milk, such as Hispanic and Jewish communities, Cornelius said. In much of the world, goat milk is more common than cow milk.

"As time goes on, goats won't surpass dairy cattle, but I think they're going to become more competitive," Cornelius said. Some believe goat milk has significantly greater health benefits than cow milk, but Leo Timms, a professor in Iowa State University's Department of Animal Science, said the two are quite similar. The most notable difference, he said, is that goat milk is naturally homogenized, meaning the fat globules in the liquid have already been broken up so they're digestible, whereas cow

milk homogenization must be simulated. Proteins in the milks also differ, so someone who is allergic to cow milk might be able to drink goat milk, though lactose is still present in goat's milk. Another distinguishing factor is in milk production — dairy cows produce about 20,000 more pounds of milk annually than goats. Cow milk accounted for nearly 95 percent of milk consumption in

Odds and ends

Massachusetts man selling, shipping snow from his yard
MANCHESTER-by-the-SEA, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man has found a way to profit from the several feet of snow in his yard: He's shipping it to people in warmer climates for the bargain price of \$89 for six pounds. Kyle Waring, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, got the idea while shoveling snow earlier this winter and launched ShipSnowYo.com. At first he shipped 16.9-ounce snow-filled bottles for \$19.99, but he found the snow melted by the time it arrived at its destination. So he came up with a new plan, selling six pounds at a time. He tells *The Boston Globe* even if the snow melts a little by the time it arrives, the package can still make 10 to 15 snowballs. He's also started offering 10-pound packages for \$119.

Hibernating pet tarantulas stolen from crawlspace of house
AUSTELL, Ga. (AP) — A metro Atlanta man told police a spider thief snuck into a crawlspace under his home and stole five of his 18 pet tarantulas. Austell police say they've issued an arrest warrant for a man accused of possessing the arachnids. Dwayne Melton tells WSB-TV the spiders live beneath his Austell home in individual containers, where they hibernate during the winter until spring arrives.

Sudoku Answer on Page 11

sudoku

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
It Works Like a Charm

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 10 7 4
♥ Q J 10
♦ 8 3
♣ K 8 2

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ 9 6 5 4 2
♦ Q 2
♣ Q 10 9 3

EAST
♠ 8
♥ K 7 3
♦ A J 10 7 5 4
♣ A J 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 5 2
♥ A 8
♦ K 9 6
♣ 7 5 4

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♦ 1♠ Pass
3♣ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.
Declarer can sometimes work out the location of all the missing high cards by taking advantage of knowledge gained from the bidding. Thus, East's opening one-diamond bid in today's deal pointed the way for South to make four spades.
West led the diamond queen to East's ace, and East returned the diamond jack to South's king. Declarer saw that, in addition to the diamond already lost, he might also lose a heart and three clubs if the cards were unfavorably located.
While it seemed likely that the heart finesse would win, by the same token it also seemed likely that East had the ace of clubs, in which case South was in danger of losing three club tricks.
Faced with this problem, South found a neat solution. He cashed the A-K of trumps, finessed the queen of hearts, led the jack of hearts to the ace and ruffed the nine of diamonds in dummy.
His preparations complete, declarer now led dummy's ten of hearts and discarded a club from his hand as East won the trick with the king.
This left East in a helpless position. If he returned a club, dummy's king would become declarer's 10th trick. And if he led a diamond instead, South would discard another club from his hand as he ruffed in dummy to also finish with 10 tricks.
Observe that it cost South nothing to discard a club on the ten of hearts since the club was a loser in any case. But the club discard had the incidental effect of endplaying East at the same time, and declarer reaped the rewards for his well-planned play.

Tomorrow: A crucial defensive decision.
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World news at a glance

Pressure centers on House GOP on Homeland Security funding bill with partial shutdown looming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days ahead of a looming partial agency shutdown, the pressure is on House Republicans after Senate GOP leaders agreed to Democratic demands and announced legislation to fund the Homeland Security Department without contentious immigration provisions opposed by Democrats and President Barack Obama.

Early reviews from House conservatives were negative ahead of a closed-door caucus meeting set for Wednesday morning, their first since returning from a weeklong congressional recess. Several insisted they could not accept the two-part strategy proposed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell: a vote on legislation to fund the Homeland Security Department, and a separate vote to overturn Obama's recent executive actions sparing millions of immigrants in this country illegally from deportation.

The approach "is tantamount to surrender, and won't meet with support in the people's House," said Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz. "I will fight against any funding bill that does not fully defund the president's illegal actions."

Yet with a partial shutdown set to trigger at midnight Friday without congressional action, options were few for Republicans who won full control of Congress in November's midterm elections in part on promises to block Obama's immigration policies.

They could allow the agency's funding to expire, violating their leaders' promises that there would be no more shutdowns on the GOP watch. They could try to pass a short-term extension of current funding levels, postponing the conflict to another day. Or they could go along with McConnell's strategy of funding the agency fully while registering their disapproval of Obama's immigration policies with a separate vote.

Utah CEO pushes justice overhaul, wins government contracts while fighting repeat offenses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The CEO of a Utah company that has emerged as a key player in a national movement to overhaul the justice system is a repeat offender himself.

Sean Hosman's dual roles as advocate for change and repeat visitor at county jails provide a striking case study in an expanding national effort to use insurance industry methods to help predict future crimes and steer defendants toward treatment.

His company, Assessments.com, has won 100 contracts with state and county governments from Florida to California. He has spoken at justice forums in Texas, Idaho and Washington state.

At the same time, Hosman has been arrested at least nine times since 2010, four for DUI and one for cocaine possession. Just like tens of thousands of defendants undergoing this process known as risk assessment, he has been booked, assessed, jailed and sent to rehab.

He said he has been clean since July 5, 2012, the date of his last DUI.

Fate of abducted Christians unclear as fierce fighting continues in northeastern Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Fierce fighting between Kurdish and Christian militiamen and Islamic State militants is continuing in northeastern Syria where the extremist group recently abducted at least 70 Christians.

Hassakeh province which borders Turkey and Iraq is the latest stage for the fight against IS. The group overran a cluster of villages nestled along the Khabur River on Monday, seizing dozens of Christians, many of them women and children.

Thousands of others fled to safer areas.

The fate of those kidnapped was still unclear Wednesday, two days after they were seized.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and a Christian group called the Syriac Military Council said heavy clashes against IS militants in the area are continuing.

Thailand's multibillion-dollar seafood industry plagued by pirates and slaves on high seas

SAMUT SAKHON, Thailand (AP) — Urine pools under a bed where an emaciated Burmese man lies wearing only a T-shirt and a diaper.

As he struggles to sit up and steady himself, he tears at his thick, dark hair in agitation. He cannot walk and doesn't remember his family or even his own name. He speaks mostly gibberish in broken Indonesian — a language he learned while working in the country as a slave aboard a Thai fishing boat.

Near death from a lack of proper food, he was rescued from a tiny island in Indonesia two months ago. He is just one of countless hidden casualties from the fishing industry in Thailand, the world's third-largest seafood exporter.

A report released Wednesday by the British nonprofit Environmental Justice Foundation said that overfishing and the use of illegal and undocumented trawlers have ravaged Thailand's marine ecosystems and depleted fish stocks. Boats are now catching about 85 percent less than what they brought in 50 years ago, making it "one of the

most overfished regions on the planet," the report said.

Shrinking fisheries in the Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea have, in turn, pushed Thai fishing boats farther and farther from home. The group estimates that up to half of all fish labeled a "product of Thailand" is sourced from outside its borders — mainly in Asia, but as far away as Africa.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard attacks mock US aircraft carrier in drill near strategic strait

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's Revolutionary Guard launched large-scale naval and air defense drills near a strategic Gulf waterway on Wednesday in which dozens of speedboats swarmed a replica of a U.S. aircraft carrier.

The drill, named Great Prophet 9, was held near the Strait of Hormuz, through which one fifth of the world's oil passes. Iran's regular army carried out naval drills near the strait in December.

State TV showed footage of missiles fired from the coast and the fast boats striking the mock U.S. aircraft carrier. The drills, which also included shooting down a drone and planting undersea mines, were the first to involve a replica of a U.S. carrier.

"American aircraft carriers are very big ammunition depots housing a lot of missiles, rockets, torpedoes and everything else," the Guard's navy chief, Adm. Ali Fadavi, said on state TV, adding that a direct hit by a missile could set off a large secondary explosion. Last month Fadavi said his force is capable of sinking American aircraft carriers in the event of war.

The Guard's chief commander, Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari, said the drills send a "message of (Iran's) might" to "extraterritorial powers," a reference to the United States.

Chicago Mayor Emanuel gears up for runoff for re-election against County Commissioner Garcia

CHICAGO (AP) — After failing to persuade a majority of Chicago voters to back his re-election bid, Mayor Rahm Emanuel could face an even stiffer challenge in April against a runoff opponent aiming to consolidate the support of residents unhappy with how the former White House chief of staff has managed the nation's third-largest city.

In a race Tuesday against four challengers, Emanuel discovered it wasn't enough to spend millions of dollars on TV ads, earn the backing of the city's business leaders, and secure the hometown endorsement of President Barack Obama. In order to keep the job, he'll need to win another race in six weeks against Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, a Cook County commissioner who claims the backing of teachers, unions and neighborhood residents

disillusioned with Emanuel.

Emanuel pledged to rev up campaigning immediately, starting Wednesday morning by shaking hands with residents at Chicago Transit Authority stops.

"We will get back out there, talking to our friends and families and neighbors as they make a critical choice about who has the strength, who has the leadership, who has the ideas to move this great city forward," Emanuel told supporters Tuesday evening.

But Garcia and his supporters said they'd be ready for another contest, with national groups poised to weigh in on the mayor's race.

As HSBC chiefs prepare testify in UK, questions over whether some banks too big to manage

LONDON (AP) — First there was money laundering. Then foreign-exchange rigging. Now tax evasion.

HSBC, Europe's biggest bank, has endured a string of scandals — and paid millions in penalties to regulators around the world. But recent revelations that its Swiss private bank helped the wealthy evade taxes are raising new questions about HSBC's conduct and shining a spotlight on an industry still reeling from the 2008 financial crisis.

Politicians and analysts are asking whether big banks, which during the crisis were considered to be too large to be allowed to fail without endangering the wider economy, have also become too big to manage.

"If they're too big to fail, they're too big to control," said Crawford Spence, a professor of accounting at Warwick Business School. "But are they too big to bludgeon into corporate responsibility?"



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Broussard leads Steers to upset of Bushland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

FRENSHIP – Big Spring High School head coach Ian Ritchey didn't get too excited when he saw his team light up the scoreboard with a barrage of three-pointers in the first quarter. Sooner or later, he figured, the Bushland Falcons would make a run of their own.

The key, he said, was surviving those runs by doing the little things.

Kei-Shawn Broussard and Will Green made sure the

Steers did both. Both knocked down a pair of free throws in the final 32 seconds of play on Tuesday afternoon and powered Big Spring to a 68-65 victory over the Bushland Falcons in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

"It (high school basketball) is a game of runs," said Ritchey. "We made ours and they made theirs. I just told them (his players) to stay focused. It (the Steers' hot start from three-point land) was great but you know it isn't going to last. We talked about

that. I told them right now they are falling, but don't fall in love with them."

What the Steers can fall in love with is the fact they are advancing to the second round of the state playoffs for the second season in a row. Big Spring, now 19-11, will face Clint in the area round. Clint defeated Monahans in overtime on Tuesday, 57-56.

Bushland, which had entered the bi-district round of the playoffs as the No. 1 seed from the District 1-4A race, wasn't prepared for the

Steers' hot start. Big Spring put the Falcons on their heels quickly by knocking down five three-point shots in the first eight minutes.

Broussard provided much of the electricity for the Steers in the first period. The junior guard knocked down three treys in the opening stanza and helped Big Spring race to a 19-15 edge.

Broussard heated up from the perimeter quickly. After Bushland had opened the game with a three-point shot, Broussard drained a pair

of long-distance bombs that helped BSHS tie the game at 6-6.

The rest of the Steers hit stride from there. Matt Yarns handed Big Spring its first lead minutes later when he notched the team's third straight try for a 9-8 lead.

After the Falcons had tied the game at 11-11, Broussard served up his third three-pointer of the game and spearheaded an 8-4 run over the final 3 minutes of the first quarter.

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Dreams are still alive!

Hawks move within reach of WJCAC title with over NMJC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

With 12 seconds left on the game clock, Howard College guard Rob Grey thought about tossing up a last-second three-point shot in hopes of giving his team a final shot at win.

Then, with about 8 seconds left, he remembered something Scott Raines had been preaching to him for the past two years – 'take what the defense gives you.'

Gray's memory proved to be huge for Howard College. Like WJCAC-title huge.

After forgetting his plan to loft up a three, Gray faked to his right and then stepped to the right of a defender and drained a 15-foot jumper that propelled the Hawks to a thrilling 62-60 victory over the New Mexico Junior College

Thunderbirds in front of a large, raucous crowd in Hobbs, N.M.

"I was going to shoot a three because he was on his heels," said Gray of his last-second decision. "I remembered something coach has been telling me for two years that to take the shot I want not what the defense was giving me. When I started, he gave a little and I just stepped up and took it."

Gray's basket, which came with 5 seconds left in regulation, helped Howard College head into Thursday's regular-season finale against Western Texas College with a chance to win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title.

With the victory, the Hawks improved to 21-7 for the season and, more importantly, remained

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College sophomore Travis Charles shoots over a defender during a Hawks' game. Charles and the HC men improved to 11-2 in WJCAC play on Thursday with a 62-60 win over New Mexico Junior College.

Win over NMJC sets up great finish for HC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Hollywood script-writers couldn't have dreamed up a better finish for the Howard College Hawks than what they will face on Thursday night in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks, thanks to a clutch win over New Mexico Junior College, can claim at least a share of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference crown at home in front of a large Homecoming crowd on Sophomore Night.

The finish hasn't been lost on the Hawks.

"We have a chance to play for a conference championship at home at home on Homecoming night," said HC head coach Scott Raines. "You can't ask for more than that."

With a win over Western Texas on Thursday, the Hawks will assure themselves of at least a share of the WJCAC crown. Howard College heads into the finale tied for the conference lead with South Plains.

A win by Howard combined with a loss by the Texans to Odessa College, would give HC the outright title and send the Hawks into the upcoming Region V Tournament as the WJCAC's No. 1 seed. The Region V tournament begins March 4 in Brownwood.

HC women fall to NMJC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds reeled off a 46-22 run in the final 20 minutes of play on Tuesday and raced to a 77-44 come-from-behind win over the Howard College Lady Hawks in Hobbs, N.M.

With the victory, the NMJC women ran their season record to 25-2.

Howard College fell to 9-20 and to 2-11 in WJCAC play.

The Lady Hawks, who have won three of their last five games, got off to a hot start. HC outscored NMJC by a 20-13 clip in the first 15 minutes of play before self-destructing. The Lady Hawks committed 20 turnovers in the contest.

Rosemary Rits led all HC scorers with 11 points.

Hurricanes' Avarielle Nuno shines at West Texas C championships

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Avarielle Nuno turned in a stellar effort this past weekend en route to turning more than a few heads at the West Texas C Championships in Midland.

Nuno placed in all five each event she competed in at the meet, which was held Feb. 21.

"Avarielle has worked hard the past three years to get to the point she is at now," said Hurricanes' coach Randall Shaw. "Her swimming technique has improved tremendously over the past couple of months. It's a matter of fine tuning

the little details that make a big difference at this point."

She finished third in the 9-10 division's 100-yard Backstroke race with a time of 1 minute, 43.10 seconds. She also placed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 100-yard IM event. She also took seventh in the girls' 50-yard fly standing, and 12th in the 50-yard Breaststroke.

In the 100-yard breaststroke race, Nuno posted a time of 2:10.79 and finished less than 22 seconds off the winning time. Her mark in the 100-yard IM was 1:49.15 – less than 11 seconds behind winner Har-

ny Platt of Midland.

Shaw said the 10-year-old standout is not new to the swimming, and has been on the rise for a while. As a 10-year-old, she is capable of posting times and doing workouts closely comparable to the freshman swimmers on the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' roster.

"She already has an immense amount of talent and a great deal of potential for the future," Shaw said.

Nuno will join eight other team members this Saturday to compete at the Andrews 6th Grade-and Under Invitational.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring YMCA Hurricanes' star Avarielle Nuno (on stand) placed in five events on Saturday at the West Texas C Championships in Midland. The 10-year-old will be swimming in the sixth Grade-and-Under Invitational in Andrews this weekend.

Weather forces meets to be scratched

Old Man Winter continued to take its toll on the area's sporting schedules on Wednesday morning. With forecasts of cold and rainy weather, Big Spring and Forsan school officials announced changes to their scheduled.

In Forsan, the junior varsity tennis tournament scheduled for Thursday was cancelled. The varsity meet was moved to Tuesday to avoid pending weather concerns.

On Wednesday morning, the Lady Steers' varsity golf outing in Seminole was cancelled due to weather conditions. The tournament was set to start on Thursday.

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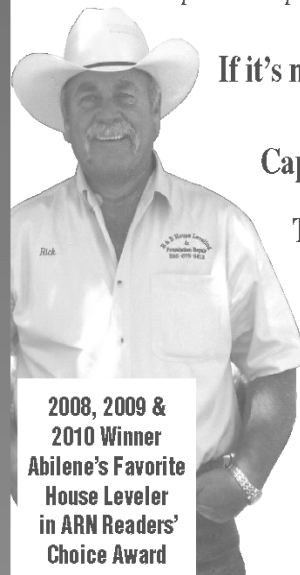
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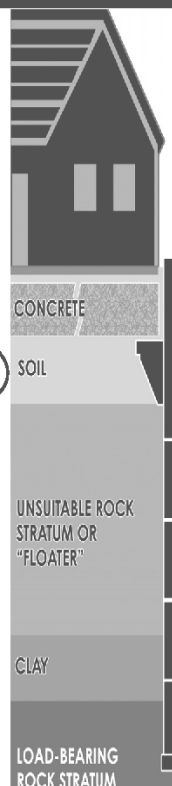
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Gemini Moon Life Hack

The Gemini moon suggests a life hack. When you ask for a response and none is forthcoming, you can take that as your new response.



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Instead of waiting around for answers, assume it means "no," move on, explore new options, be a happy traveler. With Mars so auspiciously angling Saturn, you'll be glad for the shortcut to brighter horizons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What does it matter that others have had greater challenges than you in life? It doesn't change the fact that your challenges, whatever size they may be, exist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Opportunity will knock in the morning, and if you don't answer, it disproves the cliché by coming back at lunchtime and again in the evening. Opportunity just really wants to connect with

Legals

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT PERMIT NO. WQ0001768000

APPLICATION. ALON USA, LP, P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79721, which owns a petroleum refinery, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0001768000 (EPA I.D. No. TX0104515) to authorize sanitary wastewater as a wastestream contributing to Outfall 101. The facility is located at 200 Refinery Road, Big Spring, in Howard County, Texas 79720. TCEQ received this application on December 18, 2014. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.
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ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

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Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/com-ments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from ALON USA, LP at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Miguel Martinez, Senior Environmental Engineer, at (432) 232-9354. Issuance Date: February 17, 2015
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Dear Annie: One of my classmates has Asperger syndrome. He often says and does things that are obnoxious and sometimes downright threatening. I understand that his behavior is a result of his Asperger's, but it doesn't make it any easier to deal with. When I ask my friends what to do, they say it's not his fault and I should just leave it alone.

But, Annie, he frequently talks loudly over instructions so no one else can hear, and last week he fell on the floor screaming in front of visiting professionals. I want to be able to help him change his behavior without making it seem as though I'm blaming him for it. How do I respectfully tell him what is and isn't appropriate? -- Worn Out

Dear Worn Out: Asperger syndrome is considered part of the autism spectrum. Those diagnosed generally have poor communication and socialization skills, although they are often of above-average intelligence. Appropriate behavior can be taught, but it helps to have early intervention and to work with trained professionals. We know your classmate's behavior is distressing to you and that you are trying to handle this with kindness. If you truly want to learn more about

what you can and cannot do to help, please contact MAAP Services for Autism, Asperger Syndrome and PDD (aspergersyndrome.org), the Autism Society (autism-society.org) or Autism Speaks (autismspeaks.org).

Dear Annie: I am divorced and have been dating a younger guy for three years. At the moment, "Cliff" doesn't have a stable job and constantly complains that he has no money. But he has a nice place and car (with his parents' help) and enough cash to buy food, etc.

I will be moving into a new condo with money from the sale of my house and some help from my parents. I work part time and don't make a lot, but I manage OK. Many people I know are having a hard time right now, but Cliff thinks he is the only one. How can I ask him to stop complaining about his financial state? -- A.

Dear A.: People who are having financial difficulties rarely are consoled by hearing about how much tougher it is for someone else. Cliff is focused on his own problems, and the constant complaining ensures that you will focus on him, as well. If this is the only thing about Cliff that bothers you, simply ignore his complaints and sympathize when you feel up to it.

Dear Annie: I am an RN who worked in long-term care for many years. We had mandatory sensitivity training of staff toward seniors. It is not only patronizing, but also belittling to any adult to address them as "honey" or "sweetheart" or anything other than their given name. Our staff

was taught to address them with respect and ask what they wish to be called.

I recently retired and my hair is turning gray, and I suddenly find servers and customer service people calling me "honey." We seem to treat anyone past a certain age as a child instead of with the respect they deserve. When someone uses such patronizing terms with me, I smile and say, "My name is not 'Honey.' It is Joan." If they are receptive, I explain why it is disrespectful to address an adult in this manner. I do this in a kind way and consider it a mini-sensitivity training session.

If people find it too difficult to confront waitstaff and others who are patronizing them, they can carry a copy of this column with them and leave it with the tip on the table. -- Don't Call Me Honey Unless You Are My Husband

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your welcoming attitude will attract both good and bad, so you might want to add a screen to that open-door policy. In other words, you're better off employing a certain amount of psychic protection.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Maybe you felt like "less" right after certain events, but feelings can lie, too. The truth is that you are more because of what has happened to you in your life, and you'll continue to build on your experiences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are loving and caring and creative. It doesn't mean you have to embrace everyone and everything. When you're not feeling it, just walk away so you can find something you are "feeling."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a point at which your brain gets tired of working on a problem. You'll be tempted to work beyond that point in the name of being a productive

person, but doing so would in actuality be counterproductive, so just stop!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Grocery merchandisers put the milk in the back of the store so you'll first have to pass a number of enticing items that aren't on your list. You'll use this principle to your benefit today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Right after you resolve not to accidentally embarrass yourself (like the last time), you'll learn that the last time was actually quite effective. Your offbeat instincts may be in perfect rhythm, after all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the physical world, two objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time. In the emotional world, it feels possible. Maybe it is, maybe not. It's something you'll work on, though.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's missing from a transaction is your personal touch. Add that to the logic and

balance of it, and things will swing in a direction that is best for all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many explorers have been wrongly credited with discovering new lands. It's not a discovery if there are already people there. This is a time to be very careful and respectful about making claims.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a team, and things will work better when you first make sure that they are all on the same page. When everyone is working together, you'll turn out a result that's a source of pride for all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25). This year you work fast so you can play slow and lavish your loved ones with the attention and affection that makes you feel so fulfilled to give. A discovery in March will help you determine where to go with your career. Your values change to support lifestyle improvements in June. Travel is featured in August. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are:

1, 4, 44, 39 and 17.

PLANET DANCE: There are weeks when the cosmic calendar seems to march on like a wizened old tortoise, intent but almost painful to witness: 90 percent anticipation to 10 percent progress. Not this week. This week the calendar is like a fast-paced square dance. The planets swing their partners and do-si-do forming a variety of different angles and with the requisite music for stomping and clapping along.

Sunday brought the conjunction of Mars and Venus that set a powerful tone and an alliance of male and female energy. This is creative stuff. Monday threw a sun and Saturn challenge into the mix, which served as an obstacle or at least a reason to pause and consider how our life choices are lining up with our belief systems. Monday got Venus into the dance with Saturn. A little love solved problems, at least temporarily. And that brings us to today. Now Mars plays assistant to the Saturn situation, adding enthusiasm and a fighting spirit to the mix,

and to make matters even more interesting, the Sun and Neptune form a conjunction in Pisces to call on unseen forces to save the day. For many, this week is playing out like a fast-paced adventure flick!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sean Astin has a slew of new projects coming out in 2015, including "Bad Kids Go 2 Hell," in which he co-stars with his daughter, Ali Astin. Show business runs in this family's bloodline. Astin's sun and moon in sensitive Pisces proclaims an intuitive approach to his life and work. Three strong Sagittarian planets indicates that the exploration of new worlds is lucky for him in life and art.

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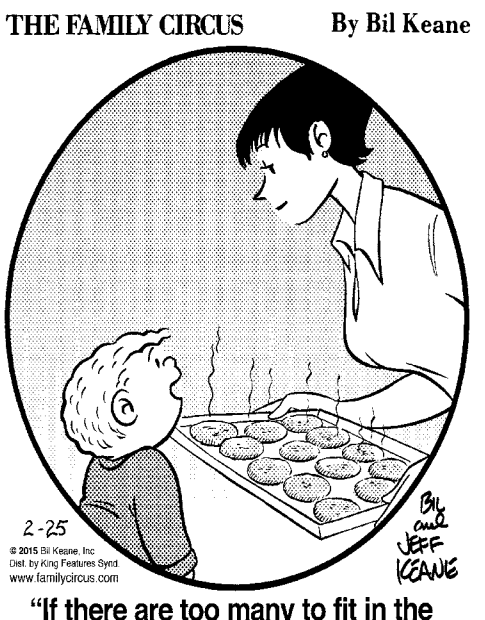
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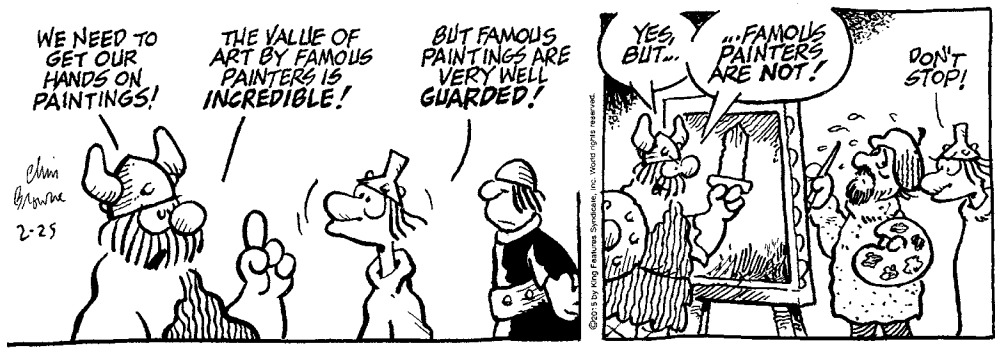
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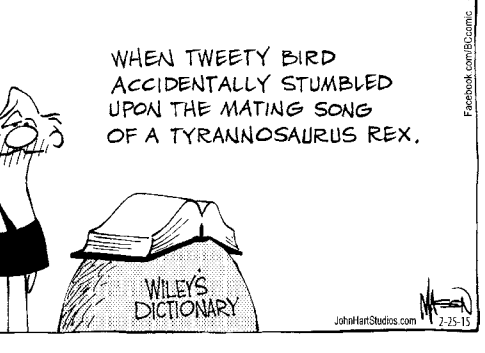
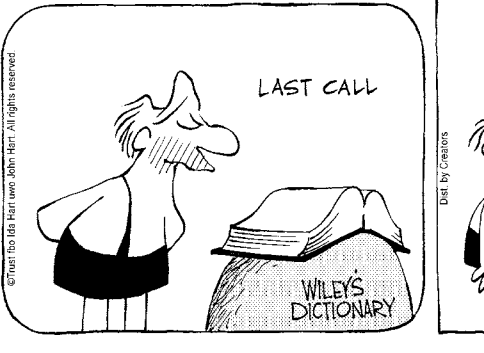
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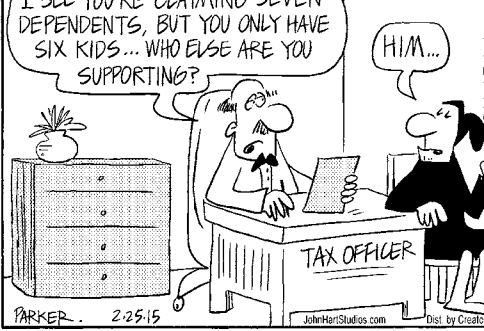
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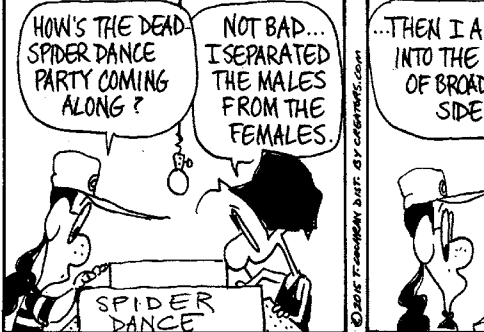
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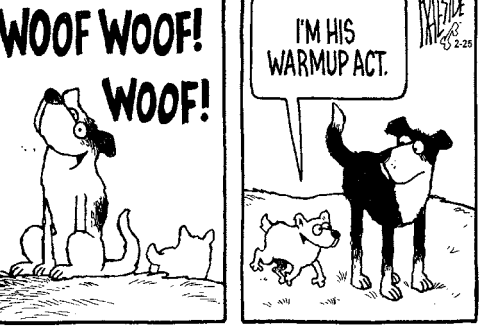
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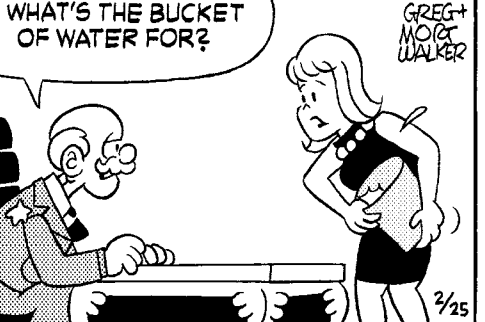
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2015. There are 309 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1940, a National Hockey League game was televised for the first time by New York City station W2XBS as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 6-2, at Madison Square Garden. On this date: In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver. In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan. In 1905, the Upton

Sinclair novel "The Jungle" was first published in serial form by the Appeal to Reason newspaper. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox. In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles (vehr-SY'). In 1943, Allied troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass after clashing with German troops during World War II. In 1950, "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca,

Carl Reiner and Howard Morris, debuted on NBC-TV. In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board. Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

Answer to previous puzzle: SPAR TAPS RESTS, TUBA HIRE AWARE, ATOP IRON VENUE, GOUPIN SMOKE GEM, ENTERS RIND, RAKES TOOTED, EST IDEA UNITE, BLOWING OFFSTEAM, BEGIN EURO SLO, SWATAT LORDS, SHOE SEANCE, ACE UNDERACLOUD, LONER IMOK SIRE, PAVET TIME ASSN, SLYLVY STAN SEES

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STEERS

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the season at 17-12, managed to get its game untracked in the second. Using a huge size advantage inside with 6-foot-8 forward Josh Richardson, the Falcons put together an 18-13 run in the frame and took a slim 33-32 lead into the half.

Richardson pushed home a basket with just under 2 minutes left that helped the Falcons erase the Steers' early advantage and tie the game at 30-30.

Tate Smalligan tacked on two free throws in the closing seconds to help Bushland gain the upper hand.

Smalligan took control of the game for Bushland in the third. He poured in 13 of his game-high 23 points in the first eight minutes of the second half.

With Smalligan scoring almost at will, Bushland dominated the first five minutes of the third. The Falcons posted a 17-7 run in that span and

built an 11-point lead, at 50-39.

Bryan refused to let the Steers' fade away. The 6-foot-4 senior ignited a 6-1 spree late in the third that cut the Falcons' lead to five, at 51-46, by hitting four straight free throws. Dee Parker came off the bench to hit a shot to complete the run.

Bryan closed out the contest with 18 points.

Big Spring went into the fourth quarter down 53-48.

Bushland control of the contest evaporated quickly in the final frame. Sealy and Parker - thanks to two key rebounds by Tobyn Tannehill - pushed in the first baskets of the fourth and pulled Big Spring to within one, at 53-52.

Moments later, Sealy hit the back end of a two-shot opportunity from the free throw line that completed the Steers' 11-point rally and knotted the score at 55-55 with 4:12 left in regulation.

Sealy, who was limited to just one basket in the

2-4A teams sweep bi-district matchups

The Big Spring Spring Steers wasn't the only District 2-4A team leaving the court with a smile on Tuesday. All four district playoff representatives won their contests.

District 2-4A champion Lubbock Estacado dispatched Perryton by a 58-44 margin in their bi-district

round matchup. Lamesa and Leveland also posted wins. Lamesa defeated Pampana, 71-60, while Leveland claimed a 79-72 in over Borger.

Lamesa's second-round game will be against Andrews on Friday night, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

first half, played a huge role down the stretch for BSHS. He scored eight of his nine points in the final 16 minutes.

Broussard gave Big Spring a huge lift from there. He knocked down his fourth and fifth three-point shots of the contest within a 41-second span and staked the Steers to a 58-57 advantage 2:59 remaining.

Big Spring, which played much of the second half without Yanez, finished off the win by hitting seven of their

nine free throw attempts in down the stretch.

Yanez, who finished the game with 11 points, was forced to the bench midway through the third quarter after being whistled for a foul and a technical.

Parker, along with Eric Ortega and Colton Knudson, gave the Steers solid play off the bench. The 6-foot-3 senior pumped in six points, four of which came in the decisive second-half push.

WJCAC Standings

Men

Team	Conf.	Overall
South Plains	12-3	22-6
Howard	12-3	21-7
New Mexico JC	10-5	21-8
NMMI	9-6	15-10
Odessa	8-7	20-8
Midland	7-9	17-13
Frank Phillips ...	5-10	16-13
Western Texas.	3-12	12-15
Clarendon	2-13	5-23

Tuesday's Games - Howard 68, NMJC 65; South Plains 98, Midland 67; Frank Phillips 72, Western Texas 69 (Monday).

Thursday's Games - Western Texas at Howard, NMJC at Clarendon, NMMI at Frank Phillips, South Plains at Odessa.

and Rob made it happen," said Raines. "He just stuck it."

Gray finished the contest with a game-high 26 points. He also led the team with five assists.

Wilson, in a rare starting role, finished the game with four points and six clutch rebounds. Sam Finley and Travis Charles also played well for the Hawks. Finley finished the game with 10 points, while Charles chipped in seven.

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tied with South Plains College for the WJCAC lead heading into the season finale.

New Mexico fell to 21-7 overall and to 10-5 in conference.

Howard College, which dropped its home game with NMJC earlier this year, played near perfection in the first half. The Hawks committed just three turnovers in the first 20 minutes and, following a 7-0 start, raced to an 11-point lead, at 32-21, in the opening half.

The Thunderbirds, who shot 22-for-64 from the field against a tenacious HC defense, rallied back in the second. NMJC opened the second with a 29-17 run and grabbed a 50-49 advantage with 6:16 left in the contest.

The Hawks, who also benefitted from a solid outing from Henry Wilson, rallied back to tie the game at 60-60 with less than a minute to play to set up Gray's game-winner.

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