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Garrett brings campaign to Big Spring

Republican District 19 candidate touts conservative, Christian values

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer



Garrett

supporting Republican candidates, is a prize worth pursuing for the nine people vying to replace Randy Neugebauer as this area's representative in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The latest hopeful to visit

Howard County is Greg Garrett of Lubbock, who promises to take his brand of "conservative Christianity" to Washington if elected.

Garrett, a realtor as well as the president and chief executive officer of Platinum Bank, lists term limits and immigration as two of the biggest issues he's touting in advance of the March 1 Re-

publican primary.

On the subject of term limits, Garrett favors a cap five terms for House members.

"There's a lot of people fed up and frustrated with the ability of people to go to Congress as a lifetime appointment," Garrett said. "I'm for 10 years. My belief is if you can't get it done in 10 years, you can't get it done."

Garrett expresses even stronger views when the subject turns to immigration, which he said is a vital national security issue.

"When I was growing up, we didn't lock our doors at night, and now we all lock our doors. It's not because we hate the people on the out-

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Change is on the menu



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

KC Steakhouse is scheduled to be under new ownership effective March 1. The steak and seafood restaurant has been a Big Spring fixture for more than 50 years.

KC Steakhouse to have new owner March 1

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

K.C. Steaks and Seafood restaurant recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, and now will begin a new chapter as it changes owners.

Fred Green, whose parents, Lamar and Joyce Green, opened K.C. Steakhouse in October 1965, began working at the restaurant at the age of 14. In 1980, Green and his wife, Tammy, took over the restaurant and continued his parents' legacy at one of the

hidden gems of Big Spring. "My dad named it K.C. Steakhouse because of the historical significance of the Chisholm Trail and the cattle market in Kansas City. We renamed it when we expanded the menu to include the seafood," said Green.

K.C. Steaks and Seafood restaurant has been able to maintain many of the same staff for over a decade, with one staying at the business for 27 years so far.

"(The sale) just kind of happened.

T.J. Sandridge walked in and explained he wanted to get into the restaurant business. He made me a fair offer," said Green. "I thought about it, and I wondered what the odds are that someone makes me a fair offer in five, or even 10 years from now. It seems like a good deal and now I can try something new. I've been at K.C. since I was 14."

Sandridge, will take over owner-

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Lack of 'safety net' has farmers up in arms

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Debates about how to interpret the Agricultural Act of 2014, or the Farm Bill, regarding cottonseed coverage have West Texas cotton farmers concerned about plunging prices of cotton with "a lack of a safety net."

After U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack declined to designate cottonseed as an oilseed earlier this month in regards to coverage in the farm bill, farmers in West Texas, one of the top producing cotton states in the nation, are suffering the consequences.

"We hoped Vilsack would allow cottonseed to be designated as the oilseed it is," said Mike Moates, Howard County Farm Bureau president. "Without farm bill coverage that other crops receive, cotton farmers and local businesses will suffer."

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Mike Moates
 Howard County Farm Bureau President

According to the Farm Bureau, West Texas cotton farmers and cotton farmers around the country are not eligible for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) safety net programs through the farm bill due to a deal that the U.S. has with Brazil following the Brazil Cotton Case. In the case, Brazil alleged that the U.S. gave unfair subsidies to its cotton growers. As a result, the U.S. decided not to give direct subsidies to its cotton farmers.

"Brazil said it wasn't fair to the open market," said Moates. "But they are paying their farmers 85 cents a pound for cotton. In China, they get \$1.40 to \$1.50 a pound for cotton... A lot of the loan cotton this year here in Texas is somewhere in the range of 46 cents to 52 cents loan rate."

According to Moates, who is a rancher and farmer of cotton just north of Big Spring, it all comes to down to a matter

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Candidates barrel toward Super Tuesday

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Republicans are barreling toward Super Tuesday with another debate in the offing and Donald Trump's opponents reaching for their last best chance to knock him

off stride for the presidential nomination.

Expect a nasty turn, Trump warned, as if the roiling GOP race were anything but that already.

The New York billionaire predicted that the relative civility between Marco Rubio and himself would fall away in the frantic grasp for hundreds of convention delegates in the 11 states that hold Republican primaries Tuesday.

Even John Kasich, a trailing contender whose calling card has been a positive campaign, went sharply negative Wednesday in a campaign broadside against Rubio, the Florida senator who is soaking up Republican establishment support and thereby threatening to starve Kasich's effort of its remaining oxygen.

Trump exercised bragging rights

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Obituaries

Marilyn White



Marilyn Elaine "Elaine" Trantham White, 65, of DeRidder, La., passed away on Feb. 23, 2016. Elaine was born in Andrews, TX on April 5, 1950 to the late Dorothy Van Houten and Lemmie Trantham. Elaine worked for Coushatta Casino for 14 years and enjoyed spending her time with her grandchildren and great-grandkids.

Those left to cherish her memory are her brother, Wayne Trantham and wife Joan of Fort Worth, Texas; son,

Reese Martin of DeRidder, La.; daughters, Kelly Rudy and husband Christopher of DeRidder, La., Johnie Smith of Sugartown, La., and Ronda Cook of Sugartown, La.; 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace White; and sisters, Earlene Trantham Esqueda and Wynell Bohannan.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers-Colonial Funeral Home in DeRidder, La.. A graveside service will be Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Gravel Hill Cemetery in Cravens, LA.

Words of comfort may be shared at myers-colonialfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BENJAMIN W. SCULLY**, 27, of 205 N.W. 12th St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention and warrants for speeding and failure to appear.
- **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 30, of 4213 Parkway on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and open container in a motor vehicle – driver.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1500 block of Todd Rd.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 13th St. and Sheppard, the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. and the intersection of 3rd St. and Owens.
- **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of N. Gregg St.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana,

less than 2 ounces and open container in motor vehicle – driver.

- **BENJAMIN W. SCULLY**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention and warrants for speeding, 77 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone and violate promise to appear.

Support Groups

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.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

Lottery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – These Texas lotteries were drawn Wednesday:	Cash 5 10-13-17-21-31	\$125 million
All or Nothing Day 01-02-06-08-09-13-14-16-19-21-22-23	Daily 4 Day 0-6-6-1, Sum It Up: 13	Pick 3 Day 7-9-4, Sum It Up: 20
All or Nothing Evening 03-04-06-08-09-10-11-12-13-17-19-20	Daily 4 Evening 8-4-4-4	Pick 3 Evening 7-5-0
All or Nothing Morning 04-07-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-21-22-23	Daily 4 Morning 7-9-1-0	Pick 3 Morning 1-2-5
All or Nothing Night 01-02-03-04-05-07-12-14-15-17-21-23	Daily 4 Night 4-3-1-8, Sum It Up: 16	Powerball 2 1 - 3 1 - 6 4 - 6 5 - 6 7 , Powerball: 5, Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$236 million
	Lotto 01-04-28-34-35-39 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million	
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot:	

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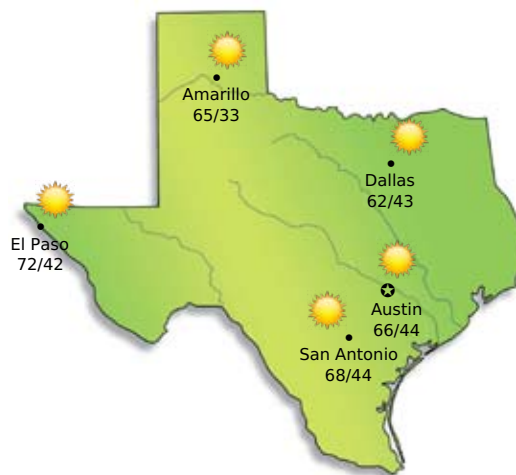
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Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	57	33	Sunny	Kingsville	75	43	P Cloudy
Amarillo	52	28	P Cloudy	Livingston	67	37	Sunny
Austin	68	40	Sunny	Longview	61	32	Sunny
Beaumont	71	40	Sunny	Lubbock	55	28	P Cloudy
Brownsville	75	52	Sunny	Lufkin	64	33	Sunny
Brownwood	61	32	Sunny	Midland	60	34	Sunny
Corpus Christi	74	48	M Sunny	Raymondville	77	50	P Cloudy
Corsicana	61	35	Sunny	Rosenberg	72	41	Sunny
Dallas	58	37	Sunny	San Antonio	73	41	P Cloudy
Del Rio	74	42	M Cloudy	San Marcos	68	38	Sunny
El Paso	68	37	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	57	34	Sunny
Fort Stockton	65	36	M Cloudy	Sweetwater	57	34	Sunny
Gainesville	57	34	Sunny	Tyler	61	33	Sunny
Greenville	57	33	Sunny	Weatherford	60	35	Sunny
Houston	74	42	Sunny	Wichita Falls	59	33	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	32	Cloudy	Miami	72	53	P Cloudy
Boston	57	34	Cloudy/Wind	Minneapolis	33	24	Cloudy
Chicago	37	29	Cloudy/Wind	New York	52	33	Cloudy
Dallas	58	37	Sunny	Phoenix	85	55	Clear
Denver	52	29	M Sunny	San Francisco	72	52	Clear
Houston	74	42	Sunny	Seattle	61	44	Clear
Los Angeles	83	54	Clear	Saint Louis	42	26	Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 2/26	Sat 2/27	Sun 2/28	Mon 2/29
6	6	6	6
High	High	High	High

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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Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You!

Big Spring's Food 2 Kids is gearing up to pack food for local elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. Sacking food on either date normally takes anywhere from one to a handful of hours. To volunteer, just show up. 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.

The 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 Food 2 Kids is 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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Take note

• The Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper will take place at the Howard College Student Union Building on March 11 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person and include all you can eat pancakes, sausage patty and bacon. There will be milk, water and coffee to drink. To go orders are welcome.

• Coahoma Lions Club annual pancake supper will take place March 7 at the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria and will cost \$6 per person.

The Coahoma ISD open house will be from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Coahoma ISD Talent Show will take place in the CHS auditorium from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and the pancakes dinner will be from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

• Anyone in 6th - 11th grade interested in trying out for cheerleading is welcome to sign up for a class hosted by the BSHS cheerleaders. They will work on stretches, jump techniques, motion techniques and hold mock try-outs. Classes will be Monday Feb. 29, Tuesday March 1 and Thursday March 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. each night.

Cost is \$60 per child. If you have any questions please email Ashley Phinney at aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net. You may also call the front office of the high school and leave a message.

• 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.

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

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• 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. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call 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.

• 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. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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with trademark gusto after Nevada handed him his third straight victory the night before.

Relaxed on stage at Virginia's Regent University, Trump fielded questions from Christian conservative figure Pat Robertson, ticking off Obama administration executive orders he wants to reverse as president and joking about his recent dustup with the pope.

He said earlier he might tone down his contentious rhetoric if he makes it to the White House — or not, since “right now it seems to be working pretty well.”

And what of Rubio? “So far he's been very nice and I think I've been very nice to him,”

Trump said on NBC's “Today” show. “We haven't been in that mode yet but probably it'll happen.” He meant attack mode.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton scored the endorsement of Nevada's Harry Reid, the party's Senate leader, in advance of a primary Saturday in South Carolina, where she looks strong. She prevailed in the Nevada Democratic caucuses days before the GOP contest there, dulling rival Bernie Sanders' drive and making Super Tuesday of crucial importance to him.

On Tuesday: —Republicans will award 595 delegates in 11 state races, with 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

—Democrats will award 865 delegates in 11 states and American

Samoa, with 2,383 needed for the nomination.

The election calendar suggests that if Trump's rivals don't slow him by mid-March, they may not ever. Delegate totals so far: 82 for Trump, 17 for Ted Cruz, 16 for Rubio, 6 for Kasich and 4 for Ben Carson.

For Republicans, Nevada offered little evidence Republicans are ready to unite behind one strong alternative to Trump, who many in the party fear is too much of a loose cannon to win in November.

Mainstream Republicans who don't like Trump are also in large measure cool on Cruz. With Jeb Bush out of the race and time short, they have begun gravitating to Rubio, long a man of promise in the race but one who has yet to score a victory.

The Florida senator

edged Cruz, a Texas senator, for second place in Nevada, and it's clear his time is at hand — if he's to have one.

With Bush gone, the GOP debates have lost a prime Trump critic, though Cruz has been a fierce antagonist at times and Rubio faces pressure to confront the billionaire more directly before it's too late.

Their debate Thursday night is in Texas, the largest of the Super Tuesday states and one where Cruz has an advantage as home-state senator.

Trump's provocative proposals to build a massive border wall with Mexico and to deport all people in the country illegally are sure to feature in the debate, which has Spanish-language Telemundo as a partner with CNN.

Trump is just as cer-

tain to brag about winning the largest share of Hispanic votes in Nevada, among the limited numbers of Latinos who participated in the Republican caucuses.

Cruz, a fiery conservative popular among voters on the GOP's right,

won the leadoff Iowa caucuses but underperformed in South Carolina and Nevada. He's recently been on the defensive for his campaign's sharp-elbowed tactics and in the face of withering criticism by Trump of his integrity.

OWNER

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ship and operation Tuesday. His first order of business is to close the restaurant for two weeks in order to remodel the dining room and kitchen with a tentative grand opening on March 15.

“I wish him the best of luck. It has been a great restaurant for my family and I think he has some good ideas. I hope that the patrons

will welcome him and support him just as they have my family over the last 50 years. I am so thankful that Big Spring has blessed us and I am happy to call Big Spring home,” said Green. K.C. is located at 2104 Interstate 20 Frontage Road west of Roy Anderson Sports Complex. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext 232 or email life@big-springherald.com.

COTTON

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of interpreting the bill.

“The way that he (Vilsack) was reading the farm bill... his lawyers said that it was illegal,” said Moates. “They said they do not have the authority to make that designation.”

However, Texas District 11 Congressman and House Ag-

riculture Committee Chair Mike Conaway has publicly disagreed with Vilsack and has “urged Vilsack to reconsider.”

In a letter to Vilsack, Conaway wrote, “Although your letter identifies several possible obstacles to the designation of cottonseed as an oilseed, I respectfully disagree with your conclusion and assure you that your authority to designate cottonseed as an ‘other oilseed’ stands on firm

legal ground.”

The Congressional Ag Committee met Wednesday afternoon to go over the bill again regarding cottonseed.

But until Vilsack allows cottonseed to be designated as an oil, Moates says that communities and local farmers will suffer.

“Usually if cotton is down, oil is up. But with both down right now, Big Spring is about to feel the hurt,” said Moates. “Nobody broke even this

year. Most of us lost money. Everyone is scrambling and trying to figure out what to do. With cotton prices as low as they are, it doesn't make sense for some farmers to plant the crop this year. Guys like me that are close enough to retirement are just going ahead and retiring and hoping to find someone that will rent their land.”

The farm bill and the funds it has allocated will run through 2018. Until then, the

only hope that Moates and the rest of the cotton farming community has rests with Vilsack.

“They gotta get him to see what this is causing and all the stress that it is putting on all the farmers and even the communities,” said Moates. “Hopefully, he can come to an idea that it is something we need to boost up the economy and go ahead and sign the thing.”

GARRETT

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side, it's because we love the people on the inside,” he said. “It's time to start taking care of the people in the inside. We don't know who coming over and we can't allow it. We all dislike people who cut in line. We all had people who came over and immigrated to this country, but we're tired of people who cut in line. There are people who are living off of welfare benefits ... and we have to put a stop to it.”

Garrett then switched topics to agriculture, which he said also has

national security implications.

“We've got to make sure our farmer has the right to keep his water,” he said. “I really believe the government is coming after water rights and I feel I'm someone who can go to Washington and make sure

we protect our water. We've got to protect our farmer so he can transfer his land from one generation to another. Certainly, if we're at the mercy of another country to provide our food and fiber, it's a huge national security issue that has to be looked at

today, not when we're in trouble.”

In an election year where voter discontent against “establishment” candidates is rampant, Garrett, a first-time candidate for office, is proud of his outsider status.

“I have never been a politician. I've always

been a businessman. On my signs, it says, ‘Christian Conservative Businessman,’” Garrett said. “The thing that sets me apart (from the other District 19 candidates) is I'm a community banker. I'm someone who brings people together to bring progress to our rural communi-

ties. I'm the one person who has built banks in those rural communities ... I understand the financial aspects and work with federal regulators on a daily basis.”



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Opinion

Money can no longer buy elections

Why haven't we seen that headline yet in 2016?

It's a pretty big story, don't you think?

It's been a strange and wild presidential primary campaign season in both parties. But the biggest story hasn't yet been reported — that money doesn't buy votes any more.

For example, the Jeb Bush campaign spent over \$30 million in the South Carolina primary. For that, he couldn't break 10 percent of the vote. He'd spent a similar amount in New Hampshire with similar results. Realizing it's not a matter of how much the campaign spends, he bowed out of the race last week-end.

It was only about six months ago the know-it-alls in the Republican Party were telling me this was Jeb Bush's year. No one else had a chance.

Now let's turn to the other party. Hillary Clinton was also supposed to be Miss Inevitability.

Why? She had all the money. Just as the 2008 campaign was to end in her coronation, so was the 2016 primary.

But along came Bernie Sanders. Apparently, no one told him his candidacy was just for show purposes. He actually put together a grass-roots organization

funded by grass-roots donors. The results have shocked the Democratic Party establishment as much as Donald Trump and Ted Cruz have traumatized the Republican National Committee.

For the two party establishments, 2016 has been a double whammy.

The rules have been rewritten. The political sages have been discombobulated.

Even the media have been perplexed, thunderstruck, astonished.

It's a whole new ballgame. Comparing this election season with those of the past may be a waste of time. What's happening is historic.

And it's not just a matter of personalities.

Of course Donald Trump shook things up in a way no one could have foreseen. But does anyone really believe that it's Bernie Sanders' personality that has thrown the Democratic primaries into chaos and confusion?

What's happening this year is truly the result of a spontaneous voter revolt.

Faced with the possibility of a Bush-Clinton rematch in 2016, Republicans and Democrats have both expressed a shocking amount of anger, exasperation and rejection.

The money couldn't overcome the passion.

And just so you don't tell me, "But Donald Trump has all the money in the world to spend," consider this: He has barely spent any yet.

While Bush was spending \$30-plus million in New Hampshire

and another \$30-plus million in South Carolina, the Trump campaign spent only about \$1 million in each of those races.

It's amazing really.

And with that small level of spending, Trump has dominated the election news cycle every day since he entered the race.

If anything, voters have rejected the ads and cast ballots on what they're feeling in their gut.

Something new is truly happening here.

I know the news cycle has reported everything I've told you here, but they haven't written the headline yet: Money can no longer buy elections.

You would think this would be good news.

It's even more unbelievable when you consider Sanders is running a one-note-johnny campaign vilifying how money is corrupting politics in America. Yet, the success of his campaign is evidence to the contrary.

Now Sanders may not win. But it won't be because he didn't raise enough money.

He is raising far more than Hillary.

He probably won't win because the Democratic Party's corrupt rules and its establishment predetermined the winner. That's the only way Hillary wins - that and her uncanny ability to avoid indictment.

In 2016, there's almost an inverse correlation between campaign spending and votes cast.

That may not carry over the general election, but you have to admit, this is a big, amazing and as-yet unheralded story.



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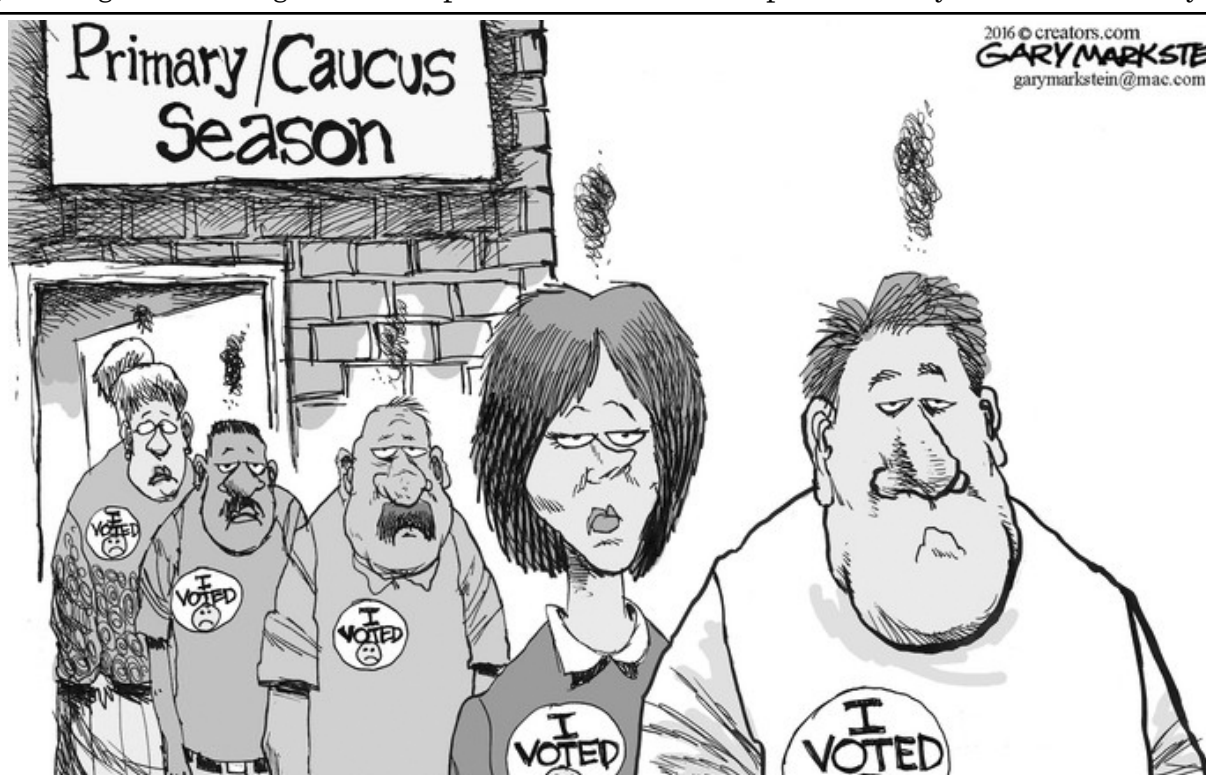
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With You, Lord, we can enjoy the benefits that come from unexpected opportunities. Amen.



For Sanders and Clinton, politics are personal

Could the clash between Clintonian "realism" and Sandersian "idealism" come down to personal history?

Hillary Clinton's sales pitch to Democrats is simple:

Get real! The Republican-controlled Congress won't even allow President Obama to fill the late Antonin Scalia's vacant seat on the Supreme Court. There is no way these intransigent SOBs will pass pie-in-the-sky bills like Bernie Sanders' proposal to replace Obamacare — an insurance company-friendly scheme conceived by a right-wing think tank, which Republicans now call socialistic — with Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for All," which would eliminate insurers in an actually socialistic way.

Clinton says she won't make promises she can't keep. Maybe that, as opposed to the mountains of cash she collects from Big Pharma and health insurance giants, is why she thinks the United States can't join the rest of the First World in universal health care coverage.

Or maybe it's personal. Clinton can't imagine what it's like to live paycheck to paycheck. Should she or Bill ever contract some nasty disease, the Clintons' \$110 million nest egg can easily cover the cost.

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She's always been personally comfortable. Hillary Clinton

grew up solidly middle class, never worrying about her next meal. Her family was made up of right-wing conservatives, and so was she: In 1964, she was a fervently anti-communist "Goldwater girl." She was named a partner of a law firm at age 32. You know the rest of the story.

Smooth sailing, financially if not necessarily romantically.

It wasn't like that for Bernie Sanders (current net worth: \$700,000).

Sanders is a product of America's huge, rarely discussed, working class — people one paycheck away from eviction and homelessness. His father — whose entire family was later wiped out by Nazis in the Holocaust — was a salesman who came here from Poland alone and struggled to make a living. He and his wife constantly fought over money. "There were tensions about money, which I think is important," Sanders told me when I interviewed him for my biography, "Bernie."

Ultimately, marital tensions fueled by money problems drove young Bernie to move out of the family home, an overcrowded apartment in the hardscrabble Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

Bernie Sanders doesn't like to talk about his past. Much of his early life was painful.

"My father came to this country with nothing. Economically, what motivated him was security, that is, not losing what he had." Sanders' mother, Dorothy, was an American from the Bronx. "My mother wanted more money and wanted him to get a different job or expand what he was doing. He was very

frugal. But if he tried to do that, he would have lost everything."

While Clinton was campaigning for the most right-wing presidential nominee in history, Sanders was marching — and getting arrested — for civil rights. Stretched though he and his family were, he worried about those worse off than himself.

Dorothy Sanders suffered from a weak heart — a health condition aggravated by stress, something that family had in abundance. Shortly after Sanders graduated from high school, Dorothy died.

Sanders went on to college in Chicago, following the hippie trail to Vermont. But he never forgot where he came from. Poverty, Sanders understands, is blight. And in a country as spectacularly wealthy as the United States, it's one that's completely optional, unnecessary and destructive.

Clinton's incrementalist "we can do real health care later" argument reminds me of people who shoot me a quizzical expression when I explain that, after I broke my knee and my skull in a car wreck in 1985, it took me a year to find out because that's how long it took me to land a job with health insurance. They just don't get it.

Clinton and Sanders represent two worldviews: one for whom wealth and privilege have long been assumed as her due, the other whose sympathies lie with those who suffer and die simply because they had the bad luck to be born into the vast majority of Americans who are broke.

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TED RALL

News in brief

Debate another chance for Rubio, Cruz to try to slow Trump

LAS VEGAS (AP) — With Donald Trump's grasp on the Republican presidential nomination tightening, the billionaire businessman's rivals get one more chance to challenge the GOP front-runner on the debate stage before next week's slate of Super Tuesday contests.

The situation is likely more dire for the other GOP candidates than they'd like voters to believe. Yet Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz have so far shown little willingness to take on the former reality television star when the national spotlight shines brightest.

That could change Thursday night in Houston.

"The vast and overwhelming majority of Republicans do not want Donald Trump to be our nominee," Rubio told NBC, suggesting that Trump is winning only because the other candidates are splitting up the majority of the electorate.

For his part, the New York billionaire predicted the relative civility between Rubio and himself is about to disappear. The ninth Republican debate of the presidential campaign will take place just a few days before 11 states hold GOP elections that will either cement Trump's dominance — or let his rivals slow his march to his party's presidential nomination.

AP-GfK Poll: Support shaky for Sanders 'Medicare for all'

WASHINGTON (AP) — At first blush, many Americans like the idea of "Medicare for all," the government-run health system that's a rallying cry for Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

But mention some of the trade-offs — from higher taxes to giving up employer coverage — and support starts to shrivel.

That's the key insight from an Associated Press-GfK poll released Thursday. The survey also found that people's initial impressions of Sanders' single-payer plan are more favorable than their views of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

A slim plurality of 39 percent supports replacing the private health insurance system with a single government-run, taxpayer-funded plan that would cover medical, dental, vision and long-term care, with 33 percent opposed. Only 26 percent say they support Obama's hard-won health care law.

Yet it's only like an air kiss for "Berniecare."

Syrian army recaptures town in Aleppo province from IS group

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's state-run news agency and an opposition monitoring group say government troops have recaptured a town in Aleppo province from Islamic State militants.

The victory is key for Syria's military access to the provincial capital, Aleppo city.

SANA says the army took the town of Khanaser on Thursday, after three days of heavy battles with the extremist group.

The report says heavy fighting was ongoing to reopen the road to Aleppo city. IS seized Khanaser and surrounding hills on Tuesday, cutting the government's main land route to the city.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition monitoring group, says the army and pro-government Shiite militias were backed by Russian airstrikes in the push on Khanaser.

Lawyer: US citizen, father of detainee, also held in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A U.S. citizen whose son has been detained in Iran for the past four months was also taken into custody after returning to the country this week, his lawyer confirmed Thursday in what is the first such action against an American national in Iran since last month's prisoner swap between the two countries.

The Iranian lawyer, Mahmoud Alizadeh Tabatabaei, told The Associated Press that he has not been able to make contact with his client, Baquer Namazi, despite his efforts and was



AP photo

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio speaks during a campaign rally in Houston Wednesday.

told by authorities that he would "be informed later" about the case.

The ailing, 80-year-old Namazi is being held in Tehran's Evin prison, he added. Tabatabaei said he believes it is unlikely Namazi, who was detained on Monday, will face "political charges" but that he is probably held "for some investigation only."

"It is unlikely that he will be charged," the lawyer said, without elaborating.

Both Baquer Namazi and his son Siamak Namazi, who is believed to be detained since October in Iran and also is held in Evin prison, are dual U.S.-Iranian citizens. However, Iranian authorities do not recognize dual nationality and treat such citizens as exclusively Iranian. Tabatabaei said he was asked to represent both Namazis by Effie Namazi, Baquer's wife. He has not made contact with the son either, he also said, and only learned from Effie Namazi that her son faces accusations of "cooperation with the hostile government of the United States."

East Coast, Midwest battered by strong storm systems

WAVERLY, Va. (AP) — Storms systems brought tornadoes to the East Coast, killing four in Virginia, and heavy snow that canceled hundreds of flights in the Midwest.

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency Wednesday night after tornadoes damaged homes and left thousands without power across the state.

The tiny town of Waverly took the brunt of the storm. The Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said a 2-year-old child and two men, ages 50 and 26, were killed there during the storm. Their bodies were found about 300 yards from their mobile home.

At least five structures were damaged in the town of approximately 2,000 and roads leading into town had to be closed because of downed trees and debris tossed by winds gusting to 60 mph, Geller said.

In Appomattox County, a funnel cloud left an 8- to 10-mile path of destruction, injuring seven people and killing one man, state police said.

Israel cooperation puts Palestinian forces in a tough spot

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — It was nearly 2 a.m. when Amjad Sallaj heard a loud explosion outside his home. In a matter of seconds, Israeli troops burst into the building, ransacking apartments in a door-to-door search for wanted Palestinian militants.

When the raid was over, the apartments had been trashed, furniture destroyed and Sallaj's 30-year-old son, Ahmad, had been taken into custody.

Palestinian officials say that such raids, carried out in Palestinian-controlled territory, have become a daily occurrence since a wave of violence erupted five months ago — undermining the public's trust in their own security forces and jeopardizing one of the last areas of official contact between Israel and the Palestinians.

"The Israeli forces enter our territory every night, since the beginning of the current uprising, and this has a significant impact on the morale of our forces and on the image of these

forces in the eyes of the public," said Adnan Dameri, the spokesman for the Palestinian security forces.

"In every joint meeting, we tell the Israeli side that the daily incursions embarrass the Palestinian forces," he added.

Washington's new apple joining a changing industry

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Blanketed by winter snow, orchards are mostly idle around central Washington, the production hub of the nation's top apple producing state.

But in a basement lab in the city of Wenatchee, Washington State University scientists are meticulously working.

They slice, taste and measure appearance, firmness and crispness of dozens of apples, including a new variety dubbed "Cosmic Crisp," a name

inspired by white pores contrasting against its red skin.

"Cosmic Crisp is the first big release the Washington industry is going to have all to itself," said Kate Evans, a lead scientist at WSU's Tree Fruit Research & Extension Center.

Trademarked and focus group-tested, Cosmic Crisp was developed by the WSU lab over the last 20 years. For at least one decade, it will be available for planting only to Washington farmers.

That type of restriction is a reflection of the increasingly fragmented apple industry, where major growers have moved away from relying on few varieties for their income. Rather, many are diversifying their orchards, aiming to cash in on the premium prices of licensed niche apples, and creating competition among breeders to develop the next big flavorful apple.

Mumbai sets no-selfie zones as deaths linked to selfies rise

MUMBAI, India (AP) — Look around in any major Indian city, and you will find someone with an arm outstretched, mobile phone in hand, smiling widely and clicking away. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embraced the medium, posting pictures online he's snapped with various world leaders.

But the pursuit of the most epic selfie can have lethal consequences.

India is home to the highest number of people who have died while taking photos of themselves, with 19 of the world's 49 recorded selfie-linked deaths since 2014, according to San Francisco-based data service provider Priceonomics. The statistic may in part be due to India's sheer size, with 1.25 billion citizens and one of the world's fastest-growing smartphone markets.

Alarmed by the trend, Mumbai has declared 16 no-selfie zones across the city, as authorities warn people against taking unnecessary risks.

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Competition committee debates ejections for personal fouls

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Stephen Jones believes the NFL will crack down on flagrant personal fouls next season.

He's just not sure what it will take for a player to get thrown out of a game.

After spending most of Tuesday inside an Indianapolis hotel, Jones emerged from an NFL competition committee meeting and acknowledged he expects the debate over ejecting players for multiple personal fouls to be resolved as early as next month's owners meetings in Boca Raton, Florida.

The debate is all about the details.

"I think it's not really about how many, it's what personal fouls should be included," said Jones, the Dallas Cowboys' executive vice president for player personnel. "There's more to it than that (a number)."

It's yet another aspect of the growing concern over player safety in football.

In response, league officials have implemented stronger concussion protocols and supported moves to teach safer tackling techniques at all levels of the sport.

The competition committee, meanwhile, has recommended a series of rules changes in recent years to provide more protection on the field. Some of the altera-

tions have included penalties for hitting defenseless receivers, restricting the use of the crown of the helmet by offensive or defensive players, and eliminating blind-side blocks, particularly on punt or kick returns.

New concerns emerged last December when New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. was called for three personal fouls during a loss to the Carolina Panthers. Beckham played aggressively throughout the game, but some of his penalties were so flagrant it spurred a debate whether players with more than one offense in a game should automatically be ejected — like



AP photo

Cowboys' Executive Vice President, CEO and Director of Player Personnel, Stephen Jones

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Thunder complete sweep over Mavs, 116-103

DALLAS (AP) — Kevin Durant pulled up from about 40 feet and hit a buzzer-beating shot at half-time while Oklahoma City led the entire first half against Dallas.

When that wasn't enough for the Thunder to finish off a season sweep of the Mavericks, they used their inside guys to get control again.

Durant and Russell Westbrook scored 24 points apiece while Steven Adams and Enes Kanter took Oklahoma City's 116-103 victory Wednesday night.

"My job is to be able to find those guys when they're making shots, when they're contributing to our team," Westbrook said about his post players. "They've been doing that all season, and that's what I try to do."

Westbrook had 13 assists and seven rebounds as the Thunder scored the first 15 points of the fourth quarter and weathered a 14-0 Dallas run to avoid matching a season high with a third straight loss in their first game since a blowout defeat at home against Cleveland.

The addition of David Lee didn't help the Mavericks inside. Adams scored 11 of his 15 points in the first five minutes of the fourth, the last on a dunk to finish a 31-7 run over both quarters for a 102-81 lead.

Dirk Nowitzki had a season-high 33 points to lead the Mavericks, who went 0-4 against a possible first-round playoff opponent.

While Oklahoma City is comfortably in third place in the Western Conference, Dallas has lost six of eight to fall into a group of four teams battling for the last three postseason berths.

"I don't look at the standings that much," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "I'm looking at how we're playing. I didn't like the way we played in the first and fourth quarters tonight — and those are pretty important quarters."

Dion Waiters, relegated to the bench with Andre Roberson's return from a 10-game absence and struggling from 3-point range, hit consecutive shots from beyond the arc to give the Thunder a 96-81 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Waiters scored 11 of his 14 points in the fourth,



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka (9) drives the baseline to the basket for a shot opportunity against Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, in Dallas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

when he made all three shots from long range.

"Our bench did not shoot the ball particularly well, but we just kept talking about trusting the pass and finding the open man," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said. "Those shots started to fall because we made the right plays."

Durant and Westbrook, who had his 39th double-double, carried the Oklahoma City offense until the Mavericks rallied and took their first lead at 63-62 on a jumper by Deron Williams early in the third

quarter.

The Thunder came out of the third with an 87-81 lead thanks in large part to Adams, whose dunk late in the quarter put them ahead for good at 75-74. The 7-footer had a pair of offensive rebounds and baskets to go with two blocks when the teams were trading the lead.

"It's tricky when you go against those guys," Lee

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Texas A&M's Tyler Davis (34) makes a basket as Mississippi State's Gavin Ware (20) defends. (AP Photo/Sam Craft)

House leads No. 21 Texas A&M over Mississippi State 68-66

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M had a little trouble getting going on Wednesday night in the wake of an emotional overtime win against Kentucky over the weekend.

In the end, the Aggies did just enough to outlast Mississippi State and grab their third straight win.

Daniel House had 16 points, including two free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining, to lift No. 21 Texas A&M to the 68-66 victory.

Craig Sword tied it 66-66 on a jump shot with 24 seconds left before freshman star Quindary Weatherspoon fouled out on House's shot attempt that led to the winning free throws.

"I was looking to score, to fin-

ish actually but they gave me a call and I was able to make the free throws," House said.

The Bulldogs had a chance to tie it after that, but Tony Trocha-Morelos stole the inbound pass from Travis Daniels.

A huge crowd packed Reed Arena on Saturday to see the Aggies down the Wildcats with a last-second shot in overtime. On Wednesday, just over 8,000 fans came out to see them face one of the worst teams in the Southeastern Conference.

"It was definitely a different environment," coach Billy Kennedy said. "It was just different. You've still got to be good ... to put yourself in a position to win the championship you've got to win these games. They all count the same."

Freshman Tyler Davis had 15

points for the Aggies (21-7, 10-5 SEC), whose current winning streak followed a four-game skid.

Sword led Mississippi State (12-15, 5-10) with 24 points and Weatherspoon added 14.

Mississippi State coach Ben Howland praised Weatherspoon's work overall but said the late foul showed Weatherspoon has room to grow.

"Down the stretch he's got to be understanding that they're going to the basket when they have a 1-on-1 situation and be lower and be able to flatten out his drives," Howland said.

House made a pair of free throws to give A&M the lead with 2 1/2 minutes remaining before a layup by Jalen Jones made it 63-60.

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Randle's legal troubles continue

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas judge has refused to lower the bond for a former Dallas Cowboys running back accused of hitting three people with a car while leaving a party earlier this week in his hometown.

Joseph Randle is being held on \$100,000 bond for four counts

of aggravated battery and one count each of criminal threat, criminal damage to property and possessing marijuana.

Police say the 24-year-old backed into three people with his car early Sunday, then returned to the Wichita home he'd been asked to leave and forced his way inside.

Randle asked a Sedgwick County judge Wednesday to lower his bond to \$5,000, but the judge refused because Randle hadn't hired a lawyer or filled out an application for a court-appointed attorney.

The Cowboys released Randle last year.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What was your original intention? What you're following now is the echo of that, dissipated to the degree that you can hardly hear the words anymore. It's important to remember what you set out to do in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You notice what people like, produce what they want and predict what they'll need. You're in touch with the trends, and for this reason you'll make

money and re-invest it where it will multiply. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You may worry that if you are too present in someone's life that person will eventually tire of you. It's not a legitimate thing to worry about, because your continued presence only builds the bond stronger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know what you're doing -- you are strong and capable and more than a match for the task at hand. You could do it alone without a problem. All the more reason to invite teamwork.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social adoration can be addicting. Knowing this, you keep your head about you. You accept people's interest in you as a compliment, and you try not to let their attention or opinion of you change how you think of yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Narrow your focus: Choose one goal for the meeting; invite fewer people to the gathering; attach less meaning to the

interaction, etc. By thinking small you will accomplish big.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When a situation doesn't feel right, it's best to disengage early on. What will happen if you go against your inner wisdom, fly in the face of red flags and decline the impulse to run in the opposite direction? Regret.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's someone you want to know better. Allow this relationship to build slowly and steadily. You still need to take risks in order to escalate the action, but they are small risks. This isn't a day for leaping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The old saying suggests, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." The wisdom of this depends on how bad the fight was in which you were trying to "beat 'em." There will be some tension to work through, for sure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The authorities don't always know, often get it wrong and are not always protecting your best interests. You offer your

respect without giving over your power to someone just because that person happens to have a title.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It happens in many classic stories -- the "village idiot" turns out to be the wisest person in town. In your case today, the true message will resonate with you regardless of where it originates.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You cannot haunt a person's dreams unless you first haunt that person's waking life. You're starting to realize the good that could come from getting a little more deliberate with the impression you make on a certain someone.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25). Your cosmic gift is a windfall -- use it to pay a debt. March's alliance will hold you in good stead in an organization you'll be climbing through for most of the year. Your confidence is so attractive! Benevolent forces will be with you as you embark on a September mission that will take several years to

complete. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 22, 3 and 16.

TODAY'S NUMEROLOGY: Today's numerology can be found by adding up each number in today's date: 0 + 8 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 0 + 1 + 3 = 18. Then add the 1 + 8, and the final outcome is 9.

"Nine" days are fine days (and not just because it rhymes). "Nine" days are expansive, enthusiastic and lucky. They open our eyes to hidden doors and invite us to skip down the roads less traveled. Nine days are adventures.

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Celebrate this "nine" day by following a special interest past the surface and into the deeper levels. The interests that are most enriching on a "nine" day will usually have to do with a lifestyle very different from one's own.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I've been married for 32 years to "Conrad," and we have two terrific adult sons. My mother-in-law will be 87 soon, and Conrad is her only child. I have never had a good relationship with her in spite of all my efforts. She chose not to attend our wedding reception because it was hosted by her late ex-husband's second wife. Instead, she told us that she stayed home, drank champagne and "cried all night." She has a long history of making snide remarks when nobody is there to witness them.

My husband and I are in Maui for a

month. Prior to our departure, I provided a list (in a large font) of all contact information for family members, physicians, dentists, etc., and clipped it to a magnet on her refrigerator.

While we've been gone, her condo has developed a basement leak. My husband and I have been on the phone with her daily regarding insurance, repair work, etc. During one call, she commented that she had no one to phone while we were away. My husband reminded her that she can call our sons, who live nearby, and she replied, "No, your wife told me not

to bother them." This was a complete lie. He told her that I would never say that, but she insisted that I had. My first reaction was to call her out on it, but I want my husband with me as a witness when I talk to her.

I want to be sure I am courteous when we see her. But how do I get her to stop lying? -- Annoyed DIL

Dear Annoyed: If Mom is still looking to discredit you after 32 years, it isn't likely to change. We would also add that, as she gets older, some of this behavior may get worse. You and your husband need to politely, firmly and repeatedly cor-

rect Mom whenever she does this, so she knows she isn't fooling anyone. Write it down, if necessary, so that when you are vacationing, there is a record. Also inform other family members of any instructions you have given Mom. You will be less aggravated knowing that others are aware of what's going on.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "The Ones Left Behind," who said that she and her husband raised her three kids with no help from their birth father. Now that the kids are grown, the bio-dad is back in the picture and the kids are hungry for

his attention. She feels they are leaving her in the dust.

I was like her children. At one point, I felt I needed to establish a relationship with my father so that I could be at peace. I did it for my own well-being and hoped my mother would understand, but she was upset and hurt. She took that anger to her grave. It saddens me to think about it.

Please tell "Left Behind" that a relationship with their father is probably very healing for her children. It has nothing to do with her. If she can joyfully support them in this effort, it would be the greatest

gift she could give. -- Been There

Dear Been: Thank you for presenting the other side. We hope "Left Behind" sees this and understands.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
It All Adds Up to 13

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8
♥ A J 9 3
♦ A 7 4
♣ A 9 6 2

WEST ♠ 9 7 5 4 3 2
♥ 7 2
♦ J 10 9
♣ 4

EAST ♠ J
♥ 6 4
♦ K Q 8 5 3 2
♣ J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♥ A K 6
♦ K Q 10 8 5
♣ 6
♠ K Q 8 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 7 ♥ Pass

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
No one can claim to be a good cardplayer without knowing how to count out a hand. This is hardly the difficult assignment some make it out to be. About all that is required is the ability — and willingness — to count to 13.

Consider this deal where if South does not bother to count, he is virtually certain to go down in a vulnerable grand slam for a total loss of 2,310 points.

West leads a diamond against seven hearts, and declarer sees that he has all the tricks provided he does not lose a club. A club trick can be lost only if the missing clubs are divided 4-1 or 5-0, so declarer focuses all his attention on that suit. He can overcome some bad club divisions if he knows how the suit is divided before he begins to play it.

To gain as much information as possible, South takes the diamond lead with the ace and promptly ruffs a diamond in his hand. After drawing trumps in two rounds, he cashes the A-K of spades, ruffs a spade and then ruffs dummy's last diamond.

As a result of these preliminary plays, the grand slam is now assured. Declarer has gotten the count he was looking for. East's failure to follow to the second spade revealed that West started with seven spades. West also followed to two heart leads and three diamond leads, so he could not have been dealt more than one club.

Accordingly, at trick nine South leads a club to dummy's ace and returns a club. If East plays low, declarer finesses the eight; if East plays the ten, declarer wins with the queen, returns to dummy with a trump and leads a third club toward the K-8 to bring in the grand slam. That's all there is to it.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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2	6		8	3			7	9
	8	6	7		4		3	
7	5	2	3	8	9		1	6
4	9	3			6	8		7
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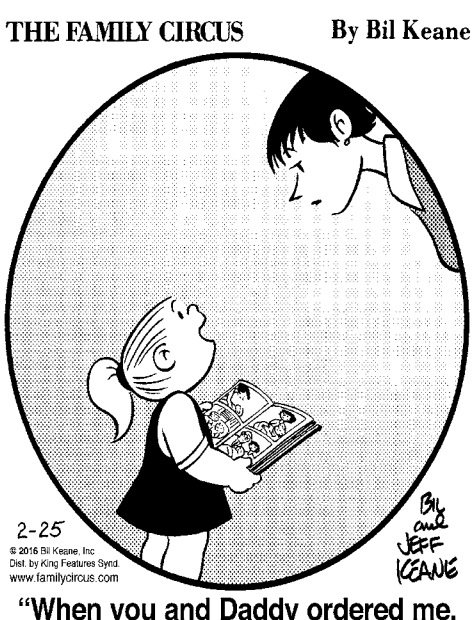
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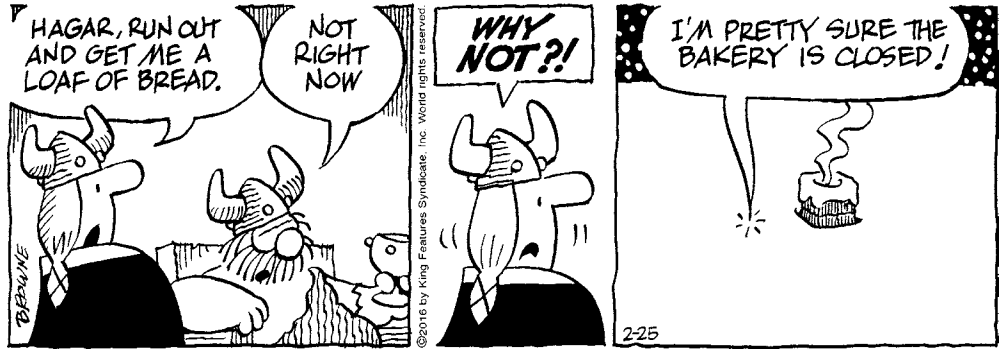
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

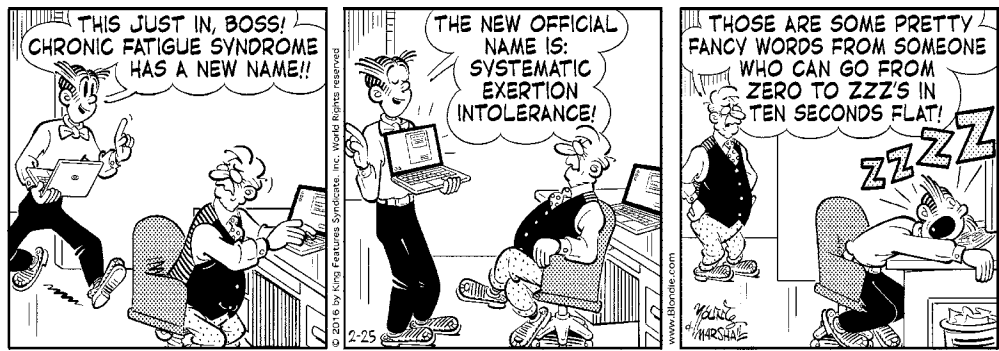


"When you and Daddy ordered me, was I shipped to you or did you go and pick me up?"

HAGAR



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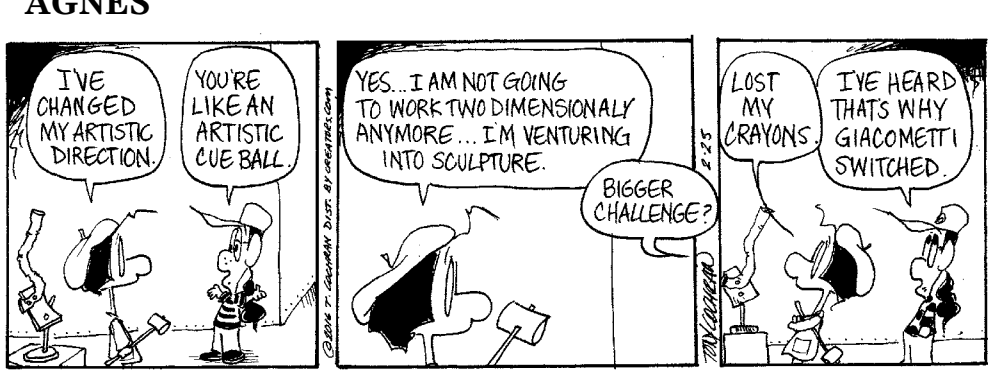
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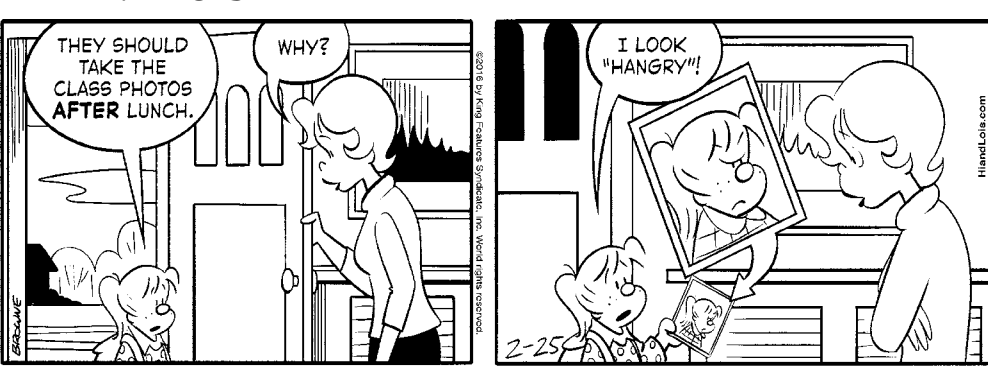
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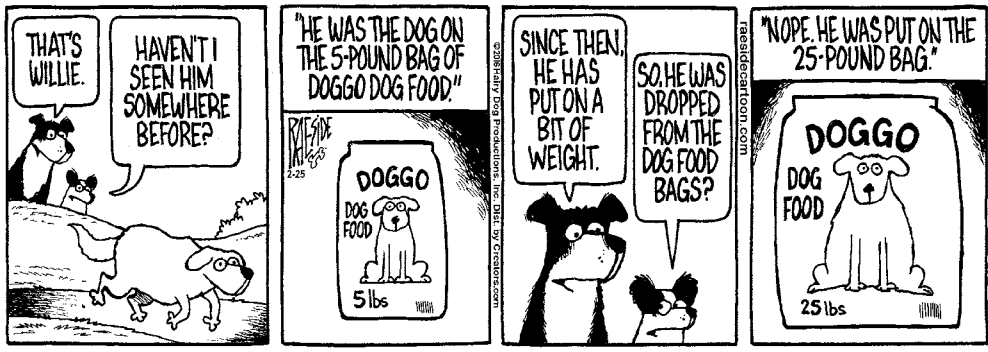
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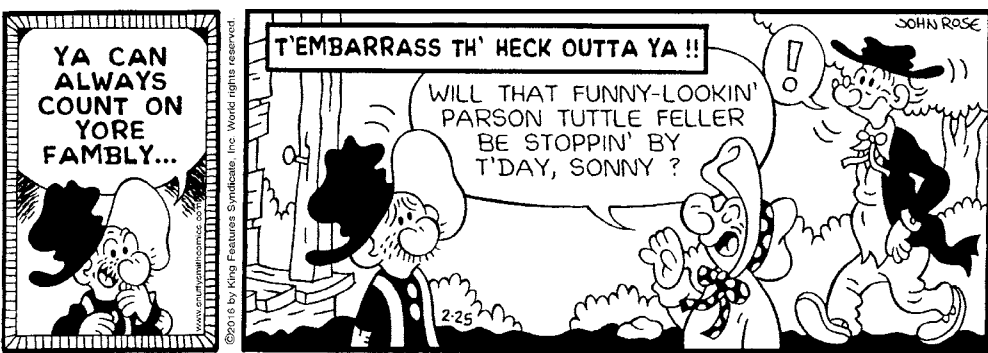
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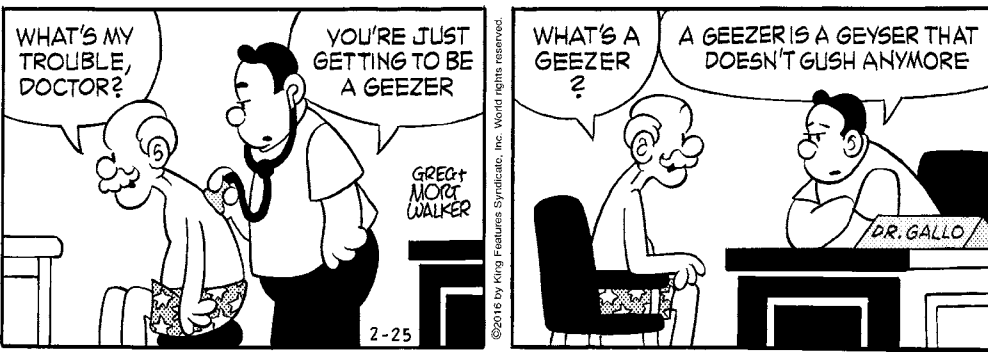
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2016. There are 310 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1866, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency. On this date: In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver. In 1905, the Upton Sinclair novel 'The Jungle' was first published in serial form by the Appeal to Reason newspaper. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox. In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles (vehr-SY). In 1940, a National Hockey League game was televised for the first time by New York City station W2XBS as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 6-2, at Madison Square Garden. In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita

Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow. In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board. Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach. In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71. In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers. In 1996, blasts set off by suicide bombers in Jerusalem and Ashkelon killed at least 27 people. A 12-mile tether connecting a half-ton satellite to space shuttle Columbia broke as it was almost completely unreeled. Cambodian activist Dr. Haing S. Ngor, who'd won an Academy Award for his performance in the 1984 movie 'The Killing Fields,' was shot

to death outside his Los Angeles apartment. (Three gang members were later convicted of murder.) Ten years ago: In Uganda, President Yoweri Museveni was declared the winner in the central African country's first multiparty election in 25 years. Apollo Anton Ohno upset favored South Korean Ahn Hyun-soo to win the gold in the 500-meter short track speed-skating event at the Winter Games in Turin. Actor Darren McGavin died in Los Angeles at age 83.

Thought for Today: "Hero-worship is strongest where there is least regard for human freedom." Herbert Spencer British philosopher 1820-1903

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Josh Hamilton has injured knee and will start season on DL

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton will start the season on the disabled list because of an injured left knee.

Rangers assistant general manager Thad Levine said the five-time All-Star, bothered by swelling in the knee, received a stem cell and platelet-rich plasma injection Monday, when he was examined by Dr. James Andrews.

Hamilton, the 2010 AL MVP, will be on crutches for seven-to-10 days and is projected to need eight weeks of recovery time. Levine said Hamilton likely would start a minor league rehabilitation assignment in late April and the Rangers hope he will return to their lineup in early May.

"Obviously it's frustrating and disappointing," Hamilton said Wednesday. "As an athlete, you don't want to be pushed back and wait and have a drawn-out time period to get back. That stinks. At the same time, I really felt like it was something that needed to be done now."

Hamilton will be making his 11th trip to the disabled list.

"The reason we are giving him an eight-week program is so we don't cut any corners and give him a full spring training," Levine said.

After reporting to spring training last week, Hamilton experienced pain caused by an inflamed capsule behind his left knee. He had surgery twice on the knee last year, in September and then after the season after returning for the end of the regular season and the playoffs.

Following the October operation, Hamilton didn't take batting practice again until Jan. 22, the day after a cortisone shot.

"This is something different, that I haven't tried yet," Hamilton said. "This was the next step to go. We've exhausted things. If this makes it 50 percent better, I'll be good to go. Everybody I've talked to who've said they had any kind of stem-cell stuff said they've had good results from

them, so that's positive and encouraging. It will never be right, but I just want to get better. That's the simplistic way to put it. There's always that fear there that it might not work."

Hamilton, who turns 35 on May 1, never went to spring training last year with the Los Angeles Angels when he was coming off shoulder surgery and a self-reported relapse with alcohol and cocaine. An arbitrator ruled Major League Baseball could not discipline him for that.

He was traded back to Texas at the end of April and made his season debut May 25. Hamilton hit .253 with eight homers in 170 at-bats over 50 games for the Rangers last season.

Hamilton tore ligaments in his left thumb in the eighth game of the 2014 Angels' season and did not return until June 3. Injuries limited him to one game after Sept. 4 and he has appeared in just 139 games the past two seasons.

Candidates to play left in



AP photo

his absence include prospects Joey Gallo, Nomar Mazara and Lewis Brinson, plus Ryan Rua. Gallo, 22, is primarily a third baseman, but appeared in 19 games last year in the

outfield. Mazara is 20 and Brinson 21.

"I feel we are in a good place with the guys we have in camp," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

NFL

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basketball players and coaches who receive more than one technical foul, or soccer players who receive two yellow cards.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said during Super Bowl week he believes two personal fouls in the same game by one player should lead to ejection, and Jones indicated there's not much dis-

sension on that point.

And now that everyone is in Indianapolis for the league's annual scouting combine, which begins Wednesday, the topic is front and center.

"We've had preliminary discussions," Atlanta Falcons president and committee chairman Rich McKay said. "But it takes some amount of time to develop something like this."

There has been no discussion of implementing an NBA-style rule based on the number of personal fouls as-

sessed to individual players during the season because repeat offenders already receive bigger fines and more punitive actions under the current NFL system.

The NFL Players Association does not have to approve rules changes before they take effect.

League officials and the union have had some discussions about revamping the discipline process.

The other big issue for the competition committee on this year's agenda in Indy is

a retreat: the definition of a catch. Over the past several years, fans, players and even coaches have argued vehemently they have had a hard time understanding the rule.

Jones said the committee has not looked at replays of Larry Fitzgerald's reception in last season's playoff game against Green Bay, which was upheld by a replay review, or compared it to the one Dez Bryant thought he made in the playoffs a year earlier at Green Bay. Bryant's "catch" was overturned and ruled in-

complete.

"We've gone over it again and I think the way we have the rule now certainly makes it a lot easier for it to be consistent with the officials," Jones said. "Right now, I don't see anything changing."

Except, of course, when it comes to the most flagrant fouls in football.

"I don't see any closure here (in Indy)," he said. "I do see we could come up with something out of Florida."

AGGIES

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The Bulldogs tied it up seconds later when Weatherspoon made a high-arching 3-pointer from the top of the key. House put the Aggies on top again with a dunk that made it 65-63 with 90 seconds left.

Both teams made a free throw before the tying shot by Sword.

The Bulldogs took their first lead of the second half on a 3-pointer by Malik Newman, and extended their lead to 58-54 when I.J. Ready hit a 3-pointer on the next trip down the court.

But Texas A&M scored five quick points after that, highlighted by a 3 from House, to regain a 59-58 lead with 5 minutes remaining.

The Aggies led by 6 with about 11 minutes left, but then Sword scored all of Mississippi State's points in an 8-2 run that tied it at 50-all. Sword made 3-pointers on consecutive possessions before capping that spurt with a layup.

House finally stymied Sword's run with a 3-pointer that made it 53-50 with 9 minutes remaining.

The Aggies led by 3 with about 9 minutes left in the first half before scoring the next six points to extend their lead to 28-19 about 5 1/2 minutes before half-time.

Mississippi State scored eight points in a row after that to get within 28-27. Morelos ended A&M's scoring drought with a dunk, but Gavin Ware made a pair of free throws to get the Bulldogs within 1 again.

This time Anthony Collins hit a 3-pointer to leave A&M ahead 33-29 at halftime.

TIP-INS

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs fell to 0-3 in College Station. ... Newman finished with eight points after missing the last game with a back problem. ... Ware and Daniels had nine rebounds each.

Texas A&M: The Aggies are 16-1 at home this season. ... The Aggies outscored Mississippi State 36-22 in the paint.

JONES UNDER THE WEATHER

Jones leads the Aggies with 16 points a game but was held to just six points on Wednesday night. That could be because he was battling strep throat. The senior skipped practice on Tuesday to rest at home, but told Kennedy he wanted to play on

Wednesday.

Jones had eight rebounds and an assist in 26 minutes, which Kennedy thought was probably a bit too much considering his illness.

"But he did some things to help us win," Kennedy said.

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said. "If you load up, then after the game we're talking about Durant or Westbrook having 40."

Lee replaced Nowitzki midway through the first quarter in his Dallas debut. He quickly had a chance at a three-point play, but he missed the free throw on the way to four points and four rebounds in 15 minutes.



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Parent's corner: Dealing with the unexpected

The unexpected happens when you least expect it. Now, that doesn't seem like a very smart observation but it is so true, and you know exactly what I mean.

Suddenly, we are faced with a situation, and it happens so quickly that we are caught totally unaware, and knowing what to do next is almost beyond our ability. Since unexpected occurrences have happened to me recently, I have tried to do a bit of research to extend my knowledge in handling such things. Let me share with you some things I've learned about dealing with the unexpected.

When something serious happens, it's really easy to fall into negativity and to feel like everything is falling apart. When that happens, we must not lose our perspective of life. No matter how the current situation will affect our life, the future is always ahead of us and we will have to figure out how we are going to deal with it.

There are lots of ways that we can help ourselves to stay positive in a difficult situation. One way is to avoid the urge to pull away from friends and family. Sometimes this is extremely difficult, but it is very important to stay around those who care for us and can help lift our spirits.

Also, we must not stop doing all of the things we love.

No situation is so big that it should be able to rob us of who we are and what we love. Difficulties pass, but our friends, family, and passions will most likely not change.

We should look for good things in bad situations. We should ask ourselves, how could living through a problem like this help me somewhere down the road? We know beyond any doubt that our actions will depend on what we think about our circumstances. Our actions will impact our lives either negatively or positively.

Keep in mind that, along with the unexpected incident, it is our own thinking that directs, controls and decides our course of action. Therefore, thinking positively about situations and experiences will cause us to take a positive course of action, which allows us to keep things in perspective.

But we must always be aware that as we move forward we must allow ourselves to be flexible. There is an old saying that there's no use crying over spilled milk. What happened is done, and there's nothing we can do about it now. But life goes on, and we must go on with it. We must look for good things in whatever our situation might be.

There is another old saying, that without the darkness, we'd never be able to see the stars. We must continue to look for the stars and realize that our wishes and dreams can still be accomplished. The unexpected may have changed our direction and altered our course, but we must never lose sight of the possibilities of the future and, just maybe, the unexpected will give us insight that we wouldn't have otherwise known.

It's like the wise man said, "The sun disappeared into the night and I wondered where it might have gone, then it dawned on me!"

Darrell Ryan is the director of school safety for Big Spring Independent School District.



DARRELL
RYAN

Rule to help minorities in special education

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration says too many minority students are being singled out for special education and is asking states to address the issue.

With new data in hand, the Education Department said Tuesday that disparities persist in the nation's public schools, where oftentimes minority students are more likely to be identified as having a disability and face harsher discipline than their white counterparts.

"When we see students in any racial or ethnic group identified with disabilities at vastly higher rates than their peers, we owe it to these students to pause, step back and rethink," Acting Education Secretary John B. King Jr. said in a phone call with reporters.

The department is proposing a new rule with two key parts.

States will be re-

quired to adopt a standard approach to compare racial and ethnic groups and determine when disparities are significant. Basically, it calls for a uniform way to measure when there's an overrepresentation of minority students in special education.

Once overrepresentation is identified in a district, school officials would have more flexibility under the proposed rule in how they spend their federal dollars allocated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA.

Currently, when a district is tagged as having significant disparities, it must set aside 15 percent of its IDEA money to provide early intervening services, beginning in kindergarten.

The proposed rule would broaden that and include services to students with and without disabilities, beginning in preschool.

Academic Star Student of the Week

*Britton Heath
Coahoma High School*



Senior Britton Heath is an outstanding asset to the Coahoma High School graduating class. He has been a leader in athletics, while focusing on his academics. He sets a great example to his younger siblings.

Britton, the son of Elizabeth and Anthony Haston, was a captain on the varsity football and varsity basketball teams, and was active in Future Farmers of America, exhibiting goats at this year's Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

Outside of school, he enjoys playing sports, video games with his brother and "messing" with his Jeep.

He plans to attend Howard College in the fall. After attaining his associate's degree, he will transfer to Angelo State University to focus on his dental studies.

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