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Flanked by coaches Jennifer and Clint Adams are Big Spring High School debaters Amber Monks, Ethan Morelion, and Aliscia Brorman, who medaled and placed at the University Interscholastic League's recent state debate tournament.

BSHS debaters medal at state meet

Special to the Herald

Placing at a UIL State Meet is difficult, winning the gold is even more, and placing first and second is almost impossible, but that is exactly what Big Spring High School Speech & Debate Team members Ethan Morelion and Amber Monks did at the 3rd Annual UIL Congressional Debate State Tournament last week in Austin. "The students worked so hard this year for the State Tournament," Big Spring High School coach Jennifer Adams stated. "Ethan, Amber, and Aliscia Brorman all exceeded our expectations."

UIL Congressional Debate is in its third year as a pilot event and will, more than likely, be made a permanent event later this year.

"I've been to the Congressional Debate State Meet all three years that they have held it," Morelion said "The first year I made the finals but did not place. Last year I was fifth place and being first this year has been my goal since I stepped off the stage."

For Morelion, the win marked his fifth UIL State Medal and his second State Championship.

Monks, also a senior, placed second in her second year of making the Congressional Debate Tournament.

"I did not compete in congress last year," having competed in the inaugural tournament "I'm so glad that I got the opportunity to compete this year," Monks said.

No stranger to UIL State competition, Monks placed fifth in the Ready

Writing competition last year.

Congressional Debate models the legislative process, specifically, the United States Congress.

Within this mock legislative assembly competition, contestants draft legislation, and they research the docket of bills and resolutions dealing with real-world social and political policies prior to the contest to prepare their speeches.

At the tournament, students caucus in committees, deliver speeches on the merits and disadvantages of each piece of legislation, and vote to pass or defeat the measures they have examined.

Joining Morelion and Monks in finals was fellow senior Aliscia Brorman.

Election favors college voters nix efforts to roll back tax rate

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Voters rejected the Howard College tax recall Tuesday night in a 40/60 split.

According to election results, 1,122 votes were cast against the tax recall while 753 people voted for the measure.

In August, college trustees approved a tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 valuation which is two cents above the tax rollback cutoff figure. A group of citizens were successful in a petition drive to force the issue to the ballot box.

"I want to thank all the voters in Howard County for their interest in this election," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks. "We have the answers now. We will go forward accordingly. I want to express appreciation to everyone for the healthy debate and respect of the view point of all."

More than 1,800 people voted in this election. Early voting almost mirrored final results with 58 percent voting against the measure and 42 percent voting for. That breaks down 806 early votes against and 591 votes for. Now that the adopted rate stands, the college expects to bring in about \$1 million dollars of new tax revenue. A resident with a home of \$100,000 is expected to pay about \$20 more in taxes than if the rate was pushed back to 23 cents per \$100 valuation.

Before the tax rate was adopted by Howard College trustees, several Howard County residents spoke out during two public forums re-

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Lecture series to feature man exonerated of murder

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Texas man wrongfully convicted of the murder of his wife will be the guest speaker at the next Howard College Foundation Lecture Series.

Michael Morton spent nearly 25 years in prison before he was exonerated by DNA evidence that supported his



Morton

claim he did not murder his wife, Christine. He will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Granville T. Hall Auditorium, Hall Center for the Arts, Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Admission is free but tickets are required because seating is limited. To reserve tickets, call 432-264-5161. All ticket holders will receive a copy of his book

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Dance Gallery students performed during halftime of the Howard College basketball games at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Monday.



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Obituaries

Sue Robinson

Sue Robinson, 81, of Big Spring, died Jan. 19, 2016 at a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO**, 25, of 1611 Owens was arrested on warrants for driving with invalid license, two counts of failure to appear, and defective stop lamps.
- **STEPHEN DEWAYNE SMITH**, 35, of 316 SW Third St., was arrested on warrants for other agencies.
- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 23, of 1408 Oriole St., was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and two counts of to appear.
- **QUINCEY LAMAR HENRY**, 26, of 1500 Block of Bluebird, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, criminal mischief, more than \$100; and no drivers license-when unlicensed.
- **DOMNIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS**, 26, of 800 S. Nolan was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **ANDREW GARZA**, 41, of 2217 Lynn Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 32, of 7500 S. Service Road was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and driving with an invalid license.
- **KATHERINE DAWN RIOS**, 26, of 306 NE Sixth St. was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to appear, and a warrant from another agency.
- **BENNY WILSON**, 35, of 2017 Gilbert, Wichita Falls, Texas, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **STANLEY LYNN FRALEY**, 51, of 1000 W. 4th St., Room 111, was arrested on warrants from another agency, resisting arrest search or transport, and failure to identify a fugitive, give false information.
- **DORATHY J TARPEH**, 27, of 1316 Park St. was arrested on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.
- **LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 30, of 410 W. 8th St. was arrested on a warrant for assault by contact and theft, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500, all other.
- **FRANCISCO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 41, of 402 Westover Road was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension/prosecution.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Ave and the 200 block of W 3rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4800 block of W Hwy 80, 500 block of E 3rd St, and the 2000 block of S Gregg St.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1100 block of E 3rd St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of S Nolan Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear, defective stop lamps and violate promise to appear.
 - **STANLEY LYNN FRALEY**, 51, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation, resisting arrest, search or transportation and failure to identify fugitive intent giving false information.
 - **ANDREW GARZA**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for Bailman off Bond/Terroristic Threat.
 - **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unlawfully possession of a

firearm by a felon, criminal mischief, less than \$100 and no driver's license when unlicensed.

- **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while licensed invalid and failure to appear.
- **ANTONIO LEDARYL KIRKLAND**, 27, was booked by the GCSO on four warrants and on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **FRANCISCO RAMIREZ**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of hinder apprehension/prosecution.
- **LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of property, more than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and assault, Class C - physical contact.
- **KATHERINE DAWN RIOS**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance (two counts) display expired registration and failure to appear.
- **STEPHEN DEWAYNE SMITH**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for entering a controlled access highway, failure to display driver's license and violate promise to appear.
- **DORATHY J. TARPEH**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for disregard stop sign.
- **DOMONIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for fabricated physical evidence.
- **BENNY RAY WILSON**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a parole warrant violation.
- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for display expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and two counts of failure to appear.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' 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.

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23	Sun 1/24	Mon 1/25
 55/28 Windy with lots of sunshine. High near 55F. Winds NNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	 55/29 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	 63/37 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 72/39 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	 60/34 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	59	40	M Cloudy	Kingsville	76	59	Cloudy
Amarillo	59	31	M Cldy/Wind	Livingston	64	53	Cloudy
Austin	63	53	Cloudy	Longview	54	43	Cloudy
Beaumont	68	57	Cloudy	Lubbock	63	35	M Cloudy
Brownsville	75	61	Cloudy	Lufkin	61	50	Cloudy
Brownwood	61	42	M Cloudy	Midland	66	43	M Sunny
Corpus Christi	70	59	Cloudy	Raymondville	79	61	Cloudy
Corsicana	55	45	Cloudy	Rosenberg	67	59	M Cloudy
Dallas	53	43	Cloudy	San Antonio	65	55	Cloudy
Del Rio	66	47	Cloudy	San Marcos	61	52	Cloudy
El Paso	68	41	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	52	42	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	69	43	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	59	40	M Cloudy
Gainesville	49	36	Cloudy	Tyler	54	43	Cloudy
Greenville	50	40	Cloudy	Weatherford	55	42	M Cloudy
Houston	67	59	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	51	36	Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	39	36	Cloudy	Miami	70	60	P Cloudy
Boston	30	20	P Cldy/Wind	Minneapolis	21	15	Cloudy
Chicago	23	17	Cloudy	New York	37	28	M Sunny
Dallas	53	43	Cloudy	Phoenix	71	46	Sunny
Denver	48	25	Cloudy	San Francisco	59	49	Cloudy
Houston	38	24	M Cloudy	Seattle	50	44	Cloudy
Los Angeles	68	49	Cloudy	Saint Louis	28	20	Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 1/21	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23	Sun 1/24	Mon 1/25
4	4	4	4	4
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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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CORRECTION: In Sunday's paper, a story stated that the VA Town Hall meeting would be Tuesday. It should have stated the town hall meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

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Take note

- The Fraternal Order of the Eagles is hosting its 14th Annual Chili Cook off on Saturday, Jan. 30. Cook teams of 1-3 people need to register at the Eagles Lodge at 8 a.m. with supplies to cook a minimum of 5 pounds of Chili. Chili must be cooked on site. Judging will take place at 11:30. If interested in judging, please contact David Pope at 432-816-8462. All-you-can-eat-chili will be available to the public for \$10 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Eagles Lodge is located at 703 W. 3rd St. Proceeds will go to benefit the Big Spring Crossroads Young Marines and the West Texas Centers for MHMR.

- Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6 at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Monday - Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$90 per child, ages 4 - 16 and you must provide a birth certificate.

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

- 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 271-2176.

- 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.

Volunteer opportunities

- 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.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

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

- 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.

Carson volunteer dies in car wreck

A volunteer for Ben Carson's presidential campaign from Midland died Tuesday in a car accident in Iowa that also injured three others in Carson's campaign.

In a statement released by Carson's campaign, the car transporting Braden Joplin, 25, and three other individuals involved in the campaign "hit a patch of ice and flipped on its side where it was struck by another vehicle". Joplin was taken to the trauma center at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha where he died around 4:30 p.m., according to NewsWest9.

According to a release from Carson's campaign, Carson met with Joplin's family members Tuesday night and canceled his events for Tuesday and Wednesday.

"One of the precious few joys of campaigning is the privilege of meeting bright young men and women who are so enthusiastic about their country that they will freely give of their time and energy to work on its behalf," said Dr. Ben Carson on his official Facebook page. "I had the privilege of knowing Braden Joplin personally and am filled with a deep and profound sadness at his passing."

Joplin attended Texas Tech University and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland in 2009.

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.

VOTE

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requesting the college not to raise more tax revenue than the previous year. The hold-the-line advocates cited worries about the financial impact of higher taxes on the community after the recent hike in property values and downturn in the oil and gas sector.

In fact, the many of the speakers had also spoken at several other taxing entities' tax public hearing requesting the same thing.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out and voicing and voting," said T.J. Stewart, who was one of the citizens who spoke against any tax increase. "Again, I still don't believe that the burden should be

put on the tax payer, and I still strongly hope we can come together and present ourselves for more state funding. I really want to thank everybody who came out and voted."

College officials have cited a severe loss in state funding cuts in the last several years coupled with losses of tuition and fees from falling enrollment and

a drop in taxable values as the reason for the action.

The college budget will actually increase \$567,000 of new monies compared to the previous budget with the rest going to fill in the loss of funding, according Sparks. Now the issue has been resolved, the college will move forward on needed projects, Sparks said.

"We have maintenance projects were have been waiting to do, so we will move forward with that," she said. Also we are needing to upgrade our software for the college, and we can continue looking at that and get ready for next year."

Howard College is a community college with sites in San Angelo, and Lamesa and six sites at

area correctional institutions. It also oversees the administration of the the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID). Money raised from local tax revenue stays within Howard County and is not used to fund SWCID.

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MORTON

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"Getting Life: An Innocent Man's 25-Year Journey from Prison to Peace."

Morton's story has been featured on 60 minutes, Texas Monthly, the New York Times and a number of other news media organizations.

In August 1986, Morton's wife was bludgeoned to death in her home, according to news reports. Her body was found in the couple's bed. Later it was determined the bed sheets were stained with semen. On Feb. 17, 1987, Morton was convicted of Christine's murder and sentenced to life in

prison.

According to the Innocence Project website, key pieces of evidence obtained during investigation that could have helped Morton's defense were never presented to his attorneys after the trial judge ordered the prosecution to turn over the reports of the chief investigator in the case.

According to the Innocence Project website,

those pieces of evidence were:

- An eye-witness account from Morton's very young son at the time, Eric, who described to his grandmother — Christine's mother — the crime scene and murder and said his daddy was not at home at the time. His grandmother told this to the police, the website said.

- Eye witness statements of neighbors who told police "a man had repeatedly parked a green van on the street behind the Morton's house and walked off into a nearby wooded area."

- Police records showing Christine's missing credit cards had possibly shown up in a San Antonio, Texas jewelry store.

In 2011, lawyers for Morton were successful in getting the court to grant DNA testing on a bloody bandana found at a construction site near the Morton's home. The test found DNA matched Christine and an unknown male. After the DNA was run through a national data base, it was found to match Mark Norwood

who was later convicted of killing Christine Morton. The original prosecutor of the case Ken Anderson, who went on to become a judge, pleaded guilty to criminal contempt and agreed to serve a 10-day jail sentence. He was released after serving 5 days for good behavior.

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Amen

I column as I see 'em: Lottery winners, lottery losers

Since I never got caught up in the fever of the whole mess, I didn't even know anyone won the latest lottery until Sunday when I mentioned it at church and someone said three winners would be splitting the huge jackpot. I later discovered the winners bought their tickets in the small working class town of Munford, Tennessee, in the quiet Los Angeles suburb of Chino Hills, and at a supermarket in affluent Melbourne Beach, on Florida's Space Coast. According to NBC, "the chances of winning were 1 in 292.2 million, and there were 635,103,137 total tickets sold".

I saw a meme on Facebook last week depicting a person in prayer asking God to grant him the opportunity to prove that winning the lottery would not change him. I doubt seriously that The Almighty responded to that particular petition. It's really hard to imagine that becoming an instant multi-millionaire wouldn't change me or you. Unless something really unforeseen happens, I'll never know how it would affect me because I don't buy lottery tickets. It's really not a matter of right or wrong for me as much as it is about the odds of winning and how much I need what little money I have.

Lottery winners seem to discover that it's very tough to succeed in the aftermath of winning, and some even have difficulty surviving the ordeal. The stories of winners becoming losers are plenteous. Oh, if someday you win I'm sure you would be one of the "great success stories" but, chances are (pun intended) you'll probably never know.

What happens when your "dreams" come true? We're always told to be careful what we wish for, and for 2013 Powerball lottery winner "Wild" Willie Seeley and his wife Nancy, this advice couldn't be more appropriate. The Seeley's called their \$3.8 million win a "curse." Their complaints? They were bombarded by the media for interviews, and family members,

many they've never heard of, hit them up for loans and financial favors. "There are days I wish we were back to just getting paid every two weeks," Willie Seeley confessed in an NBC News interview.

There is nothing unusual about their complaints. This is what commonly happens with lottery winners, and often, with other recipients of sudden wealth from lawsuits, sports contracts or even inheritances. No matter how wonderful a financial windfall may sound, in every instance the potential for disaster is very real. An overabundance of anything, even something good, carries with it inherent dangers.

It hasn't been all that long ago we were sitting around the Thanksgiving table listing all the things we have to be thankful for. But once the turkey leftovers were gone, we may have begun to think that never having to worry about money again would make us really thankful. And it seemed like the quickest way to reach that point in life was to win the lottery.

If only we could win the lottery, we thought, we would quit our jobs; spend with abandon instead of counting our pennies; be generous to friends, family and charity; or travel around the world. Instead, we have to face the fact that none of this is going to happen. So we have to show up at work on time tomorrow and go back to being thankful for the things we were thankful for last week.

Fact is, winning the lottery isn't always the happy ending to a life story anyway. It's just a financial opportunity. Some people make the most of it, and others blow it. The list of winners who became losers is almost endless.

William "Bud" Post, a 1988 lottery winner, died broke in 2006. What happened to his \$16.2 million Pennsylvania lottery winnings? He spent it on houses, cars, boats, an unsuccessful family company and a twin-engine airplane (even though he didn't have a pilot's license). Within a year, he was \$1 million in debt. His former girlfriend successfully sued him for part of winnings, his brother tried to hire a hit man to kill him.

Among those who made the

most of it are Jim and Carolyn McCullar of Ephrata, Wash. They bought a winning Mega Millions lottery ticket in January 2011 worth \$190 million. They've set up trust funds for their four kids and 23 grandchildren, have given generously to charity, and still have millions to spare.

One of the more interesting lottery tales has a local flair. Cincinnati "Road Warrior", Tatiana Danger, tells the story of how in November of 1996, the tiny Texas town of Roby became the center of national and international intrigue when 42 local farmers who worked at the town cotton gin, had each put \$10 into a lottery pool, and won the entire \$46 million jackpot, on Thanksgiving Day, no less. What that did was make 6-7 percent of the population of a town with 600 residents instant millionaires.

The story is quite interesting. The day before Thanksgiving, Peggy, the cotton gin's bookkeeper convinced some guys at work to throw in \$10 and she took \$420 to a liquor store in Sweetwater (the first time she'd ever set foot in a liquor store), and the store owner tossed in another \$10 and they purchased 430 Quick Picks, one of which was the winner.

So, why didn't Roby flourish? After the Texas Lottery Commission dished out a check for \$46 million and change, there was still the drought that was hurting local farmers, and businesses were still shutting down. What's interesting is that some have posited that the lottery win may have even cursed the poor little town. According to Texas Monthly, "For each winner in town who came out ahead, another was visited by inexplicable misfortune." One Roby winner has even gone on record to say "For all the trouble the lottery brought on me, I don't know whether to be happy I won or sorry I didn't."

Actually, the jackpot only netted each winner \$1,085,162, which, after taxes, was paid out in 20 yearly installments of \$39,000.

I can't speak for you, but I'm keeping my day job.

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

GOP family values

But you have to hand this much to Trump: He's lively, even if he doesn't win every round.

On the stage, Cruz bested Trump when he recalled that his "friend Donald" had lawyers who vouchsafed for Cruz's qualified citizenship credentials in September. "Now, since September, the Constitution hasn't changed," Cruz said to laughter and applause, "but the poll numbers have." When Trump counterpunched, the audience booed. The New York Times — so excoriated by Cruz during the debate — reported, "Cruz did not just dominate much of the Republican debate, he slashed, he mocked, he charmed and he outmaneuvered everybody else onstage — but none as devastatingly and as thoroughly as this campaign's most commanding performer, Donald J. Trump."

Some pundits breezily pronounced Cruz, a Harvard Law School graduate and Princeton champion debater, the winner of the "birther" round. They forget that Trump is a master at sowing seeds of doubt. In 2011, birtherism grew stronger around doubts about President Barack Obama's birthplace.

This time, Trump is questioning the "natural born" credentials of Cruz, who was born in Canada to an American mother. Cruz argued that it has been a long-standing practice to consider the children of American citizens to be "natural born" wherever they are born. Though that may be a standard inter-

pretation, the law is not settled. Trump has uncertainty on his side.

Later, The Donald struck back. Moderator Maria Bartiromo asked Cruz just what the senator meant when he said Trump "embodies New York values." This is where Cruz should have backed off and said that though New York is not a particularly conservative town, he sees much to admire in the city's people and their vitality after 9/11. Instead, Cruz stood by his Big Apple-bashing. Trump riposted, "When the World Trade Center came down, I saw something that no place on earth could have handled more beautifully, more humanely than New York."

People who rarely agree with Trump were cheering him from their living rooms.

Rubio put himself next in line behind Cruz when he tossed out a list of areas in which Cruz has flip-flopped. For example, Cruz once supported legislation to double the number of green cards for immigrants and increased H-1B visas for skilled foreign workers by 500 percent. No more. Most recently, Cruz flipped from praising NSA leaker Edward Snowden for his "considerable public service" in 2013 to branding Snowden a "traitor." In an email, veteran GOP strategist Tucker Eskew described Rubio's attacks as "energized and very effective."

This primary has been haunted by one big question: Which candidate can beat Trump? Can anyone?



EDDY PRINCE



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Boom to bust: Bad times in the oil patch

BATESVILLE, Texas (AP) — It was a slow day selling oil field pipe — nothing new there — when Richard Collier had handed his son a select list of customers. Call them, he said.

But there were no buyers.

“That list of people I gave him is the ones that don’t pay their bills,” Collier told the San Antonio Express-News. “And they won’t even buy anything.”

To Collier, who owns a small pipe business based out of Concan and a ranch in Zavala County, it’s starting to look a lot like 1984, when the last great Texas oil boom shuddered to an end.

“Anybody who played in this game and didn’t take care of their finances really well? They’re gone,” Collier said. “You’re looking at living out of your back pocket for three years. I do believe there are people out there who are broke and just don’t know it yet.”

The drumbeat of low crude oil prices has taken hold in the oil and gas industry, from Collier’s South Texas business to Wall Street.

Companies are slashing capital budgets by the billions. Investment research firm Morningstar expects the downturn to last all of 2016, and said last week that near-term prices could be “ugly.”

“It’s just the cycle of things,” said oil and gas attorney David Roth of Elder Bray. “It was bound to arrive.”

The army of rough-necks, RVs and heavy trucks that washed across South Texas a few years ago is in retreat, battered by crude oil prices that have tumbled from above \$100 to below \$40.

Alongside oil, other things are crashing — the number of working drilling rigs, the “hiring” signs tacked up on the bulletin boards at South Texas restaurants, the number of people calling Collier, who has been in the pipe business for 40 years.

There were 840 active rigs in Texas last January, a number cut to 321 now. In the Eagle Ford Shale, the field that arcs across South Texas in a half smile, the number of active rigs has tumbled from 200 to 76.

Idle rigs are stacked, folded up like umbrellas, in a field east of San Antonio.

“Something was going to cause the Eagle Ford to go bust,” Roth said. “One thing could have been a better shale for-



mation somewhere with better economics. Someone could have discovered a shale in Michigan with better returns.”

Instead, it was a combination of timing and prices. By late 2014, the Eagle Ford was already maturing as a field, with companies zeroing in on the best spots and moving away from the edges of the field. Then oil prices crashed.

“When everyone had cheap money and lots of it, they could drill sub-optimal wells,” Roth said. “Some of that acreage isn’t that fantastic. If the Eagle Ford was discovered today, how much would actually be leased? At \$40, what would have happened? A lot less would have happened.”

Roth was struck by the view when he flew over the field a few weeks ago. “There’s plenty of activity, but nothing like the last five to six years,” he said.

Accountant Raul Rios with Padgett Stratemann said many operators hedged oil at around \$85 per barrel last year.

“They were paid that whether the price is \$100 or \$50. To some degree that kept these guys in business,” Rios said.

But starting this month, those hedges expire. “If they don’t roll off then, they will roll off by June 30,” Rios said. “I think that’s when you’re going to see the effects of low oil prices. The first two quarters

of 2016 will be very telling.”

Rios expects more layoffs, layered on top of the layoffs that have already happened.

The view from Collier’s ranch is a quiet one, of thorn scrub and white-tailed deer and the blue winter sky.

In November, a drilling rig had added a dash of excitement and hope to deer season. The well was for shallow oil instead of deeper shale — the kind of project Roth said he has seen picking up in the region because of its lower costs. But the well turned out to be dry.

It seemed like the way things had gone for everyone on site in 2015. Collier, who would at least get a new water well, and the crews who were rigging down, looked for bright spots.

“America is getting low gas prices,” said Kelly Leininger of Nacogdoches, a third-generation mud-logger, as she packed away hoses, wrapped a microscope in bubble wrap and rinsed out the trays that organized samples of rock.

Chuck Shepherd of Galveston, the night mud-logger at the site, doesn’t think the Texas economy will fare well. “We’re not going out to the mall and out to the movies,” he said. “We’re not buying all of those big trucks. It ripples on and on.”

Shepherd is a retired

Navy submariner and a geologist, who used to work offshore. In the fall of 2014, at precisely the wrong time, he took a corporate office job in Houston just as oil prices tanked. Four months later, in February, he was laid off from his job geosteering, controlling the drill bit as it moves through rock to hit specific geologic targets.

“I hit the upper echelon office obviously at exactly the wrong time,” he said.

Since June, he’s worked on these on-shore projects. “It’s a huge step down in pay and stature,” Shepherd said. “But it’s pay for now.”

The oil field is brimming with overqualified people.

Allen Gilmer of Drillinginfo said his research firm had a pool of 2,000 applicants to fill 70 positions last year. “Anyone hiring today has a very deep talent pool to choose from,” Gilmer said.

Charlie Cavazos of Benavides, the driller at Collier’s ranch, said he went about six months without work in 2015. “Paying one month my truck, one month my trailer,” he said, since unemployment was not even half of what he was used to living on.

In the last few months of the year, work had picked up, though Cavazos said there’s a notice-

able uptick in the level of expertise and experience on rigs.

“Some sites, the whole crew is drillers,” Cavazos said.

Joe Garcia, 24, has been alternating between the oil field and college, saving up and paying cash as he works on an associates degree in computer science at Coastal Bend College in Kingsville. But the slowdown in the oilfield has meant he’s that not saving as much money to return to school.

He likes the work — being outside, the satisfaction of being tired at the end of the day, knowing that he earned his money. “It’s a good feeling,” he said. The crew listens to country

music on the drive to work and laughs all the way home. “Hopefully I get out of here, though,” Garcia said.

Garcia also worries about his hometown, Benavides, and others nearby, Alice, Agua Dulce and Freer.

“If it wasn’t for the oil field, there would be nothing,” Garcia said. “Everyone works in the oil field.”

Thomas Tunstall, economic development research director at the University of Texas at San Antonio, published a paper recently that outlined things South Texas communities were doing to create an identity beyond oil — growing olives around Asherton in Dimmit County, or focusing on history and the “Come and Take It” motto of the Texas Revolution in Gonzales.

“It may be a thing that sort of buffers the community,” Tunstall said. “It’s just a buffer. You’re not going to replace a \$90,000 oil field job with a tourism job or something in the service industry, but at least they won’t be losing population.”

Tunstall said there’s a level of anxiety even for workers who are still busy. “They might be the next group of people to get laid off. It’s unfortunately the nature of that industry,” Tunstall said.

His own dad, a petroleum engineer, had to drive a truck for a couple of years. “You’ve got to do what you’ve got to do,” he said.

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U.S./Mexico trade grows using Ports-to-Plains

EDITOR'S NOTE:
This is the eighth in a series of articles highlighting the Ports-to-Plains project.

Mexico is the No. 2 export market for U.S. goods. In 2014 the U.S. exported more than \$75.5 billion in goods by truck to the entirety of Mexico. Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor connects Mexico with Texas and beyond. Three border crossings serve the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor: Del Rio/Acuña; Eagle Pass/Piedras Negras; and Laredo/Nuevo Laredo. These three crossings



MICHAEL REEVES

will be referred to as the PTP crossings. The data summarized below all address movement by truck.

The PTP crossings accounted for over \$28.5 billion in exports to Mexico from the nine states in the Ports-to-Plains Alliance region. Since 2004, the exports through the PTP crossings have increased by 118.8percent or \$15.5 billion. This increase outpaces the 94.4percent increase in all U.S. truck exports to Mexico. This represents 37.6percent of all U.S. exports to Mexico in 2014. So in terms of the market share of total exports from the U.S. to Mexico, the PTP crossings have gained 4.2percent of the market share.

The U.S. imported more than \$67.1 billion in goods from all of Mexico in 2014. The PTP crossing processed over \$34.1 billion or 50.9percent of those im-

ports. Again, the PTP crossings accounted for an increase of 91.2percent or \$16.2 billion since 2004.

Mexico is a growing market for various commodities. Exports of live animals from the nine Ports-to-Plains states to Mexico have grown 81percent to \$89.2 million since 2004. In the same period, meat exports have grown 206 percent to \$2.1 billion. Manufactured products classified as Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts have grown 71percent to \$18.3 billion.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor provides an alternative corridor to the congested



Interstate 35 and Interstate 25 corridors. The border crossings at Del Rio and Eagle Pass, combined with Mexico investments in highway infrastructure in the state of Coahuila, support that alternative.

Ports-to-Plains is a

grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international trans-

portation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at www.portstoplains.com/

BUST

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Attorney Marty Truss of Dykema Cox Smith said bankruptcy filings are on the uptick. "That's new, and it's something that's been anticipated for many months," Truss said.

Law firm Haynes and Boone LLP on Dec. 4 released its "Oil Patch Bankruptcy Monitor," which tracked 37 North American oil and gas bankruptcies in 2015, including 17 in Texas.

By mid-December, Irving-based Magnum Hunter, which operates on the far eastern edge of the Eagle Ford, had also filed for bankruptcy protection, saying it had \$6.4 million in cash and \$1.1 billion in total liabilities at the end of the third quarter.

"It's a time for consolidating, consolidation, and frankly, survival of the fittest," Truss said.

"There are folks who will not make it."

Legal disputes over royalty payments are on the increase in South Texas, with more mineral owners requesting audits to make sure they've been paid correctly. "As the checks get smaller, people look at them a lot closer," Truss said.

Gilmer said much of the idle equipment now sitting in fields is damaged from a lack of routine maintenance, and may never go back to work.

Instead, it's likely to be cannibalized for parts.

"This is exactly what happened in the 1980s. The longer equipment doesn't run, the more likely it will be used as spares or junked," Gilmer said.

But when oil prices turn around, the surviving service companies with good equipment will have a lock on the market. "This is also

what happened in the 1980s," Gilmer said. "Fortunes are built in the busts."

Collier compared the oil business to coyotes, gorging on jackrabbits in the good times.

"When it comes to it, we'll be in the desert and flipping up a rock to try to eat scorpions," he said. "We're survivors."

He got a call recently about three truckloads of pipe for sale in a yard near Dilley. He drove south to look at what should have been 600 to 700 pieces of pipe, each 30-feet in length.

"This yard is like 50 acres and there is pipe everywhere," Collier said.

He and his son asked about the pipe for sale.

The yard manager held his arms out wide. "This is it," he told them.

All of it was for sale, but the Colliers didn't buy anything.

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Steer Gym site of BSHS sweep of Snyder Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Youth — and defense — were served. Big Spring combined young lineups with effective defense to win their respective matchups with Snyder in Steer Gym Tuesday night. The Lady Steers defeated Snyder, 41-36, while the Steers bested the Tigers, 62-55.

Girls game

The Lady Steers are an intriguing mix of youth and experience — the lineup boasts five seniors and five freshmen — so it's not surprising their play this year has been, at times, inconsistent. Tuesday night, however, they were consistent enough.

Big Spring suffered at times on the offensive end of the floor, but the Lady Steers' defense overcame those shortcomings to take a vital District 2-4A win.

Although the Lady Steers led from start to finish, it was still a very back-and-forth affair that wasn't settled until the final minute.

"We just struggled with execution on shooting ... We didn't shoot well from outside. We shot 23 percent from the field, and that has to be 50 percent,"

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Above, Big Spring's Eric Ortega scores two of his team-high 22 points during the Steers' 62-55 victory over Snyder Tuesday night. At left, Big Spring's Alexis Starr is chased by two Snyder defenders as she brings the ball downcourt during the Lady Steers' 41-36 win.

Tony Claxton photos
(www.claxtonphotography.com)

Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Men's basketball
Howard College at NMMI, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls basketball
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at McCamey, 6:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Big Spring at Sweetwater, 8 pm.
Forsan at McCamey, 8p.m.

Area basketball roundup

BOYS

Colorado City 66 Coahoma 44

COAHOMA — Early foul trouble for Coahoma doomed the Bulldogs as they dropped a 66-44 basketball game to Colorado City Tuesday night.

For the game, the Wolves sank 18 of 31 free-throw attempts. C-City jumped out to a 22-13 lead after one quarter and were never seriously threatened after that.

Mason Moore scored 18 points and Adam Clark and Tyler Martin added 7 apiece for the Bulldogs, who host Stanton Tuesday.

Forsan 57

Iraan 39

FORSAN — The Forsan

Buffaloes remained unbeaten in district play with a 57-39 win over Iraan Tuesday night.

The Buffs jumped out to a 22-12 lead after one quarter and were never threatened after that.

Garrett Evans and Kobe Richardson each had 13 points to lead Forsan.

The Buffaloes return to action Friday at McCamey.

Garden City 43

Water Valley 41 (OT)

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats survived a nail-biter Tuesday, edging Water Valley in overtime.

Garden City rallied in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 39-all at the end of regulation before the Bearkats prevailed in the extra frame.

Tanner Davis scored 15 points, Ethan Goodwin scored 12 and Riley Eggeneyer added 11 for the Bearkats, who return to action at Sterling City Friday night.

GIRLS

Colorado City 46

Coahoma 42

COAHOMA — In a rivalry game, the Coahoma Bulldogettes fell just short against Colorado City Tuesday night.

Coahoma trailed by just a point heading into the fourth quarter, but C-City outscored the Bulldogettes, 10-7, in the final eight minutes to claim the win.

Lauren Simer had 14 points and Julia Catilaw added 12

for Coahoma, which hosts Reagan County at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Garden City 89

Water Valley 26

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Lady Bearkats continued their barnstorming tour through district play by blasting Water Valley Tuesday night.

The Lady Bearkats, ranked No. 1 in the state, put any doubt to rest very early, running out to a 26-3 lead after the first quarter.

Hope Halfman scored 32 points, Ashlyn Koenning scored 21 and Madison Hastings and Kortney Halfmann had 12 and 10 points, respectively, for Garden City, which travels to Sterling City Friday.

Tennis players, past and present, want names of match fixers

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Around the world, players, commentators and fans echoed the call of Roger Federer, who wants to know names of those suspected of match-fixing in a growing scandal that one ex-pro described as a "major wake-up call for the world of tennis."

Many called for clarity, saying the public and players have a right to know who is suspected of cheating. Others warned that the match-fixing scandal has the potential to damage the reputation of tennis, just like doping or corruption scandals have hurt professional cycling, athletics, baseball

and soccer.

Martina Navratilova, the 18-time Grand Slam champion, tweeted: "We need facts, not suppositions."

The scandal broke Monday when the BBC and BuzzFeed News published reports — timed for the start of the Australian Open — alleging that authorities have ignored widespread evidence of match-fixing involving 16 tennis players who have ranked in the top 50 over the past decade.

BuzzFeed titled its story, "The Tennis Rack-ety," and said that half of those 16, including a Grand Slam winner, were at this year's Australian Open.

"This really casts a very dark shadow on our sport right now," Mary Jo Fernandez said on ESPN, as part of a panel discussion Wednesday on the controversy.

"Hopefully because the world is watching, something will be done about it. We need to flag who these players were," said Fernandez, a three-time Grand Slam finalist, winner of two Grand Slam women's doubles titles and two Olympic gold medals.

Federer was among the first to demand more information: "I would love to hear names," the Swiss star said Monday at a post-match news conference.

Referring specifically

to the claim about a former Grand Slam winner, he asked, "Was it the player? Was it the support team? Who was it? Was it before? Was it a doubles player, a singles player? Which Slam? It's so all over the place. It's nonsense to answer something that is pure speculation."

His comments have resonated with those who say not knowing leads to dangerous speculation.

"This is turning into a witch hunt," said Patrick McEnroe, a former French Open doubles champion and captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team who was in Melbourne commentating.

No. 1-ranked Novak

Djokovic was put on the spot Wednesday at a post-match news conference, where a reporter told him an Italian newspaper had just reported that "wanted to lose" a match in Paris in 2007.

"This is now the main story in tennis, in the sports world, there's going to be a lot of allegations," he said, calling it "just speculation" and saying "it is not true."

Until now, the average fan may have had little idea that tennis is one of the most gambled on sports in the world, with bookmakers actively taking bets mid-match. Between matches at the Australian Open, tennis experts have explained

the mechanics of match-fixing, spelling out that it doesn't necessarily mean throwing an entire match, but could involve taking money just to double-fault or lose a set.

"We in the tennis world have all heard the stories about this going on at the low levels. No one knew it was happening at the Grand Slams," McEnroe said.

The BBC and BuzzFeed report prompted an immediate news conference by tennis' governing bodies Monday in Melbourne Park, where representatives denied allegations that any evidence about match-fixing had been suppressed.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your feelings matter to someone but not to everyone. So when they do exactly as they please, regardless of how you might feel about it, you'll waste no time lamenting and instead will focus on planning your next power move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are in a quiet mood, but that won't keep you from drawing attention. In fact, there will be great deal of intrigue surrounding your silence. Think about

what you're trying to say with it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just as soon as you declare the thing you are certain of, you will cease to be so. That only proves that you're open-minded and you're growing. Your association with a Capricorn will heal you both.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While others strive for a prize, you crave the sensation of winning and need no other incentive to try your hardest and work your best. Because of this, you'll get the prize and more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be partnering up. The kind-hearted, fun partner will be available, but think twice before you pick this one, as the task at hand may be better suited to a partner who could double as a bulldog.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The people who ask for help when they don't really need it are wearing out the potential donors to worthier causes. That bothers you, as will all instances of greed

and self-centeredness around you. Be the example they can follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Recent (overly) exciting events could have you craving a drama-free existence. The part of you that thought this would be glamorous is starting to get wise. Seek the company of grounded people, including earth signs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day will come on rapid fire and you can totally stay ahead of it -- that is, if you give up thinking (or at least over-thinking.) Yes, the intellect will only slow you down. Turn on the intuition and start surfing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Are you feeling suddenly smarter, lighter, freer? That's because a problem you've been hanging on to in the very corner of your psyche is now a non-issue. It basically flew away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you love so many people, there is a levity to your affection. You make it

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While you may hit low pockets of sadness and less-than-optimum moods, there are others in your midst at the very nadir of their suffering. Hearing a small piece of someone else's troubles will free you from your own.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). The practical efforts you make to feel more secure down deep in your soul will pay off handsomely throughout the year. In March, however, your main focus becomes more whimsical. It will be increasingly important to exercise your imagination, and then put money and time behind that. Confessions of

love in May. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 20, 44, 18 and 5.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Leo who has been trying to live a more spiritual life that includes listening to inner guidance and/or divine direction. I am open to being led by my ancestors, angels, saints, etc. I ask for a sign and I get 20 and then I still don't know what to do next. What if I can't tell the difference between my fear and legitimate guidance that's for the highest and best?"

You make a very good point with these concerns. As it is with fishing in the ocean, when you cast a wide net, you may end up with a lot of strange disparate debris that you don't know what to do with. It may help your spiritual quest to get specific about your spiritual practice. One way to do this is to create a ritual around your spiritual practice. For instance, you can decide that each morning you'll say a

prayer to invite divine guidance into your life and sit in silence for 10 minutes. Establishing a habit that you adhere to will bring a sacred order to your spiritual life. Your fears will be intermittent and changeable. Divine guidance will be consistent and persistent and it will come with a feeling of comfort and goodness.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius actor Rainn Wilson played megalomaniac Dwight Schrute of "The Office," but in real life he follows closely the humanitarian ideals of his sign, as exemplified in the website he founded, soulpancake.com: a mind-expanding, feel-good, artistic place in cyberspace. Wilson was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were in Aquarius.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: You must know that for every letter that you get, you only hear half of the story. I read the letter from "Wife on the Outside," who said her husband talks to his mother negatively about her. I hope that my wife reads that and follows your advice to go to counseling.

I am a loving husband and father, and tired of accusations of disloyalty. I love my wife. When my mother asks me how she's doing and my answer is, "She is very unhappy," I am not being disloyal. I am being truthful. But my wife doesn't like it.

My wife drinks a lot of wine in the evening. When she is no longer sober, she becomes nasty to the point where she is unbearable. She refused to go for counseling, so I went alone. My counselor recommended that I attend Al-Anon, and I plan to go back soon.

My wife does not consider herself an alcoholic. If there is any way you can help convince her to get counseling, I would be very grateful. -- Suffering Husband

Dear Suffering: Your wife didn't write to us, and we are unlikely to convince her of anything, since

she is unwilling to admit she has a problem. Our advice is for you: First, please stop telling your mother that your wife is unhappy. While we know that Mom can be a source of support, your marital problems are not really her business. If your wife considers it "disloyal," then you must stop confiding in Mom. If you need to talk to someone, go back to your counselor. Second, we hope you will return to Al-Anon meetings and learn the limits of what you can do in this situation and how you can help yourself cope. Living with someone who abuses alcohol can be both difficult and exhausting. We'll be thinking of you.

Dear Annie: I read your column every day, and I've been finding myself feeling sorrier and sorrier for women in their 40s and 50s. So many letters are about men who can't anymore and women who don't want to anymore. The message seems to be that sex has to end the minute a woman hits menopause. And that's absolutely not true!

Last week, I had lunch with two women who have been my friends since high school. We are all in our early 70s,

and every one of us agreed: Sex has been better in the last 15 years than ever before. We're not working now, so we can stay in bed and cuddle for hours if we want. There are no kids at home, so we can "take a nap" with our honeys without the slightest embarrassment. If we need lubrication, we use it. If there's more petting than fireworks, then we celebrate petting -- but we all have delighted in recent fireworks, too.

Come on, women! So our bodies don't look as awesome as they used to. So our sweethearts are a bit flabby. If two people love each other, they should still enjoy

giving and taking pleasure. And, take it from us three women, you'll look years younger with that glow in your cheeks and that sparkle in your eyes. -- Three Sexy Old Broads in Vermont

Dear Vermont: Whatever they are putting in the water up there, you ought to bottle it. Bless you for pointing out that loving someone makes the effort worthwhile.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Art of Circumvention

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 6 2
♣ A Q 9 7 3

WEST
♠ 9
♥ K J 5 2
♦ Q J 9 7 3
♣ J 4 2

EAST
♠ 4 3
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ K 8 5
♣ K 10 8 6

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q
♦ A 10 4
♣ 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 5 ♣ Pass
6 ♣

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.
It stands to reason that a finesse should be avoided when there is an alternative play that might gain a trick without incurring the risk inherent in a finesse.

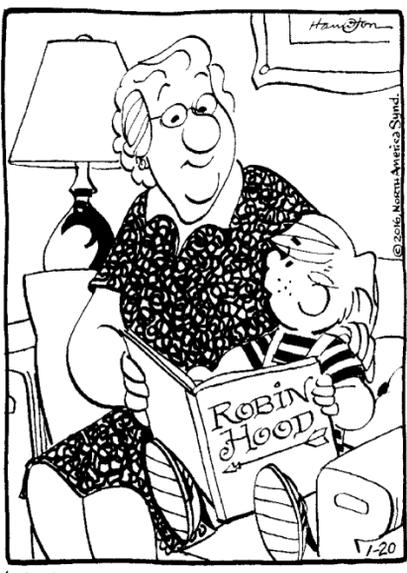
Consider this deal where South is in six spades and West leads a diamond, won by declarer with the ace. What should he do next?
Since South can concede a diamond and later ruff a diamond in dummy to bring his total to 11 tricks, his only real problem is to avoid a heart loser. Obviously, if a heart

finesse is attempted and succeeds, the slam is home. But if the finesse fails, so will the slam.
Similarly, if declarer takes a club finesse, he makes the contract if West has the king, since he can then discard the queen of hearts on the ace of clubs. But if the club finesse fails, the slam again goes down.
The finesses are equally likely to win, and which one to attempt appears to be a toss-up. But actually, it is wrong to take either finesse before trying something else that is virtually risk-free.
After winning the diamond, South should lead a club to the ace and ruff a club. He then leads a trump to the queen and ruffs another club. When both opponents follow suit, the slam becomes a certainty.
Declarer crosses to dummy with a trump and ruffs still another club, felling East's king and establishing the queen as a trick. He then leads a diamond. East wins and returns a heart, but South takes the ace, ruffs a diamond and discards the queen of hearts on the queen of clubs.
In adopting this approach, South at no point relinquishes his 50 percent chance for a successful heart finesse. If the clubs turn out to be unfavorably divided, which South will discover fairly early in the play, he still has the heart finesse to fall back on.

Tomorrow: Sylvia.
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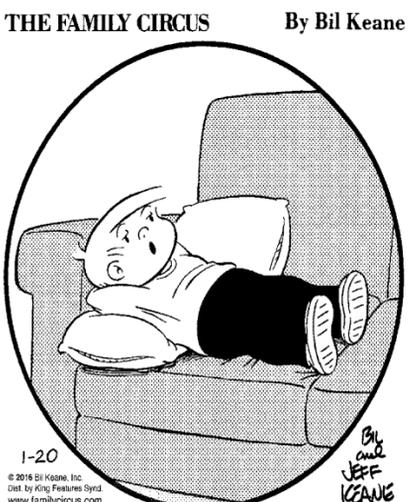
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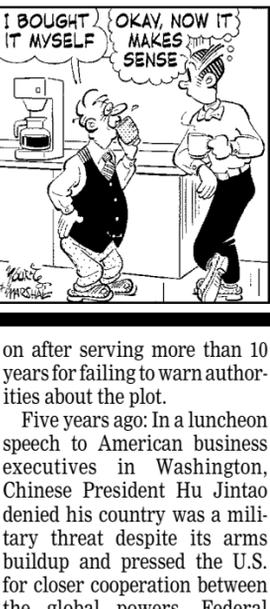
This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2016. There are 346 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 20, 1936, Britain's King George V died after his physician, Lord Dawson of Penn, injected the mortally ill monarch with morphine and cocaine to hasten his death; the king was succeeded by his eldest son, Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne 11 months later to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Newsday Crossword

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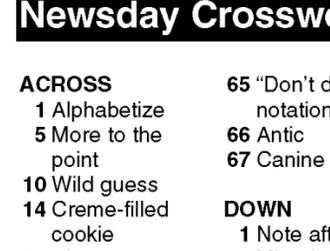
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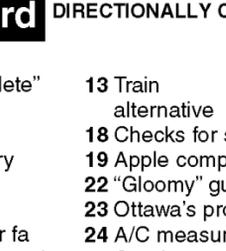
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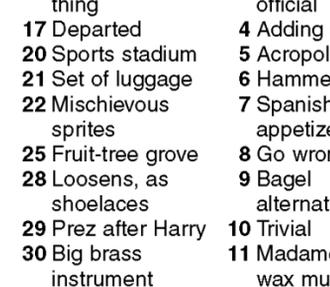
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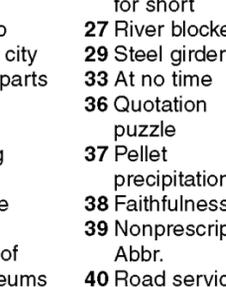
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Thought for Today

Thought for Today: "Whatever people in general do not understand, they are always prepared to dislike; the incomprehensible is always the obnoxious." Letitia Landon English poet (1802-1838)

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BSHS

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BSHS Coach Stacy Smalley said. "I'm proud of the girls for executing at the end and keeping their heads and continuing to keep that lead."

Diamonique Mayes led Big Spring with 13 points.

The game followed a repetitive narrative — the Lady Steers would build a lead, only to watch Snyder close the gap. Despite that, Big Spring was able to build a seven-point lead heading into the final quarter.

That's when Snyder made its final comeback. The Lady Tigers held Big Spring scoreless through the first three minutes of the fourth quarter and eventually cut their deficit to two points on an Alize Conner jumper with 5:12 remaining.

As they had all night, the Lady Steers responded, quickly pushing their lead back to seven on an Autumn Alexander three-pointer and a Mayes jumper, then effectively traded baskets the rest of the way.

Big Spring fans, however, were unable to breathe easy until Mayes, playing with four fouls, blocked Krysti Pierce's shot attempt with about 20 seconds left.

Mayes is one of the five seniors on this team and Smalley said the

upperclassmen are vital to any success the team will have this year. At the same time, she noted the freshmen on the roster are starting to come into their own.

"These seniors are really leaving a legacy with each girl that will be filling their position next year. They are extremely important to this team," she said. "Our freshmen have grown up a ton. We've kind of forced them to pick up their game this year. They've grown a lot, they've handled the pressure, they're not scared anymore, and they've really grown up a lot this year."

The Lady Steers (2-2 in district play) return to action Friday when they travel to Sweetwater.

Boys game

Big Spring fans hoping for a blowout win in the boy's game got their wish — for a little more than three quarters. The Steers held a comfortable double-digit lead for most of the game until Snyder rallied to make things close in the final minutes.

Substituting five players at a time, BSHS Coach Nicholas Tyerman was able to employ a full-court pressure defense practically the entire game, and it paid dividends throughout, limiting Snyder to only 37 percent shooting from the field (including on 3 for 13 from beyond the three-point line) and forcing 22 turnovers.

"We were just being as aggressive as we could on defense, that's why we rotated five at a time, so we could apply that pressure. I feel that started to wear them down," Tyerman said. "The game plan going in was, they don't have as much depth, bench-wise, as we do, so I wanted to take advantage of that and wear down their starters. Their point guard never leaves the floor, so I thought if we could take his legs away, he'd struggle from three-point range and that's what he did."

Snyder's point guard, Dralon Jackson, may have struggled from the field, but he almost single-handedly kept the Tigers in the game from the free-throw line, canning 13 of 14 foul shots en route to finishing with 22 points.

The Steers weren't without offensive firepower, either. Post player Eric Ortega led the team with 22 points, while Kolton Knudson added 10 points.

"Eric did a great job," Tyerman said. "He was being aggressive and did a great job finishing. I'm really proud of him for going as hard as he can and giving all he can to this team. All his hard work is really paying off."

The Steers (1-1 in district) return to action Friday at Sweetwater. Game time is 8 p.m.

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SMU remains unbeaten with win over Houston

DALLAS (AP) — Nic Moore delivered the message at halftime for No. 8 SMU. The senior point guard also did his part on the court to keep the Mustangs the only undefeated team in Division I.

Moore scored 23 points and had some part in each basket as SMU scored on five consecutive possessions down the stretch in a 77-73 victory over feisty Houston on Tuesday night.

"It's just got to be fun for us," said Markus Kennedy, like Moore a senior and third-year starter for SMU.

"Effort in the second half was what won the game," coach Larry Brown said. "At halftime, Nic was telling our team, let's enjoy this. The pressure happened when we got our (NCAA) ruling. There's no pressure now."

Kennedy had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and his two free throws with 5:35 left broke the game's 12th and final tie to put the Mustangs (18-0, 7-0 AAC) ahead to stay. Kennedy's tip-in a minute earlier tied the game and was part of an 8-0 spurt.

Moore then had consecutive baskets before missing two in a row — one tipped in by Sterling Brown and the other followed by Ben Moore to make it 67-64. After Danyean Dotson was on the 3-point line for a long jumper that got the Cougars (13-5, 3-3) within a point, Nic Moore passed to Brown for a 3-pointer.



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