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Coahoma teen fights for life after accident

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

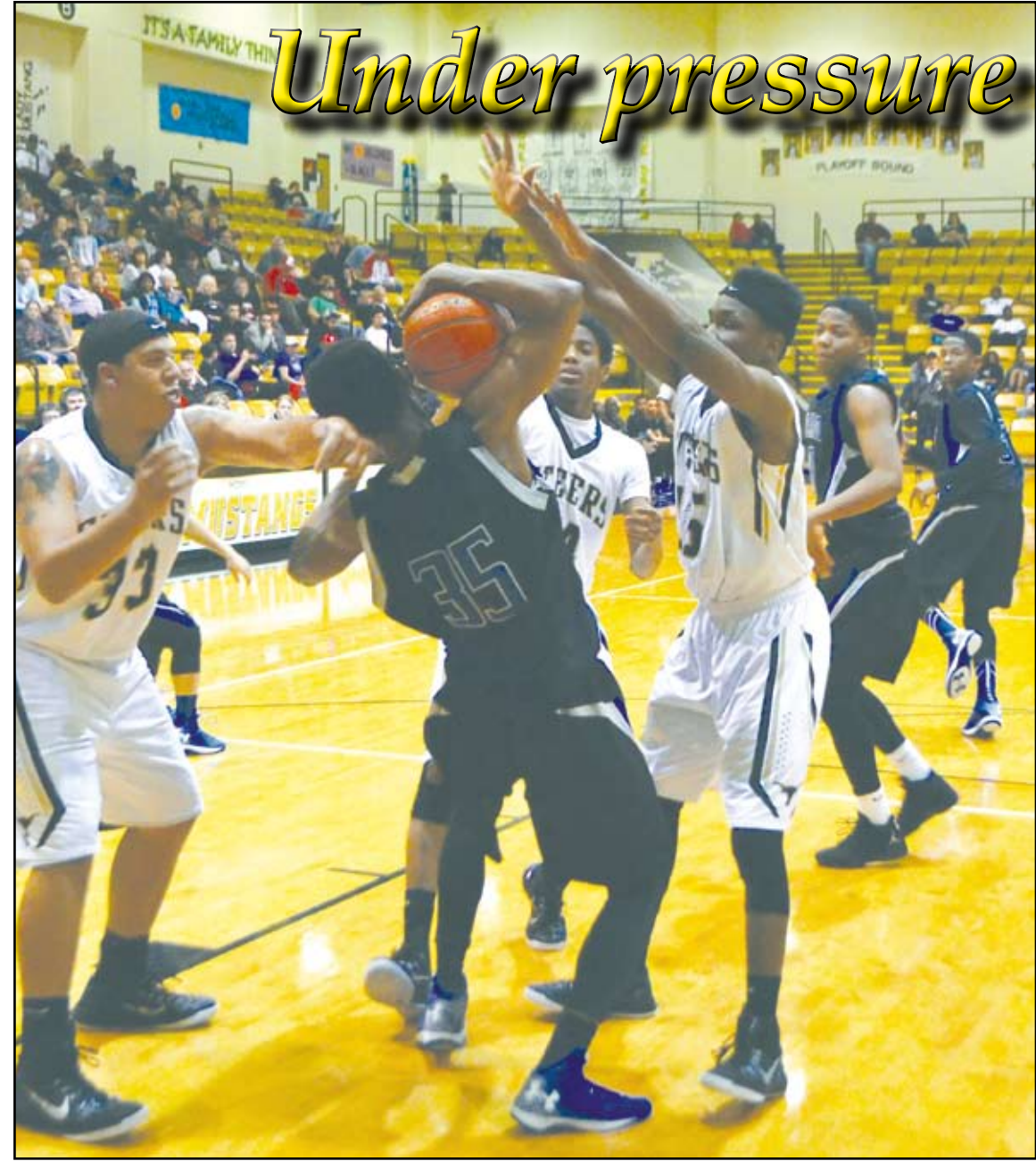
Coahoma



Parrish

An 18-year-old High School student continues to fight for his life at a Midland hospital after sustaining serious injuries in a sledding accident on Friday. "At this time his condition changes day to day," said Candy Parrish, the mother of the injured Garrett Parrish. "We continue to ask for the amazing prayer, and we just cannot say enough about the surrounding communities and their support. I feel sorry for people who don't live where we live because I'm pretty sure West Texas has the most amazing people in the world." Parrish was hurt Friday

while sledding with friends in Big Spring off an I-20 overpass hill at FM 700. He and his friends were taking advantage of the heavy snowfall that day. "When I turned around and saw him on the ground, and saw that he was kind of unconscious, we called an ambulance and his parents, and we knew it was serious," Parrish's longtime friend Fisher Williams told CBS 7 News. Parrish sustained a spinal cord injury and a broken neck and was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. A fund to help the family with medical expenses has been set up at Western Bank under the name "Garrett Parrish Fund." According to News West 9, the Coahoma High School student council is holding another fund-raiser by selling bracelets to the public.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
 Big Spring Steers Ty Sealy, left, Will Green, center and Dee Parker apply defensive pressure to a Lubbock Estacado player during their Class 4A regional quarterfinal playoff game Tuesday in Andrews. Additional photo and story, Page 8.

BSISD student hurt in Tuesday incident

Herald Staff Report

An elementary school student was injured in an accident Tuesday morning, according to a Big Spring ISD press release. Emergency personnel were called out to Moss Elementary around 9 a.m. Tuesday in response to an injured child. "The student was transported by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was stabilized by the emergency room staff," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD public relations coordinator. "The Big Spring ISD's thoughts and prayers are with the student, the student's family, and the Moss Elementary staff and students." Further information about the incident was unavailable.

Kiwanis Club pancake feast set for March 13 at college

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

For more than 60 years, people have been flipping for the Kiwanis Club's flapjacks. The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring's annual Pancake Supper, the club's major fundraiser of the year, is expected to draw hundreds to Howard College's cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 13.

For \$6, attendees can eat their fill of pancakes, bacon and sausage. Tickets will be available at the door or through any club member. Money raised from the supper will be used to benefit youth-oriented service projects in Big Spring, such as the Westside Daycare

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DPS offers Spring Break safety tips

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to drive responsibly and to take extra precautions as they make travel plans during Spring Break. "With students and families out of school and off work, the weeks during Spring Break can result in an influx of traffic on Texas roadways," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS urges all drivers to do their part to help keep the roads safe for all travelers by adhering to safe driving practices and always driving sober." DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.



- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.
 - Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.
 - Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
 - Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
 - Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
 - Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.
- DPS also urges Texans to avoid travel to Mexico. The Mexican government has

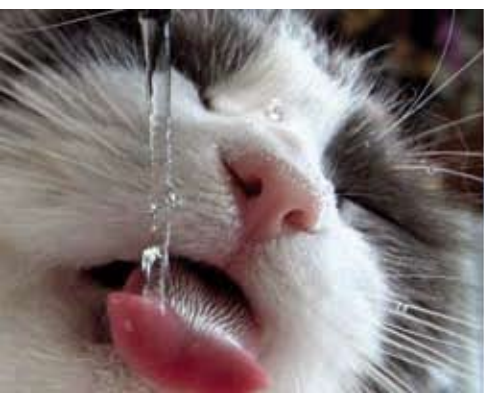
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Seliger files bill to enhance teacher training

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Tuesday, State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) filed Senate Bills 892 and 893 - two bills that will enhance the preparation, readiness and effectiveness of teachers. SB 892 recognizes that high-quality educator preparation programs are of critical importance in balancing teacher shortages with teacher preparation. This bill implements an innovative policy of averaging the grade point average requirement across an entire class of teacher candidates, allowing maximum flexibility for admissions decisions.

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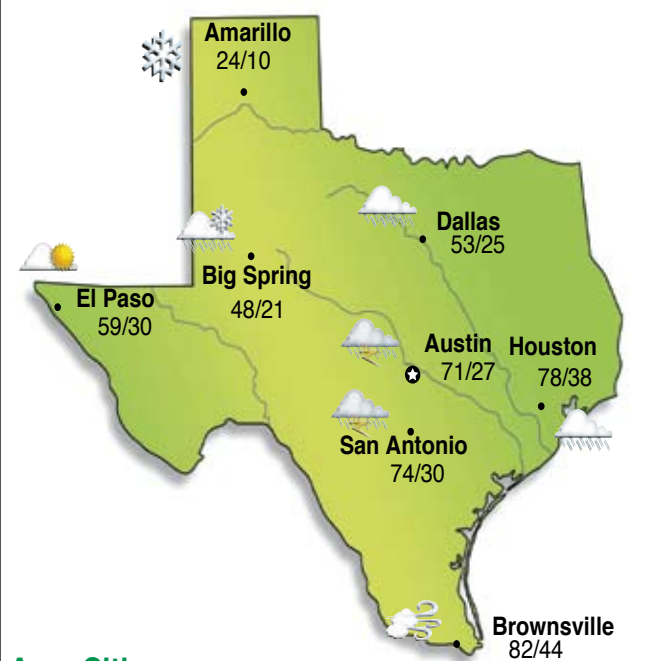
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 3/5	Fri 3/6	Sat 3/7	Sun 3/8	Mon 3/9
48/21 Rain showers in the morning changing to freezing rain in the afternoon.	43/24 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	54/29 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	59/35 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	65/38 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	47	20	frz rain	Kingsville	87	37	pt sunny
Amarillo	24	10	snow	Livingston	71	33	t-storm
Austin	71	27	t-storm	Longview	60	26	rain
Beaumont	77	35	cloudy	Lubbock	37	16	mixed
Brownsville	82	44	windy	Lufkin	74	32	t-storm
Brownwood	57	21	rain	Midland	54	22	rain
Corpus Christi	69	35	pt sunny	Raymondville	86	41	sunny
Corsicana	59	26	rain	Rosenberg	76	35	rain
Dallas	53	25	rain	San Antonio	74	30	t-storm
Del Rio	77	31	t-storm	San Marcos	72	29	t-storm
El Paso	59	30	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	51	25	rain
Fort Stockton	58	23	rain	Sweetwater	45	19	frz rain
Gainesville	43	21	frz rain	Tyler	59	27	rain
Greenville	50	24	rain	Weatherford	49	23	rain
Houston	78	38	rain	Wichita Falls	38	18	mixed

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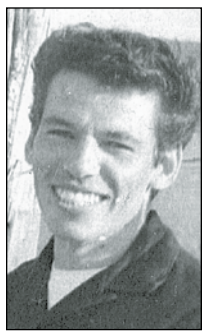
City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	61	cloudy	Minneapolis	11	-6	mst sunny
Boston	42	30	cloudy	New York	44	31	rain
Chicago	19	0	mst sunny	Phoenix	65	42	mst sunny
Dallas	53	25	rain	San Francisco	67	48	sunny
Denver	21	3	sn shower	Seattle	55	36	mst sunny
Houston	78	38	rain	St. Louis	25	10	cloudy
Los Angeles	68	47	sunny	Washington, DC	49	36	rain
Miami	82	72	pt sunny				

Michael B. Smolko

Michael B. Smolko, beloved dad and grandpa, passed away March 1, 2015. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring with Eddy Pitchford officiating. He was born in Jessup, Penn. May 27, 1929, to Michael G. Smolko and Catherine Hodorovich. During his 20-year career in the United States Air Force, he was stationed at Webb AFB, where he met and married the former Doris Morrison. Survived by a brother, Joseph, and sister, Eliza-

Reynaldo 'Ray' Uribe

Reynaldo "Ray" Uribe, 76, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 1, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. He was born June 13, 1938, in Laredo, Texas to Beatrice and Ramon Uribe. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked at Montgomery Ward in the tire department and in the shop. He married Cruz Juarez on Dec. 10, 1968 in Big Spring and has been a lifetime resident of



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Andrew Earl Prince

Andrew Earl Prince, 71, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, in a Midland hospital. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Scott Jiminez, officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. He was born Aug. 17, 1943, at Fort Benning, Ga. and married Judith Merriott Dec. 27, 1964, in Stamford, Texas. She preceded him in death May 27, 2009.

Andrew was born to an Army family and lived at several military bases, graduating from Frank-

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- LIZA LEIGH OVALLE, 30, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested on warrants for obstruction or retaliation, driving while license invalid, failure to appear and for three warrants from another agency.
- DAVID LYNN DOW,

31, of 1302 Tucson Street was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance, less than 1 gram; and public intoxication.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Third and Main streets.
- HARRASSMENT was reported in the 700 block of S. Aylesford.

The Howard County

Obituaries

beth, he was the oldest of six children. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Eugene, and one sister, Mary. Michael is also survived by his three children, Susan Hinton, Janet Paige and Michael Smolko III, his son-in-law, Rodney Paige, and his three grandchildren, Nolan and Callie Paige and Lacey Hinton.

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

Big Spring. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Cruz Uribe of Big Spring; one daughter, Belinda Uribe and one son, Ray Uribe, both of Big Spring; three brothers, Arnold Uribe and wife, Libby, and George "Chato" Uribe, all of Big Spring, and David Uribe and wife, Mary, of Midland; five sisters, Lilia Uribe and Hilda "Trudy" Uribe, both of Big Spring, Rene Nieves of Fort Worth, Irma Uribe of San Diego, Calif., and Rose Calderon and husband Jesse of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Lucy Uribe and one brother, Albert Uribe.

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

furt High School in Frankfurt, Germany in 1960. He graduated from the University of Mississippi at Oxford and was involved with the ROTC. Andrew served in the United States Army 36 years, retiring as a colonel. He came to Big Spring in 1979 and worked at several hospitals in this area before going to work at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center in 2003, retiring in 2014.

He is survived by one son, Scott Prince of Big Spring; one daughter, Julianna Horton and husband, Thomas of Odessa; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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Police blotter

Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.
- FRANCISCO CORREA-MONTALVO, 50, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana.
- ISREAL LANDA, 28, was booked by the HCSO

on a warrant for motion for enforcement.

- LIZA LEIGH GARFIAS RIOS, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for issuance of a bad check; theft of property, more than \$20 but less than \$500 by check, (two counts); failure to appear; and a charge of obstruction or retaliation on driving while license invalid.

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.

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News in brief

Different views of Boston Marathon bombing suspect to be described during death penalty trial

BOSTON (AP) — Two dramatically different portraits of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev are expected to emerge when prosecutors and Tsarnaev's lawyers give their opening statements at his federal death penalty trial.

Was he a submissive, adoring younger brother who only followed directions given by his older, radicalized brother? Or was he a willing, active participant in the attacks?

The trial that begins Wednesday is expected to be one of the most closely watched terror cases in years.

Tsarnaev's lawyers have made it clear they will try to show that at the time of the bombings, Tsarnaev, then 19, looked up to his older brother, Ta-

merlan, 26, and was heavily influenced by him. They plan to portray Tamerlan as the mastermind of the attack.

He died following a shootout with police days after the bombings.

But prosecutors say Dzhokhar was an equal participant who acted of his own free will. He faces 30 charges in the bombings and the fatal shooting days later of a police officer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Seventeen of the charges carry the possibility of the death penalty.

Hillary Clinton ran homebrew computer system for official emails, tracing back to NY estate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The computer server that transmitted and received Hillary Clinton's emails — on a private account she used exclusively for official business when she was secretary of state — traced back to an Internet service registered to her family's home in Chappaqua, New York, according to Internet records reviewed by The Associated Press.

The highly unusual practice of a Cabinet-level official physically running her own email would have given Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential candidate, impressive control over limiting access to her message archives.

It also would distinguish Clinton's secretive email practices as far more sophisticated than some politicians, including Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin, who were caught conducting official business using free email services operated by Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc.

Most Internet users rely on professional outside companies, such as Google Inc. or their own employers, for the behind-the-scenes complexities of

managing their email communications.

Government employees generally use servers run by federal agencies where they work.

In most cases, individuals who operate their own email servers are technical experts or users so concerned about issues of privacy and surveillance they take matters into their own hands.

Clinton has not described her motivation for using a private email account — hdr22(at)clintonemail.com, which traced back to her own private email server registered under an apparent pseudonym — for official State Department business.

Decision time for judges after Alabama Supreme Court orders halt to gay marriage

Probate judges must again decide whether to issue wedding licenses to gay couples after the Alabama Supreme Court ruled the state's ban on same-sex marriage is legal, despite a federal court's decision to the contrary.

The all-Republican court sided with a pair of conservative groups Tuesday night and ordered Alabama's 68 probate judges to stop issuing marriage licenses to gay couples.

A previous ruling by U.S. District Judge Callie Granade that gay-marriage bans violate the U.S. Constitution does not preclude the judges from following state law, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman, the court ruled.

It was not immediately clear what effect the court's ruling would have, or what probate judges would do after opening their doors Wednesday.

While a six-member majority of the nine-member court did not explicitly invalidate the marriages of hundreds of same-sex couples who obtained licenses in the state in recent weeks, the decision used the term "purported" to describe those licenses.

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made great strides battling the cartels, and the department commends their continued commitment to that effort.

DPS also has a responsibility to inform the public about safety and travel risks and threats, and based on the unpredictable nature of cartel violence and other criminal elements, the

department urges individuals to avoid travel to Mexico at this time.

(U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html.)

SELIGER

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It also increases the hours that teacher candidates must spend in a classroom before they are eligible for certification.

"As a state, we have made significant progress in improving the standards and requirements of educator preparation programs, but

more must be done to continue to better prepare teachers for the diverse classrooms they are entering," said Seliger.

SB 893 focuses on the critical importance of effective teachers by providing more opportunities for teacher leadership and promoting continuous professional growth and improvement. Studies have found that teacher effectiveness is

the greatest equalizer of obstacles related to student learning. This legislation provides for annual evaluations to improve communication and feedback and enhance best practices;

enhanced, high-quality and targeted professional development; and strategic compensation.

"This bill positively impacts both students and teachers," said Senator Seliger. "If we

attract, develop, engage and reward effective teachers, we will inevitably see gains in student achievement as

well as the enrichment of teaching as a profession."

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Center, as well as college scholarships for area high school students.

The supper has been a local mainstay for more than 60 years.

"This is a long-standing tradition," said club member Ann Duncan. "We have people who remember having their grandparents take them and they have taken

their children and grandchildren.

"This is something people look forward to each year and it's something we want to keep going as long as we can," Duncan added.

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Mary Alexander, 87, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Amen

The physical toll from stress

Those of you who read “I Column as I See ‘em” with any degree of regularity know that, generally speaking, I give very little credibility to polls. It amuses me that some “researcher” or polling group will ask 100, or even a thousand, people in New York and Los Angeles a few questions and then conclude that, based on their research findings, 85 percent of Americans feel a certain way about some matter. They attempt to lend credibility to their poll by saying there is a 3 percent plus or minus margin of error.

On the other hand, I tend to pay close attention to studies substantiated with hard data from a wide portion of the country and represent a cross section of society. Give me a large sampling of numbers from various and sundry parts of America and I’m an attentive audience. And I was that way long before I lived in Missouri.

I been accumulating data on stressful occupations and the toll they have on those who are in those fields. My interest was initially sparked by an extensive amount of research data provided by The Fuller Institute, George Barna, and Pastoral Care Inc., that revealed approximately 2,000 ministers a month are leaving the ministry in America. One of the main reasons is stress.

The stress level in vocational ministry is hidden from the casual observation of our lives. We are often perceived as having an easy life because we are most often seen in the Sunday morning setting, smartly dressed, delivering a sermon with a Joel Osteen smile, and picking up a paycheck on our way to the parsonage to eat fried chicken. For obvious reasons, that erroneous perception is troubling to me, but the stress of my particular vocation is not an isolated issue. Many careers are fraught with stress levels that defy understanding apart from personal experience or involvement.

A study from job search site CareerCast revealed that jobs where employees are putting their lives on the line, such as military personnel and firefighters, (and I would certainly add policemen) are among the most

stressful, while those that don’t pose imminent danger are the least stressful. While I am certain some will discount the research used to compile these kinds of lists, the numbers don’t lie.

Stress is incredibly powerful in many career fields and it’s taking a high toll on people’s health and, in some cases, even human life. This past week Jillian Jacobson, a 31-year-old photography teacher, was found hanging in her classroom by students at El Dorado High School in Placentia, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles. It has been ruled a suicide and there is no doubt that school teachers at every level are under more stress today than ever in history.

Don’t shoot the messenger, folks, but based on the above mentioned site’s rankings and research, the 10 most stressful jobs for 2014 and their median salary are: Enlisted military personnel: \$28,840, Military general: \$196,300, Firefighter: \$45,250, Airline pilot: \$114,200, Event coordinator: \$45,810, Public relations executive: \$54,170, Corporate executive (senior): \$168,140, Newspaper reporter: \$35,870, Police officer: \$55,270, Taxi driver: \$22,820.

Those looking for a less stressful job better be prepared to put in the work to land one. The study discovered that of 10 least-stressful jobs, half require at least a bachelor’s degree, with some requiring postsecondary education and doctorates.

Last year’s top least stressful jobs and their median income were: Audiologist: \$69,729, Hair stylist: \$22,700, Jeweler: \$35,350, University professor (tenured): \$64,290, Seamstress/tailor: \$26,280, Dietitian: \$55,240, Medical records technician: \$34,160, Librarian: \$55,370, Multimedia artist: \$61,370, Drill-press operator: \$35,580.

Interestingly, we preachers didn’t make either list and I’m guessing some of you are scratching your head over not finding your pressure-cooker job listed either. What’s really important in all this is that people understand how destructive high levels of stress can be to anyone who deals with it on an ongoing basis and doesn’t manage it. We all need to learn how to do just that.

The place to start is to recognize the warning signs of unhealthy stress and determine to do something about it. It cannot be ignored because it doesn’t just go away on its own. If you

Political science: Heat’s on climate change dissidents

“I am under ‘investigation,’” professor Roger Pielke Jr. of the University of Colorado Boulder posted on his blog Wednesday.

The top Democrat on the House Committee on Natural Resources, Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona, sent a letter to university President Bruce Benson that asked the school to provide its financial disclosure policies and information on how they apply to Pielke, as well as any drafts and communications involving Pielke’s testimony before Congress between Jan. 1, 2007, and Jan. 31, 2015.

In 2013, Grijalva explained, Pielke told the Senate that it is “incorrect to associate the increasing costs of disasters with the emission of greenhouse gases.” Grijalva is a fervent believer in climate change. Pielke is a believer, as well. He has defended the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and supports a carbon tax. But Pielke doesn’t buy all the hype — hence his testimony that challenged the catastrophic-weather argument. For that, Grijalva wants to give Pielke the full treatment — a full financial and documentary probe.

Without the agreement of Rep. Rob Bishop of Utah — who is the committee’s chairman — the ranking Democrat asked for documents from six other academics, including my old pal Steve Hayward at Pepperdine University’s School of Public Policy, who has challenged global warming orthodoxy. Grijalva is fishing on one side of

the pond only.

Climate change true believers always say they want to keep politics out of science, but they cannot help themselves.

Pielke calls it a “politically motivated ‘witch hunt’” designed to intimidate a point of view. What prompted the probe? On Feb. 21, The New York Times reported that Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics scientist Wei-Hock “Willie” Soon, a global warming skeptic, had received more than \$1.2 million from the fossil fuel industry but failed to disclose his funding in journals that published his work. So Grijalva apparently decided to interrogate others presumed guilty by association of belief.

When partisans want to silence those with whom they disagree, they often concoct a host of phony reasons to convince themselves and others that they really aren’t trying to bully anyone into submission. In that spirit, Grijalva cited the Soon story as he claimed, “I have a constitutional duty to protect public lands.” And: “My colleagues and I cannot perform our duties if research or testimony provided to us is influenced by undisclosed financial relationships.”

It’s almost funny when you consider that congressmen usually claim that campaign contributions have no influence whatsoever on their voting record.

If the Arizona representative thinks money buys allegiance in academia, imagine what it could buy on Capitol Hill.

Boulder Provost Russell Moore backs Pielke up when he says he never has received a dime of fossil fuel money — just government grants.

I object to the Democrat’s

are battling stress here are a few simple tips and ideas for your consideration.

Start by paying attention to your physical and emotional health. When your own needs are taken care of, you’re stronger and more resilient to stress. The better you feel, the better equipped you’ll be to manage work stress without becoming overwhelmed. Exercising and eating right are two keys to reducing stress in your life, at home or at work.

Creating a balanced schedule can be a key factor also. Learn to prioritize and organize. Learn when to say no.

Even if you’re in a job where the environment has grown increasingly stressful, you can retain a large measure of self-control and self-confidence by understanding and practicing emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence is the ability to manage and use your emotions in positive and constructive ways. It’s about communicating with others in ways that draw people to you, overcome differences, repair wounded feelings, and defuse tension and stress.

Many of us make job stress worse with negative thoughts and behavior. If you can turn around these self-defeating habits, you’ll find self or situation-imposed stress easier to handle.

Resist perfectionism. When you set unrealistic goals for yourself or try to do too much, you’re setting yourself up to fall short. Aim to do your best, no one can ask for more than that.

Make to-do lists and cross off items as you accomplish them. Plan your day and stick to the schedule and you’ll feel less overwhelmed.

Flip your negative thinking. Try to think positively about your work, avoid negative-thinking co-workers, and pat yourself on the back about small accomplishments, even if no one else does.

Don’t try to control the uncontrollable. You aren’t Superman or Wonder Woman so don’t be so stressed out. Take a deep breath and relax. With God’s help, it’s all going to work out.

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

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apparent presumption that any global warming skeptic is likely to be driven by oil money, whereas climate change enthusiasts have nothing to gain financially. To the contrary, David Legates of the University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean, & Environment, who is skeptical of climate change predictions of catastrophe, told me that he realized years ago that his independent position means that he should not accept corporate money for research or speaking fees.

“There’s a lot more money to be made by saying the world is coming to an end than to say that this is a bunch of hokey,” Legates, another scientist on Grijalva’s little list, once told me. Scientists who reinforce catastrophic predictions continue to get fat government grants. As for Legates, his apostasy forced him out of his post as Delaware state climatologist.

There has been some blowback — read: tweets and lukewarm quotes — from the “consensus” climate change community at Grijalva’s heavy-handed ways. Those mild objections are tame compared with the message that has been sent to academia: Anyone who disagrees with climate change absolutists should be prepared to hear, “Your papers, please.”

Pielke already has backed down. He wrote on his blog, “The incessant attacks and smears are effective, no doubt, I have already shifted all of my academic work away from climate issues. I am simply not initiating any new research or papers on the topic and I have ring-fenced my slowly diminishing blogging on the subject.

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Psychology on order: How restaurants get you to spend more



AP Photo

A customer places an order at a Starbucks in Chicago. Areas by cash registers are often crowded with little extras in part because the closer a customer is to an item, the more likely they are to make an impulse buy.

BY CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry
NEW YORK (AP) — You may think you're immune to transparent sales pitches like "Do you want fries with that?" But the tactics restaurants use to nudge you into spending a little extra may be subtler than you realize.

Here's a look at a few ways companies get you to spend (and eat) more than you intended.

GET THE \$ OUT

Restaurant menus are a complicated mixture of psychology, art and sales pitches. No detail is too small to matter,

right down to the dollar sign.

Greg Rapp, a menu consultant in California, says he advises restaurants and fast-food chains to leave those off when listing prices on a menu.

"Dollar signs remind people of money," Rapp said. "When you use dollar signs, your food looks more expensive."

WORDS MATTER

Imagery and language can also make prices go down easier.

Florid descriptions for menu items can seem like parodies, but it's an effective way to make a

fairly standard dish sound special.

So, you may balk at paying \$19 for baked fish and the vegetable of the day, yet gladly pay that for "flaky cod marinated in our house sauce, served with country peas."

"The more you talk about it, the less it costs in the customer's head. The more value you're giving them," Rapp said.

H A N D - E Y E COORDINATION

The closer you are to something, the more likely you are to make an impulse buy.

It's why the areas by registers are so crowded with those little extras. If you walk into Starbucks for a \$4 latte, the cafe can push up the value of that transaction by 25 percent just by getting you to grab a \$1 tin of mints. So while nobody goes to Starbucks specifically for mints, a lot of people buy them.

By a similar logic, Dunkin' Donuts began rolling out small display cases on front counters last summer that feature items like cookies and Danish pastries. The thinking is that you're more likely to get something to nibble on with your drink if it's practically in your grasp.

A classic example at fancier restaurants is the dessert cart. At the casual dining chain Seasons 52, servers bring out a tray of mini-desserts to show diners. Pitched as "Mini Indulgences," the method of presentation has pushed dessert sales higher than those of most other restaurants, said Aaron Allen, a restaurant consultant based in Orlando, Florida.

And over at McDonald's, apple pie dispensers are behind the registers where customers can see them. Jeff Stratton, former president of McDonald's USA, has said pie sales would fall dramatically if the dispensers were

back in the kitchen.

CONTROLLING THE CHOICES

Sometimes the choices available will push people to spend more.

Sonic, for instance, used to offer two sizes for its shakes: a 14-ounce "regular" and a 20-ounce "large." In 2012, the drive-in chain revamped sizes; the "regular" became a "small" and the "large" became a "regular."

It then added a new 32-ounce "large," as well as a 10-ounce "mini." So the people who tend to automatically opt for a "large" were shifted up to a bigger, pricier size.

Drinks are a particularly ripe area for what's known in the industry as "upselling" because people usually don't pay as much attention to their prices as they do for main dishes, said Kit Yarrow, a professor of consumer psychology at Golden Gate University and author of "Decoding the New Consumer Mind."

Paying 25 cents more for a bigger soda or fries seems like a no-brainer to most people, even if they would've been content with the smaller portion.

"Consumers really do order much more food than they need, because it seems like a value to them," Yarrow said.

Giving more choices also just increases the odds that something

will appeal to people. That's not really as necessary for main dishes, which people will order regardless, but can push up sales of extras like appetizers or desserts.

"When you have eight appetizers on the menu versus six, you sell more appetizers with eight," said Eugene Lee, CEO of Darden Restaurants, which owns Olive Garden, while addressing concerns about the complexity of the chain's menu last year.

WHAT'S NEXT

In the future, that drive-through menu board might just try to read your mind. Or at least predict what you, in particular, might be tempted by.

Sonic CEO Cliff Hudson has said the chain is working on ways to have digital menu boards feature items based on the particular customer.

The tailored offerings would be possible over time with the help of the mobile app, which is set to launch this spring and would help the company keep track of what people like to order. Already, Starbucks says its email offers to customers with its apps are tailored based on past purchases.

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I am a full professor with tenure, so no one need worry about me — I'll be just fine as there are plenty of interesting, research-able policy issues to occupy my time. But I can't imagine the message being sent to younger scientists. Actually, I can: "when people are producing work in line with the scientific consensus there's no reason to go on a witch hunt."

Me, I am no scientist. I'm just an observer who expects academic disagreements to be settled after passionate debate and civil discourse.

What I see instead is an inquisition from the side that considers its biggest selling point to be the fact that it represents the scientific "consensus." Once again, this is how they build their "consensus" — by the heavy-handed use of political muscle and brute intimidation.

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Hollywood sign among historic LA sites in new Web database



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This March 12, 2013 file photo shows the US Bank Tower in downtown Los Angeles. From towering basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain's hillside home to downtown's towering US Bank building, Los Angeles is putting all its landmarks online. Officials gathered Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 to roll out a new website called HistoricPlacesLA.com.

BY JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — From towering basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain's hillside home to downtown's towering art-deco high-rise

buildings, Los Angeles is putting all its landmarks online.

Planning and preservation officials gathered Tuesday on the observation tower of City Hall, a historic landmark in its own right, to roll out their new website, HistoricPlacesLA.org.

Fifteen years in the making, it is the joint project of The Getty Conservation Institute and the city of Los Angeles.

So far, it has resulted in the survey of about three-quarters of LA's 880,000 structures and placed about 25,000 determined to be the most significant onto the website's database. When the survey is completed next year, every home, office building, freeway, bridge and iconic structure like the Hollywood sign will have been reviewed.

Officials say the undertaking will not only help the city keep track of its historic resources, but also help tourists find them and possibly prevent developers from tearing any more of them down.

"A city of the future has to be built on the past, and it has to be built on a past that is preserved," said James Cuno, president and CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust, which oversees The Getty Conservation Institute, which began the study in 2000.

The resulting website and database,

which went live Monday night, can be accessed by anybody with a smartphone.

That will be a great guide to someone considering replacing an old building with a new one, developer Wayne Ratkovich said. "Before Survey LA, developers and property owners were largely in the dark," he said.

Included in the database are architectural masterpieces such as the Griffith Park Observatory and the LA homes and public buildings designed by Paul R. Williams, the first black member of the American Institute of Architects and known in the 1920s and 1930s as "the architect to the stars."

LA's quirky side is also represented with structures like Chamberlain's home and Los Angeles International Airport's space-age looking "Theme Building," with its now-closed rotating restaurant.

"There's still a persistent and unfortunate myth about Los Angeles that we hear all too often, that we're a city that has little or no significant architecture and that just doesn't care about its past," said Ken Bernstein, director of LA's Office of Historic Resources. "The rich findings in HistoricPlacesLA certainly explode that myth once and for all."

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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:

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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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Why not check this out at the library?

It is nearly spring (ignore the 20 degree weather we had on Monday) and time to start your outdoor wood project and we have just the book to get you started. "Outdoor Wood Projects: 24 Projects You Can Build in a Weekend" (684.08 COR S) by Steve Cory will have you building planters, trellises to go behind them or maybe next to a wall, outdoor furniture, raised beds to grow tomatoes (that will save your back), compost bins and even a potting table.



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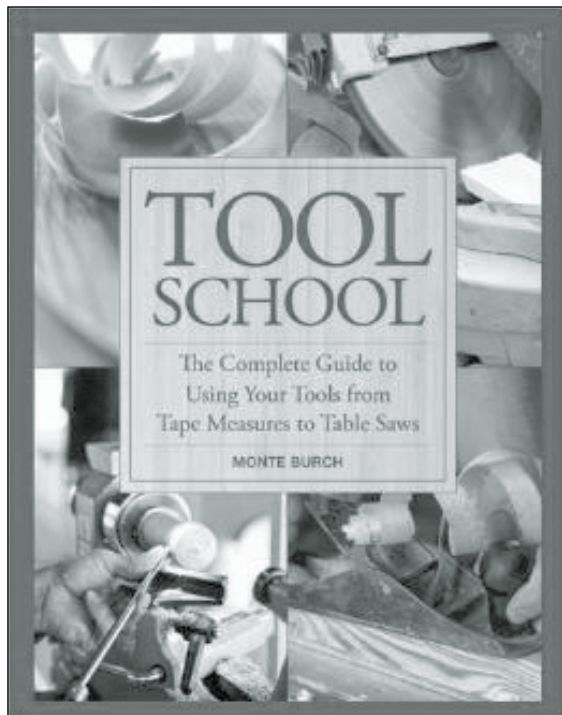
You could even adapt the potting table to maybe serve as an outdoor drink station during parties. It is easy to let yourself imagine different uses for some of these projects if you let yourself go.

Unsure of using some of the tools that you have been gifted or purchased for a specific job but you still want to expand your skills? Check out "Tool School: The Complete Guide to Using Your Tools from Tape Measures to Table Saws" (684.08 BUR M) by Monte Burch. I glanced through it and to me (tool ig-

norant) it looks pretty good.

After you learn how to use your tools, now practice by working on your kitchen and bathroom with help from Black & Decker's "The Complete Guide to Cabinets and Countertops" (684.16 JOH M) by Mark Johnson and from Sunset Design Group, "Kitchens: Updated Designs for Everyday Living" (747.797 TEM K) by Karen Templar.

I am sure you have seen pallets just hanging around, being eaten up by termites. Now is your chance to ask someone if you could take those "old" pallets off their hands because you have a secret they don't: You have "DIY Wood Pallet Project" (684.08 BUN K) project book by Karah Bunde. It is chock full of 35 rustic upcycling ideas to personalize your space and make it look oh so cute. Just think, you can make some rustic stained shutters for your house or maybe a "easy peasy star"



to twine twinkling lights around and hang from the eaves of your house or a tree; the ideas are endless! Now you must imagine someone saying all this in a HGTV TV hostess breathless, high-pitched voice! I am being a tad sarcastic, but really this is a neat book.

The next book is a clever DIY book: "DIY Wine Corks: Thirty-Five Cute and Clever Cork Crafts" (745.51 AVE M) by Melissa Averinos. Of course, you will need a goodly supply of 'used' wine corks, so I would suggest you first get a good selection of wine, throw a wine and

cheese party and invite a lot of people!

All of you ladies that like crazy nail art designs need to come in and check out "500 Nail Designs: Inspired and Inventive Looks for Every Mood and Occasion" (646.727 FRA C) by Chelsea Franklin. Franklin is the founder of the blog, "The Nail Network" and I will tell you, some of her nail designs are really beautiful and imaginative. She dedicated her book "to my dad, for always nagging me about when 'his nail thing' was going to get me anywhere." Dad, I think it has.

She has styles for movies, birthday, weddings, baby showers, New Year's Eve, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween; really for all occasions and seasons.

For all the lactose intolerant people, here is a cookbook composed of 100 creamy foods you love, without lactose, casein or dairy. "The Dairy-Free Kitchen" 641.302 ADA A) by Ashley Adams will give cream filled yeast doughnuts, biscuits with mushroom gravy, spinach fettuccine alfredo and buttery chicken pot pie. It all sounds good to me!

I have missed having a dog in the house and so perhaps this book would help me in introducing one into our 'cat'

house (plus-2 humans). "The Well-Mannered Dog" (636.708 HOF M) by Matthew Hoffman is part of the Dog Care Companion series and is a series of chapters on dealing with your dog in a number of situations. It starts off talking about why dog manners matter; how to correct bad manners etc. It continues on how to set rules, be consistent and when and where to practice good manners. Other subjects are manners at home, food, greeting visitors, the mailman and so on. Next is traveling with your dog and meeting the neighbors. It is really a very interesting and workable book for the dog owner who really wants a well-behaved dog.

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Hawks confident heading into Region V tourney

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

A year ago, the Howard College Hawks went into the Region V Basketball Tournament a bit starry eyed and happy to be in the show.

Such isn't the case this season.

This season the Hawks head into the tournament as one of the legitimate title contenders ... and much more focused on the job at hand.

"Last year, we were a four seed going in," said sophomore forward Niels Bunschoten. "This year, we're going in a lot higher and ready to play. We feel confident about our team going in."

The Hawks, 22-7 overall and the Western Junior College Athletic Conference co-champion, will kick off their run at the Region V title – and the berth in the NJCAA national championship tournament that comes with it – on Thurs-

day afternoon when they face off against the Weatherford College Coyotes in the first round. The Hawks' will tip off at 5 p.m. in the Brownwood Coliseum.

Weatherford College comes into the tournament at 19-7 overall. The Coyotes finished third in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

The HC-Weatherford game is one of several key games set for the first day of the

three-day event. WJCAC co-champion South Plains is set to play Temple College at noon.

SPC enters the tournament at 23-6. Temple College, which upset No. 2-ranked Hill College in the final week of the regular season, is 20-10.

Rivals New Mexico Junior College and New Mexico Military Institute are also in action Thursday. NMJC, 22-8, will face McLennan County Community College, 23-7,

starting at 2 p.m.

NMMI, which is making its first tournament appearance in more than 15 years, will face Hill College, the NTJCAC champion, starting at 7 p.m.

NMMI is 15-11. Hill College is 25-2.

"It is going to be a good tournament," said Bunschoten. "Every team that is coming will be good. We think we are a good team, too. We just have to find a way to play harder than anyone else there."

And then there was one ...

Steers close out best season in school's history with loss to Matadors

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

ANDREWS – For Matt Andrews and the senior members of the Big Spring Steers' basketball team, Tuesday's 68-52 loss to Lubbock Estacado in front of a large crowd in Andrews High School's Mustang Arena was a bitersweet moment.

On one hand, the team saw its season end with a 14-point loss that was aided from a rash of turnovers. Then again, the team Steers did win 20 games and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs for the first time in history.

The decision on which to focus on was easy for Big Spring head coach Ian Ritchey.

"This team did an amazing job," he said. "They did something no other team at Big Spring High School has done and I'm proud of them."

With the win, Lubbock Estacado improved to 29-7 and earned the right to face Abilene Wylie in the regional semifinals on Friday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Big Spring, which ended its season with a 20-12 record, got off to a nice start against the Matadors. Kei'Shawn Broussard opened the game's scoring just 50 seconds into the contest when he pulled up and nailed a three-point shot from the wing.

Unfortunately for the Steers, there was 7:10 left to go in the first quarter – and plenty of turnovers to come. Estacado's press forced eight BSHS turn-

overs in the opening stanza and keyed a 20-9 run in the final 6:40 of the first period.

Broussard, who was one of Big Spring's hottest players in the post-season, pushed in five of the Steers points in the first quarter. Seniors Tyler Bryan, Ty Sealy and Will Green all added points.

The Steers managed to stay close through the first half of the second. Dee Parker came off the bench to put back an offensive rebound with 4:56 left that pulled the Steers to within 10, at 31-21.

Estacado reeled off a 10-0 run later in the frame and stretched its lead to 20, at 43-23, before Broussard closed out the first half scoring with a pair of free throws.

Broussard, a junior point guard, finished the contest with 11 points.

Sealy carried much of the Steers' offensive load in the second. He pushed in seven of the team's 13 second-quarter points.

Estacado continued to add to its lead in the third. The Matadors posted a 15-10 run in the frame and took a 58-35 cushion into the fourth quarter.

Sealy refused to let the Steers go down quietly. The 6-foot-4 forward heated up in the final eight minutes of play. He spearheaded a 17-point fourth-quarter run by throwing in nine of his game-high 22 points.

Green also came up big in the fourth. He scored seven of his eight points in the final stanza.

Bryan finished with six points.



Big Spring Herald photo/Tommy Wells
Big Spring senior Ty Sealy puts back an offensive rebound for two of his game-high 22 points in the Steers' 68-52 loss to Lubbock Estacado in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals on Tuesday in Andrews.

Wildcats earn trip to I-A regional tournament

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

E.J. Rodriguez scored 17 points and Cole Avery added 11 more on Tuesday and powered the Grady High School Wildcats to a 68-41 victory over the Borden County Coyotes in a regional quarterfinal showdown played in front of a large crowd in the Lamesa Middle School gym.

With the win, Grady improved to 28-4 and earned a berth in the Region II-A tournament. The Wildcats are scheduled to play either Eula or Jayton in the regional semifinals on Tuesday at Moody Coliseum in Abilene.

The Wildcats opened their game with Borden County with a big run. Grady outscored BC by an initial 11-2 clip and raced to an 18-9 lead at the end of the first period.

The Wildcats tacked on a 19-13 run in the second and carried a 37-22 lead into the half.

As a team, the Wildcats battered Borden County from the outside in the first half, sinking eight three-point shots in the initial 16 minutes.

The Wildcats closed out the game with a 31-19 effort in the second half.

Not everyone left the LMS gym thrilled on Tuesday.

The Sands Mustangs saw their 2014-15 season come to an end with a tough 77-62 setback to the Ira Bulldogs.

Ira will now advance to play Menard on Friday, starting at 1 p.m.

Crossroads tourney to start on Thursday

If you are in a hurry to get spring started, the Big Spring High School Softball Boosters have a treat for you. Try more than 35 games in a 72-hour span.

The 6th Annual Tournament at the Crossroads will get under way tomorrow at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. In all, more than 16 teams from throughout West Texas will be participating in the three-day event.

Tournament action will begin on Thursday morning with games in both Division I (varsity) and Division II (JV).

Colorado City and Big Spring will get the Division I action started at 8:30 a.m. on Field 1. Coahoma and Merkel will

also be in action at 8:30 a.m., playing their game on Field 2.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes will see their first outing at 10 a.m. with a matchup against Wylie on Field 1. The Big Spring girls will also play at 1 p.m. against Muleshoe. Coahoma's second game will be at 2:30 p.m. against Andrews, while Forsan will play its second bout at 5:30 p.m. against the Midland JV.

The top teams in each of the four pools will advance to the Gold bracket finals on Saturday. The bottom teams will compete in the Silver bracket. The championship games in both brackets will be played Saturday.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Cierra Martinez swings at a pitch during a recent outing by the Big Spring Lady Steers. The girls' game against Comanche was cancelled on Tuesday due to weather concerns. The BSHS girls will play in the Tournament at the Crossroads beginning on Thursday.

Lady 'Kats to begin quest for state title with Lipan

Girls' basketball in the Crossroads isn't quite finished yet. Not by a long shot.

The Garden City Lady Kats will kick off their run at the state basketball championship this Thursday when they join four other small-school teams competing in the Class A state tournament in San Antonio.

Garden City, now 30-4, will tip off action at the Alamodome on Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. when they face off with the Lipan Lady Indians.

Lipan heads into the tournament sporting a 32-3 record.

In the other Class A semifinal game, the Nazareth Swiftettes, 32-2,

2015 UIL Girls Basketball State Tournament Thursday, March 5	
Class 1A Semifinals	
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10 a.m.	Nazareth vs. D'Hanis
Class 3A Semifinals	
1:30 p.m.	Shallowater vs. Jarrell
3 p.m.	Sunnyvale vs. Rockdale
Conference 5A Semifinals	
7 p.m.	Canyon vs. Bryan Rudder
8:30 p.m.	Cedar Park Vista Ridge vs. Dallas Adams
Friday, March 6	
Class 2A Semifinals	
8:30 a.m.	La Rue La Poyner vs. Martin's Mill
10 a.m.	Weimar vs. Gruver
Class 4A Semifinals	
1:30 p.m.	Waco La Vega vs. Argyle
3:00 p.m.	Liberty Hill vs. Abilene Wylie
Class 6A Semifinals	
7 p.m.	Dallas Skyline vs. Lewisville
8:30 p.m.	Flower Mound
8:30 p.m.	Houston Cypress Woods vs. San Antonio Wagner
Saturday, March 7	
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10:00 a.m.	Class 3A Final
1:30 p.m.	Class 2A Final
3:00 p.m.	Class 5A Final
7:00 p.m.	Class 4A Final
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will face D'Hanis, 27-6, starting at 10 a.m.

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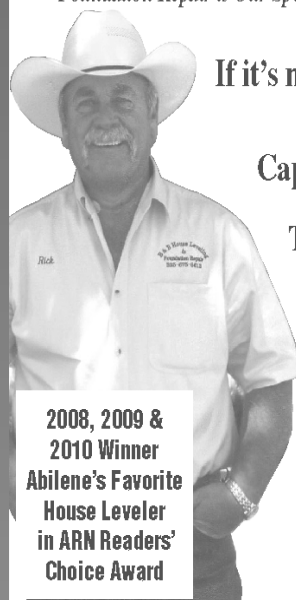
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Jupiter Fire Trine

One of the ways the universe teaches patience is by annoying us. If the whole world were just 10 percent more tolerant, it would be like paradise came down. Whatever ruffles your feathers, you can

thank Mercury and Jupiter for the bothersome gift. You'll be a better person for it. Bonus: Tomorrow it will seem like no big deal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's nice when things come easily, but it's not always beneficial. Difficulties are just part of your initiation. They give you a sense of belonging you wouldn't have otherwise, and they get you ready for the challenges ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People have a tendency to reject what they haven't tasted, but you're more adventurous than that. The vegetables (and life's equivalent) are typically good for you, and you'll like them if you give them a chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll find yourself in a room full of VIPs, and you very much belong there. Bring reality to the group before anyone's head explodes. When everyone is famous, no one is famous.

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Your halfhearted effort will yield results that are on par with your wholehearted effort. Maybe this is unfair, or maybe it's extremely fair, considering you've already put in your time and paid your dues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love may be stabilizing, but it's not like a rock. You can't give it to someone and expect it to keep the same shape through the ages. Like bread, you have to make it fresh every time you give it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Rigor, relevance, relationships and responsibility. It's more than a high school motto; it's the way you live your life. These four "r's" will shape your days this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Einstein suggested that reality is a (very persistent) illusion, making a good case for persistence in general. If you behave in a certain way enough times, you'll be characterized as the essence of that behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your conscience will prevent you from fully indulging in extravagance. You'll dip your toe in, though. How can you help it when such luxurious options present themselves?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a competition going on, and if you continue to work hard, you'll be the sure winner. Be sure to distinguish between competition and fun, though. There's no

winner at fun (unless you count everyone).

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's said that the right habits will give you the key to the universe. Indeed, if you can command yourself to do as you think you should, you'll have many new options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't assume that people know what you're about. Start from the beginning. Give them some context. Take your time -- they want you to. You're more entertaining than you know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't write your name now the same way you did when you were 8, and you don't dress the same way you did in the '90s. Your style is ever-evolving, as is evident by today's choices.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4). This month's challenge is a no-brainer. You'll excel because you do what you're supposed to be doing. Next month will bring a new deal. Putting in extra work hours will help you fulfill a wish. June brings you a gift that's hard to come by, rare or expensive. Someone special will capture your heart in September. Aries and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 8, 30, 15 and 19.

STORYTELLING BY THE STARS: Inside everyone and everything is a fascinating story, but it takes a stellar storyteller to find it. Yesterday's trine of Jupiter in Leo and Uranus in Aries

continues to bring good fortune to those who can captivate an audience with a good story. See the archives for part one and two of this series. Here are additional tips to help you hone this crucial life skill.

Start in the Middle

Most people have a tendency to start too early in the story, thus losing their audience in the boring minutiae leading up to an event. Think of yourself as a runner about to make a leap. You don't want to tire yourself out before you get to the hurdle. Back up just enough to give yourself the momentum of a running start. In other words, ask yourself what the most exciting part of the story is, and back up a few steps from that point.

Subject Matter Matters

Perhaps the most important thing to know about storytelling is which story to tell. No matter how well you tell it, a bad match of audience to topic will never play, and a good one is hard to mess up.

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ANSWERS

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9	7	8	4	5	1	2	6	3
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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

retirement was always to volunteer. Several retired teachers set up a store filled with donations where our students can shop for free. I help out three afternoons a week. Many of the retired teachers have mobility issues and rely on me to carry donated items. When I travel, the others take turns doing the heavy work, but I know it is a struggle for them.

My husband's idea of retirement is to spend at least three months as "snowbirds" in Florida. This doesn't appeal to me at all, but as a compromise, I reluctantly agreed to spend one month each year in Florida.

The first year was tolerable, but after a week, I was bored and missed my volunteer work. I told my husband

he was free to stay, but I would return when my month was up. I've looked into volunteer opportunities in Florida, but everything is at least 30 minutes away, and we only have one car, which my husband uses to go golfing.

I have kept my part of the agreement and am getting annoyed at the pressure from my husband to spend more time in Florida. He knows he can invite other relatives or friends to join him. I realize these are "high-class worries," but do you have any suggestions for resolving this before we start up again next year? -- M.W.

Dear M.W.: Your husband wants you with him, which is why he keeps pressuring you. Would you consider going for a month in the middle of those months so your husband would feel less alone? How about investing in a second car so you can do volunteer work in Florida, or perhaps finding a place to play golf that is within walking distance? There are ways to compromise a bit more if you truly wish to make the effort, but meanwhile, tell your husband we said to knock off the full-court press.

Dear Annie: Please allow me to use your column to say thank you to someone. I was in a restaurant in The Villages in Florida waiting for my check when the manager came over and said my dinner was already taken care of. Apparently, a woman paid my bill, saying she was paying forward a kindness that someone else had once done for her.

I would like to thank her publicly and assure her that I will be paying

it forward as she did for me. -- B.

Dear B.: We are always happy to hear of such kindnesses. We have many fans in The Villages, and we hope whoever bought your dinner will see this and know that it was appreciated, and that you will be doing the same for someone else. Thanks for letting us know.

Dear Annie: I disagree with your advice to "Trying To Build a Better Life in the Midwest" to seek ways to accommodate her husband's sexual desires.

My wife decided in her early 50s that she was tired of sex. I decided that respecting her wishes superseded all "desires of the flesh." A woman has the right to say "no," and any man who has been married for 35 years should have the wisdom to turn his attention to matters other than his sexual appetite.

For me, that meant accepting my wife's requests in order to avoid harassing her. My wife is a beautiful woman and the mother of our adult children. Her attention to the family's needs and her detail in maintaining a beautiful home are examples of why sex is no longer a priority in my life. -- Respect for the Woman I Love

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Katherine Cimorelli uploaded to YouTube the cover songs she performed with her sisters and helped the six smiling siblings to become an Internet sensation. The homeschooled crew now tours the world with their own version of popular songs, as well as originals written by top songwriters. Her sun and moon in Pisces points to

great powers of creativity, while Mercury in Aries suggests a bubbly attitude.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Look for the Silver Lining

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A K 10 9 5		
♥	7 2		
♦	Q 4 2		
♣	10 7 3		
WEST			
♠	7 6 4		
♥	10 8 6 5 3		
♦	5		
♣	Q 8 4 2		
EAST			
♠	Q 8 2		
♥	K J 9 4		
♦	A 10 9 8 3		
♣	6		
SOUTH			
♠	J 3		
♥	A Q		
♦	K J 7 6		
♣	A K J 9 5		

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♠
Dble Redble 2♥ 2♣
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

A true test of dummy play is provided by this deal, where South winds up in three notrump after the auction shown. West leads a heart, and declarer takes East's king with the ace. How should he proceed?

If South starts by taking a spade finesse, East wins and returns a heart, establishing three heart tricks for the defense, as well as the ace of diamonds and the spade already won. Since South at this point has only eight tricks — four spades, two

hearts and two clubs — he goes down one.

Similarly, if declarer attacks clubs rather than spades at the outset, the outcome is the same.

However, there is much more to the deal than initially meets the eye, and the answer lies in the bidding.

East's takeout double at his second turn makes it a virtual certainty that he has the ace of diamonds. It then becomes a question of whether declarer can put this information to good use. And the solution is that South should temporarily ignore both of his long suits in favor of attacking diamonds!

For this approach to be effective, though, the initial diamond lead must come from dummy. If instead declarer leads a diamond honor from his hand, or a low diamond to dummy's queen, he will meet the same sorry fate described earlier.

To assure the contract, South should cross to dummy with a spade at trick two and return the diamond deuce, placing East in a hopeless position. If he plays low, declarer wins and establishes his clubs to produce nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, a diamond and four clubs. And if East goes up with the diamond ace instead, declarer again has nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

Tomorrow: Imaginative defense.

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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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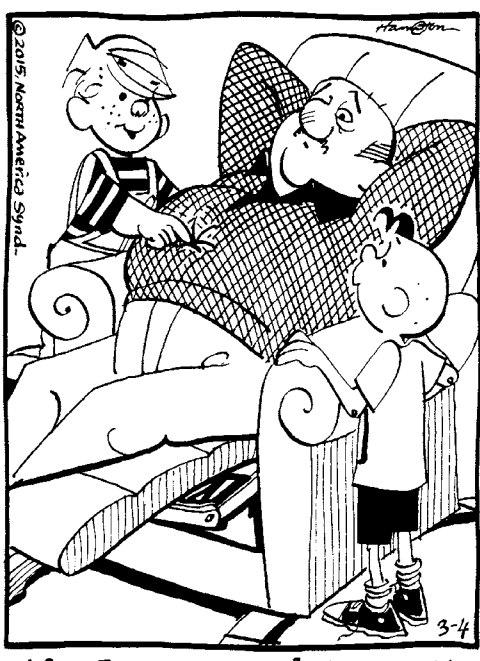
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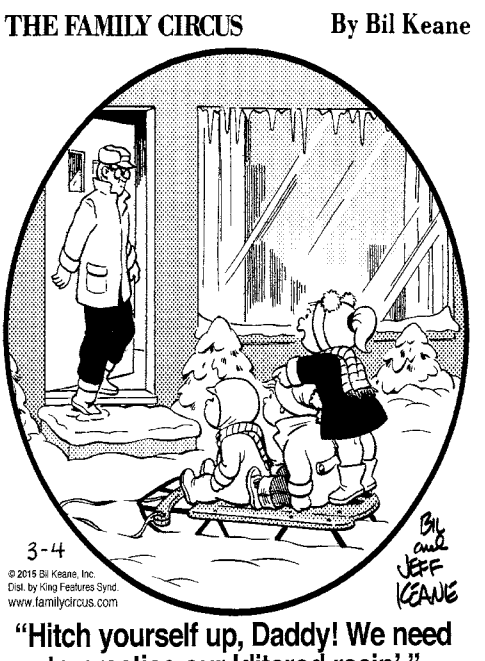
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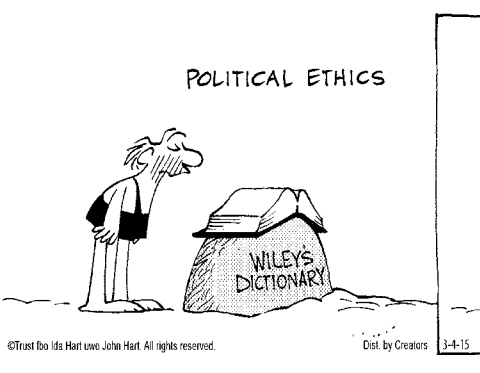
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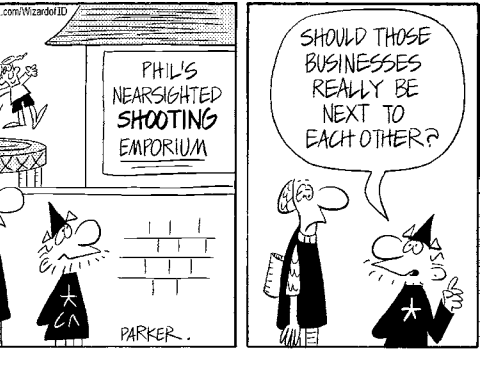


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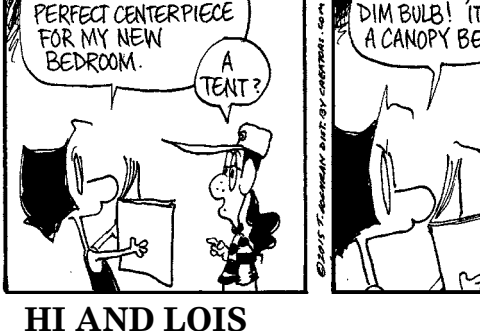


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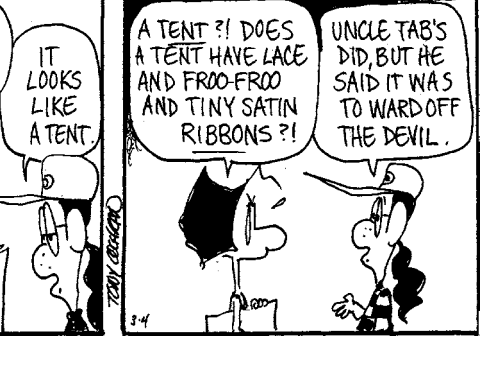


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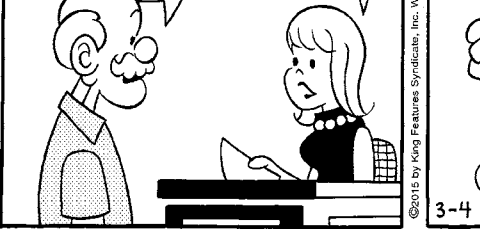


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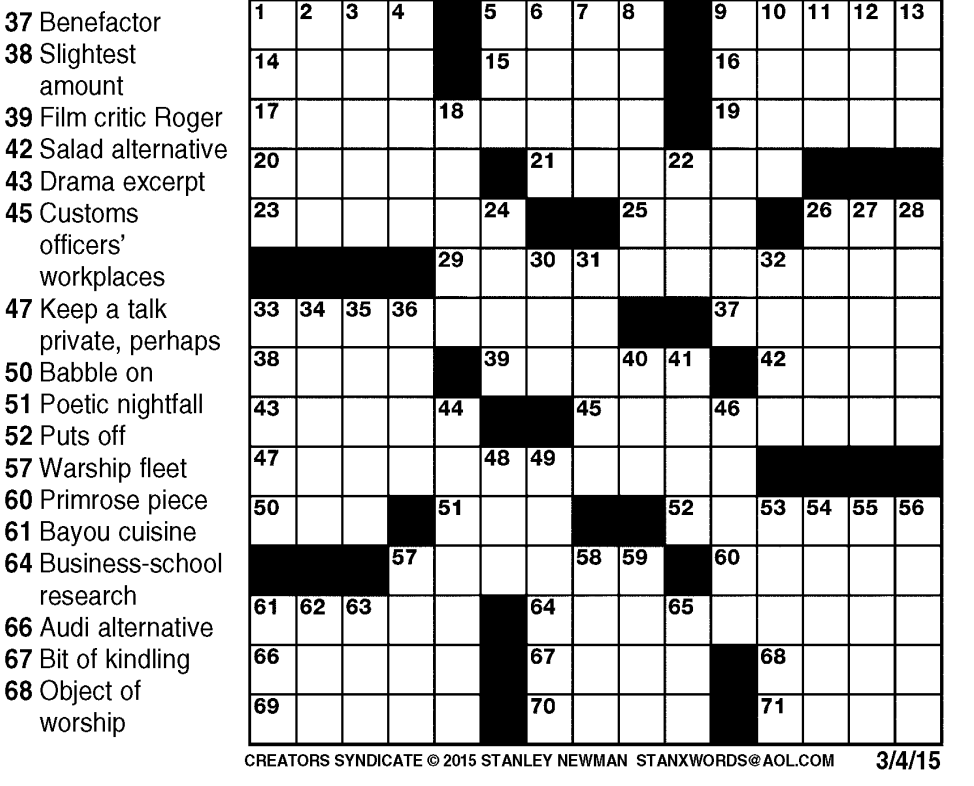
This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2015. There are 302 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 4, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term of office, with the end of the Civil War in sight, Lincoln declared, "With malice toward none, with charity for all." On this date: In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was established. In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, California. In 1964, Teamsters president James Hoffa and three co-defendants were found guilty by a federal court in Chattanooga, Tennessee, of jury tampering.

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 - 1 Minor quarrel
 - 5 Be nostalgic for
 - 9 Hollywood headliners
 - 14 Rich mineral find
 - 15 Genesis shipbuilder
 - 16 Forbidden
 - 17 Realtor's event
 - 19 "The show is starting!"
 - 20 Oklahoma city
 - 21 Himalayan guide
 - 23 Swimwear brand
 - 25 Novelist Grafton
 - 26 Joint near the waist
 - 29 Plus even more
 - 33 Mini-compact two-seater
 - 37 Benefactor
 - 38 Slightest amount
 - 39 Film critic Roger
 - 42 Salad alternative
 - 43 Drama excerpt
 - 45 Customs officers' workplaces
 - 47 Keep a talk private, perhaps
 - 50 Babble on
 - 51 Poetic nightfall
 - 52 Puts off
 - 57 Warship fleet
 - 60 Primrose piece
 - 61 Bayou cuisine
 - 64 Business-school research
 - 66 Audi alternative
 - 67 Bit of kindling
 - 68 Object of worship
- DOWN
 - 1 Spaces on a schedule
 - 2 Appear suddenly
 - 3 British superstar singer
 - 4 Antsy
 - 5 Telephone trio
 - 6 Debt slips
 - 7 Kimono belt
 - 8 "Gimme a break!"
 - 9 Cash allowance
 - 10 Brit's bye-bye
 - 11 Belly muscles
 - 12 Aussie hopper
 - 13 Family member
 - 18 Tore into
 - 22 Feel sorry about
 - 24 Long ago
 - 26 Pay tribute to
 - 27 Poker declaration
 - 28 Offenders, to cops
 - 30 Tiny portion
 - 31 Sneaker-sole pattern
 - 32 Mediocre
 - 33 Actress Spacek
 - 34 Coffee flavoring
 - 35 Devoured
 - 36 Talk wildly
 - 40 __ Grande
 - 41 Stepped on
 - 44 Everlasting
 - 46 Readies, for short
 - 48 Drapery edge
 - 49 Makes unto law
 - 53 Foul-smelling
 - 54 Chopin piece
 - 55 Hazardous gas
 - 56 In a conniving way
 - 57 Subtle glow
 - 58 Dracula's curfew
 - 59 Much of the Old World
 - 61 Baseball great
 - 62 Unreturned serve
 - 63 Moonshine holder
 - 65 Custard ingredient



Top-ranked Kentucky makes it 30-0 with win

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Kentucky has been in some close games. This was a new predicament, however. With just over 9 minutes to go, the top-ranked Wildcats found themselves down by nine points, facing an inspired Georgia team and a hostile crowd, their perfect season very much in jeopardy. No problem. Kentucky clamped down defensively and turned to fresh-

man Karl-Anthony Towns to carry the offensive load, ripping off a 14-0 run that finally put away the pesky Bulldogs 72-64 on Tuesday night. Did losing cross the Wildcats' minds? Not a chance. "We think about what we need to do to win the game," Towns said. And now, the Wildcats are 30-0, just one win away from a perfect regular season. They'll try to finish that off

Saturday against Florida at Rupp Arena. From there, it's on to the Southeastern Conference tournament, where Kentucky will be a huge favorite. Then comes the NCAA Tournament and an expected No. 1 seed. At this point, there are not too many more chances for the Wildcats to lose and still reach their ultimate goal: a national championship. "The championship is much

more important than the perfect season," said Aaron Harrison, who also made some huge plays in the closing minutes. "But we're winding down." Perhaps, he surmised, "We're going to need to be undefeated to win the championship." The Wildcats, who improved to 17-0 in the SEC, had won their previous five games by an average of 24 points. They have become a college version of Showtime, drawing plenty

of big names every time they take the court, everyone wanting to get a glimpse of a team that has a shot at college basketball's first perfect season since 1976. Among those who turned out in Athens: Super Bowl-winning coach Bill Belichick, former NBA star Charles Barkley, disgraced Atlanta Hawks general manager Danny Ferry, and actress Ashely Judd, hitting the road to watch her beloved Wildcats.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL
Spring Training Standings
AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct	
Detroit	1	0	1.000
Oakland	1	0	1.000
Boston	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Houston	0	0	.000
Kansas City	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Minnesota	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Seattle	0	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000
Texas	0	0	.000
Baltimore	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Toronto	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct	
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000
Arizona	0	0	.000
Atlanta	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Colorado	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Miami	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Philadelphia	0	0	.000
San Diego	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Washington	0	0	.000

San Francisco 0 1 .000
NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Yankees 5, tie
Detroit 15, Baltimore 2
Pittsburgh 8, Toronto 7
Oakland 9, San Francisco 4
Cincinnati 10, Cleveland 0

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	38	22	.633	—
Brooklyn	25	33	.431	12
Boston	23	35	.397	14
Philadelphia	13	47	.217	25
New York	12	47	.203	25½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	48	12	.800	—
Washington	34	27	.557	14½
Miami	26	33	.441	21½
Charlotte	25	33	.431	22
Orlando	19	42	.311	29½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	38	23	.623	—
Cleveland	38	24	.613	½
Milwaukee	32	28	.533	5½
Indiana	25	34	.424	12
Detroit	23	36	.390	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	42	17	.712	—
Houston	41	19	.683	1½
Dallas	40	22	.645	3½
San Antonio	36	23	.610	6
New Orleans	32	28	.533	10½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	39	19	.672	—
Oklahoma City	33	27	.550	7
Utah	24	35	.407	15½
Denver	21	39	.350	19

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Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	46	12	.793	—
L.A. Clippers	40	21	.656	7½
Phoenix	31	30	.508	16½
Sacramento	21	37	.362	25
L.A. Lakers	16	43	.271	30½

Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 104, L.A. Lakers 103
Cleveland 110, Boston 79
Sacramento 124, New York 86
Atlanta 104, Houston 96
Chicago 97, Washington 92
Utah 93, Memphis 82
Denver 106, Milwaukee 95

Wednesday's Games
Phoenix at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden St. 10:30 p.m.

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Tuesday's Games
Kansas 76, West Virginia 69, OT

Wednesday's Games
TCU at Oklahoma St., 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHPs Maikel Cleto, Raul Fernandez, Erik Johnson, Frankie Montas, Jake Petricka, Zach Putnam, Daniel Webb and Michael Ynoa; LHPs Onelki Garcia, Dan Jennings and Eric Surkamp; Cs Rob Brantly, Adrian Nieto and Kevan Smith; INFs Matt Davidson, Leury Garcia, Conor Gillaspie, Tyler Saladino, Carlos Sanchez and Alex Wilkins; OFs Adam Eaton, Avisail Garcia, J.B. Shuck and Trayce Thompson on one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Jandel Gustave and Yordano Ventura, C Francisco Pena, INFs Orlando Calixte and Christian Colon and OFs Raymond Fuenfuentes, Terrance Gore and Paulo Orlando on one-year contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHPs A.J. Achter, Kyle Gibson, J.R. Graham, Trevor May, Alex Meyer, Lester Oliveros, Ryan Pressly, Stephen Pryor and Michael Tonkin; LHPs Logan Danell, Caleb Thielbar, Aaron Thompson and Jason Wheelbar; Cs Chris Herrmann and Josmil Pinto; INFs Brian Dozier, Eduardo Escobar, Jorge Polanco, Miguel Sano, Danny Santana and Kennys Vargas; OFs Oswaldo Arcia, Aaron Hicks, Max Kepler and Eddie Rosario on one-year

contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Phoenix C Alex Len \$20,000 for initiating an altercation with Miami C Hassan Whiteside and attempting to take him to the floor during a March 2 game. Fined Whiteside \$15,000 for escalating the incident by wrestling Len to the floor and Phoenix F Markieff Morris \$15,000 for his Flagrant 2 for making excessive contact above the shoulders with Miami G Goran Dragic.
DENVER NUGGETS — Fired coach Brian Shaw. Named Melvin Hunt interim coach.
DETROIT PISTONS — Signed F Quincy Miller to a second 10-day contract.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Suspended G Tony Allen one game for violating team policy.
MIAMI HEAT — Signed F Henry Walker to a second 10-day contract.
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Named Vlade Divac vice president of basketball and franchise operations.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed LB Nate Stupar to a contract extension.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signed DT Colin Cole to a one-year contract.
DETROIT LIONS — Named Steven Williams defensive quality control coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed DE Earl Okine. Agreed to terms with LS Matt Overton.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Named Ray Ventrone assistant special teams coach.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released CB Cary Williams.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed RB Jarryd Hayne to a three-year contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Released S Bernard Pollard. Claimed LB Jonathan Massaquoi off waivers from Atlanta.
Canadian Football League
CALGARY STAMPEDERS — Signed QB Bo Levi Mitchell to a contract extension through the 2018 season.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Ezra Millington and DB Shea Pierre.

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