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Chamber honors Bomar, Pittman

Duo named woman, man of the year at Tuesday banquet

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Muffet Bomar and Gale Pittman were the top honorees at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet Tuesday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Bomar, who is active in several volunteer projects in the area, and Pittman, a baker and community activist, were honored as the Chamber's Woman and Man of the Year for 2015.

Bomar has been active in the community since arriving in this area about 10 years ago. She is active with the local United Methodist Women's Reach-Out program. There, she helped institute a spa day at Big Spring State Hospital which officials say has become a big hit with the residents.

"According to hospital staff, she has become one of their most popular volunteers,"

said JoAnne Forrest, a past Woman of the Year honoree who announced this year's awards. "Clients wait at the door as she greets each participant with that ever-present smile."

Bomar also is active in Foods 2 Kids, which provides weekend meals to more than 1,000 Big Spring elementary students each month.

"Pittman is well-known for his baking, but his involvement in the community doesn't stop there," Forrest said.

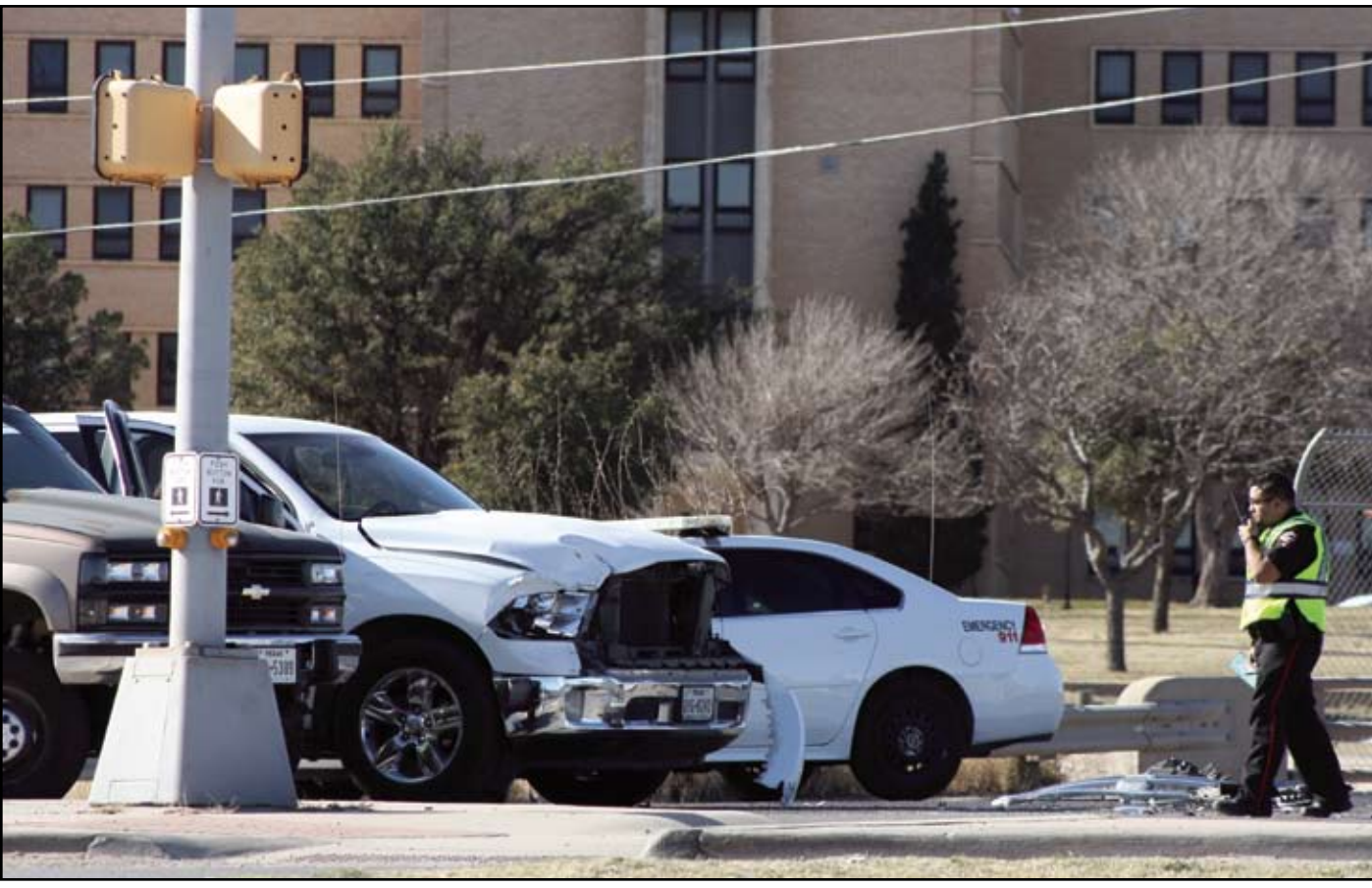
"You know him by his trade, but you also know him for his spirit of giving, for his willingness to step up to the plate when needed and for his eternal smile and gracious spirit," she said. "Give him a job and he'll move heaven and earth to do it and do it well."

Pittman is active with several programs, including

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HERALD photos/Julie Bass
 Above left, Muffet Bomar, with plaque, is joined by family members after being named the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Woman of the Year at the chamber's annual banquet Tuesday. At right, Gale Pittman is congratulated by Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde after being named 2015 Man of the Year.



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 2600 block of Gregg Street Tuesday afternoon. No injury information was available at press time.

Rail park begins operations

Special to the Herald

Twin Eagle Sand Logistics, LLC, a subsidiary of Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC, announced Tuesday it has commenced commercial operations at The Permian Rail Park, the newest addition to its terminal network.

The rail park is located on the Union Pacific Railway approximately eight miles west of Big Spring. The 530-acre rail park is Twin Eagle's fifth terminal development and is centrally located to serve the Eastern side of the Permian known as the Midland Basin.

Construction on the \$10 million project began last summer.

Phase I of the project comprised more than 33,000 feet of rail track, which will be initially used for rail-to-truck frac sand transloading services — trains will bring in sand and other materials used in oil fracking and offload the material to trucks for transport to the oil fields.

Twin Eagle also has Phase II plans to develop a loop track capable of supporting crude-by-rail market activity, as well as infrastructure to handle trucking solutions for both crude and frac sand.

"Our customers continue to demand centrally-located unit train capable terminals which reduce both rail and last mile costs of well completion. We believe the Permian Rail Park is ideally situated to efficiently serve the eastern side of the Permian Basin for many years to come" said Griff Jones, Twin Eagle's Chief Executive Officer.

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Subpoenas issued in Planned Parenthood probe

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A special House panel investigating Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers has issued its first three subpoenas, the Republican chairman of the committee said Tuesday.

Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., said she'd subpoenaed documents from three groups she said are withholding information. They are StemExpress, a company that supplies fetal tissue from abortion clinics to researchers, and the University of New Mexico and Southwestern Women's Options, which perform abortions.

In a statement, Blackburn said information from the organizations "is critical to providing us with answers to questions the American

people are asking."

Illinois Rep. Jan Schakowsky, top Democrat on the investigative panel, called the subpoenas unjustifiable and abusive. Schakowsky said Republicans want to build a database of patients, doctors and researchers that would risk their privacy and safety.

The subpoenas are "a new low in the Republicans' attack on women's health care," Schakowsky said.

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **HUNTER ZANE HAMILTON**, 26, of 6500 CR 1570 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **KRISTIN SHNEA MARMOLEJO**, 23, of 1002 N Main Street 57 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **DOROTHY SUBLET THOMAS**, 58, of 3623 Connally was arrested on a warrants for disregarding a stop sign and driving with invalid license.
- **ELIZABETH NICOLEMELECIO RIVERA**, 30, of 206 S Austin St was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, two counts of failure to appear, and driving with invalid license.
- **DENNIS DEAN BOLT**, 62, of 417 Edwards Boulevard was arrested on a charge of assaulting a family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- **ASHLEY JIMENEZ MIRAMONTES**, 22, of 301 NW 10th was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing of a property/building/aircraft/vehicle, hindering officers discharging official duties, and resisting arrest search or transport.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER JR.**, 36, of 109 NE 10th St, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- **GARY LYNN HILDERBRAND**, 43, of 9033 W State Hwy was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and driving with invalid license.
- **CALVIN SIMS KERBY**, 36, of 8512 S Service Rd was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Alamesa and the 1400 block of E 6th St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 8500 block of S Service and the intersection of 15th and Lincoln.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of S Birdwell Lane.

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.

- **DENNIS DEAN BOLT**, 62, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assaulting a family/house member, impending normal breathing or circulation.
- **MARCUS LAMON COLE**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOEL DELAROSA**, 31, was booked by the RSO on charges of driving while intoxicated and purchase/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- **LONGINO LOPEZ FLORES**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest with vehicle.
- **HUNTER ZANE HAMILTON**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana.
- **GARY LYNN HILDEBRAND**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and driving with invalid license.
- **CALVIN SIMS KIRBY**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of promise to appear.
- **KRISTIN SHENA MARMOLEJO**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, greater than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **ASHLEY RAY MIRAMONTES**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charges of resisting arrest search or transport, criminal trespassing, and hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **ELIZABETH NICOLE RIVERA**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to stop, violation of promise to appear, driving with invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **MANUEL RICARDO SOTO**, 51, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for capias-assault causing bodily injury.
- **DOROTHY SUBLET THOMAS**, 58, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for running a stop sign and driving with invalid license.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

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.

FRIDAY

- 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.

- Mt. Bethel Baptist Church invites the community to join them on Feb. 21 at 10:15 a.m. for the Annual Founder's Day Celebration. The morning will start with church service, sharing in fellowship, old memories and fun. There will be a dedication of the Fellowship Hall as it is renamed. The morning events will finish up with a covered dish lunch. Mt. Bethel Baptist Church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. in Big Spring.

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the multi-county Permian Basin Cotton Conference from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 1 at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex in Big Spring.

The complex is located at 2411 Echols Drive on the Howard College campus. Counties involved with the conference and its accompanying trade show include Howard, Martin, Midland, Glasscock, Upton and Reagan.

Individual preregistration is \$15 by Feb. 26 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal.

To RSVP, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Howard County at 432-264-2236.

- Texas congressional candidate for District 19 Dr. Donald May will host a meet and greet on Feb. 22 in the Dora Roberts Community Center (Lakeside Room) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The community center is located in Comanche Trail Park by the lake.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m.

Obituaries

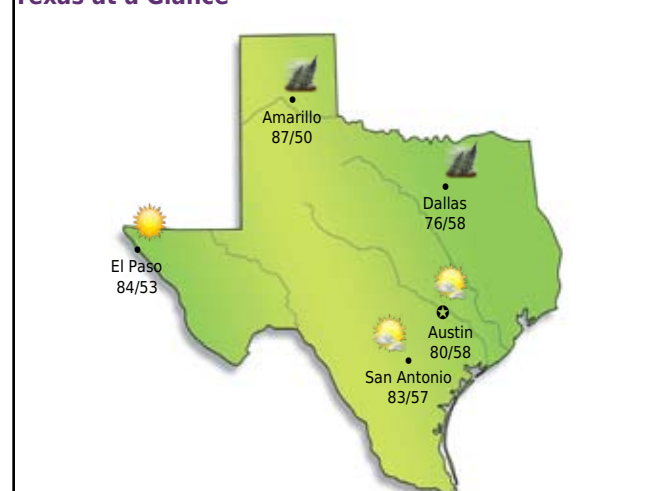
Janie McCormick

Janie McCormick, 64, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 2/18	Fri 2/19	Sat 2/20	Sun 2/21	Mon 2/22
 80/51	 82/51	 84/51	 72/41	 66/38
Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	52	Sunny	Kingsville	79	55	Foggy
Amarillo	77	47	P Cloudy	Livingston	75	46	Sunny
Austin	77	51	Sunny	Longview	70	44	Sunny
Beaumont	73	49	Sunny	Lubbock	77	46	P Cloudy
Brownsville	76	59	Cloudy	Lufkin	73	43	Sunny
Brownwood	77	45	M Cloudy	Midland	78	52	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	74	58	M Cloudy	Raymondville	82	59	Cloudy
Corsicana	74	47	Sunny	Rosenberg	75	50	Sunny
Dallas	73	50	Sunny	San Antonio	81	53	Sunny
Del Rio	82	54	M Sunny	San Marcos	78	49	Sunny
El Paso	83	50	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	47	Sunny
Fort Stockton	83	53	Sunny	Sweetwater	78	53	Sunny
Gainesville	70	47	Sunny	Tyler	71	46	Sunny
Greenville	70	46	Sunny	Weatherford	74	49	Sunny
Houston	75	50	Sunny	Wichita Falls	76	51	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	31	M Sunny	Miami	76	60	P Cloudy
Boston	43	27	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	31	23	Sunny
Chicago	31	25	P Cloudy	New York	44	29	Cloudy
Dallas	73	50	Sunny	Phoenix	92	58	Clear
Denver	70	42	M Sunny	San Francisco	64	52	Cloudy
Houston	75	50	Sunny	Seattle	58	43	Cloudy
Los Angeles	73	57	Clear	Saint Louis	43	33	M Cloudy

Moon Phases

First Feb 15	Full Feb 22	Last Mar 1	New Mar 9

UV Index

Thu 2/18	Fri 2/19	Sat 2/20	Sun 2/21	Mon 2/22
5	5	5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Feb. 29 and March 1.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

- 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

- 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. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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Foreign holdings of Treasury debt rose to record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury securities rose in December to a record high despite cutbacks by China and Japan, the two biggest foreign owners of Treasury debt.

Foreign ownership of Treasury securities increased 0.7 percent in December to a fresh record of \$6.17 trillion, up from \$6.13 trillion in November, the Treasury Department reported Tuesday.

China, the biggest foreign holder of Treasury debt, reduced its holdings 1.5 percent to \$1.25 trillion.

Japan, No. 2 foreign holder of U.S. government debt, trimmed its

holdings by 2 percent to \$1.12 trillion.

The declines were offset by Caribbean banking centers such as the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands, which boosted their holdings by 4.5 percent to \$351.6 billion. Ireland and Switzerland also expanded their holdings.

The national debt now stands at a record \$19 trillion. Of that amount, \$13.7 trillion is publicly traded on financial markets and \$5.3 trillion is debt that the government owes itself in the form of holdings in trust funds such as the Social Security trust fund.

Foreigners own about two-fifths of the debt that is publicly traded.



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

A fundraising luncheon was held at the Hotel Settles Tuesday to offer information about The Life Center and to gain the community's support. Pictured from left are: Randy Rouse, chairman of the board for The Life Center, Judy Rouse, secretary of the board and executive director of The Life Center, Tracy Watson, Big Spring satellite director, and Sharon Tissue, client services for Big Spring Life Center.



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

Incoming Chamber of Commerce President Adrian Calvio receives a ceremonial gavel from outgoing President Amy Jacobs during Tuesday's chamber banquet.

BANQUET

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Adopt a Military Hero, United Way, Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. In addition, he has served on the board of directors for both the Chamber and the Howard County Fair.

Among the other highlights of

Tuesday's banquet was the ceremonial handing of the gavel from outgoing Chamber President Amy Jacobs to Adrian Calvio, who will serve in that position for the coming 12 months.

Chet Garner of "The Daytripper" was the featured speaker.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

PROBE

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The subpoenas seek information on people involved in procuring tissue, where it came from and where it went.

House Republicans created the special panel last October as an outgrowth of the conservative furor over secretly recorded videos showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing how they sometimes supply

fetal tissue to scientists. Republicans and conservatives have denounced the practice and some have accused the organization of illegally selling the organs for profit.

Planned Parenthood has denied wrongdoing. Investigations by several congressional panels and states have yet to produce evidence that it acted illegally.

Blackburn says her panel may hold an initial hearing next month and aims to produce a report by late this year.

RAIL

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Francine Jansch, 81, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Faith Davila, infant, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Danya Atkinson, 37, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rudy Gonzales, 54, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Stella O'Nita Wilson, 82, died Sunday. A memorial service will be at 4:30 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

A Supreme dilemma

For the foreseeable future, there will be a plethora of news stories regarding the appointment of a new Supreme Court Justice. A black-draped chair on the Supreme Court bench once signaled that a justice had died, but those somber memorials have been increasingly uncommon at the court as its members have chosen to retire rather than hold their office until death. Justice Antonin Scalia's death last Saturday at the age of 79 marks only the second time in more than 60 years that an active justice has died.

“Dying this suddenly on the bench is the exception, not the rule, for the justices in the 20th century,” said Washington and Lee University law professor Todd C. Peppers, who has written about the fact that chief justices seem more likely than other justices to die while in office.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who had thyroid cancer, died in office at age 80 in 2005. Before that, the last justice to die in office was Justice Robert H. Jackson, who died in 1954 of a heart attack at age 62.

Columnists Kathleen Hennessey and Mark Sherman said, “For most presidents, choosing a Supreme Court nominee is a puzzle. For President Barack Obama, the chance to pick a successor to Justice Antonin Scalia is more like a Gordian Knot.” It does, indeed, promise to be a potentially explosive next few weeks in Washington as this potentially life and culture-changing drama unfolds.

The sitting President's nominee would undoubtedly be an unpopular choice among Republicans and conservatives because of the implications for the future of America and its moral and religious principles, which would be greatly affected by another liberal justice sitting on the bench.

As the White House carries out a rare election-year search for a nominee, the president's lawyers and top advisers are sorting through a tangled web of political, legal and personal factors.

A smart pick and nomination strategy could determine

whether Obama gets to reshape the highest court for the next generation. The wrong pick could cede that opportunity to his successor.

Democrats view this as a moment decades in the making. Recent Republican presidents have gotten more chances to fill seats, tilting the court to the right.

“The Supreme Court has not reflected where the American people have been on issues,” said Gregory Craig, who served as White House counsel early in Obama's first term. “This is the first opportunity in many, many years to bring the court more in line with the American people.” Mr. Craig, I couldn't disagree more.

So while Republican presidential candidates tear into each other like a pack of fighting dogs, and the Democratic candidates struggle to find support from any and all corners of the country, a potentially historical event waits in the wings.

The Supreme Court has a special role to play in the United States system of government. The Constitution gives it the power to check, if necessary, the actions of the president and Congress.

It can tell a president that his actions are not allowed by the Constitution. It can tell Congress that a law it passed violated the U.S. Constitution and is, therefore, no longer a law. It can also tell the government of a state that one of its laws breaks a rule in the Constitution.

The Supreme Court is the final judge in all cases involving laws of Congress, and the highest law of all — the Constitution.

The Supreme Court, however, is far from all-powerful. Its power is limited by the other two branches of government. The President nominates justices to the court. The Senate must vote its approval of the nominations. The whole Congress also has great power over the lower courts in the federal system. District and appeals courts are created by acts of Congress. These courts may be abolished if Congress wishes it.

There is no doubt that history can be shaped and guided by Supreme Court decisions. One that has defined the power of the Court during my lifetime was the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized abortion and is at the center of the lasting controversy between “pro-life”

and “pro-choice” advocates. The Court ruled that a woman has the right to an abortion without interference from the government in the first trimester of pregnancy, contending that it is part of her “right to privacy.” The Court maintained that right to privacy is not absolute, however, and granted states the right to intervene in the second and third trimesters of pregnancy.

In 1978, *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* imposed limitations on affirmative action to ensure that providing greater opportunities for minorities did not come at the expense of the rights of the majority. In other words, affirmative action was unfair if it led to reverse discrimination. The case involved the University of Calif., Davis, Medical School and Allan Bakke, a white applicant who was rejected twice even though there were minority applicants admitted with significantly lower scores than his. A closely divided Court ruled that while race was a legitimate factor in school admissions, the use of rigid quotas was not permissible.

The most recent powerfully influential ruling was in 2015 when The Court ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have the fundamental right to marry and that states cannot say that marriage is reserved for heterosexual couples. “Under the Constitution, same-sex couples seek in marriage the same legal treatment as opposite-sex couples, and it would disparage their choices and diminish their personhood to deny them this right,” Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the majority opinion. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan joined Kennedy in the ruling. Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito Jr., the court's most conservative members, dissented.

As a Christian Conservative, I am praying about this matter very seriously. Justice Scalia was a great man and his influence will be sorely missed. Our nation's future is being weighed in the balance and I pray the scales don't tip in the wrong direction.

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

Democrats, don't blow it

The death of Antonin Scalia has set off yet another epic partisan struggle as Senate Republicans

seek to deny President Obama his constitutional right to nominate the next Supreme Court justice. They want to wait out Obama's last year in office, hoping his successor will be one of their own.

If the Democrats choose Bernie Sanders as their presidential candidate, Republicans will almost certainly get their wish. Furthermore, the Republican president would probably have a Republican-majority Senate happy to approve his selection.

The makeup of senatorial races this November gives Democrats a decent chance of capturing a majority. Having the radical Sanders on the ballot would hurt them in swing states.

No sophisticated pollster puts stock in current numbers showing Sanders doing well against possible Republican foes. The right has not subjected Sanders to the brutality it routinely rains on Hillary Clinton — precisely because he is the candidate they want to run a Republican against. Should Sanders become the nominee, the skies will open.

One may applaud Sanders' denunciation of big money in politics, but a moderate Demo-

crat in the White House could do something about it. A democratic socialist not in the White House cannot. Campaign finance reform would be a hard slog under any circumstances, but a seasoned politician who plays well with others could bring a reluctant few to her side.

Some younger liberals may not know the history of the disastrous 2000 election, where Republicans played the left for fools. Polls were showing Al Gore and George W. Bush neck-and-neck, particularly in the pivotal state of Florida.

Despite the stakes, prominent left-wing voices continued to back the third-party candidacy of Ralph Nader. You had Michael Moore bouncing on stages where he urged cheering liberals to vote for the radical Nader because there was no difference between Gore and Bush. Republicans, meanwhile, were running ads for Nader. That was no secret. It was in the papers.

When the Florida tally came in, Bush held a mere 537-vote edge. The close results prompted Florida to start a recount of the votes. Then, in a purely partisan play, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court stopped the recount, handing the election to Bush.

The bigger point is that Gore would have been the undisputed winner in 2000 had Nader not vacuumed up almost 100,000 Florida votes, most of which would have surely gone to him.

Same deal in New Hampshire,

where Nader siphoned off more than 22,000 votes. Bush won there by only 7,211 ballots.

Now, Sanders is an honorable man running a straightforward campaign for the Democratic nomination. One can't imagine his playing the third-party spoiler.

But what makes today similar to 2000 is how many on the left are so demanding of ideological purity that they'd blow the opportunity to keep the White House in Democratic hands. Of course, they don't see it that way. This may reflect their closed circle of like-minded friends — or an illusion that others need only see the light, and their hero will sweep into the Oval Office.

The other similarity to 2000 is the scorn the believers heap on the experienced liberal alternative. They can't accept the compromises, contradictions and occasional bad calls that attach to any politician who's fought in the trenches.

The next president will almost certainly be either Clinton or a Republican. Democrats must ask themselves: Whom would you prefer to name future Supreme Court judges?

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FROMA HARROP

Check it out: What's at the library

Hope the beginning of the year has everyone ready for new things!

For those of you who know next to nothing about computers, we have a book, "Microsoft Office On-line" by Martyand-Carole Matthews (005.5 MAT M), that will help you become



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more computer literate. Among other things, this book instructs you on how to:

- Set up, explore, add, use and share files on OneDrive
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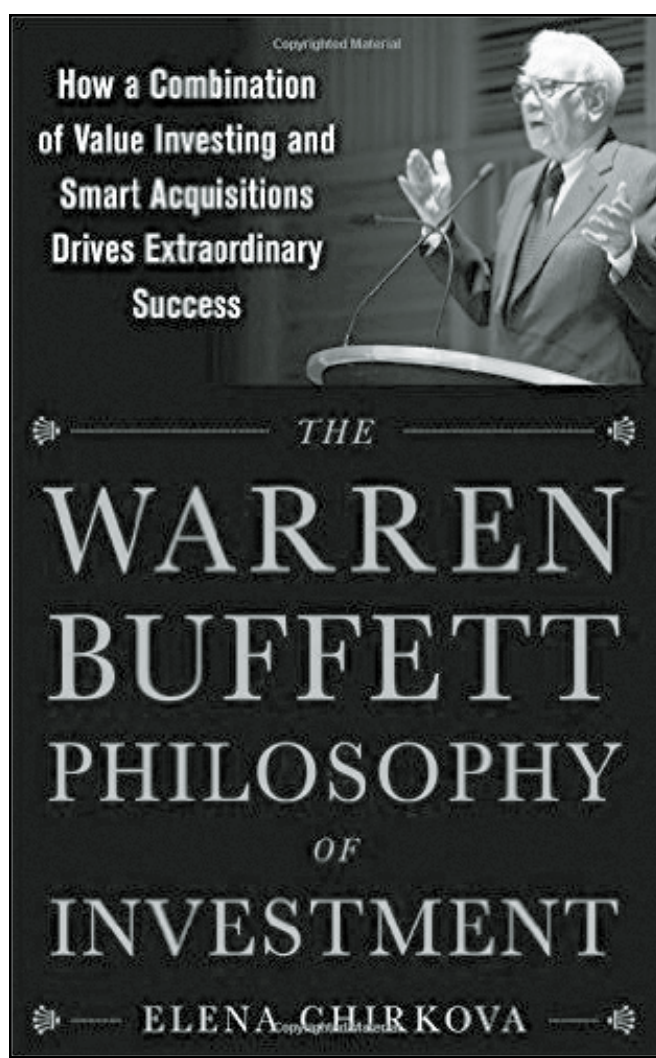
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In our super-busy world, it is easy to become overwhelmed by our work, home, obligations and everyday stress. Add to that relationship problems, serious illness or a family crisis and the flood of stress-related hormones can put some people into a state of constant fatigue.

Adrenal fatigue affects the adrenal glands' ability to regulate hormones, resulting in body aches, sleep disturbances and digestive problems. "The Everything Guide to Adrenal Fatigue" by Dr. Maggie Luther (616.047 LUT M) offers a natural lifestyle plan to identify symptoms, calm adrenal glands and restore energy levels.

Using the information in this guide, you can reset your diet and reclaim your health.

It equips you with information to decrease chronic stress, calm mood swings, improve concentration, regulate hormones and nour-



ish your body to live a happy, stress-free life.

This guide also includes more than 130 revitalizing recipes to keep you on the right track.

Now might be the time to check out "Home Business Tax Deductions" by Stephen Fishman (343.068 FIS S).

Since it is income tax time, this book can help you take advantage of all the valuable deductions to which you are entitled.

For any home business, claiming all the tax deductions you are entitled to is essential to your business's financial success.

You can also learn how to keep accurate, thorough records in case the IRS comes calling.

This book includes the latest tax law changes and can also gain you access to a website

where you can stay current with legal updates to this book.

Study this book and don't miss out on the many deductions you can claim.

"The Warren Buffett Philosophy of Investment" by Elena Chirkova (332.6 CHI E) might be a book you need if you are thinking of investing or are already an investor.

Whether you are a devoted follower or curious about the legendary investor, this eye-opening study of his investment habits illuminates a cornerstone component to his success not available anywhere else.

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Learn how a combination of value investing and smart acquisitions drives extraordinary success.

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Iris Johansen is the New York Times bestselling author of "Live to See Tomorrow," "Silencing Eve," "Hunting Eve," "Taking Eve," "Sleep No More," "What Doesn't Kill You," "Bonnie," "Quinn," "Eve," "Chasing the Night," "Eight Days to Live," "Blood Game," "Deadlock,"

"Dark Summer," "Pandora's Daughter," "Quicksand," "Killer Dreams," "On the Run," "Countdown," "Firestorm," "Fatal Tide," "Dead Aim," "No One to Trust" and many more.

Many of the above-mentioned books are located in the Fiction, Mystery, or Large Print sections of the library.

Just in is "The Perfect Witness" by Iris Johansen (F JOH I). This book is sure to have you reading from start to finish. In this book, Teresa Casali discovers that she has a strange gift — the ability to read people's memories.

This gift becomes a curse when her mob boss father uses her to gain the upper hand in his world of corruption and violence. Exposed by her own father to the darkest impulses of mankind, Teresa realizes that she must run away to survive.

A guardian angel in the form of a man, Andre Mandak, rescues her and helps her control her gift before it consumes her. Andre has a hidden agenda but helps Teresa enter into the Witness Protection program, where Teresa shuts the door to the past and becomes Allie Girard.

Mandak makes it clear: When the time is right, he will benefit from her powers.

For years Allie flourishes ... until the day her cover is blown. Once again she is on the run, with her life and those of her loved ones at stake.

This time she refuses to be used against her wishes and will use her finely honed gift to end the threat that began with her family's betrayal. From perfect target to perfect witness, Allie Girard is ready to take on the past, even if it kills her. Don't let the suspense kill you, come check out this book or any of Iris Johansen's other books.

If you don't find these books on the shelves, they might be on the "New Book" display as you walk into the library.

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Rumor has it at dog show

NEW YORK (AP) — She's ranked as the No. 1 show dog in America. And listening to the crowd at Madison Square Garden chant her name, she easily was Miss Popularity, too.

"Let's go, Rumor!" fans hollered shortly before the German shepherd ran rings around her competition.

That was Monday night at the Westminster Kennel Club. On Tuesday night, the 4-year-old who's already won 101 best in show titles will try to add the crown at the nation's most prestigious pooch event.

Provided, of course, she gets her proper exercise. Not always easy to locate enough space in New York City, especially with the recent snow.

"It's hard to find green places to take her and keep her fit," said handler Kent Boyles of Edgerton, Wisconsin.

"What's most important is that she's enjoying herself," he said.

Only one German shepherd has ever won Westminster, the famed and fittingly named Manhattan in 1987.

Rumor was the perfect picture of a well-groomed champion in winning the herding group. Poised, she seemed to look at the crowd as she ran across the green carpet.

Only after she was picked did she break character and jump up a bit.

"She's a sweet, beautiful animal. She wants to please," co-owner Pamela Buckles said.

Rumor is fresh off her biggest win yet, at the AKC/Eukanuba show in Florida last December.

With more than 2,700 dogs entered, her top competition could come from Charlie the Skye terrier, who won the prominent National Dog Show in Philadelphia.

Already assured spots in the final ring of seven are hound group winner Lucy the borzoi, toy winner Panda the shih tzu and nonsporting champ Annabelle the bulldog.

The top sporting, working and terriers get chosen Tuesday night, followed by the best in show pick shortly before 11 p.m.

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Federal transportation funding and Ports-to-Plains

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

While everyone wishes that there was a transportation fairy to wave a magic wand to build and maintain our highways, there is none. In lieu of a magic wand, we rely on funding that comes primarily from your federal fuel tax of 18.4 cents per gallon of fuel and from state fuel taxes.

We will talk about state transportation funding next week, but today I want to discuss funding at the federal level.

The gas tax was a fair and efficient way to fund highways. The more you drove and use the roads, the more gas you use and fuel tax you pay. Fuel tax is easy to collect because you pay every time you fill your tank. But it also has some challenges.

Most taxes are levied at a percentage basis (8



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percent of a sale price or 25 percent of income), and the revenue generated will grow with inflation.

But the motor fuel tax is set at a flat rate per gallon. Drivers today pay the same 18.4 cents per gallon that we did in 1993.

But construction costs, like pretty much everything else but the gas tax, have increased since 1993.

Further compounding the revenue shortfall is greater fuel efficiency of cars. That means drivers are putting billions of miles a year of wear on the nation's roads without paying any additional money to maintain them. The

combination of inflation and fuel efficiency has eaten nearly a third of the buying power of the gas tax since 1997.

By 2008, Congress began to commit general fund dollars to the Highway Trust Fund just to stay even with the funding levels in previous years. So federal transportation funding has remained flat with a few inflation adjustments over the years. Since that time, the Corridor has seen only small amounts of federal funding through state DOTs.

In 2005, when the SAFETEA-LU transportation reauthorization was passed, the original four-state Ports-to-

Plains corridor benefited from more than \$119 million worth of congressional earmarks for expansion projects. Issues with how other earmarks were committed resulted in a major change in federal policy since then. New policies from that point forward provided funding to each state, but left it up to states to determine how the federal funding was spent.

In December 2015, a new five-year transportation bill called the FAST Act was passed and, for the first time, specific funding for freight was included. The FAST Act created a new formula funded National Highway

Freight Program that would fund freight-related highway improvements.

The bill authorizes a five-year national total of \$8.2 billion shared by formula to each state. Additionally, the act allows states to designate Critical Rural Freight Corridors, which would be eligible for expenditures from the National Highway Freight Program formula funds.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance is working with its congressional delegations across the entire corridor to ask the Federal Highway Administration to provide states the guidance on how to identify the Critical Rural Freight Corridors. The FAST Act showed that corridors serving energy development and agriculture could be designated. Critical Rural Freight Corridors can become an important federal funding source to further expansion projects on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

When asked why have a federal program at all if the federal dollars go to state DOTs, Ports-to-Plains is quick to point out that goods and people are not just moved within states, but across states the nation and internationally.

Having a consistent national transporta-

tion policy is critical to reaching that goal.

Larger states, like Texas, need a good system connecting across smaller population states. Without that national system there would be increased costs of transportation and the decreased reliability of the system, driving up logistics costs and hurting U.S. businesses.

Our local businesses would be less able to compete in the international marketplace. Transportation would become a drag on the economy, impeding private sector growth and long-term private sector job creation.

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 transportation 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 <http://www.portstoplastains.com/>.

Jury selection begins in trial of BP rig supervisor

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge and attorneys questioned jurors Tuesday as a former BP rig supervisor went on trial for a misdemeanor pollution charge from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

Robert Kaluza, 65, is likely the last person to stand trial after a sweeping Justice Department investigation into the rig explosion and well blowout.

Each prospective ju-

ror had earlier filled out a 16-page questionnaire and pledged not to research, read or look into any information that might be related to Kaluza's case. One of the 48 questions asked was their opinions about oil companies, BP and co-defendants Transocean and Halliburton. They also were asked about drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico, and whether they, family members or close friends were affected by

the 2010 explosion or oil spill.

If attorneys or the judge had questions about their answers, they were called up to a table where the judge and attorneys sat to ask them for details. Questions and answers were not audible to others in the courtroom.

Prosecutors say Kaluza and Donald Vidrine, another rig supervisor, botched a "negative pressure test" and missed clear signs of trouble be-

fore the blowout.

Both had faced more serious charges of manslaughter of 11 workers who died when the rig exploded, but federal prosecutors backed off those charges. In terms of individual criminal responsibility for the spill, only four mostly

lower-ranking employees faced charges, and those cases have unraveled before skeptical jurors and judges.

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Cruz makes his Court knowledge focal point

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Ted Cruz has always talked about the Supreme Court as a candidate for president, but it's become the new focal point of his White House bid following the weekend death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

The Texas senator on Monday recast the stump speech he's offered voters for the past several weeks to highlight the importance of electing a conservative who will appoint what he called the right kind of justices to the Supreme Court, which he described as currently being "activist" and "out of control."

Cruz argued before the Supreme Court nine times by age 40, winning two cases and losing four, with three cases having a murkier outcome. He says that gives him alone "the background, the principle, the character, the judgment" to find a solid conservative to replace Scalia.

The tea party darling also has vowed to filibuster any nominees of-

ferred by President Barack Obama, saying one more liberal Supreme Court justice could wipe out state-level abortion restrictions while undermining religious liberty and curtailing gun ownership.

"This presidential election is the turning point between either prevailing or losing that fight for a generation," Cruz told a crowd in Florence, South Carolina.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Cruz clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. His high court arguments were the bedrock of his underdog Senate victory in Texas and are woven into the DNA of his presidential run.

If elected, Cruz would be the ninth president to have argued before the Supreme Court, but the first since Richard Nixon in 1966, according to The American Bar Association. Cruz constantly reminds audiences he defended states' rights, gun rights, the Ten Commandments and capital

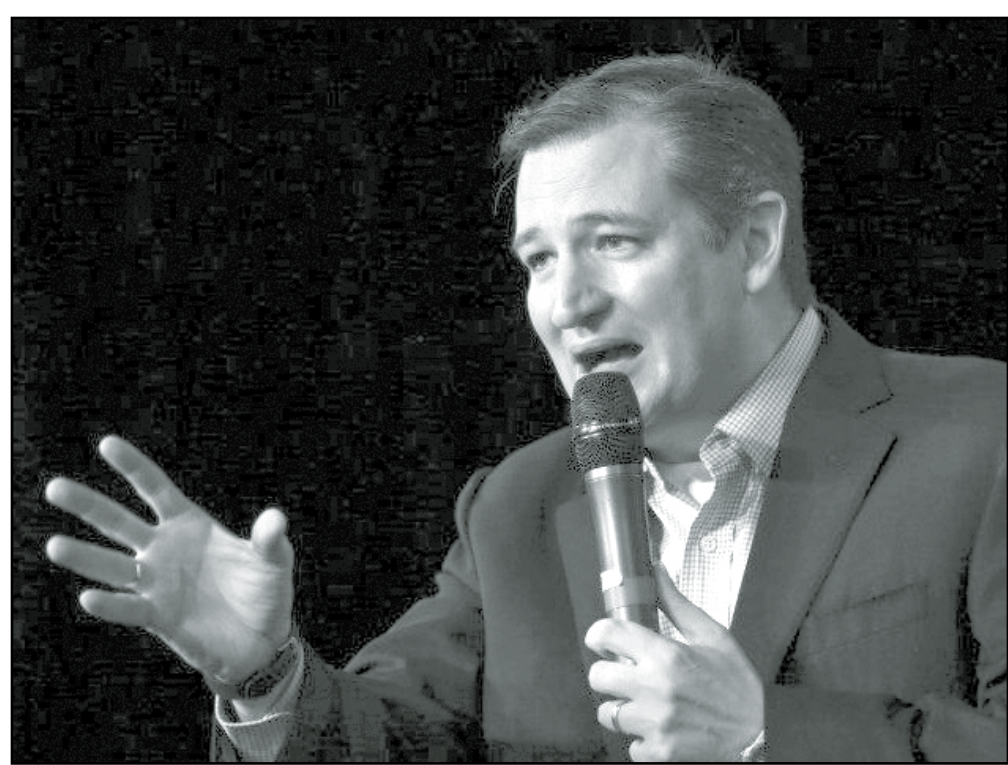
punishment before the high court.

He doesn't suggest he won every case, but Cruz's defeats can get lost in translation. While canvassing for Cruz in Iowa last month, a volunteer visiting from Georgia proclaimed to caucus-goers that her candidate "won every one" of his nine cases.

Cruz did prevail in his final Supreme Court appearance. He won a patent infringement case in 2011 involving a deep fat fryer while working for a private Houston law firm.

His other eight appearances came during his five years as Texas solicitor general, a job he took on in 2003 at 32. Cruz didn't get to pick his own cases as he argued for Texas. But then-Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, now the state's governor, encouraged him to join out-of-state cases that could promote conservative values.

"Ted Cruz was tireless in searching for every possible opportunity, not just to talk about,



AP photo

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz makes a point during a recent campaign speech. Cruz has made his knowledge of the Supreme Court a focal point in his campaign.

but to implement and execute, a conservative constitutional vision for the country," said James Ho, Cruz's successor as Texas solicitor general.

In his first Supreme Court case in 2003, Cruz argued Texas shouldn't have to honor an agreement to improve health coverage for poor children.

He lost 9-0.

The following year, Cruz implored the Supreme Court to uphold a

16-year prison sentence for a man convicted of stealing a calculator from Wal-Mart. The justices remanded the case to a lower court, which sentenced the man to time served.

The case Cruz most trumpets brought him to the Supreme Court twice and involved a Mexican national named Jose Ernesto Medellin.

Medellin was convicted of the rape and murder of two teenage girls in Houston in 1993, but

wasn't notified of his right to contact Mexican diplomats upon arrest, as dictated by the 1963 Vienna Convention. The International Court of Justice ruled in 2004 that U.S. courts should review the convictions and sentences for Medellin and 50 other Mexican-born prisoners because of the treaty violation.

President George W. Bush directed state courts to review such cases, and Texas sued.

Clinton: Obama likely to pressure GOP on court pick

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Hillary Clinton predicted Monday that President Barack Obama will nominate someone who's already been confirmed by the Senate to replace the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The Democratic candidate for president said that would potentially increase pressure on resistant Republicans to consider Obama's choice for the high court.

"I'm hoping that we will get somebody nominated that will get people saying, 'Hey, the only reason you're blocking this is pure partisanship, so do your duty,'" Clinton said in response to a question at a campaign stop in the remote northeastern Nevada mining town of Elko.

She added that some judges now serving on the federal appeals courts "were confirmed 99-0" by the Senate. At a later forum on health care in Reno, Clinton said the longest confirmation process ever was for Justice Clarence Thomas. "That took 100 days," Clinton said. "We have 340 days."

"I don't care whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, or you're a citizen or an elected official, we can't get into the pattern, my friends, of picking sides and distorting the Constitution

in a way to try to garner partisan advantage," she said.

In the wake of Scalia's death on Saturday, Republican senators and several GOP presidential candidates have said Obama should not seek to replace the revered conservative jurist during the final 11 months of his term in office. Instead, they argue, that choice should be left to the winner of this fall's presidential election.

Obama has said he will make a nomination, and Clinton and her rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, have both expressed outrage at the potential of a GOP-led Senate refusing to consider it.

"You talk about the Constitution a whole lot. Well, how about obeying the Constitution and start holding hearings when President Obama nominates the next Supreme Court justice," Sanders said Monday at a rally.

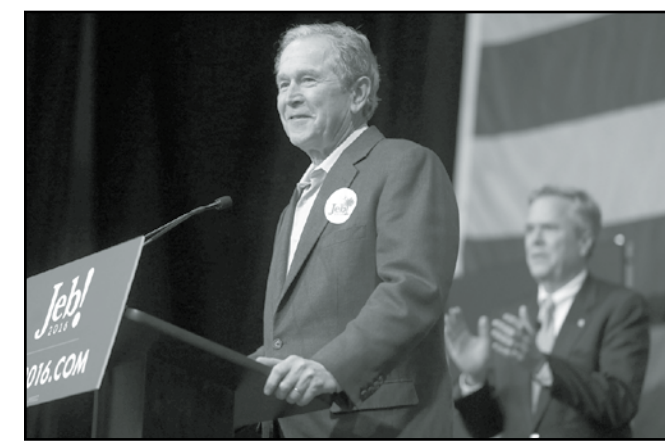
Ex President Bush bashes Trump while not mentioning him by name

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — George W. Bush never mentioned Donald Trump. But with his folksy touch, the former president unleashed a tough takedown of the billionaire businessman who has upended a Republican Party his family has long led.

"I understand Americans are angry and frustrated," Bush said Monday during his first campaign rally for his brother, Jeb Bush. "But we do not need somebody in the Oval Office who mirrors and inflames our anger and frustration."

Trump's rise has confounded the Bush family and its allies. But despite months of predicting the brash billionaire would fade, it's Jeb Bush whose White House hopes are in peril, particularly if he's unable to pull out a strong showing in Saturday's South Carolina primary.

The former president emerged from his self-imposed political hibernation to try to



AP photo

Former President George W. Bush stumps for his brother, Jeb, during a campaign stop in Charleston, S.C. Monday.

give Bush a President's Day boost. He layered each validation of his younger brother with an implicit critique of Trump.

He urged voters to back a candidate who will be "measured and thoughtful" on the world stage. A candidate whose "humility" helps him understand what he doesn't know. A candidate who can win in November's general election.

"All the sloganeering and all the talk doesn't

matter if we don't win," Bush said.

"We need somebody who can take a positive message across the country," he added.

With his brother as a strong warmup act, Jeb Bush delivered an impassioned version of his campaign speech, touting his experience as Florida governor and vowing he could put Republicans back in the White House for the first time in eight years.

"I can beat Hillary

Clinton," he said of the Democratic front-runner. "I can promise you that."

The former president's return to presidential politics has been met with blistering attacks from Trump about the unpopular Iraq war and the economic recession that began at the end of his administration. Trump has also repeatedly reminded voters that the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks happened on Bush's watch.

"If the ex-president is campaigning for his brother, I think he's probably open to great scrutiny, maybe things that haven't been thought of in the past," Trump told reporters Monday.

Rather than gloss over 9/11, Bush leaned in. As the crowd fell into a hushed silence, he recounted in detail his whereabouts on the morning of the attacks and praised the troops that served in the two wars he started in response.

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Lady Steers lose in first round, 70-33

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Lady Steers' season has come to a close after falling to the Bushland Lady Falcons, 70-33.

Big Spring's defense was on a roll at the start of the game, as they allowed just five first-quarter points to Bushland. The Lady Steers took a 7-5 lead into the second quarter, but it wouldn't last long.

The Lady Falcons made adjustments on the defensive end, and it benefited their offense the most. They put pressure on the Lady Steers in the form of a full-court press and man-to-man schemes that forced Big Spring into countless turnovers, which resulted in Bushland getting their offense going with fast-break opportunities. They took a 27-18 lead into the break.

A manageable halftime deficit turned into an insurmountable lead in the third quarter for the Lady Falcons. The press worked to a tee against the Lady Steers as they only scored two points in the third, both on free throws, to fall behind 46-20 at the end of the quarter. The fourth quarter yielded the same results to give Bushland the 70-33 win.

The 70 points given up weren't indicative of the Lady Steers defense, however. The defensive play was admirable against a Bushland squad that had a significant height advantage at almost every position.

Diamonique Mayes and Kayleigh Penny were a force in the post and

on the boards, and guards Myckala Edwards and August Alexander were able to lock down Bushland's point guards. The Lady Falcons had a difficult time getting anything going in their half-court offense throughout the game, and if not for the turnovers by Big Spring that created their scoring chances, could have found themselves in a closer game.

Edwards led the Lady Steers with 10 points in her final game as a Lady Steer, and Penny added six in the loss.

The Lady Steers will be losing five seniors this offseason. Mayes, Edwards, Alexander, forward Tiffani Ruiz and guard Kiowa Lesser will be leaving the team.

The Lady Steers will have to rely on the experience gained during this playoff run by their five freshman players next year. Penny, guard Alexis Starr, forward Logan Terrazas, center KaSondra Williams and guard Kamri Kemper will all play an important role for Big Spring during the 2016-17 season when it starts back up in October.

Starr and Terrazas got the most playing time this year out of the freshmen, and showed noticeable improvements as their season went on. Starr was the only freshman starter on the floor during yesterday's playoff game, and if she continues to trend in the right direction, she'll hold onto that spot into next year.

Contact Sports Editor Drew Williams at 432-263-7331, ext. 237.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com) Logan Terrazas fires a 3-pointer in Tuesday night's loss against the Bushland Lady Falcons.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com) Jaiden Ludington goes in for a layup in the loss Tuesday night at Estacado.

Steers finish season with 79-45 loss

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The senior Steers laced their shoes up for the last time in a Big Spring uniform on Tuesday.

The Steers fell to the Estacado Matadors 79-45 in their final game of the season, and the final game of head coach Nicholas Tyerman's first year at the school.

The Matadors used their size and quickness to get out to an early lead, and never looked back.

"The game is tough when they're so much bigger and so much more athletic," Tyerman said.

Senior Kolton Knudson led the Steers with 18 points. Tyerman had high praise for Knudson and fellow seniors Kameron Cooper, Eric Ortega, Lorenzo Jones, Israel O'guin and Jacob Scott after the game.

"I think every single senior got better, which is a testament to their character. When a new coach comes in to take over a program, it's not typical for kids to want to work hard to improve themselves individually. And that's what they did, and that's all I could ask for," Tyerman said.

He added that he was impressed

with the commitment his seniors showed from the beginning of the season to the end.

"It's always tough as a coach because you grow attached to these kids," Tyerman said. "We're losing six seniors who worked their tails off and who tried as hard as they could. Yea, they were disappointed and it's not how they wanted to finish out their senior year, but it's a great thing to see. It blew my mind how much buy-in I had from them from the get-go."

Following the loss, Tyerman put all of the blame from a disappointing season on his own shoulders.

"I believed that we were good enough to make the playoffs, I think we just made some mistakes that cost us and it's something that I'm always going to second guess myself on because it's on me," he said. "It's always going to be on me. When we make mistakes, when we lose games, it's my fault. It's not the kids' fault. They're kids, they're going to make mistakes. It's my job to help make mistakes minimal."

This offseason will also be Tyerman's first chance to coach kids at the younger levels. He plans on working with Big Spring athletes from the fifth grade up

this summer in hopes of building a program where familiarity between coaches and players are already instilled before the players even put on a Big Spring High School uniform.

"We have the best athletes you can ask for in a small community like this," Tyerman said. "It's just now about building that mentality of 'we are good enough' and 'we are going to be successful.'"

That, combined with many teams in their district losing key players, should give Steers fans something to look forward to for the 2016-17 season.

"The future is bright. Next year our district is going to get, plain and simple, a lot easier. And you can call it 'bulletin board material' if you want, but it's going to be easier," Tyerman said. "Snyder's losing a lot, Sweetwater's losing a lot. Abilene-Wylie is going to be the toughest team in the district. Brownwood, from what I understand is not that good and is losing a lot. So I think it's going to be between us and Abilene-Wylie. I'm always going to believe in our program. I think we're going to get better, we're going to put in the work, and I hope the community understands that and will come out and support us."

No. 10 West Virginia's press falters in 85-78 loss to No. 24 Texas Longhorns

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas was handling West Virginia's pressure defense with ease and all Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins could do was take note of who wasn't on the court to see the problem.

Guard Jaysean Paige, West Virginia's leading scorer, was on the bench nursing an injured ankle. Guard Daxter Miles didn't even make the trip because of a hamstring injury.

Without them, the 10th-ranked Mountaineers could do little to stop the Longhorns as Isaiah Taylor scored 23 points and Eric Davis added 15 to send No. 24 Texas to an 85-78 victory Tuesday night.

"Pressure is not going to bother many people when two of my guards are out," Huggins said.

Tarik Phillip scored 19 points

for West Virginia (20-6, 9-4), which dropped one game behind No. 2 Kansas in the Big 12.

Davis made four 3-pointers in the first half and Texas (17-9, 8-5 Big 12) had 10 in the game in capping a regular-season sweep of the Mountaineers. Texas broke a two-game losing streak.

Texas coach Shaka Smart had implored his team to show more emotion heading in a tough, late-season gauntlet against four ranked opponents in six games. Davis responded with arguably his best half of the season after scoring seven total points in the previous four games.

"Swagger is basically energy, that's all it is," Davis said. "Isaiah has been a great teammate, telling me I'd be needed down the stretch. It's target practice when you've got a great guard like

him."

Paige, who averages 14.0 points per game, got hurt early in the first half and never returned. Texas turned the ball over just seven times and Taylor had seven assists.

"What was deflating was Jaysean on the bench with his ankle on ice. He's been as good as anybody in the league the last few weeks," Huggins said.

West Virginia, which trailed by as many as 16 points in the second half, pulled within 77-71 on a three-point play by Jonathan Holton with 38 seconds left. Texas put the game away with eight consecutive free throws. The Longhorns made 25 of 30 free throws.

The win is another big result

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Bulldogs lose finale vs. Stanton, 75-51

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs (9-17; 0-8) finished their season losing to the Stanton Buffaloes (13-12; 4-4) Tuesday night, 75-51.

"I appreciate the effort that these guys gave considering they were playing for pride," Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols said. "They fought hard and played hard the entire game."

Joe Bermea was the top dog for the Bulldogs with 15 points, and he added eight rebounds. He was a force in the paint as the Buffaloes only 12 of Stanton's 75 points came from long range. Mason Moore finished with 14

points on the strength of three 3-pointers made in the game. Adam Clark ended with eight points, and Britton Heath contributed with seven points.

The Buffaloes' Sebastian Escamilla led all scorers with 22 points, and teammate Tristan Graves was close behind with 19 points.

Stanton closed the season as the third seed in 5-3A, and they'll take on Jim Ned in the first round of the playoffs at 7 p.m. Tuesday at San Angelo Lake View High School.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Venus Relationship Questionnaire

The HOLIDAY markers MATHIS that prove you're compatible with another person bear mention today. Could you move furniture together? Is it easy to celebrate together? And is it possible for you to let down your guard and be vulnerable together for a reasonable stretch of time before returning to your usual routines? Venus newly in Aquarius invites you to think this over.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Warming up isn't just for exercise or hard work. Everything you do today will be better when you honor some kind of ramp up to the main action. Breathe, stretch, ease your way gently from one thing to the next.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A simpler life appeals to you. You see the elegance in having less stress, clutter and confusion. Furthermore, you're

in a mood to make the hard choices about what to cut. Watch out, world!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Not only do you have a genuine love and excitement for the day's subject matter, you have a specific map for getting from point A to point B. Avoid kinks by working it through on your own once more before sharing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Stay frugal even after you get the means to buy the fancier version. Living on less than you make is wise, but living on much less than you make is true freedom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). How well are your experiences building on one another these days? When you're living well, each experience transforms from or expands upon the last. When you're not living well, each experience repeats the last.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People show you, through their attention, how they think and feel about you. Are you satisfied with the

quality of attention you are receiving? If the answer is "no," then today is a fine day to do something about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Youth has its own kind of reality. You'll be an objective witness to this today with just the level of detachment necessary to enjoy the situation without completely buying into it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll come upon your opposite again and be at once fascinated, frustrated and intrigued by this person. Should you take things further? It may benefit you, but it won't get any easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not seeking dramatic change, but a few key refinements could up your entire game. That you're able to note subtle delineators is a mark of your good taste.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). They'll bring you complexities and intricacies. You bring the practicality and quick solutions. This

may very well be the most productive day you will have all month. You're a life whiz!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you once thought was a natural progression now seems like an overly ambitious plan. That's because you're listening to skeptics. This is still within the realm of possibility; you'll need more help is all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Privilege is costly. Whether or not the experience is really worth the cost is up to you. Chances are it's going to take you a good while to determine this. In the meantime, you're better off saving your money.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 17). You'll put ideas into action this year, which is why, over the next six weeks, it is so important to test out those ideas and pull out the best ones. Let friends help you. Ask for public opinion. Take a vote. April and July are stellar opportunities to travel and gain influence. Music and love will fill your

summer. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 2, 33 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Any advice about staying out of the friend zone? I'm a Virgo guy who winds up there more often than not. I have three sisters, so I know how to get along with women to the point that they only think of me as their sibling. Meanwhile, I'm falling in love with a Cancer who thinks of me as just a friend. She hasn't given me the 'let's be friends' speech yet, but I haven't made a move yet either. I guess I just know it's coming. So, what should I do?"

The best way to stay out of the "friend zone" is not to get into it in the first place. Your sign is helpful and accommodating by nature, and when you're not being a supportive friend it feels like you're not being yourself. That's why it takes effort to think of your situation in a different way. However, in the future, when you're attracted, the

first thing you need to do is to stop yourself from assuming the role you've been accustomed to playing. This starts with having the confidence to own your attraction (if only to yourself) and embrace a different set of behaviors that are appropriate for the kind of relationship you want to pursue with the other person. More on this tomorrow.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Multi-platinum-selling artist Ed Sheeran spent a large part of last year touring with Taylor Swift and is now gearing up for a new release and U.K. tour. In keeping with the talents of his sign, the melodious Aquarius is known for his imaginative, offbeat approach to music and videos. Venus in artistic Pisces helps, as does lucky Jupiter in entertaining Leo.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife of 44 years and I have two adopted children. Our son was perfect -- no trouble, a college diploma, a good job, etc. We bought him a car at 16, and another when he graduated college. We helped with the furniture for his first apartment. We loaned him the down payment on his house and he paid us back.

Our daughter, however, was a challenge. She abused drugs, had no interest in school, ran away, had multiple out-of-wedlock pregnancies, couldn't hold a job and ended up in jail for shoplifting. Over the years, we spent thousands of dollars on counseling, purchased multiple apartments of furniture when she was trying to get re-established, and have given her a dozen cars so that she could get to her job interviews. Fortunately, she seems to have finally turned the corner and has been married several years to a guy who treats her and her children well.

In an effort to equalize the disproportional amount spent on the daughter, we specified in our will that our son would get 60 percent of our estate, put-

ting 40 percent in a trust, so our daughter would get the interest and the rest would go to her children at her death. She still doesn't work, and I am concerned that she would go through a lump sum inheritance in short order.

That split seemed reasonable when we made our wills 15 years ago, but my business has continued to grow and today that split would result in one child receiving \$2.4 million more than the other. I don't want a rift between siblings and I don't particularly want to be remembered by one as a Grinch. Any suggestions on a split that is a little closer to fair? -- Your Opinion Please

Dear Opinion: We know you spent more on your daughter, but children's expenses rarely end up being equal, so the split now seems as though you are punishing her for past mistakes. And her money is in a trust, so it is essentially going to your grandchildren.

Too many people think of wills as a way to punish or reward their relatives. Please don't. The amount is generous enough that neither child is going to suffer. We also recommend you

discuss these things with your son and daughter in advance, so that there are no unpleasant surprises.

Dear Annie: "Stressed on the Line" said her mother has hearing problems, among other things. For a long time, I refused the idea of hearing aids, and my husband and children were insistent. Well, I finally broke down and got them. I have to say, they are wonderful. I can hear again, and as a big plus, they are so small that very few people notice them, even though I have short hair.

I hope their mother will get hearing aids. She will wonder why she waited so long. --

Happy in Wisconsin

Dear Happy: Good for you. Often, people refuse hearing aids for reasons of vanity, which is ridiculous since they now offer ones that are barely noticeable. However, a more justifiable reason is the cost. We hope folks will consider them to be an investment in their future physical, emotional and mental health.

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By Steve Becker

Shifting Defense

North dealer.
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NORTH
♠ Q 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q J 10 2
♣ A 8 6 3 2

WEST
♠ 9 5 4 3
♥ K 3 2
♦ A 8 5
♣ K 10 7

EAST
♠ 8 6
♥ Q J 9 8 7 6
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 7
♥ A 10 4
♦ 7 6 4
♣ J 5

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

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Assume you're West and that South gets to three notrump as shown. You have no clear-cut opening lead, but you decide, after considering the bidding, that the only real chance of defeating the contract is to find partner with good hearts.

So you lead a heart, and it immediately becomes apparent that you must have done something right, because when your partner plays the jack, it wins the trick. East returns the eight of hearts (his original fourth-best heart), and you win

declarer's ten with the king. You might mechanically continue with a third round of hearts at this point, but before you do, you should stop to analyze the situation.

If declarer's bidding is to be believed, he is virtually certain to have the A-K of spades and ace of hearts for his leap to three notrump. Translating that into tricks, South is sure to score a minimum of nine tricks — four diamonds, at least three spades, a heart and a club — if you return a heart at trick three.

Faced with this prospect, you arrive at the conclusion that the only chance of defeating the contract lies in finding partner with the queen of clubs. So at trick three, you shift to the seven of clubs!

Bingo! Declarer cannot cope with this deadly switch. The combination of your heart lead at trick one and your club shift at trick three renders him helpless. He cannot stop you from scoring two hearts, two clubs and a diamond before he can take nine tricks, and there is nothing he can do about it at any juncture.

It is often said that defense is by far the most difficult part of the game. Undoubtedly it is, but as this deal illustrates so well, it is mostly a logical process. All that's required to achieve the desired result is the willingness to expend a bit of extra effort.

Tomorrow: The sure way is the best way.
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"My dad says he sleeps during your sermon because Sunday is a 'day of rest.'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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HAGAR

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DIG DIG DIG DIG

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"THEN WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A CALL?"

"YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT HERE"

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"....."

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"YOU SPELL TERRIBLY."

"F-A-R-U-B-L E-E... TERRIBLY."

"PHONETICALLY? CLOSE. IN REAL LIFE? WAY WRONG."

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"I'LL GO GET A BUCKET OF BLIND HOPE."

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- River blockers
- Croc's kin
- Parka sleeve
- Clumsy
- Not sleeping
- Lion of the zodiac
- Taking an ocean cruise
- Well-known
- Under the weather
- Female star of a film
- Auction offer
- ___ Angeles, CA
- Long heroic tales
- Outdid
- Run after
- Follow, as advice
- Frequently
- Jogger's pace
- Innovative and futuristic
- Soaks (up)
- Stroll in a shallow stream
- Wigwam cousin
- Stadium levels
- Makes broader
- Cowboy's rope
- Labor Day day: Abbr.
- Shape of a rainbow
- Persuading
- Tennis instructor
- Opera solos
- Wear away
- Maple-syrup ingredient
- "It was somebody else"

DOWN

- Face of a clock
- Start a poker pot
- Flat-topped hill
- Drove too fast
- ___ up on (unites against)
- Military no-show, for short
- British "Bye-bye!"
- Approved
- Changes the color again
- Suspect's excuse
- Ancient artifact
- Gelatin shapers
- Concluding part
- Signal "yes" with one's head
- Stroked, as a dog
- Sheep sounds
- Canyon sound
- Ladder rung
- "Here's to you!" tributes
- Clumsy people
- Sharpen, as a knife
- Had a snack
- Worship from ___
- Ready to harvest
- Sign of the future
- Golfer's pegs
- Be in debt
- Bee's weapon
- Des Moines residents
- Got the gold medal
- Run out, as a subscription
- Impressive formation
- Overly of view
- Overly frugal one
- Pants-pressing appliance
- Evening, in ads
- "HELLO, MY ___ IS" (tag phrase)
- Word-of-mouth
- Cast a ballot
- Biblical garden
- Take a break

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"DURN IT, SNUFFY !! NUTHIN' TIRES ME OUT MORE'N AN ELECTION YEAR !!"

"I KNOW JEST WHATCHA MEAN, LUKEY !!"

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WORSE -- SHAKIN' MY HANDS OR SHAKIN' MY CONFIDENCE !!"

BEE TLE BAILEY

"DID YOU FIX THE TANK?"

"I DON'T THINK IT CAN BE FIXED"

"BUT I MADE A SUBSTITUTE"

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No. 25 Baylor wins in OT over No. 13 Iowa State

WACO, Texas (AP) — Maybe Baylor coach Scott Drew can figure out a way for Johnathan Motley to feel like he's facing Iowa State all the time.

Motley scored seven of his 27 points in overtime, matching his career high set last month against the same 13th-ranked Cyclones, and the 25th-ranked Bears ended a three-game Big 12 home losing streak with a 100-91 victory Tuesday night.

"We're going to make sure someone has an Iowa State jersey every time we play," Drew said.

Playing without big man Rico Gathers, who missed his second game in the last three because of illness, the team that has been so good on the road in the Big 12 (league best-matching 4-2) won again in the Ferrell Center. The Bears had last won a home conference game in double overtime against Kansas State on Jan. 20, 10 days before beating Georgia in the Big 12-SEC Challenge.

"I wouldn't say we're more focused. I just think we just know the things we have to do better when he's out," Taurean Prince

said of Gathers. "Just leadership, everybody knew what was at stake. Even before the game, we talked about it being a must win."

There were 14 ties and 14 lead changes in the game that began with both teams having identical records.

Baylor (19-7, 8-5 Big 12) never trailed in overtime and went ahead to stay with 3:19 left in overtime when Lester Medford hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer from the left wing to make it 87-84. After Deonte Burton missed badly on a 3-pointer, Prince had a bounce pass to Motley for an emphatic two-handed dunk.

Terry Maston had 15 points for Baylor, while Medford, Prince and Al Freeman all had 14. Motley had 10 rebounds.

The Cyclones (18-8, 7-6) had three 20-point scorers: Abdel Nader with 26, Georges Niang with 24 and Monte Morris with 20. Burton had 14.

Iowa State just missed winning the game at the end of regulation, but instead suffered its third overtime loss on the road in the Big 12.

"We played hard, put ourselves in position to win on the road," coach Steve Prohm said. "Frustrating thing is you look at our road losses in this league, which is a terrific league — lost three games in overtime and we lost one we had the ball down two and missed a shot. That part is frustrating."

After Burton blocked Motley's shot with 10 seconds left in regulation, the Cyclones took off the other way.

Morris missed a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left and came up with his own rebound. He took another shot that went into the basket, but officials immediately ruled that it came after the buzzer — and replay confirmed that.

Baylor had a 78-73 lead with 3 minutes left in regulation after Motley's dunk, but Nader — who had 19 points after halftime — hit a 3-pointer and Morris hit a tying jumper after Niang got a steal on a turnover by Motley.

Motley's two free throws with 1:32 left tied the game at 81, which was the score going into overtime.



Baylor's Johnathan Motley (5) shoots over Iowa State's Deonte Burton (30) in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, in Waco, Texas. Motley scored 27 points in Baylor's 100-91 overtime win. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

HORNS

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on the NCAA Tournament resume of first-year coach Smart, who still hasn't lost three straight with the Longhorns. Texas is 5-3 against ranked opponents this season and three of its last five games will come against No. 25 Baylor, Kansas and No. 3 Oklahoma.

West Virginia attacked Texas ballhandlers early and produced three quick turnovers in the opening minutes that fueled a 12-4 Mountaineers lead. But once Texas cleaned up the sloppy play, the Longhorns quickly fought back before Davis took over the last 6 minutes of the first half with a slew of 3-pointers. Davis made three as the teams traded seven straight 3-pointers and his fourth pushed the Longhorns to a 45-36 halftime lead.

"That was huge," Smart said. "It won us the game."

The Longhorns kept up the barrage in the second half. Connor Lammert's 3-pointer followed by a three-point play by Taylor

quickly pushed Texas to a 12-point lead in the opening minutes.

Even when Texas' scoring slowed down, the Mountaineers couldn't make the run they needed to rally. After shooting 63 percent in the first half, West Virginia tapered off badly in the second and struggled from the free throw line.

And Texas kept handling the West Virginia press to perfection. Taylor's off-balance alley-oop pass to Prince Ibeh for a dunk finished off a three-pass sequence that sliced through the Mountaineers and put the Longhorns up 65-52.

TIP-INS

West Virginia: The Mountaineers started Teyvon Myers in place of Miles. Myers came in averaging just 2.2 points and finished with six points, one assist and no steals.

Texas: The Longhorns are keeping watch on their own injured lineup. Smart said this week that center Cam Ridley still hasn't been cleared to put his full weight on a surgically repaired bone in his right foot, putting his return before the postseason in doubt.

PUTTING IN THE WORK

Smart said Davis sulked after he had a poor game in a loss to Iowa State. He didn't baby his freshman.

"He was really down. I told him, 'You've got to get in the gym, man. You've got to work on your game ... This isn't high school where it's easy.'"

UP NEXT

West Virginia plays at No. 3 Oklahoma on Saturday

Texas hosts No. 25 Baylor on Saturday

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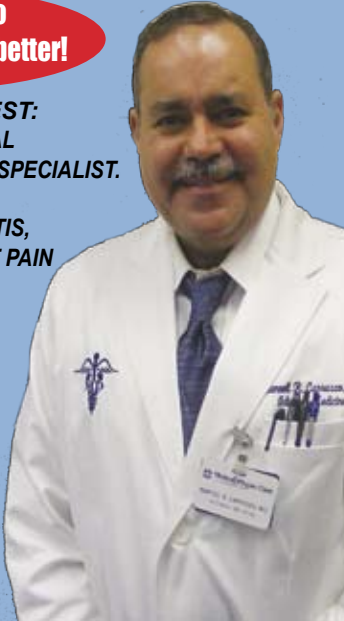
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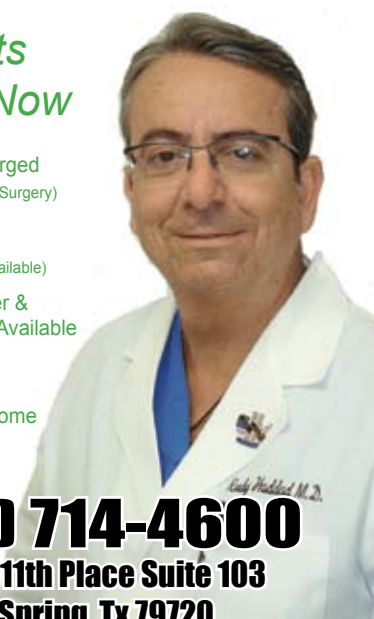
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News in brief

Obama chides senators to 'do their job,' vote on court pick

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is challenging Republicans to live up to their avowed adherence for the Constitution and agree to vote on his nominee to replace the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. A key Republican is leaving the door open to taking the first step.

Despite widespread GOP insistence that he leave the decision to the next president, Obama said Tuesday he had no intention of abdicating his responsibilities before leaving office early next year. He chidingly told the Senate he expects "them to do their job as well."

"The Constitution is pretty clear about what's supposed to happen now," Obama said before returning to Washington from California.

Fallout from Scalia's unexpected death overshadowed Obama's two days of summitry with Southeast Asian leaders. Obama pledged to nominate a candidate "indisputably" qualified, but Republican leaders have threatened to refuse to hold hearings or a vote on his pick to replace the conservative Scalia.

Yet there were hints that at least some Republicans might come around. Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said he would wait "until the nominee is made before I would make any decision" about holding hearings, boosting White House hopes for getting a third justice confirmed on Obama's watch.

GOP candidates in high-stakes chess match in South Carolina

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Jeb Bush, John Kasich and Marco Rubio are locked in a high-stakes political chess match in South Carolina, strategically moving money and other campaign resources around in a bid to pull ahead in the Republican primary race — or at least keep their campaigns afloat if they don't.

The maneuvering comes as some Republican leaders fear Donald Trump or Ted Cruz will begin piling up the delegates needed to secure the nomination before one of the more traditional candidates can concentrate the support of voters turned off by the brash billionaire and fiery Texas senator, who so-called establishment

Republicans believe could jeopardize the party's chances of winning in November's general election.

"We do need to get the field down to Trump, Cruz and somebody," said Henry Barbour, a Republican National Committee heavyweight from Mississippi. "New Hampshire tried, but it's clear as mud."

Indeed, the only thing that is clear heading into Saturday's South Carolina primary appears to be Trump's grip on the lead. Cruz, the winner of the Iowa caucuses, is also in the mix for a strong finish.

But the more mainstream lane populated by Bush, Kasich and Rubio is more jumbled. Bush's campaign now sees an opening to capitalize on Rubio's fifth-place finish in New Hampshire, while Kasich's strong second-place showing there has given him reason to keep his campaign going. Rubio's team, meanwhile, is quietly confident that South Carolina will prove to be a comeback story for the Florida senator.

Apple resisting magistrate order to share iPhone information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook says his company will fight a federal magistrate's order to hack its users in connection with the investigation of the San Bernardino, California shootings, asserting that would undermine encryption by creating a backdoor that could potentially be used on other future devices.

Cook's ferocious response, posted early Wednesday on the company's website, came after an order from U.S. Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym that Apple Inc. help the Obama administration break into an encrypted iPhone belonging to one of the shooters in the December attack.

The first-of-its-kind ruling was a significant victory for the Justice Department in a technology policy debate that pits digital privacy against national security interests.

Noting the order Tuesday from federal Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym in California, Cook said "this moment calls for public discussion, and we want our customers and people around the country to understand what is at stake."

Cook argued that the order "has implications far beyond the legal case at hand."

Migrants find refuge 'north of the middle of nowhere'

HAMMERFEST, Norway (AP) — After hiding below the horizon for two long months, the sun has finally risen in Hammerfest, casting a pale pink hue over the Arctic landscape surrounding the world's northernmost refugee shelter.

From her modest room, Huda al-Haggar admires the wonderland of snow and ice, a sight so different from her native Yemen, where a Saudi airstrike destroyed her home, forcing her to flee with her young son.

"It's wonderful when I wake up in the morning and see this picture, the sea and the mountains. It's a wonderful place," the young woman says as 5-year-old Omar plays with Lego on her lap.

The wooden barracks where al-Haggar and her son live used to house oil workers until Europe's migrant crisis reached the jagged shores of northern Norway, where the continent drops dramatically into the Arctic Ocean.

Waiting for their asylum claims to be processed, hundreds of people in emergency shelters in Hammerfest and neighboring towns are slowly getting used to the extreme climate.

China foreign minister downplays missile deployment reports

BEIJING (AP) — Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Wednesday sought to downplay reports that China had positioned anti-aircraft missiles on a disputed South China Sea island, accusing the media of hyping the issue and saying more attention should be paid to what he called "public goods and services" provided by China's development of its maritime claims.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense said in a statement it had "grasped that Communist China had deployed" an unspecified number of missiles on Woody Island in the Paracel group. The Philippines said the development increased regional tensions.

The move would follow China's building of new islands in the disputed sea by piling sand atop reefs and then adding airstrips and military installations.



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