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A tasty thank you



Masons host teacher appreciation breakfast

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

The Big Spring Masonic Lodge held its annual teacher appreciation meal this morning starting bright and early at 6:30 a.m., treating local educators to a breakfast buffet that included eggs, pancakes, bacon and more. The Masons annually hold the breakfast to thank educators for their service in the community and in Howard County. In the photo at top, Mason Bo Clawson serves Poly Sanchez. At right, Clawson prepares a batch of pancakes.



Where to vote

Ballots in today's primary election can be cast in one of six locations, depending on your precinct number:

- Precincts 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 16, 103, 104 and 105 — Sacred Heart Charities Building, 601 N. Aylesford.
- Precincts 23, 24, 25, 26, 205 and 208 — Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700.
- Precincts 32, 33, 34, 35 and 304 — First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700.
- Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404 and 405 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 408 and 409 — Sand Springs Fire Station, 8209 N. Service Road, Sand Springs.
- Precincts 207 and 207C — Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave., Coahoma.

For more information, contact the Howard County Elections Administrator's office at 432-264-2273.

Funny money making rounds in Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

A new batch of bogus \$20 bills is making the rounds of local businesses.

The good news about this latest round of counterfeiting is that it is not of the highest quality.

Lone Star Bank in Big Spring has received four of the bogus \$20s in the past few days and alerted the local Chamber of Commerce, which has emailed its members to alert them of the problem.

Teller Supervisor Jo Etta Hart said the counterfeit bills

are easy to spot.

"They're out of focus ... there's not watermarks or other identifying marks," Hart said. "To anyone who's been dealing with money for any amount of time, these bills should just scream out at them."

The four fake \$20s came from two businesses, Hart said. The bank has notified the U.S. Secret Service.

Big Spring Police Department Lt. Brian Gordon said his department has not received any recent reports of counterfeit money.

Officials: College enrollment stable

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Howard College enrollment numbers are flat — and that isn't necessarily a bad thing, officials said.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks discussed the latest enrollment figures during Monday's college trustee meeting.

The junior college district has 3,749 students signed up for spring semester classes, with a major campus breakdown as follows:

- Big Spring — 1,500.
- Lamesa — 141.
- San Angelo — 1,900.
- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf — 118.

Overall, that represents an increase of 180 students from the previous semester. Big Spring's campus is down four students from the fall, while SWCID shows a decrease of seven, but those losses are off-

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set by a gain of 200 students at the San Angelo campus.

Sparks interpreted those numbers to mean that enrollment is reaching its "sweet spot."

Historically, Howard enrollment has been inversely affected by the West Texas economy — when the economy is good, people are looking for jobs instead of taking college classes; but when times get tougher, people return to school for academic or vocational training.

But there's a third option at play here, Sparks said.

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Boy's hearing gives no motive behind shooting

14-year-old in custody after opening fire at Ohio school Monday; 4 hurt

By DAN SEWELL
 Associated Press

HAMILTON, Ohio — A 14-year-old boy accused of shooting students in a school cafeteria entered the juvenile court equivalent of a not-guilty plea at a Tuesday hearing that offered no clues about the motive that investigators say they know.

The boy is charged in Butler County with attempted murder, felonious assault, inducing panic and making terroristic threats. With his ankles shackled, he sat silently during the brief hearing and kept his head down, reading the complaint.

Defense attorney Ed Perry entered a denial of the charges, and a magistrate ordered that the suspect remain in juvenile detention pending

a hearing April 5. Perry and the boy's supporters declined to comment afterward.

There was no indication whether prosecutors might seek to move the case to adult court.

Authorities allege the boy fired at students Monday in a cafeteria used by high schoolers in Madison Township, near Middletown. Two students were shot and two others were hurt, possibly by shrapnel or while running away, authorities said. The injuries weren't considered life-threatening.

In a recorded call, a 911 caller reporting the shooting immediately identified the suspect by name. Breathing heavily, the unidentified caller told a dispatcher: "He just pulled out his gun and started shooting."

Sheriff Richard Jones said he's aware of a motive but wasn't ready to release it.

Students were eating in the cafeteria when the shooting happened around 11:30 a.m., Jones said. Afterward, classmates described a chaotic scene where they weren't sure what was happening at first.

A sheriff's deputy stationed in the school had just been in the cafeteria, Jones said.

The students who were shot were 14 and 15 years old and were taken to a hospital where they were in stable condition.



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Obituaries

Bill Davis



Bill R. Davis, 88, of Wichita Falls, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at a hospice facility in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1927 in Mt. Pleasant and married Shirley M. West March 21, 1969 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death.

Bill lived most of his life in Howard County. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from

1946 to 1949 and worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical for 33 years.

He was member of Staked Plains Lodge #598 A. F. & A. M. and the BPO Elks #1386. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include three daughters, Reba Williams; Robyn Flowers and husband, Larry all of Wichita Falls and Janet Somers and husband, Frank of Big Spring; one brother, W. H. "Son" Davis of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by parents, William and Lula White Davis; one brother, Talmer White; two sisters, Edna Jones and Margaret Keller; and a grandson, John Sterling Williams.

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

James Seely

James Zackariah "Zack" Seely, 41, of Big Spring passed away on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed 3/2 | Thu 3/3 | Fri 3/4 | Sat 3/5 | Sun 3/6 |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| 82/45 | 74/42 | 80/49 | 79/49 | 83/55 |
| Sunny and windy. High 82F. Winds SSW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph. | Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s. | More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s. | Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s. |
| Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM | Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:45 PM | Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM | Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM | Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM |

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------|
| Abilene | 66 | 43 | Sunny/Wind | Kingsville | 90 | 58 | M Cloudy |
| Amarillo | 63 | 40 | Sunny | Livingston | 76 | 44 | Cloudy |
| Austin | 77 | 48 | Cloudy | Longview | 68 | 41 | Cloudy |
| Beaumont | 77 | 49 | Cloudy | Lubbock | 67 | 40 | Sunny/Wind |
| Brownsville | 82 | 62 | M Sunny | Lufkin | 72 | 42 | Cloudy |
| Brownwood | 70 | 39 | Sunny/Wind | Midland | 71 | 46 | Sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 81 | 58 | Cloudy | Raymondville | 91 | 63 | P Cloudy |
| Corsicana | 70 | 43 | Cloudy | Rosenberg | 81 | 51 | Cloudy |
| Dallas | 68 | 44 | M Cloudy | San Antonio | 84 | 51 | Cloudy |
| Del Rio | 84 | 49 | Cloudy | San Marcos | 81 | 46 | Cloudy |
| El Paso | 80 | 49 | Sunny | Sulphur Springs | 66 | 42 | Cloudy |
| Fort Stockton | 74 | 50 | Sunny | Sweetwater | 67 | 44 | Sunny/Wind |
| Gainesville | 66 | 40 | P Cloudy | Tyler | 68 | 42 | Cloudy |
| Greenville | 67 | 40 | Cloudy | Weatherford | 68 | 43 | P Cloudy/Wind |
| Houston | 80 | 52 | P Cloudy | Wichita Falls | 67 | 43 | Sunny/Wind |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|----------|---------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 72 | 41 | Cloudy | Miami | 78 | 65 | M Cloudy |
| Boston | 43 | 35 | P Cloudy | Minneapolis | 26 | 17 | Cloudy |
| Chicago | 33 | 19 | Cloudy | New York | 47 | 43 | M Sunny |
| Dallas | 68 | 44 | M Cloudy | Phoenix | 90 | 58 | Sunny |
| Denver | 62 | 39 | P Cloudy | San Francisco | 67 | 53 | Cloudy |
| Houston | 80 | 52 | P Cloudy | Seattle | 54 | 45 | Rain |
| Los Angeles | 80 | 54 | M Cloudy | Saint Louis | 52 | 26 | Cloudy |

Moon Phases

| Phase | Date |
|-------|--------|
| First | Feb 15 |
| Full | Feb 22 |
| Last | Mar 1 |
| New | Mar 9 |

Lottery

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| These Texas lotteries were drawn Monday: | 2-2-6-2 |
| All or Nothing Day 01-03-07-09-10-11-13-15-16-18-20-22 | Daily 4 Morning 2-0-3-6 |
| All or Nothing Evening 02-06-07-09-11-12-13-15-17-18-20-23 | Daily 4 Night 2-4-9-1, Sum It Up: 16 |
| All or Nothing Morning 02-03-04-06-07-08-10-11-12-14-16-24 | Pick 3 Day 6-8-0, Sum It Up: 14 |
| All or Nothing Night 01-03-04-05-07-12-14-16-17-18-20-24 | Pick 3 Evening 7-8-3 |
| Cash 5 01-18-29-33-36 | Pick 3 Morning 0-3-1 |
| Daily 4 Day 3-2-7-9, Sum It Up: 21 | Pick 3 Night 3-2-2, Sum It Up: 7 |
| Daily 4 Evening | Triple Chance 01-03-11-15-19-27-28-33-35-53 |
| | Two Step 02-05-25-35, Bonus: 28 Estimated jackpot \$950,000 |

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA**, 51, of 2911 W. Hwy 80 was arrested on a charge of silent or abusive calls to 911 service.
- **MICHAEL LASHAWN VANDERBILT**, 22, of 2606 Ent Dr. was arrested on warrants for two counts of no driver's license and failed to control speed.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER JR.**, 36, of 1409 Bluebird St. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, expired registration, possession of marijuana and two counts of failure to appear.
- **MICHAEL DAVID MAYS**, 31, of 3223 Cornell Ave. was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **RUDOLPH AVALOS JR.**, 28, of 6505 Midway Rd. was arrested on warrants for failure to identify – fugitive giving false/fictitious information and two warrants from other agencies.
- **CALEB LEE ROBERTSON**, 39, of 101 Apache

St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency and a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **911 HANG UP** was reported in the 500 block of E. 11th Place.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg St.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3500 block of Gail Hwy. and the 300 block of W. Broadway.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on Rockhouse Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St. and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of W. I-20.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Wood St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Scurry St.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RUDOLPH AVALOS JR.**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for burglary of a habitation, motion to revoke probation – unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and a charge of fail to identify as a fugitive – giving false/fictitious information.
 - **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for fail to appear – possession of a firearm by a felon, theft of property, more than \$750 but less than \$2,500; terroristic threat; driving while license invalid, three counts of failure to appear and a charge of fail to identify as a fugitive – intentionally giving false/fictitious information.
 - **GILBERTO MENA GONZALEZ**, 57, was booked by the DPS on warrants for expired inspection and violate promise to appear.
 - **TONY LEON JETTON**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of walking on highway with traffic.
 - **MICHAEL DAVID MAYS**, 31, was booked by

the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.

- **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ JR.**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bondsman off bond – possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds.
- **CALEB LEE ROBERTSON**, 39, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of unlawful carrying of weapon and a warrant for criminal mischief.
- **HENRY RODRIQUEZ**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of open burning.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 36, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, expired registration, two counts of failure to appear and a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **MICHAEL LASHAWN VANDERBILT**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of no driver's license and failure to control speed.
- **AMY MONIQUE WEBBER**, 44, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for manufacturing/possession of a controlled substance and charges of possession of a controlled substance, display fictitious license plate and display fictitious motor vehicle registration.

Support Groups

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.

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.

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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 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 Fund-

raiser. 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

- 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 of-

rice 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 fund-raisers 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. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information, call 432-263-9669.

College behind bars: Old idea with new energy

MONROE, Wash. (AP) — Eight years ago, when Noel Caldellis began serving time for killing a university student, his main objective was to make 20-plus years in prison pass as quickly as possible: work out, walk circles in the yard with inmates and watch TV.

A few years into his sentence at the Monroe Correctional Complex, Caldellis discovered he could spend his time developing his mind as well as his body, moving from the weight room to the classroom.

"It's helped me tremendously to grow as a person," said Caldellis, who is working on a bachelor's degree in history.

College education in American prisons is starting to grow again,

more than two decades since federal government dollars were prohibited from being used for college programs behind bars.

The shift comes as everyone from President Barack Obama to state policymakers are looking for ways to get better results from the \$80 billion the U.S. spends annually on incarceration.

Private money kept some prison education programs going when government dollars vanished. Several recent studies have shown those projects cut crime and prison costs by helping inmates go home and stay there instead of returning.

"Education in prison is transformative. It leads to safer communities and that's to the

benefit of everyone," said Fred Patrick, director of the Center on Sentencing and Corrections at the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York nonprofit that combines research and demonstration projects associated with criminal justice.

Now more dollars are starting to follow those results, led by a recent decision by the U.S. Department of Education to experiment again with federal Pell Grants for inmate students. Forty-seven states have applied to participate in that program. States such as Washington, New York and California also are looking into spending more state dollars on these programs.

Rudy Madrigal, a student in Washington's University Beyond Bars

program, said the experience transformed his life.

Madrigal, who expects to serve about 24 years for second-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon, said he had a rough start to his sentence, getting in fights and other trouble.

He took his first class as another way to pass the time, but started getting excited about school after really connecting with a math teacher and finding out he could work toward a degree with a scholarship from a private foundation.

While his path is personally enriching, state officials and prison experts say the community is the real beneficiary. A Rand Corporation study on education in prisons found inmates who participate in any

kind of educational program behind bars are 43 percent less likely to reoffend.

Another study paid for by the Indiana Department of Correction found that while all kinds of inmate education has a positive influence on recidivism, inmates who take college courses have a prison return rate of less than 5 percent. That's compared to the national average of nearly 68 percent within three years of release, federal statistics show.

In Washington state, private donations have been paying for college classes at prisons across the state since 2008.

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Odell Mason Sr., 86, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Mount Rose Baptist Church in Midland. Burial with Military Honors will be at 1:00 PM Wednesday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Glenn Person, 88, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Malcolm Farr, 73, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Agnes Carey, 63, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Zackariah "Zack" Seely, 41, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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COLLEGE

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"During the boom times, you usually see enrollment decrease, and that's what happened with us the past few years," Sparks said. "Before then, we had

some huge enrollment increases because the economy was in bad shape. The fact that enrollment is flattening out indicates that the economy is stabilizing, as well."

When outside economic factors are exerting their influences, junior

college enrollment numbers tend to be flat, she added.

"We're seeing numbers similar to those in 2009 (before the last economic downturn)," she said. "I think we're moving into our enrollment sweet spot."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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News in brief

Long before Clinton, DNC rules gave edge to establishment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long before Hillary Clinton, superdelegates have been there for the establishment.

Walter Mondale vs. Gary Hart. Clinton vs. Barack Obama. Clinton vs. Bernie Sanders.

As Clinton builds a delegate lead with overwhelming support from Democratic Party insiders, Sanders' supporters challenge a presidential nominating process they describe as rigged in her favor. But party rules that give superdelegates power to lift up the establishment's choice — even if he or she struggles in primaries and caucuses — were put in place much earlier, in 1982.

Their design was to give party leaders and elected officials more of a say on top-of-the-ticket candidates after big general election losses by George McGovern in 1972 and Jimmy Carter in 1980.

And even in a 2016 year of anti-establishment politics, a change to superdelegates' freedom to support whichever candidate they want isn't likely to happen anytime soon.

Russian warplanes sit idle on Syria base during cease-fire

HEMEIMEEM AIR BASE, Syria (AP) — Dozens of Russian warplanes sat idle Tuesday on the tarmac at this Russian air base in Syria on the fourth day of a cease-fire brokered by Moscow and Washington.

The apparent lull in action witnessed by the AP on a trip to the base, which was organized by the Russian defense and foreign ministries, contrasts with the hectic operation AP reporters saw here on a previous visit in January.

The cease-fire that began at midnight Friday has brought a notable reduction in hostilities for the first time in the five-year war that has killed more than 250,000 people, displaced half of Syria's population and flooded Europe with refugees.

But the truce has remained highly fragile with violations reported in many areas with the opposition and the Syrian government blaming each other.

The Islamic State group and al-Qaida's branch in Syria, Jabhat al-Nusra or the Nusra Front as it is also known, are excluded from the truce.

Obama to meet with GOP leaders on court fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President

Barack Obama is due to meet face-to-face Tuesday with the Senate Republican leaders vowing to block his Supreme Court nominee — no matter who it is — with the hope of keeping the seat open for a Republican president to fill next year.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, are due at the White House midmorning for the sit-down with Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the ranking Democrat on the committee. It will be the first time the leaders have met since Justice Antonin Scalia's unexpected death last month set off a clash over the Supreme Court.

At another time, the gathering might have been a nod to the tradition of at least limited cooperation in naming and confirming justices to the nation's highest court. The president might have floated potential candidates; Senate opposition might have come armed with their own preferred names.

But in the current fight, gestures of collaboration seem moot. Neither side has indicated it will come with much more than talking points.

"Look, the president is open to a discussion, but it would represent a pretty dramatic reversal in position for Mr. McConnell, who has said that the president shouldn't put anybody forward, to come with a list of potential nominees," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday. "It makes it hard for him to engage constructively, until they change that position."

Can the FBI force a company to break into its own products?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Can the FBI force a company like Apple to extract data from a customer's smartphone? In the fight over an iPhone used by an extremist killer in San Bernardino, some legal experts say Congress has never explicitly granted that power. And now a federal judge agrees in a similar case.

In a New York drug case that echoes the much higher-profile San Bernardino dispute, U.S. Magistrate James Orenstein has ruled the government doesn't have authority to make Apple pull information off a suspect's iPhone. The judge said in his ruling that Congress has already considered, but rejected, extending the government's authority in this fashion.

Orenstein cited the history of a 20-year-old federal law — one that requires phone companies to assist po-

lice in conducting court-authorized wiretaps. Congress has resisted attempts over the years to extend that authority to tech companies like Apple, according to experts who have studied the law, known as the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, or CALEA.

Federal prosecutors have argued that a much older law known as the All Writs Act allows courts to compel private parties to assist law enforcement. But Orenstein said that shouldn't apply when, in his words, "Congress has considered legislation that would achieve the same result but has not adopted it."

The New York ruling isn't binding on the magistrate in the San Bernardino case. And federal authorities said Monday they'll appeal Orenstein's decision. But a senior Apple executive, who spoke on condition that he wouldn't be named, said Apple believes Orenstein's ruling is both persuasive and relevant to the issues at stake in San Bernardino.

More than 7,000 migrants stuck on Greek-Macedonian border

IDOMENI, Greece (AP) — On foot or in taxis, hundreds of exhausted refugee families trying to reach central Europe flocked Tuesday to a burgeoning tent city on Greece's border with Macedonia, which has not allowed anybody in for 24 hours citing a similar policy by Serbia further north.

Well over 7,000 — police say there could be up to 10,000 people there — mostly Syrian and Iraqi refugees are stuck at the Idomeni border crossing in deteriorating conditions.

An organized camp can take no more people, and hundreds of tents fill the fields stretching toward the border fence, which is patrolled on the Macedonian side by scores of police officers, assisted by special police forces and police from other Balkan countries.

Overnight rain soaked many families, who hung up clothing and belongings to dry in the sun Tuesday.

Some migrants have been waiting at Idomeni for more than a week, as even when the border is open Macedonia allows in no more than a few hundred a day. On Monday it took in only 30.

Panasonic recognition of same-sex marriage an isolated move

TOKYO (AP) — For decades, Pana-

sonic Corp. has shaped Japanese corporate tradition — be it morning exercise routines or lifetime employment. But don't hold your breath waiting for other Asian businesses to emulate its latest policy announcement: Recognizing same-sex partnerships.

Much of Asia remains far behind the West in such attitudes. Panasonic's move is rare, although bold, and seems unlikely to herald a sea change.

In China, South Korea, the Philippines and much of the rest of Asia, "coming out of the closet" still has enormous consequences, not just for the individual but also for family members who might become targets of abuse and ostracism. It's an act requiring tremendous courage in Asian cultures that value conformity, traditional family structures and harmony.

Even the way Panasonic responded to media queries about its decision was telling. It said it had considered the move for more than a decade, but offered no details. The maker of the Viera TV and Lumix camera appeared overwhelmed by the outpouring of interest, mostly from Western media, and said it could not provide interviews on the issue.

Lenny Sanicola, an employee benefit expert at WorldatWork, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, was surprised by Panasonic's low-key stance. A U.S. company pioneering such a move would be announcing its decision with fanfare and likely getting showered with praise, he said.

American Reform rabbis warn of alienation from Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — A recent gathering of American Reform rabbis in Jerusalem was meant to celebrate the small gains the liberal Jewish movement has made in Israel in recent years. But a series of comments by Israeli officials denigrating the group marred the event, reflecting an awkward relationship that many fear is alienating the world's second-largest Jewish community from Israel.

The Reform Movement is the largest stream of Judaism in the United States, claiming to represent 1.5 million people, and its members provide a key source of financial support and political advocacy for Israel.

But the movement is marginal in Israel, where religious affairs are dominated by the Orthodox rabbinical establishment. Israeli lawmakers have repeatedly disparaged the group.

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Clinton, Trump eye increasing lead today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton are eyeing an opportunity to pull away from their rivals on Super Tuesday, a delegate-rich dash across the country that could accelerate their march toward the general election.

Voters from Vermont to Colorado, Alaska to American Samoa and a host of states in between were heading to polling places and caucus sites on the busiest day of the 2016 primaries.

The contests come at a turbulent moment for Republicans as they grapple with the prospect of Trump becoming the party's nominee. Rivals Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz are engaged in a frantic effort to stop the billionaire — with Rubio in particular lobbing surprisingly personal attacks — but it was unclear whether they'd made their move too late.

Trump said his support crossed party lines and has even brought Democrats into the GOP.

"We're getting people into the party that they've never had before," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday. "I can tell you the one person Hillary Clinton doesn't want to run against is me."

Like Trump, Clinton has won three of the four early voting contests,

including a thrashing of rival Bernie Sanders in South Carolina on Saturday. Her victory there was due to overwhelming support from black voters, putting her in position for a strong showing in several Southern states with large African-American electorates that vote Tuesday.

Clinton has increasingly turned her attention to Trump in recent days, casting herself as a civil alternative to the insults and bullying that have consumed the Republican race.

"What we can't let happen is the scapegoating, the flaming, the finger pointing that is going on the Republican side," she told voters gathered in Springfield, Massachusetts. "It really undermines our fabric as a nation. So, I want to do everything I can in this campaign to set us on a different course."

Sanders, who has energized young voters with his call for a political revolution, was seeking to stay close to Clinton in the South and pick up victories in states including Minnesota and his home state of Vermont. But Sanders faces tough questions about whether he can rally minorities that are core Democratic voters.

After he voted Tuesday in his hometown of Burlington, Vermont, Sanders told reporters that if voter turnout is high "we are going to do



Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz speaks during a campaign rally Monday. *AP photo*

well. If not, we're probably going to be struggling."

Democrats will vote in 11 states and American Samoa on Tuesday, with 865 delegates up for grabs. Republicans will vote in 11 states, with 595 delegates at stake.

Trump was seeking to sweep the South, which would be a massive blow for Cruz. The Texas senator, a favorite of the region's social conservatives and evangelical Christians, expected the South to be his firewall, but now is simply hoping to emerge with a victory in his home state.

Rubio's goal on Super Tuesday is even more modest. He's seeking to stay competitive in the delegate count and hopes to pull off a win in his home state of Florida on March 15. The Florida senator

has cast himself as Republicans' best chance to win in a general election and has received a flood of endorsements from GOP officials after other more mainstream candidates dropped out. But he's failed to win a state so far, raising questions about his strategy for topping Trump.

Republicans spent months largely letting Trump go unchallenged, wrongly assuming that his populist appeal with voters would fizzle. Now party leaders are divided between those who pledge to fall in line behind Trump if he wins their party's nomination and others who insist they can never back him.

An Associated Press survey of GOP senators and governors across the country showed just under half of respon-

dents would not commit to backing Trump if he's the nominee. Their reluctance foreshadowed a potentially extraordinary split in the party this fall.

"If he becomes the nominee the Democrats are going to savage him, no question about it," GOP Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch said. His Republican colleague from Arizona, Jeff Flake, said he was "still holding out hope" that he wouldn't have to make the choice about supporting Trump.

The worries among Republicans appeared to grow after Trump briefly refused to disavow former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke during a television interview. Trump said he had not understood the interviewer who first raised the question

about Duke, and he did later repudiate him.

"Clearly that's caused a lot of concern," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn, one of the lawmakers who would back Trump as the nominee. "We've got about two weeks to find out whether he's going to continue his juggernaut or whether somebody else is going to pull into the pole position. But right now it looks like it's his to lose."

States holding voting contests in both parties Tuesday are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. Republicans vote in Alaska and Democrats in Colorado. Democrats also have a contest in American Samoa and for Democrats Abroad.

Before Trump, there was Ventura — and a big win

CHICAGO (AP) — He was a candidate few thought stood a chance. Best known as a television showman, he seemed more interested in self-promotion than winning public office. But soon he was dominating media coverage and debate stages, each pungent remark only endearing him more to a disenchanted public.

Then Jesse "The Body" Ventura became governor of Minnesota.

Well before Donald Trump shook up the race for the Republican presidential nomination, there was Ventura, the former professional wrestler, radio talk show host and suburban mayor who — in his own election-night words — "shocked the world" with

his improbable 1998 victory.

As Trump looks to expand his delegate lead in Super Tuesday contests and further show that he's for real, the similarities between his campaign and Ventura's continue to grow. The billionaire businessman enters the biggest day of the race so far with several wins under his belt and exuding confidence about his chances in the contests across the Deep South. His top rivals, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, are struggling to contain him.

"Jesse's success is the perfect case history to show this can happen," said Bill Hillsman, a Minneapolis ad

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton campaigns in Norfolk, Va. on Monday.

Rubio takes the gloves off

ATLANTA (AP) — Inviting audiences to “have a little fun,” Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Marco Rubio’s jabs at front-runner Donald Trump are getting personal.

In a sharp shift from policy to personal attacks on Trump, Rubio mocked everything from the billionaire businessman’s tan to making subtle remarks about his manhood.

He even implied that Trump wet his pants during a recent debate.

Crowds across the South have appeared receptive to the Florida senator’s change in tone, exploding into cheers and laughter at the digs. But individually, many voters acknowledge that the turn is unfortunate.

Come what may for Rubio, his attacks on Trump, the favorite

in most of this week’s Super Tuesday polls, exposes a deeply-root antipathy for Trump among a segment of the Republican electorate.

“You’ve got to break Donald Trump somehow,” said Elizabeth Neal, who attended a Rubio rally downtown Atlanta on Monday. “To some degree it means doing whatever it takes — even if it means getting down to his level.”

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man and close Ventura adviser who came up with several memorable campaign ads, including one that depicted Ventura as an action figure who tells special interests: “I don’t want your stupid money.”

“Donald Trump’s campaign is just Jesse’s campaign writ very large, with more money and some hugely advantageous communications tools” such as social media and online organizing, Hillsman said.

There are differences, of course, particularly on social issues. Trump has proposed expanding the border wall to keep out immigrants from Mexico and has rejected gay marriage. Ventura has supported open borders and said during a 1998 debate that government shouldn’t be involved in who may marry.

Ventura also was a Reform Party candidate who blasted Republicans and Democrats as “rival gangs,” while Trump is seeking the GOP nomination.

But voters see Trump as sufficiently untethered from the party. Both Trump and Ventura are brash and loose with words, much in contrast to the more scripted traditional candidates.

That was enough to draw Darren Anderson to the polls in 1998, when at age 25 he was one of many first-time voters who helped Ventura win. Anderson, now 43, recalls watch-

ing a debate between “Jesse,” Democrat Skip Humphrey and Republican Norm Coleman. Ventura was the only one who “called a spade a spade.”

“He wasn’t your standard politician and he wasn’t blowing smoke.”

That’s also why the teacher from New Ulm, Minnesota, is now leaning toward Trump in Minnesota’s vote Tuesday. While in the back of his mind he worries a Trump presidency could “go really wrong,” he says the GOP front runner “is saying things the country wants to hear.”

Both Ventura and Trump drew some of their strongest support from blue collar voters who dislike the political establishment.

But Ventura’s typical voter was younger, largely male and “for the most part regarded the election as a giant kegger,” said St. Cloud State University political science professor Stephen Frank, who co-wrote a book on Ventura’s election.

Ventura appealed to them as much for his personality as for his promises to cut taxes

amid a budget surplus. Coleman, a former St. Paul mayor, and Humphrey, the son of former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, focused on each other during debates, ignoring Ventura.

Ventura told *The Associated Press* Monday he sees echoes of his campaign in Trump’s. But he’s split between supporting Trump or Sen. Bernie Sanders, who’s vying for the Democratic nomination. He’s also considering his own bid as a third-party Libertarian candidate.

Dane Smith, who spent 30 years as a reporter in St. Paul and Minneapolis and covered Ventura, recalls a “Trump-like” feeling in the governor’s race when polls showed Ventura running surprisingly strong.

“You were saying to yourself ‘Holy cow. This guy isn’t going to collapse,’” Smith said.



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What to watch in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is a newcomer to Super Tuesday, and the rest of the U.S. is keeping close tabs on its debut.

No state has more delegates at stake Tuesday than Texas, and Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz needs a big haul on his home turf after middling finishes in South Carolina and Nevada. Texas is the top prize of 12 states holding primaries Tuesday and isn’t winner-take-all, putting pressure on Cruz to win decisively and deny Donald Trump and Marco Rubio as many of the 155 delegates as possible.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton is the favorite over Bernie Sanders, but how she performs with Hispanic and black voters will be watched.

Beyond the presidential contest, the primary ballot also includes races for:

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House Ways and Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, who was elevated to the powerful post last fall, faces three conservative challengers in arguably the biggest fight of his 10-term career. Former state legislator Steve Toth is among his opponents, and with Republican voters railing against establishment candidates this election year, Brady may be thrown into a May runoff to defend his suburban Houston district.

Another longtime congressional fixture from Houston, Democrat Gene Green, also is facing a potentially stiff primary challenge from former Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia. The district is about 60 percent Hispanic, but top national Hispanic groups have backed Green.

The opening of a South Texas seat is also renewing the potential for the state to send its first Hispanic woman to Congress. Dolly Elizondo

has the backing of former gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis and U.S. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand, the New York Democrat, in a crowded race to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Reuben Hinojosa. A runoff appears likely for the district that runs from San Antonio to the border.

A second round of primary voting also seems likely in the West Texas district where U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer is retiring and hasn’t endorsed any of the nine Republican candidates running to replace him.

LEGISLATURE

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, who is on the verge of a record-tying fifth session as Texas speaker, is again the main target of conservative activists who accuse him of being cozy with Democrats and derailing get-tough immigration proposals.

Megadonors including Alice Walton, heiress to the Wal-Mart fortune, have written big checks to businessman Jeff Judson in a brush campaign against Straus. His attacks against the speaker included claims that because Straus is Jewish, he doesn’t connect with Christian conservative voters. The even-tempered Straus has seldom fired back but has been forced to spend money to defend his record and his San Antonio district.

Straus, a friend of the Bush family whose supporters include Texas’ elite donor class, has kept his powerful post in recent years despite the Legislature pushing farther to the right.

OTHER RACES

No major statewide offices are on the ballot in 2016. Gov. Greg Abbott, who endorsed his former protege Cruz for president, has not endorsed any legislative candidates but is backing Republican Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman for re-election. Both parties

are also picking nominees for a new Texas railroad commissioner to oversee the state’s oil and gas industry.

Even Ventura needed some convincing on election night. After the first TV station called the race saying he’d won, the governor-elect told his team he wanted to wait for more results before making his victory speech.

Ventura had a mixed record as governor. After campaigning on a tax cut, Ventura refunded part of a state surplus to taxpayers — payments he dubbed “Jesse checks.” He oversaw building of the Twin Cities’ light rail and provided more money for schools.

But he also butted heads with lawmakers and seemed to tire of the day-to-day slog of government. Toward the end of his first term he said he wouldn’t seek another.

“There’s no consensus whether he was a bad governor or an average governor,” Smith

said. “There is sort of a consensus he was far too egotistical and self-centered, that the whole purpose was to serve his own fame and fortune.”

Still, Minnesota voters like Anderson say if there’s a lesson for 2016, it’s to take Trump seriously.

“So many people took it as a joke, a big public joke,” Anderson said. “And then they win.”

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Lady Steers off to impressive start

MIDLAND — The Lady Steers are on fire to start the season on the diamond. They went 6-0 at the Midland Tournament Thursday-Saturday to improve to 8-0 on the year.

The Lady Steers included a close 10-9 win against Pecos and 6-5 win against Midland Christian, but also saw

blowout victories in their 14-2 win against Brownfield, 13-1 win against Presidio, 10-0 win against Greenwood and 15-0 win against Dumas.

The Lady Steers will try to keep the win streak going at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday when they travel to Andrews High School.

Bufs place first in Forsan tourney

The Forsan boys and girls teams dominated the Forsan Tennis Invitational Thursday.

Ross Freeman took home first place in boys singles, and Caden Cline and James McCafferty took home first in boys doubles. Lane Schafer and Brent Glasco placed second doubles.

Mackenzi Lain finished first in girls sin-

gles, and Mariah Brehm placed third. Julia Box and Nova Caldwell took fourth in doubles.

The in the boys was enough to earn them the Boys Division Team Championship. Winners included Ross Freeman, Caden Cline, James McCafferty, Lane Schafer, Brent Glasco, Andy Kirkland and Eric Hall.

BS powerlifters qualify for regionals

The Steers powerlifting teams have totally completed their regular seasons and are headed into regional meets and post season competition.

After a very competitive season the boys and girls combined for 18 regional qualifiers. The boys team qualified 12 for the regional meet in Levelland on March 11th.

The regional qualifiers are as follows:

Andrew Paredes (currently first in the state), Bryson Ovalle, Aaron Blackshear, Aaron Carroll, Justin Ormsby, Ivan Delgado, Justin Miller, Levi Molina, Nathan Schneider, Jordan Dunn, Val Presas, Derek Gusman.

The girls qualifiers are as follows: Serenity Garcia, Caitlin Aaron, Jareigh Vanderbilt, Sarah Cox, Charlie Roberts, Jacobie Rios.

BS swimmer takes home first place

Ashlee Moore, age 10, of Big Spring, won the 10 & Under High Point Champion award at the 2016 West Texas Championships, which was held at COM Aquatics in Midland February 26-28.

Ashlee is the first person from the Big Spring area to win the overall point award in several years. She swam for Coach Shaw at the Big Spring YMCA for 4 years, before the team disbanded in January.

She won five first and two second places in individual events.



Photo: Donald Moore
Moore holding her first place trophy.

No. 1 Kansas romp over No. 23 Texas 86-56

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' crowd was rocking and ready for another big win. Then the typical Kansas swagger took over and the Longhorns never had a chance.

Perry Ellis scored 20 points and top-ranked Kansas rolled over No. 23 Texas 86-56 on Monday night, an emphatic exclamation point that clinched the outright Big 12 championship for the Jayhawks.

Kansas had already earned at least a share of a 12th straight crown and settled the question of an undisputed title with the opening minutes with a barrage of 3-pointers, a steady diet of points from Ellis and defense that gave Texas nothing easy.

The Jayhawks (26-4, 14-3) made 11 3-pointers, led by 24 points by halftime and sent the sellout crowd headed to the exits early. Ellis finished 9 of 11 from the field.

Frank Mason III added 14 points for Kansas.

"Our toughness and fight were not nearly what they needed to be," Texas coach Shaka Smart said.

Javan Felix scored 13 points for Texas (19-11, 10-7), which has never beaten a No. 1-ranked opponent in nine tries.

Kansas, which spent two weeks at No. 1 in early January, looked every bit the part this time. And in a seeded like it could crown a new champion, the Jayhawks stormed through the second half of the league schedule with a nine-game winning streak to take it again.

Kansas has won nine of its last 10 against Texas, but came into this one expecting a much tougher fight than the Longhorns put up.

With four wins already this season over Top 10 opponents, Texas looked like a team ready to grab another. The Longhorns came in brimming with confidence as the league upstart under Smart. And after its impressive win two days earlier over Oklahoma, Texas turned out its biggest — and rowdiest — crowd of the season.

The Jayhawks greeted it with little more than a shrug and a scoring burst at the start that overwhelmed the Longhorns from the opening tip.

"I thought they played free and loose and aggressive," Smart



Texas guard Eric Davis Jr., right, drives to the basket against Kansas forward Jamari Traylor (31) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Feb. 29, 2016, in Austin, Texas. Kansas won 86-56. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

said.

Devonte' Graham and Mason made three 3-pointers in a 15-0 run as Texas missed its first 14 shots. And Ellis had hardly even gotten started. The senior forward dominated Texas' front line for 15 points in the first half. His 3-pointer put the Jayhawks up by 21 points with 4 minutes left.

"For 20-25 minutes, that was about as well as we can play," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "We talked about we don't want to share anything."

Even when Texas started matching shots, that's all the Longhorns could do. The Jayhawks shot 66 percent in the first half and consecutive 3-pointers by Wayne Selden Jr., and Brannen Greene in the final minutes sent Kansas into halftime with a 47-23 lead.

The Kansas swagger seemed to get bigger with every basket. Ellis veaved his way to another easy layup, Graham swished two more 3-pointers and two thun-

derous dunks by Jamari Traylor pushed the Jayhawks' lead to 67-36 with just under 13 minutes to play.

"I don't think we were overwhelmed," Felix said. "We didn't defend well. We missed some shots ... you can't do that against a team like that."

TIP-INS:

Kansas: The Jayhawks rank fourth nationally in 3-point percentage and have made 10 or more 3-pointers 11 times this season.

Texas: The Longhorns' offense stalled mostly because Isaiah Taylor never got started. The point guard has been the catalyst for Texas all season — he's their leading scorer — but started 0-for-8 shooting and missed several open looks. Taylor didn't score until making a steal and a layup with 1:26 left in the first half and took just one shot in the second.

Smart said Taylor struggled with a sore right heel after the

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Judge dismisses part of Romo-linked firm's claim against NFL

DALLAS (AP) — A judge has dismissed a major element of a lawsuit filed against the NFL by a company partly owned by Tony Romo over a canceled fantasy football event.

Following a hearing on Monday, State District Judge Carl Ginsberg threw out a claim by Fan Expo LLC that the NFL intimidated players with threats of fines and suspensions if they participated in what the league called a gambling-related event.

"The only thing I'll say is that the NFL is gratified with the court's ruling, which was a careful analysis, and we believe it was the correct one," Thad Behrens, an attorney representing the NFL, told The Dallas Morning News.

Fan Expo attorney Julie Pettit said no decision has been made on an appeal. She also said Fan Expo's breach-of-contract claim against the NFL is still pending trial.

The Texas-based company claims the NFL initially approved the event by allowing some members of league-owned media outlets to participate. The subsequent NFL decision forced the cancellation of last July's convention in Las Vegas.

The Fan Expo created the National Fantasy Football Convention and used Romo

as its headliner while getting commitments from Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant, New England tight end Rob Gronkowski and Pittsburgh running back Le'Veon Bell.

DeMarco Murray, Romo's former teammate and the NFL rushing leader who signed with Philadelphia in free agency, also was among the 60 players the lawsuit says had agreed to attend. The suit said there were another 35 players who were considering signing agreements.

The event was to include autograph sessions with players and clinics with fantasy football experts. It was to be held at the Sands Expo, a convention center that is part of the Venetian Resort but doesn't have gambling or slot machines.

The lawsuit said the mother of New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. was among those warned by the NFL that her son would be punished if he participated. It also said NFL senior labor relations counsel Brook Gardner contacted the Cowboys, prompting the team to call an event organizer.

After failed attempts to persuade the NFL that the event wasn't associated with gambling, it was called off and refunds were offered to fans who had already booked



Photo: Michael Ainsworth, FRE / Associated Press

trips. Organizers say they are planning to hold the event in Los Angeles next summer.

The suit listed several examples of what the plaintiffs considered casino ties to other players and teams, including a cruise hosted by Gronkowski and a fantasy football event in Las Vegas with ties to New York Jets receiver Brandon Marshall.

The fantasy event was about the same time that Romo's was supposed to be held.

The NFL knew nothing of the Gronkowski cruise until after Fan Expo representatives brought it to its attention, Behrens told The Dallas Morning News.

The ruling sends mixed messages, said Michael Hurst, another Fan Expo attorney.

"I guess if you're Rob Gronkowski or Cam Newton or folks that participate in Warren Moon's event, then it's OK and the NFL will turn a blind eye to it and maybe do nothing," he said. "However, if you're somebody that's promoting a large event with a lot of players, then the NFL is going to step in and do something about it."

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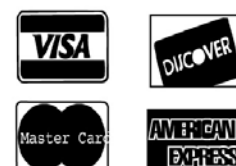
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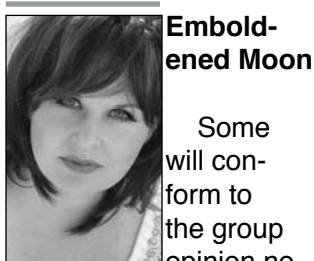
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negate it. It's not weakness; rather it speaks to an ancient human survival mechanism. We are stronger as a group and agreement feeds the group dynamic. The Sagittarius moon challenges the concept now, favoring those inclined to rebel, explore or disagree.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may engage in bargaining without even realizing it, as there are deals to be struck that don't require any exchanging of words. Decisions will count; actions will speak.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be careful not to get caught in the middle of warring parties. There won't be a winning side, for starters. And when the two

reconcile they will surely turn on anyone who was involved in the conflict.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The laundry list of qualities to make up the perfect partner may go out the window as it becomes clearer to you what really matters now: namely, chemistry and compatible lifestyles. Have faith in your intuition.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Privacy is always your prerogative. Those who ask probably don't deserve to know, and you have no obligation to tell, either. Besides, loved ones respect you more when you reveal less.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not hard to be part of the good stuff now. You're aware; you look around, see what needs doing and act immediately. The simplicity of your choice will keep you in an exciting flow of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are certain issues you feel strongly enough to stand firm on, and therefore you've a few unbend-

able rules -- the chief one of the day being to remain flexible in all matters at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you don't yet have what it takes, don't worry; you will. Your ability will swell when the challenge at hand invites it to. This is especially true on an intellectual level. You'll grow smarter in a demanding learning environment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes the deadline, bustle and hurry bring out the best in you, but not now. So go ahead and take off the pressure. Stroll through life instead of running around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your teachers have been stellar, but that's not to say you couldn't use a few fresh influences. Reach out and you'll learn what you need to know to take your career to the next level.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a natural-born cheerleader, inspiring and motivating all who come near, though most won't

show it. In fact, you would never guess how energizing your support really is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your intensity level may be too much for today's situation, so hold back. The restraint you show will be admired. Then, when the drama boils over, you'll still have plenty of energy left in you to carry on productively.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Of course you want to succeed! The question now is, at what cost? Doing your best is one thing. Then there's the above-and-beyond efforts you could make. Would they be worth it?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 1). You know that you deserve goodness and you gladly accept the bounty that drops into your life over the next six weeks. April brings a different kind of love. May features a reversal, and it likely has financial implications. Lifestyle moves don't have to be expensive. Find a more economic way and you'll be glad

five years from now. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 28, 33, 2 and 50.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was all fired up to become a manicurist, and I borrowed money from my parents to go to a beauty school. I learned the trade and did nails for a few clients at the school, but the truth is that I don't want to pursue it anymore. It's just not what I thought it would be like. Now my parents are mad at me and expecting that I land a job so that I can pay them back, and I really don't even want to. What should a Sagittarius do?"

Your enthusiasm is a strength that you can apply to overcome many of life's challenges. But you do not always have to feel excited about a situation in order to follow through and commit yourself. There are other virtues, such as loyalty, responsibility and duty, to consider. Allow these virtues to lead you to dig deep inside yourself to solve the problem

of how you're going to pay your parents back. Life isn't always about finding the perfect fit for making your life fun and entertaining for you. In the end, your contribution to others is ultimately what will fulfill you the most.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Justin Bieber is set to embark on his "Purpose" tour in support of his fourth studio album, set to premiere at the top of the Billboard 200. The soulful Pisces pop prince was born under three artistic Pisces planets and a deeply intuitive, soulful Scorpio moon. This is the moon of magnetism and unexpected transformation. The minute people think they know who Bieber is, he will change, bringing fresh surprises.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie I have eight grandchildren and I love them all. I make sure to spend equal amounts of time and care with each one of them.

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When I first flew down to meet the new baby, my son called me in the rental car to say that I was not allowed to come

because I had a cold three weeks earlier. I was able to negotiate meeting them at a nearby restaurant, but I was not allowed to hold the baby. The mother-in-law came and took the child home before the meal was served.

Yet, my daughter-in-law refuses to vaccinate the boy against more serious diseases. She also lets him climb out of his car seat because he fusses in it, which exposes him to the risk of death from a minor car accident.

When I send Christmas presents, she opens them early and hands them to the child, never saying they are

from me. I have sent him clothes, but have never seen a picture of him in anything but a T-shirt and diaper. At the age of 3, he is still drinking formula from a bottle and eating very little real food.

I am worried about the mental and physical health of this child, not to mention my own sadness that we can't have a relationship. Is there anything I can do? -- Perplexed Grandmother

Dear Perplexed: Is your son not involved in these decisions? It doesn't bother him that his son isn't belted into a car seat? Or that he is still getting most of his nutrition from infant

formula? And we won't get into the anti-vaxx movement, which, although well-intentioned, we disagree with.

Please gently suggest to your son that he speak about these things with the child's pediatrician, to be certain he is caring for his son in the best possible way. If he disagrees with his wife's child-rearing methods, he should not be a coward about it. Even so, there are limits to what you can do about your relationship with your grandson other than continue to keep in touch, visit whenever possible and maintain the most compassionate communication you can

with the boy's mother.

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Dear Virginia: Thank you for mentioning a gift

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Luck Is a Friendly Enemy

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠7 4 2, ♥6 3, ♦10 9 8 7, ♣8 7 3 2. WEST: ♠J 6, ♥Q 10 7, ♦10 9 8 7, ♣8 7 3 2. EAST: ♠K 10 9 8 3, ♥K 8 5 4, ♦5 4, ♣K 4. SOUTH: ♠A Q 5, ♥A J 9 2, ♦A K Q J, ♣10 5.

The bidding: South West North East 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

The best approach to the play of a hand is to rely on luck as little as possible. For example, take this deal where West led a diamond against three notrump. Declarer won with the jack and finessed the ten of clubs, everyone following low. He then led the five of clubs and finessed the jack, losing to East's king. Back came the ten of spades, won by the declarer with the queen, but

South had already run out of steam. His only winners were four diamonds, two spades, a club and a heart, and he finished down one.

It is granted that East made a fine play by ducking the ten of clubs. Had he taken the ten with the king, declarer would have made at least four notrump.

But the fact remains that South should have made the contract anyway. The best line of play is to overtake the ten of clubs with dummy's jack at trick two. Let's assume that East ducks as before; otherwise, it's all over but the shouting.

Declarer next leads a spade from dummy and finesses the queen. As it happens, the finesse wins, and South has his ninth trick. Naturally, he then eschews a second club finesse, since that could cost him the contract. And so, by following the suggested line of play, declarer winds up with 12 tricks.

The advantage of playing this way is that it gives South two chances instead of just one to make the contract — if West was dealt the king of clubs or if East was dealt the king of spades. If the spade finesse loses, South still has another club finesse to fall back on.

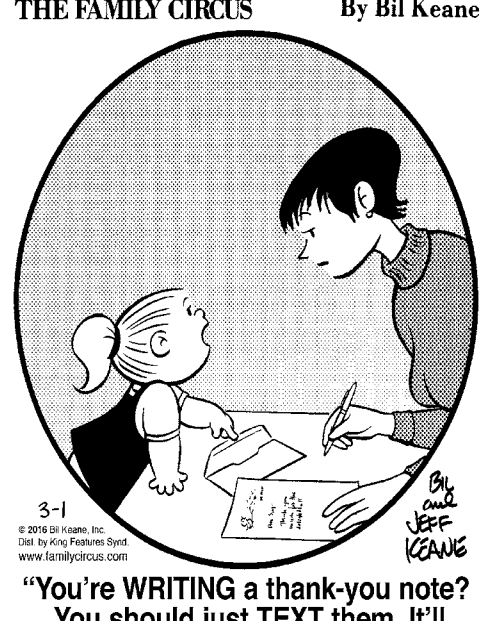
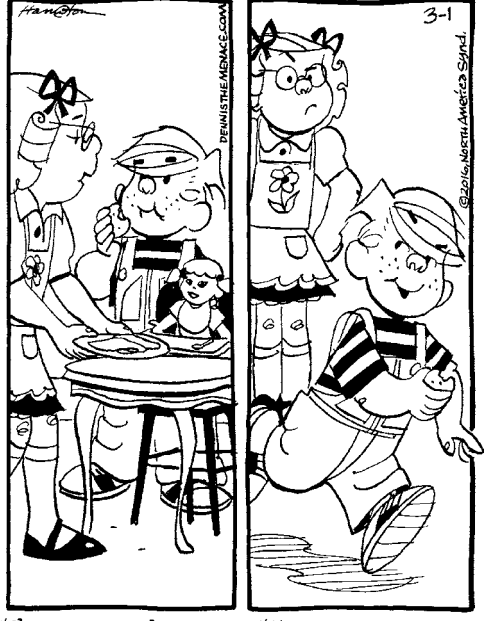
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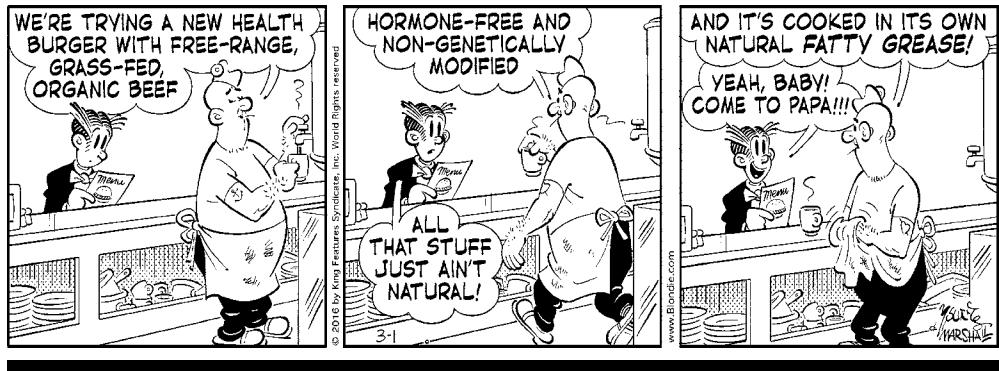
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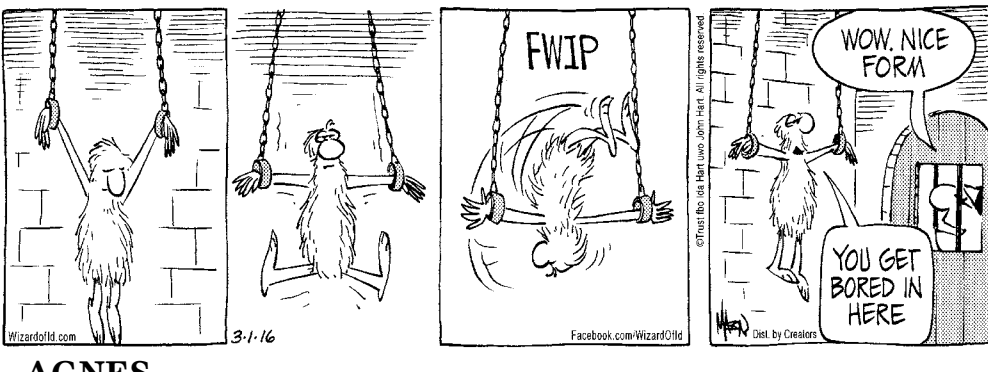
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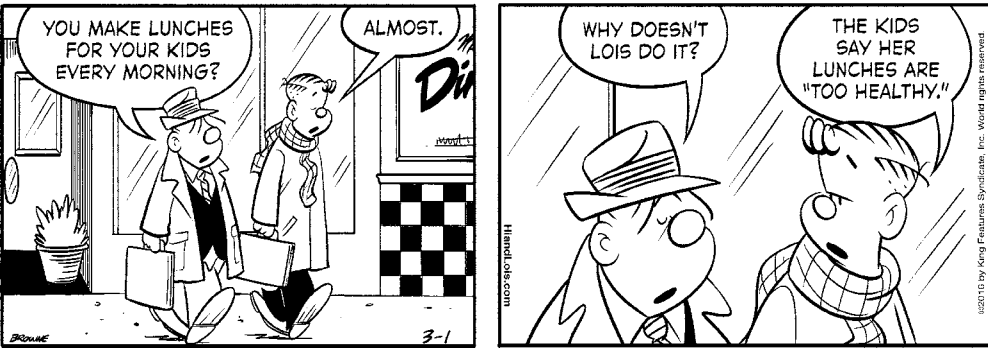
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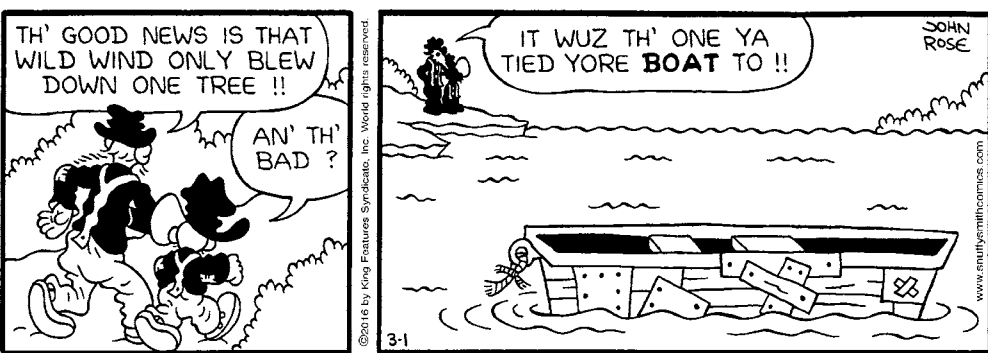
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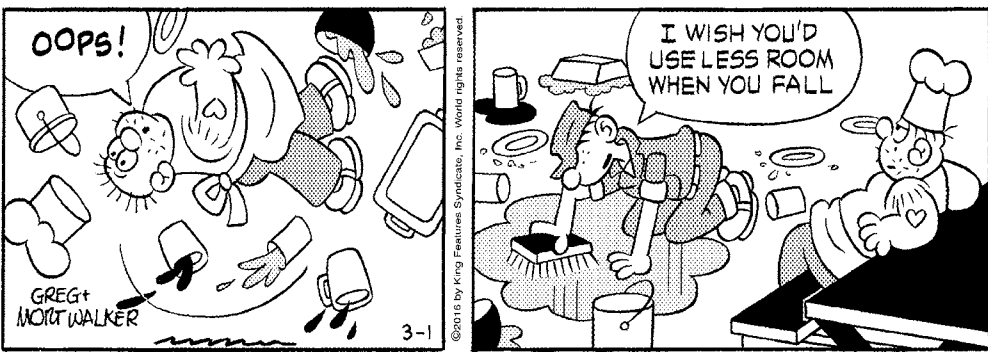
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Region 5 Tournament kicks off Wednesday

BROWNWOOD, Texas — When former University of Kentucky head coach Billy Clyde Gillispie agreed to take over the reins at Ranger College last March, he said he wanted to create something special his alma mater, the area and the entire state could be proud of. Well, Ranger College, Eastland County and the State of Texas will all be watching this weekend when Gillispie tries to do something extra special ... like leading his 10th-ranked Ranger College Rangers to the 2016 Region V basketball championship.

Ranger College is one of 16 college powerhouses set to take to the Brownwood Coliseum beginning on Wednesday to participate in the 2016 Region V Basketball Championships. Overall, nine of the 16 programs slated to compete in the 4-day gala are ranked among the nation's best.

"This should be a very exciting tournament," said Region V Men's Director Stan Feaster, who is also serving as tournament director. "The quality of teams coming into this tournament is outstanding. Basketball fans in the area are definitely going to get their money's worth this week."

Gillispie's freshman-dominated squad is among the bigger stories at this year's tournament. A former Division I coach at several Big 12

programs, including Texas A&M and Texas Tech, Gillispie has found plenty of success at Ranger College at the college he graduated from in 1980. The Rangers come in at 26-4 and as the reigning NTJCAC champions. Ranger College went 12-0 in conference play this season.

As a team, RC has been unbeatable on the court this season. The Rangers won all 30 of their games on the court, but self-imposed forfeits of their first four games after a discrepancy was discovered in a transfer paperwork trail.

The Gillispie-led Rangers will begin their push for the team's first-ever trip to the national tournament at noon on Wednesday when they face off with the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen. Frank Phillips qualified for the Region V tournament by placing fourth in the final Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

The Rangers won't be the only top 10 program coming into Brown County in search of the Region V tournament crown. McLennan Community College will come in as another squad to watch. The Highlanders, 26-4 overall and second in a brutal NTJCAC race behind Ranger, are ranked No. 9 overall.

Ranger, en route to winning its first

conference title since 2012, defeated McLennan twice during the regular season, winning once at home and once on the road.

McLennan will begin its Region V outing at 5 p.m. with a matchup against New Mexico Junior College, the third-place finisher from the WJ-CAC.

Two Western Junior College Athletic Conference powers will also be on hand, including 17th-ranked Odessa College and 24th-ranked South Plains College.

Odessa College won the WJ-CAC title this season, going 24-5. By virtue of winning the WJ-CAC title, the Wranglers will face off with NTJCAC's fourth-place seed Temple College, starting at 7 p.m.

South Plains, a national tournament qualifier a year ago after winning the Region V title, is 21-7. The Texans will face off against Hill College at 5 p.m.

Other team's appearing in the men's field will be Hill College, Temple Col-

lege, New Mexico Junior College and Frank Phillips College.

As tough as the men's field will be, it could pale in comparison to the road the women's team will have to travel to garner a spot in the NJCAA Women's National Championships. No less than five ranked teams will suit of for the Region V melee.

The New Mexico Lady Thunderbirds are the odds-on favorite to make a run at the Region V crown. The Lady Thunderbirds finished the regular season at 27-2 and climbed to No. 7 in the NJCAA Division I polls.

NMJC, the WJ-CAC champion, will face off with Temple College, beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Temple was the fourth-place team in the NTJCAC race.

WJ-CAC runner-up Midland College and NTJCAC champion Collin College will try and spoil NMJC's hopes. Midland College, ranked No. 13 nationally, enters the tournament at 25-4. No. 19 Collin College is 25-5.

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RANGER (NORTH1) vs FRANK PHILLIPS (WEST4)
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GAME 2
SOUTH PLAINS (WEST2) vs HILL (NORTH3)
2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2

GAME 3
McLENNAN (NORTH2) vs NMJC (WEST3)
5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2

GAME 4
ODESSA (WEST1) vs TEMPLE (NORTH4)
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2

GAME 5
COLLIN (NORTH1) vs SOUTH PLAINS (WEST4)
12:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3

GAME 6
MIDLAND (WEST2) vs McLENNAN (NORTH3)
2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3

GAME 7
HILL (NORTH2) vs ODESSA (WEST3)
5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3

GAME 8
NMJC (WEST1) vs TEMPLE (NORTH4)
7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3

GAME 9
RANGER vs SOUTH PLAINS
12:00 p.m. Friday, March 4

GAME 10
McLENNAN vs ODESSA
2:00 p.m. Friday, March 4

GAME 11
MIDLAND vs NMJC
5:00 p.m. Friday, March 4

GAME 12
HILL vs TEMPLE
7:00 p.m. Friday, March 4

REGION V MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
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GAME 5
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HORNS

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Oklahoma game and wore a walking boot Sunday and Monday before the game.

"He was in a lot of pain," Smart said.

TEXAS TROUBLES

Texas' last four home games have included big wins over West Virginia and Oklahoma and blowout losses to Baylor and Kansas. In the losses, Texas'

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Life, love & chaos:

Being happy with yourself is a choice

A while back, someone asked me why I am always happy.

I hadn't really thought about it since I became an adult, but it was something I pondered about quite a bit as a kid.

My dad and I used to go on long walks after dinner and during these time we would tell jokes, make up stories, study the stars and talk about life. One night, he addressed the fact that we have the ability to control our emotions and decide whether we will be happy or miserable.

He told me a story of scientists studying optimists and pessimists. They took a pessimistic boy and put him in a room with all of the latest gadgets and toys. Any toy you could ever want was in that room.

The scientists put the optimistic boy in a room full of manure, nothing but mounds and mounds of manure. After an hour or so, they returned to check on the boys.

The pessimistic boy in the room full of new toys was sitting in the middle of the room crying.

The scientists asked, "Why are you crying? Don't you like the toys? The very best of everything is in this room at your disposal. Do they not please you?"

The boy looked at the scientists and cried, "I was so scared that I would break them that I couldn't bring myself to play with any of them. I want to play with them so badly, but I just know I would ruin them."

The scientists left the pessimistic boy and



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walked to the room full of manure, sure that the optimistic boy would be huddled against a wall crying and trying to avoid the mess.

When the scientist opened the door, the optimistic boy was right smack dab in the middle of the room throwing manure balls at the wall. He had built snowmen out of manure, he built a fort and rolled in every inch of the room laughing and having the time of his life with what he had been given.

I gathered that it doesn't matter what life hands you, if you are optimistic, you will see the joy in everything. I wanted to find the joy in everything that life threw my way.

Now, as an adult, after being asked about being an optimistic person, I thought long and hard and came up with the following rules.

First and foremost, remember that God is in

control of your life. Everything that happens to you, good and bad, is making you the person that you need to be for His plan and He loves you.

Life is a gift and full of mystery and adventure. Face each day as a fresh start to be a better you.

Your decisions and actions are yours. Own them. Do not lay mistakes on anyone else, but use them to learn and grow.

You want people to like you, but some people just aren't. Remember you can't control others, only yourself. Like yourself and the people who like you will stick around. These are the people you need to concentrate on and keep in your life.

Life isn't easy. Things are going to happen in your life that you can't control. These are the times when you need to stay true to yourself, learn the lessons provided and move forward with your life.

My husband hates it when people say, "I am only human." His reply, "If you are only human, then you have the ability to adapt and overcome."

I am not perfect, I am far from it. I am okay with not being perfect because I have learned that despite the facade people put on, no one is perfect. But I like the person in the mirror looking back at me, and I know who I am. I also know that everyone and everything in my life is meant to be there for one reason or another. I appreciate what I have even if others have more, because I know that I am better off than I could be.

I also know that tomorrow is a chance for me to be a little bit better at this thing called life than I was today.

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Texas therapists balk at long distance care restrictions

AUSTIN (AP) — Licensed professional counselors in Texas are objecting to a proposed rule that would require an in-person session with a client before using teleconferencing for long-distance counseling sessions.

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors would also require counselors and their clients to reside in Texas, unless the client is in the military.

The board is scheduled to discuss the proposed changes Wednesday and may vote on them, the *Austin American-Statesman* reports. More than 130 counselors have signed a petition in opposition.

The action comes at a time of widespread shortages of psychiatrists and other mental health workers in Texas. In September 2014, 201 of the 254 counties in Texas had provider shortages, according to a state report. In 174 counties, there wasn't a single psychiatrist. A recommendation from the Statewide Health Coordinating Council even suggests expanding distance therapy services.

Austin counselor Donna Rose criticizes the board's actions.

"I feel strongly about this because this is for people who wouldn't otherwise get to access this care," Rose told the newspaper. "Some of these people are professionals who travel every week. Some are rural residents who are really strapped."

Rose counsels about 20 percent of her clients using secure videoconferencing and, in special circumstances, a phone, she said. Others have disabilities or they're veterans, single moms, low-income or elderly folks who don't drive,

she said.

In publishing the proposed rules in January, the board's interim executive director, Sarah Faszholz, outlined potential benefits.

"Specifically, proposed requirements regarding distance counseling are designed to allow licensees to better assess the client using non-verbal cues at the initial session, following which the licensee may determine which method of counseling to use and the frequency of subsequent sessions," she said.

In vast swaths of America, patients face lengthy drives to reach the nearest psychiatrist, if they can even find one willing to see them. In Texas, lawmakers recently voted to pay the student loans of psychiatrists willing to work in underserved areas. A bill in Congress would forgive student loans for child psychiatrists.

Even with such efforts, problems are likely to persist nationally. A recent survey by the Association of American Medical Colleges found that 59 percent of psychiatrists are 55 or older, the fourth oldest of 41 medical specialties, signaling that many may soon be retiring or reducing their workload.

The proposal for an initial face-to-face meeting is similar to one the Texas Medical Board approved last year.

But a judge barred the rule from taking effect until a civil trial can be held. Texas-based Teledoc sued the Texas Medical Board in that case, arguing the rule would hurt its business, reduce patient access to care, drive up costs and fly in the face of a national movement to expand telemedicine.

Living proof of organ donation

LAREDO (AP) — Less than six months after receiving her driver's license, Krizia Keiser passed away at the age of 18 from a brain aneurysm, and her organs were received by three different people.

At the 3rd Annual Krizia L. Keiser Memorial 5K Run and Walk at Lake Casa Blanca, Keiser's mother, father and brother were able to meet one of the recipients of her kidneys and pancreas.

Richard "Rick" Nuñez, 46, received the gift of Keiser's organ donation in 2013 after three years of being on a waiting list for a transplant.

Nuñez's kidneys were failing as a result of a lifelong battle with diabetes. "I'm living proof of what (organ donation) can do," Nuñez said. "It was a gesture that not only touched my life, but my family and my friends' lives as well. ... I live a good life, and it's because of her."

Clarissa B. Thompson, community relations coordinator for the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, also spoke to the crowd about the importance of organ donation awareness. She trumped a few reservations people have prior to becoming organ

donors.

"People think that the doctors won't try hard enough to save you if they see that you're an organ donor," Thompson said. "But we are only contacted after brain death has been declared."

The Keisers were obviously emotional and did not say much prior to the beginning of the race.

Nuñez's wife, Patricia, was also very emotional. "It's very emotional. We wouldn't want anyone to pass away to get what we wanted. But he is here because of her," Patricia Nuñez said.

Although she and her husband were not a match, Patricia Nuñez donated her kidney to her husband's brother after his kidneys began to fail after long term diabetes as well.

In addition to the 5K, the Keiser family has also established the Krizia Lauren Keiser Memorial Fund Scholarship to honor their daughter and raise awareness about brain aneurysms and organ donation.

For more information on how to become an organ donor, the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance may be reached at 1-866-685-0277.

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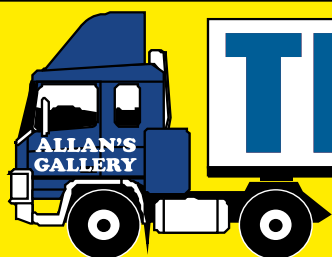
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