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Teacher confesses to improper relationship

Herald Staff Report

According to Big Spring Police, a 22-year-old substitute teacher with Big Spring ISD confessed to having an improper relationship with a student.

On Wednesday, March 18, Big Spring police officers responded to a call in reference to a possible improper relationship between an educator and student. According to a news release



Parnell

from the Lt. Brian Gordon. Big Spring detectives began an investigation after being notified of a possible incident.

"Through the investigation, it was found that suspect, Tevian Deantra Parnell, worked as a substitute teacher for the Big Spring Independent School District, which is where he met the victim who is a juvenile," Gordon said in a news release. "Evidence was gathered that showed an improper relationship that started with text messages between the suspect and victim that included inappropriate photos and messages. It was also learned that a sexual relationship had occurred between the suspect and the victim."

"Detectives made contact with the suspect who later gave a statement confessing to the improper relationship between himself and the victim," Gordon said. "Parnell was arrested and charged with improper relationship between educator and student which is a second degree felony."

Parnell was booked into the Howard County Detention Center and Gordon said the investigation is still ongoing. "The police department cannot comment any further at this time," he said.

On Tuesday, Big Spring ISD released a statement on the issue saying Parnell was removed from the district's list of

eligible substitutes.

"Big Spring ISD is dedicated to protecting the safety of our students and staff," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD public relations coordinator. "All prospective employees and volunteers are subject to criminal background investigation and thorough vetting."

"In the event that one of our employees is arrested, we work in cooperation with law enforcement agencies to assist those agencies with their investigations," he continued.

Bancroft added Parnell was only recently added to the eligible substitute list.



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Rick Lopez directs his daughter, Jaycee Lopez, to a nearby cache during the 2014 Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez community-wide Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 30,000 eggs are expected to be scattered around the campus lawn for this year's event which is set for Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home is located at 1809 N. Highway 87 just a little beyond TA Travel Center and before the Big Spring State Hospital.

Vaping ban passes

After heated discussion, ordinance OKed, 5-2

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Second verse, almost the same as the first.

A second reading of an amended ordinance including electronic vaping devices (also known as electronic cigarettes) in the city of Big Spring's current anti-smoking laws produced plenty of heated discussion but eventually passed city council muster Tuesday night.

By a 5-to-2 vote (only Justin Myers and Marvin Boyd opposed the measure), the council approved the amended ordinance, which should take effect within the next few weeks.

Under the ordinance, vaping will be prohibited in all enclosed public places within the city limits, except in designated smoking areas. Excepted places where the practice will be allowed include bars, cocktail lounges, private clubs and residences, designated smoking rooms in hotels and motels and outdoor areas.

An electronic vaping device, according to an entry in the Wikipedia web site, is a battery-powered vaporizer which has a similar feel to tobacco smoking. Electronic cigarettes do not contain tobacco, although they do use nicotine from tobacco plants.

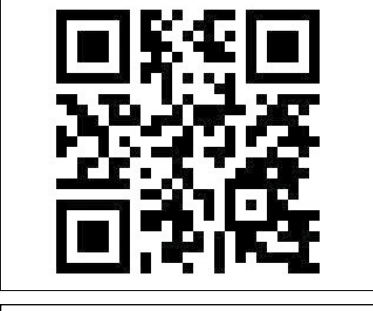
They do not produce cigarette smoke but rather an aerosol, which is frequently but inaccurately referred to as vapor, the web entry noted.

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Big Spring High School Cheerleading Prep Class

The Big Spring High School cheerleading sponsors will host a one-day prep class for any students considering trying out for high school and junior high cheerleading. The class will be held this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$20. Students will learn jumps and jumping techniques, motions and motion techniques and what to expect at try-outs. The class will not cover any try-out material. For more information, contact Ashley Phinney at 264-3641.



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Obama says he's ready to sign Medicare doctor payment fix

BY **NEDRA PICKLER**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says he's ready to sign good bipartisan legislation to fix Medicare's doctor payment problem, without endorsing any specific legislation.

Without a fix, doctors face a 21 percent cut in Medicare fees. It's the consequence of a 1990s budget law that Congress has repeatedly waived.

The House is expected to vote Thursday on a bill with rare support from both top leaders in the House that would permanently fix the problem. Obama backed the idea of a fix at a White House event marking this week's five-year anniversary of his signing the Affordable Care Act, while stopping short of backing the House compromise.

"As we speak, Congress is working to fix the Medicare physician payment system. I have my pen ready to sign a good bipartisan bill," he said.

The House bills calls for a period of basically stable reimbursements, followed by gradually shifting a larger share of doctors' pay so that it's keyed to quality, rather than quantity, of service. The Medicare fix is packaged with an extension of children's health insurance, funding for community health centers and dozens of other provisions. The outlook in the Senate is unclear.

Drafted with the unusual support of both top leaders in the House — Speaker John Boehner for the GOP and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi — the bill is aiming for the political center. That seemed to have collapsed on health care in the battles over President Barack Obama's overhaul.

The legislation is being criticized from the political right and the left. Conservatives don't like that most of the cost will be added to the federal deficit. Liberals object to higher premiums for upper-income beneficiaries, when drug companies are not being asked to share the burden through Medicare rebates.

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Obituaries

Margarita Brito Alvarez



Margarita Brito Alvarez of Big Spring, was called to be with the Lord Sunday, March 22, 2015 surrounded by her family. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, March 25, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Margarita was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Roberto Arias Alvarez Jan. 7, 1950, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.

Margarita was a devoted Catholic who worshipped her Lord and Savior on a daily basis as

well as being a dedicated mother to her four children. She is survived by two daughters, Sofia and husband, Jose Longoria of San Antonio and Olga and husband, Juan Herrera of Coahoma; and two sons, Ruben Alvarez of Big Spring and Roy Alvarez and wife, Mary Ann of Katy. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Margarita was passionate about gardening, crocheting and quilting.

Margarita is preceded in death by her husband, Roberto Arias Alvarez; her sister, Maria Garza and her parents, Melesio and Andrea Brito.

Our beloved mother will be greatly missed and shall remain in our hearts forever.

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

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Reba Mae Gross



Reba Mae Gross, 85, of Buda, Texas, was called to be with her Lord and passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on March 20, 2015.

Reba was born July 6, 1929, in Rule, Texas to Lonnie and Annie Inez (Caffey) Stovall. She grew up in Stanton, moved to Big Spring when she married Ted Gross, and, after raising three children, she and Ted relocated to Lake Buchanan. Reba moved to Buda 10 years ago to be closer to her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son in-law, Donnie Phillips; sister Mildred

Stovall Currie; and three brothers, Blanton, Travis and Wayne.

Reba is survived by brother, Neil Stovall and wife, Barbara of Houston; daughter, Karen Young, of Round Rock, Texas; daughter, Sandra Phillips, of Loraine; son, Larry Gross and wife, Anne of Buda; seven grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Reba was a homemaker for most of her life and a devoted mother always.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Hays Hills Baptist Church where Reba was a member.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. David's South Austin Medical Center with a special thanks to Trish, Jamison, and Lance, as well as a heartfelt thank you to Patty, Sylvia, and Beverly of Altus Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association or to Hays Hills Baptist Church in her memory.

Paid obituary

Emma Jean Langley Kelley



A celebration of life service for Emma Jean Langley Kelley, 87, of Lubbock will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Sanders Memorial Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to South Park Baptist Church 2201 82nd Street Lubbock, Texas 79423.

Jean went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 23, 2015.

She was born March 10, 1928 to Norvell and Lillian Haggard and married Vernon Wilson Langley on Nov. 29, 1946, in Big Spring. They enjoyed 40

years of marriage and running their family cotton farm until he preceded her in death Oct. 29, 1987. She then married Leslie Kelley in April of 1993 and moved to Lubbock to be closer to her family. He passed away Aug. 10, 1997. She was a faithful member of South Park Baptist Church.

Loved ones include her daughter, Elaine Salyer; grandchildren, Shane Salyer and wife, Christi; Shawna Stapleton and husband, Pete; six great grandchildren, Maddie, Jake and Carley Salyer, Nick, Jack and Emma Stapleton; sister, Oma Clay "Dutchie" Johnson, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

Jean never met a stranger, always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye; she had a strong work ethic and a servant's heart. Jean showed her love of her family by her dedicated attendance at all of their events, near or far. Her faith and positive attitude were an inspiration to many.

Paid obituary

Dora Perches



Dora Perches, 74, of Big Spring died Monday, March 23, 2015, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday followed by the Vigil Service at 8 p.m. in Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 3, 1940, in Big Spring to Margarita and Antonio S. Gonzales. She grew up in Lomax. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring except for a few years in Midland. She was a certified chiropractic assistant and while living in Midland, she worked for Dr. Bellows and Dr. Boyd. She very much enjoyed music and had worked at KBYG and the Record Shop. She had also worked at Malone and Hogan Clinic and Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She worked at Myers & Smith Funeral Home until retiring due to ill health. She

was a lifetime member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

She is survived by seven children; Enrique (Henry) Guzman Jr., Maria Elena (Mary) Guzman, Michael (Mike) Guzman and his wife Cindy, all of Big Spring, Rosalinda (Linda) Martinez and her husband Felix, Rebecca (Beckie) Guzman and Ray, all of Midland, Grace Guzman of Big Spring, and Margarita (Margie) Echavarria and her husband Joe of Rockwall; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Kenny Guzman Sr.; one grandson, Branden Guzman; brothers, Remigio (Reme) Gonzales, Guadalupe (Lupe) Gonzales, and V. T. (Lalo) Gonzales; sister, Juanita Gonzales; and two step-sons, Andy and Roger Perches.

Pallbearers will be T. J. Saldivar, Arthur Saldivar, Dimitri Guzman, Ray Rodriguez Jr., Patrick Rios Jr., Christian Guzman, Andrew Echavarria, and Kenny Guzman Jr.

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

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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
• 7 p.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 addiction. 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).

Obituaries

Auriel LaFond

Auriel LaFond, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, in an Odessa Hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29	Mon 3/30
68/41 A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 68F.	80/50 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	87/55 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	90/55 Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.	83/55 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 29, of 1508 Sycamore St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- CHARLES ELTON WARD, 28, of 15612 Casa Verde, Malakoff, Texas, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BEVERLY DAWN DEANDA, 21, of 1905 Wasson Apartment was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear, no driver's license-when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two warrants from another agency.
- STEVEN VANCE WEAVER JR., 22, of 4501 Parkway was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid-no insurance.
- CASSIE LYNN HARRIS, 51, of 3000 W. Illinois NO. 18, Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan St.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Wilia St.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 200 block of Providence Road.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- STEVEN VANCE WEAVER, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.
- CHARLES ELTON WARD JR., 28, was booked by the BSPD on a Austin warrant for parole violation.
- KARRI DAWN TINDOL, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- CASSIE LYNN HARRIS, 51, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Correction

In Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, it was incorrectly stated Matthew Aaron Salgado, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for indecency with a child /3 years old. Mr. Salgado was booked by the HCSO to begin a three-year sentence on a count of indecency with a child.



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George R.R. Martin won't let pressure rush his writing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — George R.R. Martin has been feeling the heat to finish “The Winds of Winter,” the long-awaited sixth novel in his best-selling series, “A Song of Ice and Fire,” but he is not letting the pressure rush his writing.

“There is more pressure every year,” Martin said Monday in San Francisco at the U.S. premiere of the fifth season of “Game of Thrones,” the HBO television series based on his books. “The main thing is to make the book as good as I can possibly make it.”

Martin, 66, has completed five of seven planned novels: The most recent, “A Dance With Dragons,” came out in 2011, the same year the

Emmy-winning television adaptation first aired. With this season, the series will have exhausted almost all the material from the existing books.

“Fifty years from now nobody is going to care how frequently the books came out,” he said. “They will care if the books are as good as they can possibly be, if the books stand the test of time. That’s what I struggle with as I write.”

Martin and 24 cast members sat among the audience that watched the first episode of season five at San Francisco’s War Memorial Opera House, a palatial building aptly suited for the television show about a mythical kingdom. It was packed with 3,000 people.

Emilia Clarke, who plays Daenerys Targaryen, said the stories that fans have been following for four seasons will start to intertwine in season five.

“The threads we’ve been weaving are really coming together now, and that will be quite satisfying to watch,” Clarke said.

The City by the Bay is also a leading tech hub, and HBO gave “Game of Thrones” fans access to the black carpet event by streaming it live on the show’s Facebook page. The series’ stars also took time to answer fan questions submitted via Facebook, which ranged from what the actors would name their pet dragons to what characters will die next in the blood-soaked epic fantasy.

A couple of hundred fans who didn’t want to watch on their computers stood on the street holding up posters of HBO’s most watched series and waving at the actors as they walked the carpet.

“Game of Thrones” is set in the war-torn continent of Westeros, a place where winter and summer can last for decades and tells the story of warring kingdoms. The show includes stunning landscapes, lots of sex, plenty of sword fights and decapitations, and fire-breathing dragons.

Season five premieres April 12 on HBO and on HBO Now, the networks’ streaming service, which will launch that day on Apple TV.

Take Note

- **BSHS Senior 2015 After Prom committee** will host a fundraiser Saturday at 8 a.m. at the west doors of Walmart. They will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

- **Mitchell County Senior Citizens** will host a dance, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd St., Colorado City. The dance will feature live music by Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater. Cost is \$5 per person.

- **Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair** is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstra-

tions, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

- For information on **Garett Parrish’s** condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for **Briana Mendoza** to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The **Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors** meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808

Scurry Street

- **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.

- **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 iden-

tified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- **Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

- **Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598** meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- **The Big Spring**

Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- **Victim Services** is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- **Big Spring and surrounding counties** are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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VAPING

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As it did when it was first debated two weeks ago, the proposal brought out plenty of impassioned debate on both sides of the issue. Proponents argued the devices were simply smoking in another form and therefore subject to city ordinances, while opponents claimed the measure was an example of government overreach.

“I agree there are certain things government should regulate, but I also think that when you’re making decisions for 35,000 people, there should be a happy medium,” District 4 Councilman Justin Myers said. “At what point are we stepping over the line? ... We should give owners and patrons the right to decide whether this should be allowed. We can’t solve every problem.”

District 6 Councilman Marvin Boyd readily agreed.

“I don’t think this is something the council should be talking about,” he said. “This is something that should be left to business owners to decide.”

In response, supporters argued that the measure merely streamlines existing non-smoking ordinances.

“What we are doing is clarifying the smoking ordinances already in place,” Mayor Larry McLellan said. “No smoking means no smoking ... all we’re

doing is making it clear where these things won’t be allowed. You can still buy them, you can still smoke them. We’re not removing anybody’s rights here.”

District 5 Councilman Raul Benavides was even more forceful.

“We are a society of laws, rules and regulations,” he said. “These laws are adopted so help us all get along ... One in five people smoke in this country. As a city, who should we try to protect — the one in five or the four in five? ... This is government overreach, I admit it, but think this is necessary.”

In other business, council approved:

- An agreement between Atmos Energy Corp. and a consortium of West Texas cities for new gas rates. The new rates are expected to result in a monthly increase of slightly

more than \$2 for city residents.

- Bids for \$799,000 for renovation of the city auditorium.

- The city’s annual financial report.

- An amended agreement with the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. to allow for additional rail spur improvements at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

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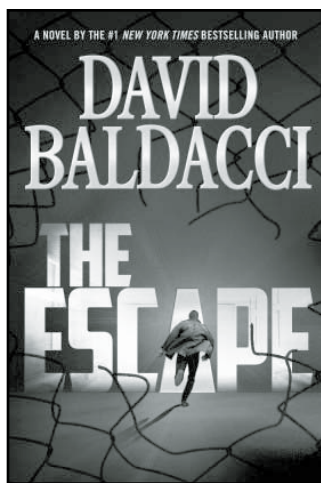
Check this out: What's at the library?

New books from favorite authors: David Baldacci has "The Escape" (F BAL D) out, a pulse pounding thriller (although I think I have reviewed it before?). John Puller's older brother, Robert, was convicted of treason and national security crimes. He is in the most secure prison possible: military discipline rules; security systems are unmatched; none of the prisoners dream of escaping because they know it to be impossible — until it happens. Now John Puller, the man who the Army calls on to investigate the toughest crimes, must track down his brother.

Clive Cussler along with Dirk Cussler spotlight Dirk Pitt in "Havana Storm" (F CUS C). Dirk is investigating a toxic outbreak in the Caribbean Sea that may ultimately endanger the United States and, at the same time, he unwittingly becomes involved in post-Castro power struggle in Cuba.

Meanwhile Pitt's children, Dirk and Summer, are on the track of an Aztec artifact that may reveal the whereabouts of a vast historical treasure. However (and there always is in a Dirk Pitt novel), it appears that the artifact may have been on the USS Maine in Havana harbor in 1898 and that brings them to Havana where Dirk is, also. This is another great Dirk Pitt story; steeped in action and a plausible tale of treasure and history.

Now to an earlier



time in history and far away from the New World: Eighth in the epic Saxon Tales series, Bernard Cornwell's "The Empty Throne" (F COR B) takes us back to England in the early 10th century. In a time of change, Mercia is troubled by raids from the Vikings from Ireland and leadership among the Saxons is in turmoil.

When Ethelred, the ruler of Mercia, dies, he leaves no legitimate heir. The West Saxons want their king, but Uhtred has long supported Ethelflaed, the widow of Ethelred and sister to King Edward of Wessex. Ethelflaed has the love and support and the makings of a leader, but will the Saxon warriors ever support a woman as their ruler? The scene is set for a showdown. (Don't you just love the names?)

Jack Higgins is back with Sean Dillon, Sarah Gideon, and Ferguson and former POTUS Jake Cazalet. Mix in some Chechen mercenaries, al-Qaeda fanatics and old enemies and you have "Rain on the Dead" (F HIG J). Little does Jake Cazalet know that his Nantucket

Island home is where he is to be assassinated by two Chechen operatives, who will then be spirited away by former IRA fighters. Have I set the scene sufficiently?

Dillon, Gideon and Ferguson arrive by helicopter for a meeting with Cazalet. If you know the characters, I will leave it to you to figure out the next few pages. Suffice it to say, it follows the usual mayhem, along with twist and turns that comprise a Jack Higgins thriller.

"Driving the King" (F HOW R) by Ravi Howard is a fictional account of Nat Weary, who was the driver for Nat "King" Cole. "Weary" was the name he went by in World War II; when the fighting was over in 1945, he came back to Montgomery, Ala. eager to build his taxi business and marry his sweetheart.

His childhood friend, the famous Nat King Cole, was home also for a rare performance. During the performance, Weary plans to propose and Nat will honor the special moment with an unforgettable song. But Weary's dreams are shattered when a white man rushes the stage with a pipe, and Weary leaps from the audience to defend Cole — an act that will lead to a 10-year prison sentence.

But the singer will not forget his friend and the sacrifice he made. Six months before Weary is released, he receives a remarkable offer: Will he be Nat

King Cole's driver and bodyguard in L.A.? It is the promise of a new life removed from the terror, violence, and degradation of Jim Crow Alabama.

Weary discovers that, while Los Angeles is far different from the Deep South, it a place of discrimination, mistrust and intolerance where a black man — even one as talented and popular as Nat King Cole — is not wholly welcome.

An indelible portrait of prejudice and promise, friendship and loyalty, "Driving the King" is a daring look at race

and class in pre-Civil Rights America, played out in the lives of two remarkable men. Ravi Howard, winner of the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence, created an indelible portrait of pre-civil rights America and an exceptional friendship. Exploring the impact of prejudice and segregation, he pays tribute to the courage of ordinary lives and illuminates our capacity for hate, and for love.

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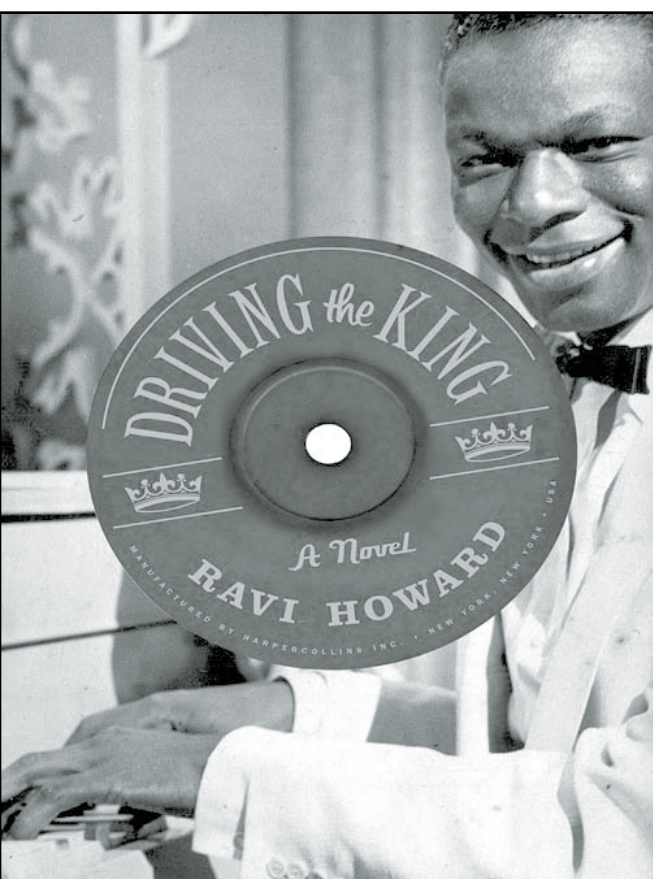
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Parents seeking urban lifestyles for kids



Jenny Kelly walks with her daughter, Elea, 2, near their loft apartment in Seattle's downtown Pioneer Square neighborhood. A small but growing number of parents are bucking the trend of moving to suburbs when they have children, and they're pushing cities to be more welcoming to families. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

SEATTLE (AP) — A small but growing number of parents are bucking a trend when it comes to raising their kids: Rather than move to suburbs as their parents once did, many are opting to stay in or near downtown.

Some do it to seek an urban lifestyle, shorten commutes or be within proximity to restaurants, museums and other attractions.

Along the way, they're pushing cities to be more welcoming to families. Parents in cities across the country, including Seattle, Minneapolis and Denver, are banding together to advocate for new downtown schools, more playgrounds and more affordable family-

friendly housing.

"The benefit of living in the city so far outweighed what we would get by moving out to the suburbs," said Jenny Kelly, 32, a marketing consultant who helped form a parents group in 2013, now called Parents for a Better Downtown Seattle.

She and her husband Michael moved downtown in their 20s and stayed when they had 2-year-old Elea. Both walk to work from their loft apartment in Pioneer Square, where the laundry room doubles as the toddler's bedroom.

Kelly and other parents recently pushed for a public school downtown, and they lobbied to include a playground

in a redesign of the city's waterfront.

Seattle offers developers near downtown the chance to build taller if they provide space for a school, though no one has taken up the offer.

Some cities are trying to respond to families, albeit slowly. Portland revised building codes to allow courtyard housing, considered an amenity for families. And Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has pledged to grow her city by 10,000 families.

"Families with children are indicator species about the health of an urban neighborhood," said Gary Johnson, Seattle's city center coordinator.

For decades, Seattle

has had a well-earned reputation as a childless city. In the 1960s and 70s, as more families moved to the suburbs, their numbers in the city dropped.

Children still make up a much smaller percentage of Seattle's population, compared with the rest of the state or the U.S., but recent trends suggest Seattle is doing a better job of holding onto those kids, according to Sightline

Institute, a Seattle-based think tank.

The city is growing its share of kids under 15 at a time when that percentage is declining elsewhere.

"We seem to be closing the child gap," said Eric De Place, the group's policy director.

Between 2007 and 2012, the number of downtown kids enrolled in kindergarten to eighth grade jumped nearly 30 percent, according to the Downtown Seattle Association, a business group that has worked to get more families downtown.

Parents used to stay until their kids reached age 5 and half would leave downtown, said Jon Scholes, the associ-

ation's CEO who is raising 5-year-old twins downtown. But he's starting to see parents staying longer than before. Schools, parks and other amenities matter, he said.

In Minneapolis, Melissa and Aaron Whitney downsized from a 2,700-square foot five-bedroom home in the suburb to an apartment half that size in downtown.

"We drank the Kool-Aid. We thought once we got married, we had to buy a house in the suburb," said Aaron Whitney, 40, a technology consultant.

They quickly realized they didn't want to spend their time on home repairs or yard work and already spent so much leisure time downtown that they moved back with their son, who is now 2.

The couple said they wouldn't mind more green spaces and affordable housing in the city. A new school opens up in downtown this fall, and they're watching its progress to decide where they'll enroll their son.

Bradley Calvert, 33, who moved from Atlanta to Seattle with his wife and toddler last year, joined other parents in pushing for a downtown public school. The district last month lost a bid on a vacant federal building downtown.

He said a downtown school and more affordable housing will be

keys to keeping families in the urban core. A city benefits when there's a diverse mix of people downtown, said Calvert. Attracting families, not just young professionals or empty-nesters, creates a sense of community.

Lindsey Carillo, 31, grew up in a suburb of Detroit but wanted to expose her kids to city living. "It gives them a different way of living," said the mother of two kids, who are 8 and 1. "I want my kids to have a cultured experience growing up."

Her family of four shares a two-bedroom high-rise apartment in downtown Seattle. Occasionally, her son wishes he had a backyard and could walk to school, but "he loves to show off where we live as well," she said.

Paul Hughes and his wife Heidi didn't want to give up on urban living when they had a son.

The couple likes that their second-grader son, Silas, is exposed to more experiences in the city. They would like the city to do more, including adding playgrounds and a school. And they wouldn't mind having more playmates for their son in their building, either.

"It's nowhere near as challenging as people think it is," Hughes said. "The more people see it working, the more they think it's possible."



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News in brief

Men forced to work as slaves to catch seafood for global supply

BENJINA, Indonesia (AP) — The Burmese slaves sat on the floor and stared through the rusty bars of their locked cage, hidden on a tiny tropical island thousands of miles from home.

Just a few yards away, other workers loaded cargo ships with slave-caught seafood that clouds the supply networks of major supermarkets, restaurants and even pet stores in the United States.

Here, in the Indonesian island village of Benjina and the surrounding waters, hundreds of trapped men represent one of the most desperate links criss-crossing between companies and countries in the seafood industry. This intricate web of connections separates the fish we eat from the men who catch it, and obscures a brutal truth: Your seafood may come from slaves.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Associated Press notified the International Organization for Migration about men in this story, who were then moved out of Benjina by police for their safety. Hundreds of slaves remain on the island, and five other men were in the cage this week.

AP tracked the supply chain of slave caught fish to top US retailers

A year-long investigation into forced labor and trafficking in Southeast Asia's fishing industry led an Associated Press team to Benjina, a small town that straddles two islands in the far reaches of eastern Indonesia. There journalists interviewed more than 40 current and former slaves, many of whom said they had been forced to work on boats overseen by Thai captains under extremely brutal conditions. They were paid little or nothing at all, and some were out to sea for months or years at a time.

The AP also found a locked cell with eight slaves inside, and handed a video camera to a dockworker, himself a former slave, to take close-up footage. Under the cover of darkness, the AP team used a small wooden boat to approach a trawler with slaves who yelled to them, pleading for help to go home.

Reporters were led to a jungle-covered graveyard that held the bodies of slaves, according to villagers and nonprofit officials. They interviewed three men who said they had escaped into the island's jungle interior, and also spent a night sleeping in the forest on an adjacent island with other runaway slaves from Benjina.

The AP watched slave-caught fish being loaded onto a refrigerated cargo ship bound for Thailand. They tracked the reefer's 15-day journey using satellite signals and met the vessel in Samut Sakhon, Thailand, where they saw the seafood unloaded into dozens of trucks over four nights. The journalists followed the rigs to processing factories, cold storage facilities and Thailand's largest wholesale fish market.

The AP then worked to establish a chain, using U.S. Customs documents showing Thai companies that export to the U.S. The food goes to Europe and Asia as well as the U.S., but the AP was able to gather most information on specific companies in America, where custom records are public.

German students grieve classmates killed in plane crash

Students at the main high school in the western German town of Haltern are gathering by an ever-growing memorial of candles and flowers, weeping and hugging as they mourn the loss of 16 classmates and two teachers who died in a crash in the French Alps.

Fourteen-year-old Lara Beer says her best friend, Paula, was aboard the aircraft.

Wiping tears from her eyes, she says she was waiting for the train her friend was supposed to

be on, but went home when she saw Paula wasn't on it.

She says: "That's when my parents told me Paula was dead."

Damaged black box, crucial 2 minutes are key clues to jet crash in French Alps that killed 150

SEYNE-LES-ALPES, France (AP) — A cockpit voice recorder badly damaged when a German jetliner slammed into an Alpine mountainside and a crucial two-minute span when the pilot lost contact offer vital clues into the crash's cause, officials said Wednesday.

All 150 people on board were killed in Tuesday's crash of the Germanwings Airbus 320 in the southern French Alps.

Helicopters surveying the scattered debris lifted off at daybreak, hours ahead of the expected arrival of bereaved families and the French, German and Spanish leaders. The flight from Spain to Germany went into an unexplained eight-minute dive before crashing.

Crews were making their way slowly to the remote crash site through fresh snow and rain, threading their way to the craggy ravine. On Tuesday, the cockpit voice recorder was retrieved from the site, French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said.

"The black box is damaged and must be reconstituted in the coming hours in order to be useable," Cazeneuve told RTL radio.

Officials tell AP that Yemen's embattled president has fled Aden home as Shiite rebels near

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's embattled president fled his palace in Aden for an undisclosed location Wednesday as Shiite rebels neared his last refuge, five officials told The Associated Press.

President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi left just hours after the rebels' own television station said they seized an air base where U.S. troops and Europeans advised the country in its fight against al-Qaida militants. That air base is only 60 kilometers (35 miles) away from Aden, the port city where Hadi had established a temporary capital.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to brief journalists. Witnesses said they saw a convoy of presidential vehicles Wednesday leaving Hadi's palace, located at the top of a hill in Aden overlooking the Arabian Sea.

Forces loyal to Hadi had no immediate comment. U.S. and European advisers fled the captured air base days ago after al-Qaida fighters briefly seized a nearby city.

The advance of the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, threatens to plunge the Arab world's poorest country into a civil war that could draw in its Gulf neighbors. Already, Hadi has asked the United Nations to authorize a foreign military intervention in the country.

Afghan president expected to get warm welcome when he speaks to joint meeting of Congress

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani is untested as a leader, yet he is expected to get a warm reception from both Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill. The reason: He's not former Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

The White House said Ghani's speech Wednesday to a joint meeting of Congress is an opportunity to mark a new chapter in U.S.-Afghanistan relations, which were strained by acrimony between President Barack Obama and Karzai.

Lawmakers have been critical about U.S. troop involvement in America's longest war, wasteful spending in Afghanistan and Karzai's anti-American rhetoric.

Toward the end of his tenure, Karzai did not think the U.S. was holding Afghanistan's interests front and center. He repeatedly railed against the thousands of civilians being killed and said the war against terrorists should not be fought in the villages of his country. U.S. officials and lawmakers did not think Karzai's comments were appropriate given that 2,200 U.S. servicemen and women had been killed and billions of U.S. tax dollars had been spent during the conflict.

Still, despite being weary of war, lawmakers from both parties praised the White House announcement Tuesday to slow the pace of the U.S. troop withdrawal.

AP sources: Military raises concern over easing ban on transgender people serving in military

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Ash Carter has gotten pushback from senior military leaders on whether the Pentagon should lift its ban on transgender people serving in the armed forces, according to U.S. officials familiar with the discussions.

Carter initially told troops in Afghanistan that he was open-minded when asked if the Defense Department was planning to remove one of the last gender- or sexuality-based barriers to military service. But defense officials said members of his top brass told Carter that they had serious reservations.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Military officials are reluctant to publicly discuss their opposition, but much of it centers on questions about where transgender troops would be housed, what berthing they would have on ships, which bathrooms they would use, and whether their presence would affect the ability of small units to work well together.

There also are questions about whether the military would conduct or pay for the medical treatment and costs associated with any gender transition, as well as which physical training standards they would be required to meet.

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Sarmiento hurls no-hitter in Lady Steers' 12-0 rout of Estacado

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steer broke out the lumber on Tuesday afternoon. And the Lubbock Estacado Lady Matadors paid the price for it. Big Spring pounded out 10 runs in the second inning and then turned the ball over to Mariah Sarmiento en route to claiming an easy 12-0 victory in a District 2-4A showdown at the BSHS Softball Complex.

Sarmiento, once the Lady Steers' offense settled down, didn't disappoint. The BSHS pitcher tossed a no-hitter through the 5-inning contest. The game was called after the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule. Overall, Sarmiento struck out four Estacado batters and did not allow a base runner to advance past first base. Big Spring gave Sarmiento all the run support she needed in the second. The Lady Steers sent 15 batters to the plate in the frame and raced

to a commanding 10-0 lead. Mia Oliva and Makenzie Roberts provided the big hits during the outburst, delivering a double and a home run, respectively. Big Spring closed out the scoring in the bottom of the fourth on a pair of run-scoring doubles off the bats of Shaylee Franks and Leah Burton. Franks also made the defensive play of the game. The BSHS senior outfielder made an over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball to deep right-center

field in the fifth inning to help preserve Sarmiento's no-hitter. With the win, the Lady Steers improved to 10-3 for the season and, more importantly, remained atop the District 2-4A standings by improving to 2-0. In other district action, the Snyder Lady Tigers defeated Lamesa, 17-1. Big Spring will travel to Lovell on Friday for a 5 p.m. start. The junior varsity team will play following the varsity game.



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Shaylee Franks runs down a fly ball in the outfield during the Lady Steers 12-0 win over Estacado on Tuesday.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Big Spring's Riley Henson applies the tag to Estacado's Manuel Rios at second base during the Steers' 10-0 win on Tuesday at Steer Park. Big Spring pounded out 10 hits en route to claiming a key District 2-4A win over the Matadors.

Hill, Watkins lift Steers to 10-0 rout of Estacado

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Hunter Hill and Gary Watkins probably won't find themselves on Lubbock Estacado's Eric Trevino's Christmas card list after Tuesday night. In fact, they may be off every list the young Estacado pitcher ever has. Hill and Watkins both hammered out multiple hits and helped carry the Big Spring High School Steers to a commanding 10-0 run-rule victory over the Matadors in a key District 2-4A matchup at Steer Park. As a team, Big Spring pounded out 10 hits against three Estacado pitchers and made BSHS pitcher Anthony Godwin's trip to the mound much easier. Godwin scattered three hits over six innings en route to picking up the victory. Godwin helped himself at the plate, too. The Steers' lead-off hitter, he ignited a three-run outburst

in the first inning by drawing a walk to lead off the first. He raced home moments later when the Matadors' rightfielder misplayed a single off the bat of Hill. Watkins rocked Trevino from there. The BSHS third baseman slammed a triple off the wall in left that enabled Hill to score. He scored minutes later on a sacrifice fly to right by Preston Alexander. Big Spring ballooned its lead to 6-0 in the second with another three-run rampage – all with two outs. After Estacado had retired the first two BS players in the frame, Godwin got the Steers' barrage started again by singling to center. He scored minutes later when Hill delivered a run-scoring single to center. Up 4-0, Watkins came to haunt the Matadors again from there by pounding out a run-scoring double. He later scored on a fielding error. Godwin cruised through the first three innings of play, allowing Estacado just one base runner – coming on a hit batsmen in the first. The Matadors managed to end Godwin's no-hit bid in the fourth with an infield hit. Big Spring added a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth. With two outs, Hill singled to right to spark the uprising. Sarged Watkins was given an intentional walk, Garrett Wigington hammered a double to left that enabled Hill and Watkins to race home. Hill finished the game by going 3-for-3 with a walk. He scored all four times he was on base. Watkins went 2-for-3 with a walk and tallied three runs. The Steers closed out the game in the bottom of the sixth with a pair of runs. Hill, who had walked to open the inning, scored on a Matador error. Moments later, BSHS senior Matt Yanez singled to right to drive home Wigington with the game-ending run.

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'Dogs 4th after first round

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Coahoma High School Bulldogs completed the first round of the District 5-3A golf tournament in decent shape. When the smoke finally cleared following the first 18 holes, the Bulldogs stood in fourth in the overall team standings. Logan Franklin paced the Coahoma golf teams with a solid first-round effort. He posted a score of 98 over the initial 18 holes and enters the second round just 24 strokes off the medalist. Sonora's Hunter Hughes grabbed the top spot after the first day by shooting a 74. Stanton's Ben Crockett was seven strokes behind with an 81, while Sonora teammate Gabe Rollert was third at 82. Ritchie Ewing and John Porras also turned in solid outings for the Bulldogs. Ewing completed the first round with a mark of 103. Porras checked in at 106, while teammates Mason Moore and Cameron Crabtree posted rounds of 109 and 123, respectively. Other Coahoma golfers competing in the boys' division included Ashton Johnson (129), Aaron Ferguson (135), Rueben Campos (141) and David Davis (157). Sonora topped the team standings with its top five golfers combining for a 352 score. Stanton edged out Sonora's No. 2 team for second, 361-383. Coahoma finished with a team mark of 436. The second round of the 5-3A meet will be held on April 6 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Sparks in 12th after 1st round

Coahoma High School's Sydni Sparks battled her way to a top 15 finish in the individual standings at the District 5-3A golf tournament's girls' standings on Tuesday. One of three Bulldogettes competing in the meet as individuals, Sparks posted a score of 138 over the first 18 holes and finished 12th. Lauren Simer also did well in the event by posting a first-round total of 145. Tara Robinson did not post a score in the first round. Sonora's Darby Ramsdell led the field after the first round with a mark of 81. Sonora lead the team standings with a 365. Stanton was second at 502.

Howard College sweeps doubleheader with Clarendon

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks baseball team completed a four-game sweep of the Clarendon College Bulldogs on Tuesday afternoon with a pair of strong offensive performances.

The Hawks, backed by a home run from Jarrett DeHart, pounded out a 20-10 win over Clarendon in Game 1. They followed that win with a tough 16-14 decision in the final contest. Howard College had kicked off the Western Junior College Athletic Conference series on Monday with wins of 3-0 and 23-18, respectively. With the wins, the Hawks improved to 8-3 in conference play. Howard College will return to play on Friday by opening a four-game series against NMMI, beginning at noon.

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Jarrett DeHart slams a home run during the Hawks' 20-10 win over Clarendon on Tuesday at Jack Barber Field. HC swept their 4-game series with the Bulldogs.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 74218

APPLICATION Troy Vines, Incorporated, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Registration No. 74218, for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 1009 West Interstate 20 Big Spring Texas 79721, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79721. 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. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.26137&lng=-101.4963&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted

to the TCEQ on March 3, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after the final newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive

director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** Accord-

ing to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to

request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to consider in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future

public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Troy Vines, Incorporated, P.O. Box 1351, Midland, Texas 79702-1351 or by calling Mr. Lanny D. Vines, Environmental Manager at (432) 682-7031.

Notice Issuance Date: March 10, 2015

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Sun-Saturn Trine

Rituals don't have to be elaborate to be effective. Something as simple as drinking coffee and reading the paper may be enough to create a state of mind conducive to feeling your best. The sun-Saturn trine suggests performing a ritual that takes slightly more effort (such as singing, dancing, lighting a candle) to powerfully solidify your intentions.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People who talk long enough will eventually strike upon the information that is really useful to others, but will they still be listening? It's better to say a little with judicious timing than it is to say a lot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't know what people are going to want to talk about, so there's really no way to prepare for any given conversation. The best you can do is follow your interests and learn all you can about them so you'll have that to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Eternity may stretch out behind you and before you, but where you're standing now is also part of it. Use this slice of eternity. Make it interesting. It's yours for the shaping.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You like the thrill of the chase, but right now you're so busy that catching, maintaining and finding a place for what you've caught may be more trouble than it's worth. If you decide to play the game, it will be catch and release.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enjoy the tangible rewards of your work and appreciate even more the intangible boost of confidence and vitality you receive just from being around certain people you've met through your job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At heart, you're a minimalist who really cares about the environment. There's nothing that you really need now, so if you're going to steal, you'll steal time. And if you're going to create, you'll create memories.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some claim "high-maintenance" like it's a compliment, but needing a lot of attention and care from others to operate well in the world isn't your style. You'd rather make yourself easy to be with, and that will work in your favor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Welcome the unexpected. Your feet are quick, your tongue is sharp, and when you get surprised, your recovery and response time will be impressive to all the right people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are under the magnetic spell of a fantasy. You can mentally try on the idea without making another move. Explore the story in daydreams and hypothetical analysis. There's a reason it may not fit in real life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe you don't exactly long to see your name in lights on a marquis, but there's a version of this publicity and acclaim that would thrill you -- a symbol of accomplishment with your name all over it. Focus there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Reading can only take you so far. Instruction is useless unless it's applied. You're ready to roll up your sleeves and dirty your hands with real-life experience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're the one who has lived inside your body your whole life, but people around you may still think they know what's best for you. Trust your own intuition over the so-called experts. Every body is different.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 25). In the next four weeks, you'll connect

passionately with one of the great loves of your life (which may be an activity and not a person). Your talent will be spotlighted. Financial success will hinge on a good business plan. Resist the temptation to live vicariously in August -- follow your desire. Capricorn and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 42, 9, 38 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Leo expecting my first child in September. My Virgo boyfriend and I were happy and excited about the pregnancy in the beginning, but we have seriously grown apart since then. Now arguments and doubts have escalated in the relationship. I recently found out he cheated on me. Will I be a single mother? Am I capable? Will he come around? And if he does, will it be worth it to forgive him?"

The most important thing is not to panic. Your baby is living and growing in your emotions right now.

Your Virgo senses that he will never again be your No. 1. And he's right. The love affair between a Leo and her child is intense. The lion won't hesitate to defend against anyone who stands in the way of this bond. This is a very stressful time for you, so take good care of yourself, and put all of your focus on feeling positive about the future for you and your baby. Yes, you are capable. I think he'll be back, but don't count on him and don't resent him. Let him go with love. When the pressure is off, he'll start thinking clearly.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aries Sarah Jessica Parker will star in two comedies later this year, the film "All Roads Lead to Rome" and the HBO pilot "Divorce." The "Sex and the City" star with her own clothing, fragrance and shoe line

was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in high-energy Aries. An entrepreneurial Capricorn moon ruled the sky on the day of Parker's birth, along with several other hardworking Earth signs.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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ANSWERS

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

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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.

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			9			2		
4				6		3	8	
	5			2				1

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Disappearing Trick

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 8 6 4 2
♥ 4
♦ J 9 5
♣ 10 4 3

WEST
♠ 5
♥ Q 8 7 5 2
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A 8 6

EAST
♠ 9
♥ K 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 7 4 2
♣ Q J 9

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

The bidding:
1♥ North 2♥ East 3♥ South
Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The value of a hand invariably rises and falls as the other players at the table make their bids. Thus, if you try to assess West's hand at the point where he opens the bidding with a heart, it would register as only slightly more than a minimum opening bid.

This is primarily because the hand contains only 13 high-card points, and there is considerable uncertainty about the trick-taking value of the heart suit. Neither of West's suits is self-sufficient as

trump. But when East raises hearts, the West hand greatly increases in value, so much so that making as many as 10 tricks becomes a realistic prospect.

West's pass of two spades must therefore be regarded as much too conservative. He should have bid three diamonds instead. This might well have elicited a five-heart bid from East — which goes down only one — after North's leap to four spades. As the bidding went, though, South was allowed to play in four spades and made the contract by careful play.

West started with the K-A of diamonds, declarer ruffing the ace. South's problem was to avoid losing three club tricks. Had he relied solely on East's having the ace, he would have gone down one. But instead he placed his hopes on an endplay that was virtually certain to succeed.

After leading a trump to the ace and ruffing dummy's last diamond, South re-entered dummy with a trump and returned a heart, finessing the ten after East followed low. This unusual play rendered the defense helpless.

West won with the queen, but whether he returned a heart, a diamond or a club, the defense could score only one club trick, and the contract was home.

Tomorrow: Small investment pays a lot.

	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	KWWT (14)	DISC (20)	AMC (21)	SPIKE (22)	TNT (23)	BET (26)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)
	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports
5 :PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News CBS	Tele Noticias	News	Seinfeld	With Schol-ars	Scully Business	CHiPs	Dual Survival		Cops	Castle (DVS)	Did I Get Married?, Jill Scott	Jessie	Baseball Nation	SportsCenter
6 :PM	Jeopardy!	La Sombra del	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	Seinfeld	Mani	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Dual Survival		Cops	Castle (DVS)		I Didn't	College Basketball	NBA Bas-ketball: Chi-cago Bulls at Toronto Raptors.
7 :PM	Middle Gold	Mi corazón es tuyo	American Idol	Survivor	La Biblia (SS)	Myst-Laura	Big Bang	Upd Dollars	Nature (DVS)	Griffith	Dual Survival	Movie: Under Siege, Gary Bussey	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Keyshia	Movie: Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam	College Basketball	NBA Basket-ball: Thunder at Spurs
8 :PM	Mod Fam blackish	Hasta el Fin	Mod Fam	Criminal Minds	Tierra de Reyes (SS)	Law & Order: SVU	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Heroes	Dual Survival		Cops	Castle (DVS)	Being Mary Jane			
9 :PM	Nashville	Que te Perdona	Mod Fam	CSI: Cyber	Dueños del Paraíso	Chicago PD	Big Bang			Cheers	To Be An-nounced	Movie: Hard to Kill, Bill Sadler	Cops	Castle (DVS)	Being Mary Jane	Jessie		
10 :PM	News	Impacto	Cleveland	News	Tele	News	Conan	HaYesod M:25	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	Dual Survival		Cops	CSI: NY	Keyshia	I Didn't	SportsCenter	
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Cleveland	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show				Perry Mason	Dual Survival		Jail	CSI: NY	Keyshia	ANT Farm		
12 :AM	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met	James Corden	Tierra de Reyes (SS)	Seith Meyers	Conan	Office Chevalme	T. Smiley	McMillan and Wife	Dual Survival	Movie: Assault on Precinct 13, John Leguizamo	Jail	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	So Raven	NBA	SportsCenter
1 :AM	Extra	Un Refugio	How I Met	Insider	Dueños del Paraíso	News	Cougar	McDonald	T. Smiley (Off Air)	Gallery	Dual Survival		Jail	Smallville	Game One Mic	Cory	NFL Live: Own.	SportsCenter

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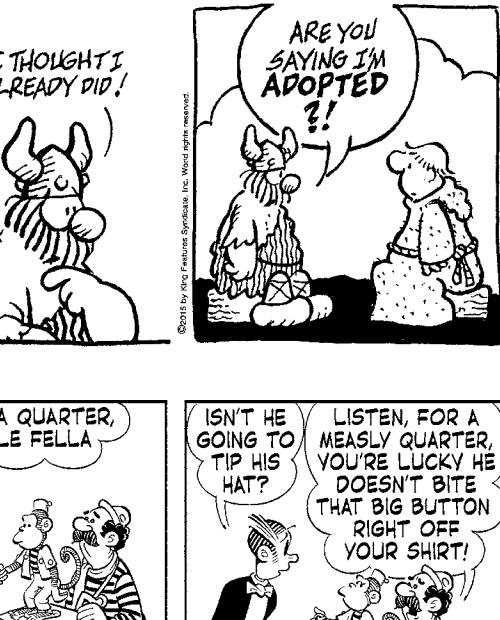
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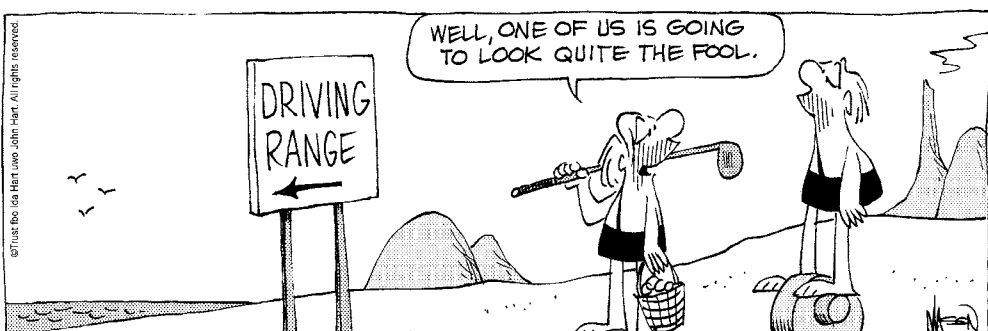
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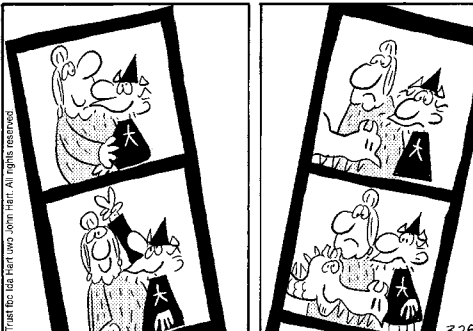
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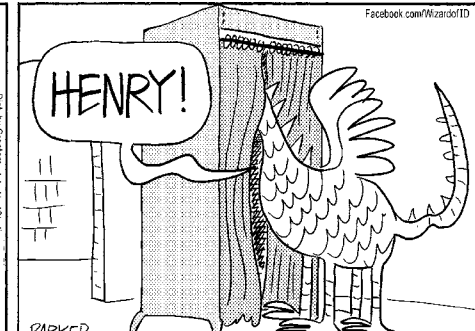
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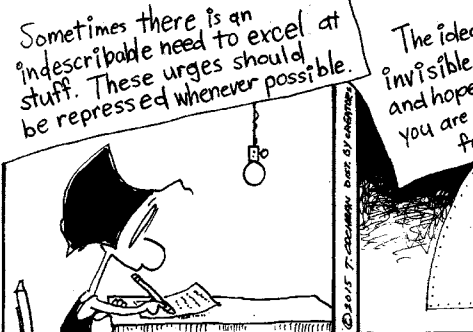
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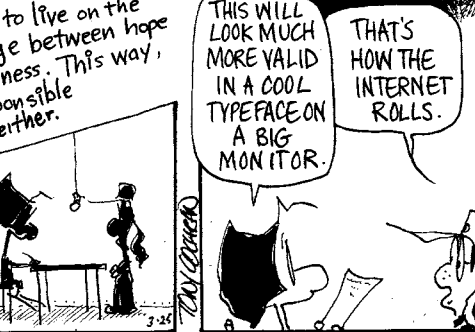
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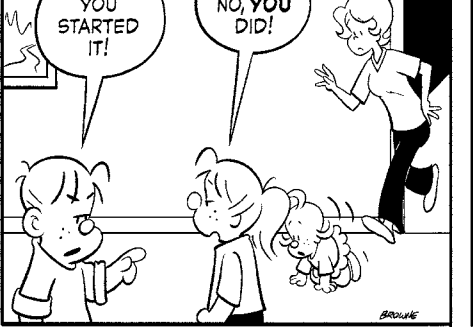
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 25, the 84th day of 2015. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 people to the Alabama state capitol in Montgomery after a five-day march from Selma to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks. Later that day, civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo, a white Detroit homemaker, was shot and killed by Ku Klux Klansmen as she drove a black volunteer to the airport.

On this date:

In 1306, Robert the Bruce was crowned King of Scots.

In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked

Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw because of counterattacking Union troops.

In 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1915, the U.S. Navy lost its first commissioned submarine as the USS F-4 sank off Hawaii, claiming the lives of all 21 crew members.

In 1924, the Second Hellenic Republic was proclaimed in Greece.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Illinois, claimed 111 lives.

In 1954, RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Indiana.

In 1975, King Faisal (FY'-suhl) of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded in June 1975.)

In 1985, "Amadeus" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture, best director for Milos (MEE'-lohsh) Forman and best actor for F. Murray Abraham.

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican

immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City.

Ten years ago: Losing still more legal appeals, Terri Schiavo's father, Bob Schindler, said his severely brain-damaged daughter was "down to her last hours" as she entered her second week without the feeding tube that had sustained her life for 15 years. An ailing, silent Pope John Paul II appeared to the faithful via video for Good Friday services at the Vatican.

Thought for Today: "Scratch a pessimist, and you find often a defender of privilege." - Lord Beveridge, British economist (1879-1963).

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Answer to previous puzzle

SHOE	PINUP	PLOP
PANT	ASONE	LORE
INCH	LEND	ABET
COUNT	MEOUT	CEOS
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	CELERY	OMAHA
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Newsday Crossword

SEW IT UP by Carolyn Stewart

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Baby powder ingredient
 - 5 Dashboard instrument
 - 9 Post-office purchase
 - 14 Creme-filled cookie
 - 15 "Understood"
 - 16 Mischievous
 - 17 Bambi, for one
 - 18 Heap
 - 19 Military groups
 - 20 "Phooey!"
 - 22 Bowling-alley button
 - 23 Get ___ the ground floor
 - 24 Inflight announcement, for short
 - 25 Give consent (to)
 - 28 In the style of
 - 30 Lab-maze runners
 - 34 Rental contract
 - 35 Loud slap
 - 37 "Steady as ___ goes"
 - 38 Moisten, as certain cutlets
 - 41 Employ
 - 42 Stingless bee
 - 43 Bronze medalist's place
 - 44 Meal at the base
 - 46 Peculiar
 - 47 Paving pieces
 - 48 Pantry invader
 - 50 Fret
 - 51 Sci-fi author Jules
 - 54 Be indecisive
- DOWN**
- 1 Lincoln in-law
 - 2 Vicinity
 - 3 Evil glance
 - 4 Most hokey
 - 5 Walk stealthily
 - 6 From China or India
 - 7 Honeycomb section
 - 8 Achilles' weak spot
 - 9 Quick increase
 - 10 Musical inaptitude
 - 11 Graph baseline
 - 12 Small amount
 - 13 Annoying one
 - 21 "For sure!"
 - 24 Apiece
 - 25 Book of photos
 - 26 Bring to a halt
 - 27 Wholesale buys
 - 28 Change, as a law
 - 29 Frilly material
 - 31 Welcome at the door
 - 32 Way over yonder
 - 33 Transmits
 - 35 Wearing footwear
 - 36 Young tabby
 - 39 Jogging pace
 - 40 Dine, so to speak
 - 45 Carpenter's tool
 - 47 Declared
 - 49 Deserving assistance
 - 50 Happy look
 - 51 Mark a ballot
 - 52 Midterm, for one
 - 53 Ready for picking
 - 54 What's set at a salon
 - 55 Otherwise
 - 56 Donald Duck nephew
 - 57 Land measure
 - 58 Make sharper

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL			
Spring Training Standings			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct	
Kansas City	13	8	.619
Oakland	14	9	.609
New York	13	9	.591
Los Angeles	11	8	.579
Toronto	12	9	.571
Houston	9	8	.529
Boston	10	9	.526
Tampa Bay	9	9	.500
Cleveland	10	11	.476
Minnesota	9	10	.474
Seattle	9	10	.474
Texas	8	10	.444
Baltimore	9	13	.409
Chicago	7	11	.389
Detroit	7	15	.318

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct	
Los Angeles	11	6	.647
Colorado	12	9	.571
St. Louis	9	7	.563
Miami	11	9	.550
Arizona	12	10	.545
New York	12	10	.545
Pittsburgh	10	9	.526
Philadelphia	11	10	.524
San Diego	11	10	.524
Cincinnati	9	9	.500
Washington	9	9	.500
Milwaukee	9	11	.450
Chicago	9	12	.429
Atlanta	9	13	.409
San Francisco	6	17	.261

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Tuesday's Games
 Minnesota 6, Toronto 5
 Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 2
 Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 3
 Miami 9, Boston 4
 Houston 4, N.Y. Mets 3
 Colorado 7, Chicago White Sox 6
 Texas 15, L.A. Angels 8
 San Diego 6, Seattle 4
 Oakland 14, Chicago Cubs 2
 N.Y. Yankees 9, Detroit 8
 Milwaukee 12, Arizona 0
 Cleveland 9, San Francisco 5

Wednesday's Games
 Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL				
National Basketball Association				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	42	29	.592	—
Boston	31	39	.443	10½
Brooklyn	29	40	.420	12
Philadelphia	17	54	.239	25
New York	14	57	.197	28

Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Atlanta	53	17	.757	—
Washington	40	31	.563	13½
Miami	32	38	.457	21
Charlotte	30	39	.435	22½
Orlando	22	50	.306	32

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Cleveland	46	26	.639	—
x-Chicago	43	29	.597	3
Milwaukee	35	36	.493	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Memphis	50	21	.704	—
Houston	47	23	.671	2½
San Antonio	44	26	.629	5½
Dallas	45	27	.625	5½
New Orleans	37	33	.529	12½

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	44	25	.638	—
Utah	31	39	.443	13½
Denver	27	44	.380	18
Minnesota	16	54	.229	28½

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Golden State	58	13	.817	—
Oklahoma City	46	25	.648	12
Phoenix	38	33	.535	20
Sacramento	25	45	.357	32½
L.A. Lakers	18	51	.261	39

Tuesday's Games
 Detroit 108, Toronto 104
 L.A. Lakers 117, Dallas 101, San Antonio 94
 Milwaukee 89, Miami 88
 Sacramento 107, Philadelphia 106
 Golden State 122, Portland 108

Wednesday's Games
 Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Okla. City at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned INF Leury Garcia, LHP Onelki Garcia and INF Andy Wilkins to Charlotte (IL) and RHP Frankie Montas to Birmingham (SL). Reassigned RHP Logan Kensing, RHP Nolan Sanburn and LHP Joe Savery to minor league camp.
 DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Kyle Lobstein, RHP Alex Wilson and RHP Josh Zeid to Toledo (IL). Assigned RHP Alberto Cabrera to minor league camp.
 MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with 2B Brian Dozier on a four-year contract. Optioned RHP A.J. Achter to Rochester (IL). Reassigned C Tyler Grimes, INFs James Beresford and Jose Martinez, and OFs Eric Farris and Danny Ortiz to minor league camp.
 TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned INF Hanser Alberto to Round Rock (PCL). Assigned RHPs Alex Gonzalez and Ross Wolf to minor league camp.
National League
 MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Carter Capps to New Orleans (PCL). Reassigned RHP Vin Mazzaro, RHP Ryan Chaffee, LHP Pat Misch, LHP Pat Urckfritz and C Vinny Rottino to minor league camp.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned INF Pete Orr and OF Bryan Petersen to minor league camp.
 NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Jack Leathersich to minor league camp.
American Association
 AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed RHP Anthony Figliolia and INF Zack MacPhee.
 JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed C Juan Medina.
 WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Kori Melo.
 WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Mark Pope and INF Aaron Baker.
Can-Am League
 NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Ryan Fennell.

National Basketball Association
 MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Re-assigned G Russ Smith to Iowa (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with DT Ray McDonald and DE Jarvis Jenkins on one-year contracts.
 HOUSTON TEXANS — Re-signed LB Akeem Dent.
 MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Agreed to terms with LB Casey Matthews and S Taylor Mays.
 NEW YORK JETS — Signed DEs Stephen Bowen and Kevin Vickerson and OT Corey Hilliard.
Canadian Football League
 EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Named Mike Scheper offensive line coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Re-called F Kevin Fiala from Milwaukee (AHL).
 VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Signed D Chris Tanev to a five-year contract extension.
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-assigned D Nate Schmidt to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
 AHL — Suspended Albany RW Cam Janssen two games.
 SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Re-assigned D Mackenzie Weegar to Cincinnati (ECHL) and F Tony Turgeon to Allen (ECHL). Announced G Colin Stevens was reassigned to the team. Released G Jacob DeSerres from his amateur tryout contract.

ECHL
 SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Loaned F Brett Cameron to Adirondack (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
 SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Loaned M Mikey Lopez to OKC Energy FC (USL).
National Women's Soccer League
 WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed F Francisca Ordega.

TENNIS
International Tennis Hall of Fame
 ITHF — Named John Austin director of tennis.

COLLEGE
 ARIZONA STATE — Fired men's basketball coach Herb Sendek.
 BUCKNELL — Named Kelly Kuss women's soccer coach.
 MISSISSIPPI STATE — Named Ben Howland men's basketball coach.
 PROVIDENCE — Announced men's junior basketball F Tyler Harris will not return for his final season of eligibility.

CLOSER TO HOME
 • The Big Spring High School varsity tennis team will be playing in Forsan on April 12 to make up for the Feb. 26 tournament that was canceled by inclement weather.
 • The Big Spring Junior High School tennis teams will be traveling to Andrews on March 28 to compete.

Mavericks rally to beat Spurs, 101-94

DALLAS (AP) — Monta Ellis provided an emphatic rebuttal Tuesday night to a dismal performance 48 hours earlier. Ellis matched his season high with 38 points and the Dallas Mavericks rallied in the second half to defeat the San Antonio Spurs 101-94. Ellis hit 16 of 27 shots, bouncing back from his 4-for-22 showing Sunday in a loss at Phoenix. In that game, he went 0-for-8 in the fourth quarter as Dallas' six-point lead vanished down the stretch. "Too much Monta tonight, don't you think?" Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "The fact that we got in transition got him some easy buckets early and got him rolling." Ellis said his shooting was simply taking what the defense gave him. "Everybody was juiced up," he said. "We came out very aggressive. They made their run, and we made our run." Dirk Nowitzki collected 15 points and 13 rebounds and Chandler Parsons added 15 for the Mavericks. Kawhi Leonard led the Spurs with 19 points and Danny Green added 17.

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