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Runoff set for county, congressional races

Garcia and Averette to face off in Precinct 1

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Precinct 1 Howard County Commissioner race is heading for round two.

No clear winner emerged in the three-man race for the commissioner post during Tuesday's Republican primary election, meaning voters will decide between incumbent Oscar Garcia and challenger Chad Averette when a run-off vote is held May 24.

Averette received 43 percent of the votes, while Garcia was named

on 37 percent of the ballots. Jesse Bravo, the third man in the race, received 74 votes.

With no Democrat running for the position, the winner of the May 24 run-off will be the next commissioner.

Both Garcia and Averette thanked their supporters after the vote totals were announced.

"I owe it all to the people who worked for me, my wife, especially ... A bunch of people went out of their way to vote Republican when they usually vote Democratic," Garcia said. "They were there for me and I appreciate their coming out, and I'll be looking

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard County Precinct 1 Commissioner candidate Jesse Bravo, right, awaits election returns at the county courthouse Tuesday evening. Bravo finished third in the race behind incumbent Oscar Garcia and Chad Averette.

Robertson and Arrington finish in dead heat for District 19 GOP nod

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

As expected, it was a three-man race to the finish line for the Republican nomination in the Texas District 19 congressional race.

Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson and former Texas Tech University vice chancellor Jodey Arrington emerged from a pack of nine candidates to earn a spot in a May 24 run-off for the congressional seat being vacated by incumbent Randy Neugebauer, but they had to fend off a strong challenge from retired Air Force Col. Michael Bob Starr to do so.

With 280 of 285 voting pre-

cincts reporting as of midnight Tuesday, Robertson had 26,651 votes, a mere 112 votes ahead of Arrington out of more than 97,000 ballots cast.

Robertson Starr was in third place, 5,000 votes behind the two leaders. Dr. Donald May of Lubbock finished a distant fourth.

With no Democratic opponent in the November general election, the winner of the May run-off will be Big Spring's next representative in the U.S. Congress.

Starr, as expected, dominated in his home town of

Abilene, out-polling both Robertson and Arrington by more than 5,000 votes. But he consistently ran behind both men in the rest of the district, especially in their home town of Lubbock, which split almost evenly between the two front-runners. Starr ran a distant third there.

Robertson carried Howard County, gaining 805 votes, while Arrington was named on 514 ballots and Starr named on 371. May ran strongly in

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16,000 ballots cast in county

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

More than 16,000 Howard County voters followed state-wide trends in Tuesday's primary election.

At first blush, the number of county residents who voted — 16,432 — looked impressive, but it represented less than 27 percent of registered voters in this area.

Still, County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom declared the turnout a successful one.

"That's really a fairly decent turnout for Howard County," Bloom said. "It's about the same as it was for the primary election four years ago — a little bit more, but not a lot."

Those who headed to the polls echoed statewide results, for the most part, especially in the presidential primaries, where county voters gave their blessings to Ted Cruz and Hillary Clinton for the Republican and Democratic nominations, respectively.

In the Republican primary, Howard County gave Cruz a comfortable 1,822-1,084 margin over Donald Trump, while Marco Rubio was the third choice among area residents with 477 votes. On the Democratic side of the ledger, Clinton easily bested Bernie Sanders, 350 to 191, on area voters' ballots.

Here's how Howard County voted in other contested

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Familiar faces roll to wins in Texas primary voting

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Ted Cruz defended his home turf, Hillary Clinton dominated and powerful members of Congress and the Legislature swatted back challengers.

Texas primary voters stuck with familiar faces over stadium-packing and angry outsiders Tuesday, thwart-

ing a wave of anti-establishment resentment that has upended the 2016 presidential race and already sent packing three previous White House contenders with Texas ties.

But not Cruz. His campaign now rolls Wednesday to Kansas, which caucuses Saturday, after victories in Texas and Oklahoma delivered a crucial momentum swing and amplified his insistence that he is the GOP's last hope

of stopping Donald Trump. Marco Rubio had a disappointing Super Tuesday, only winning the Minnesota caucuses, but vowed to stay in the race.

Also not going anywhere are two of the most powerful lawmakers in Texas: U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Texas House Speaker Joe Straus. Both toppled conservative insurgents who accused them of being too entrenched and out of touch.

Cruz asked that his rivals

"prayerfully consider" whether to keep going without mentioning Rubio or Ohio Gov. John Kasich by name.

"Head to head, our campaign beats Donald Trump resoundingly," said Cruz, firing up supporters at a victory party outside his hometown of Houston. "But for that to happen, we must come together."

Cruz picked up at least 52 delegates on Super Tuesday

but still lags well behind Trump. Cruz ended the night with more than 42 percent of the vote in Texas. A solid victory in the crown jewel of Super Tuesday, but not resounding enough to horde all 155 of the state's delegates to himself.

Turnout in Texas far exceeded recent presidential primaries. Long lines forced precincts to remain open past when polls officially closed, and by early Wednesday, more than 2.4 million people

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Obituaries

Frances Zant



Frances Gilliam Zant, 105, of Gholson, passed away on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 with her family at her side. Frances was born, Nannie Frances Gilliam, on Oct. 6, 1910 in Ballinger, Texas to the late Clarence Earl and Fannie Jo Allen Gilliam. She graduated in 1929 from Runnels High School. Over the years, Frances worked as a 4H seamstress teacher, a farm census taker, she did seamstress work for the public and during World War II. She worked for Montgomery Wards. In the early 1950s, Frances was a Cub Scout leader for her son's scout troop. Frances has been a member of First United

Methodist Church in Big Spring, Texas since 1924 and is also a member of the Howard County Home Demonstration Club.

Frances is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Fannie Gilliam; sisters, Vera Mae Rawlings and Ruth Allen Robinson; and nephew, Larry Ray Robinson.

Frances will be remembered in love by her son, Gene Zant and his wife Sheba Ann of Waco; grandson, Allen Gene Zant and his wife Stephanie of Sunset; granddaughter, Melodie Ann Holder and her husband Jason of Laguna Park; three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter; along with numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great great-nieces and nephews.

Thoughts and memories may be shared with online at: www.lakeshorefh.com.

Paid obituary

James "Zack" Seely



James Zackariah "Zack" Seely, 41, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at his residence. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Spencer Palmer officiating.

He was born July 6, 1974 to Xan Lemons Seely and Guy John Seely in Big Spring. Zack was a lifetime

resident of Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother, Xan Lemons Seely of Big Spring; one brother, Joseph Seely of San Antonio; four sisters, Tonya Spence and her husband Garry, Melanie Settles, Camilla Strande and husband Brent, all of Big Spring, and Lucretia Seely of Abilene, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Guy John Seely.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at myersandsmith.com

Ray Valencia



Ray S. Valencia, 74, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at his residence. The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral Services will be Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel at 1 p.m.

He was born September 16, 1941 to Apolonia Subia and Sabino Valencia in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He

married his wife of 54 years, Mary Valencia, on Feb. 23, 1961 in Big Spring. He is survived by his

wife, Mary Valencia; three daughters, Cynthia Vela of Big Spring, Amy Rodriguez and husband Steve of Melissa and Rebecca Valencia of San Antonio; one son, Ray Valencia Jr. and wife Lisa of Big Spring; six sisters, Guadalupe Yanez of Big Spring, Antonia Valencia of San Antonio, Irene Garfias of Houston, Mary Elma Saldivar of Midland, Mary Elva Baldovinos of Odessa and Alicia Valencia Salas of Arlington; two brothers, Estevan Valencia and Joe Ernest Valencia, both of Big Spring, six grandchildren, and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and seven brothers.

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Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TONY LEON JETTON**, 40, of 406 Vikki Road, was arrested on a charge of walking on the highway with traffic (no sidewalks).
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 40, of 1614 Canary, was arrested on warrants for three counts of failure to appear; terroristic threat that placed a person in fear; theft of property, greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500; driving with invalid license; failure to identify-giving false information; and a warrant from another agency.
- **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ**, 24, of 609 Johnson, was arrested on warrants for failure to appear, assault family violence threat or offensive touch, and a warrant from another agency.
- **LARRY DEAN CORWIN**, 57, of 2515 Broadway Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TEODORO DIAZ**, 61, of 608 N 8th, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **ANDREA MARY SILVIA**, 22, of 1015 Wood Street, was arrested on charges of theft of property, less than \$100 shoplifting; failure to identify, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ALEJANDRO MIER**, 32, of 1201 Mulberry Avenue, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 3500 block of N Old Gail Road and the 4200 block of Parkway Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4200 block of E CR 50, the 800 block of E 15th Street and the 200 block of W FM 700.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 13th and Benton.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 700 block of Dallas Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street.

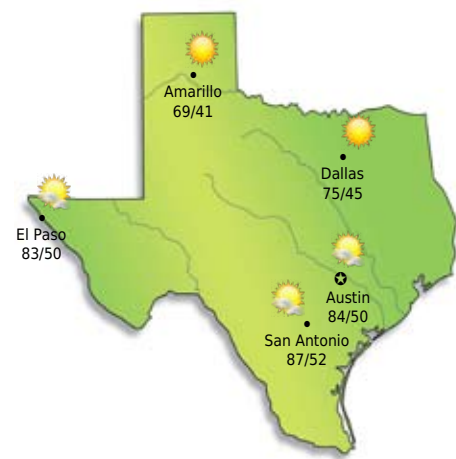
The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- **THOMAS RAY CAMARILLO**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, greater than four grams, less than 200 grams.
- **LARRY CORWIN**, 57, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRENNAN CHANCE DARDEN**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for public intoxication and failure to drive in a single lane.
- **TEODORO DIAZ**, 61, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license with previous conviction.
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; theft of property, greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500; terroristic threat; driving with invalid license; three counts of failure to appear; and failure to identify.
- **TONY LEON JETTON**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of walking on the highway with traffic.
- **ALEJANDRO MIER**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury.
- **VICTOR EDWARD PAULK**, 60, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two charges of criminally negligent homicide.
- **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ JR**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for possession of marijuana, greater than four ounces but less than

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 3/3	Fri 3/4	Sat 3/5	Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7
74/43 Sunny. High 74F. Winds NE at 15 to 25 mph.	80/50 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	76/49 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	81/54 Windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	77/49 Mainly sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
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	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	54	Sunny/Wind	Kingsville	79	63	Cloudy
Amarillo	82	39	Sunny/Wind	Livingston	75	57	Sunny
Austin	75	63	M Sunny	Longview	72	57	P Cloudy
Beaumont	72	58	Sunny	Lubbock	85	41	Sunny/Wind
Brownsville	80	65	Cloudy	Lufkin	74	55	Sunny
Brownwood	79	56	Sunny	Midland	87	51	Sunny/Wind
Corpus Christi	76	63	Cloudy/Wind	Raymondville	82	66	Cloudy
Corsicana	73	60	Sunny	Rosenberg	74	61	M Sunny
Dallas	72	59	Sunny	San Antonio	78	61	P Cloudy
Del Rio	81	57	P Cloudy	San Marcos	75	61	Sunny
El Paso	85	51	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	71	59	Sunny
Fort Stockton	89	54	Sunny	Sweetwater	82	52	M Sun/Wind
Gainesville	69	51	M Sunny	Tyler	72	58	Sunny
Greenville	71	58	Sunny	Weatherford	74	57	Sunny
Houston	72	61	Sunny	Wichita Falls	77	51	P Cldy/Wind

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	35	P Cloudy	Miami	81	66	P Cloudy
Boston	50	21	M Cldy/Wind	Minneapolis	35	23	M Cloudy
Chicago	33	28	Sunny	New York	45	27	P Cloudy
Dallas	72	59	Sunny	Phoenix	91	58	Sunny
Denver	64	34	M Sunny	San Francisco	66	55	Cloudy
Houston	72	61	Sunny	Seattle	56	46	Cloudy
Los Angeles	75	52	Cloudy	Saint Louis	50	41	P Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 3/3	Fri 3/4	Sat 3/5	Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7
6	6	6	6	7
High	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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five pounds, assault family violence, and failure to appear.

• **ANDREA MARY SILVA**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges for theft, less than \$100; failure to identify; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **AMY MONIQUE WEBBER**, 44, was booked by the DPS on warrants for MTAG possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram; possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram; displaying fictitious license plate; and displaying fictitious motor vehicle registration.

• **CHRISTIAN CASH WILKINS**, 20, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

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- 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.

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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 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

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, call 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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for them again." Averette thanked everyone who cast ballots in the race, not just those who marked his name on the ballot.

"I was just glad to see the numbers that came out and voted," he said. "I was glad to see Howard County voters make their voices heard."

The challenger said he doesn't plan big changes in the run-off campaign.

"Just getting out and letting people know why I want to be commissioner," Averett said. "We have to watch our tax base very carefully, because with \$30 a barrel oil, we're not going to have as much money coming into the county."

Garcia said he will take a few days to analyze the results, then head back out and campaign.

"I've got to look at it, and hopefully, I can make some changes," Garcia said.

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Howard County, finishing second with 542 votes.

For the two Lubbock men, they will spend a day or two celebrating their performances at the polls, then it's back to the campaign trail as they attempt to reconnect with voters.

"I want to thank all my staff and supporters for the incredible job they have done to secure us a spot in the runoff," Robertson said in a statement issued late Tuesday. "I would also like to thank everyone who turned out to vote in record numbers ... I am looking forward to the next three months of campaigning and I am honored to have earned a spot in the runoff."

Arrington was equally pleased with Tuesday's results.

"I am honored and very grateful to the voters of the District 19 ... who stood with us and put us in position to be in the runoff," Arrington said. "I'm thankful we lived to fight another day and I think we'll have a big advantage going forward."

With Starr now out of the race, Abilene fig-

ures to be a major battleground for the runoff participants. Arrington said he believes the friendships and business connections he made in Taylor County from the time he spent at Texas Tech will serve him well in the coming weeks.

"We've already spent a lot of time in Abilene," he said. "I knocked on about 1,000 doors campaigning there, and I think that will play well with the voters."

He also pointed to endorsements he has re-

ster, 424; Sid Harle, 274.

• Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 — Richard Davis, 1,566; Michael Keasler, 1,242.

DEMOCRATS

• Railroad commissioner — Cody Garrett, 205; Grady Yarbrough, 195; Lon Burnam, 73.

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

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state elections:

REPUBLICANS

• Railroad commissioner — Ron Hale, 596; Gary Gates, 581; Wayne Christian, 565; Weston Martinez, 348; Lance Christian, 360; Doug Jeffrey, 340.

• State Supreme Court, Place 3 — Debra Lehmann, 1,617; Michael Massengae, 1,426.

• State Supreme Court, Place 5 — Rick Green, 1,858; Paul Green, 1,036.

• Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 — Mary Lou Keel, 1,207; Ray Wheless, 890; Chris Oldner, 733.

• Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 — Scott Walker, 1,600; Steve Smith, 574; Brent Web-

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had voted in the GOP primary with numbers still rolling in — heading toward topping the 2012 Republican primaries turnout by at least 1 million voters.

Exit polls showed that white evangelicals and hardline conservatives helped Cruz fight off a Trump upset in his backyard, Republican primary voters were also roughly split on whether they wanted a candidate with political experience or a nominee from outside the establishment.

Kevin Stone, 53, said the country doesn't need a politician after voting for Trump at a Baptist church in Lubbock Tuesday.

"There's an air about him, I don't agree with

everything he does, but we need a leader, someone who has authority that can walk into any government," Stone said.

Voters craving new blood had many in Washington closely watching suburban Houston, where Brady was in the political fight of his 10-term congressional career. Months after taking the powerful tax panel previously helmed by House Speaker Paul Ryan, Brady drew a challenge from three outsiders who sought to tap into Trump's outsider message.

Some observers likened the race to the 2014 defeat by former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, but Brady proved his durability by winning outright and avoiding a runoff.

Winning more handily was Straus, who re-

mains poised to run for a record-tying fifth session as House speaker after beating businessman Jeff Judson, whose supporters included Wal-Mart heiress Alice Walton. Judson appeared to question whether Straus, who is Jewish, could connect with Christian voters and blamed him for the failure of get-tough immigration proposals.

"Voters showed that angry rhetoric and dishonest ads are no match for a well-organized campaign that looks to a brighter future," Straus said.

Clinton, who won the Texas primary in 2008 over President Barack Obama, continued steamrolling to the Democratic nomination by beating Bernie Sanders by a roughly 2-to-1 margin behind overwhelming support from blacks and Hispanics.

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Mark Edwin Fort, 59, died Monday. Services are pending at this time.

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DAILY PRAYER

With You, Lord, we can widen our scope and view of our life.

Amen.

Because the world needs more winners

Every once in a while I read or hear something that makes me feel like somebody needs to get a real job. I mean, how much free time does one have to be able to come up with some of the silliness I read about? But then, as if to redeem the human race from its own self, I read about the annual Ig Nobel prize. Yes, you read that right, the Ig Nobel prize.



EDDY PRINCE

The Ig Nobel Prizes honor achievements that make people laugh, and then think. The prizes are intended to celebrate the unusual, honor the imaginative, and spur people's interest in science, medicine, and technology.

Every September, in a gala ceremony in Harvard's Sanders Theatre, 1100 splendidly eccentric spectators watch the new winners step forward to accept their prizes. These are physically handed out by genuinely bemused genuine Nobel Laureates.

If you happen to be in the neighborhood, the 26th First Annual Ig Nobel Prize ceremony will happen on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, at Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Ig Nobel Prizes are organized by the magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*. The ceremony is co-sponsored by the Harvard-Radcliffe Society of Physics Students and the Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association.

It would take far too much time and research to provide you with an in-depth review of the immense amount of amazing intellectualism associated with this program, but I want to give a couple of examples that should stimulate your thinking and give you an appreciation for some folks doing some real thinking.

The 2015 winners, in couple of categories, include the Physics Prize awarded to Patricia Yang [USA and Taiwan], David Hu [USA and Taiwan], and Jonathan Pham, Jerome Choo [USA], for testing the biological principle that nearly all mammals empty their bladders in about 21 seconds (plus or minus 13 seconds).

The Literature Prize went to Mark Dingemans [The Netherlands, USA], Francisco Torreira [The Netherlands, Belgium,

USA], and Nick J. Enfield [Australia, The Netherlands], for discovering that the word “huh?” (or its equivalent) seems to exist in every human language — and for not being quite sure why.

One of my favorites for 2015 was awarded the Economics Prize awarded to The Bangkok Metropolitan Police [Thailand], for offering to pay policemen extra cash if the policemen refuse to take bribes.

Awarded jointly to two groups: Hajime Kimata [Japan, China]; and Jaroslava Durdiaková [Slovakia, US, UK], Peter Celec [Slovakia, Germany], Natália Kamodyová, Tatiana Sedláková, Gabriela Repiská, Barbara Sviežená, and Gabriel Minárik [Slovakia], for experiments to study the biomedical benefits or biomedical consequences of intense kissing (and other intimate, interpersonal activities).

The Ig Nobel Biology Prize went to Bruno Grossi, Omar Larach, Mauricio Canals, Rodrigo A. Vásquez [Chile], José Iriarte-Díaz [Chile, USA], for observing that when you attach a weighted stick to the rear end of a chicken, the chicken then walks in a manner similar to that in which dinosaurs are thought to have walked.

You should be realizing by now that some serious research is going on in this world. These are not insignificant discoveries. Such as the 2015 Diagnostic Medicine Award given to Diallah Karim [Canada, UK], Anthony Harnden [New Zealand, UK, US], Nigel D'Souza [Bahrain, Belgium, Dubai, India, South Africa, US, UK], Andrew Huang [China, UK], Abdel Kader Allouni [Syria, UK], Helen Ashdown [UK], Richard J. Stevens [UK], and Simon Kreckler [UK], for determining that acute appendicitis can be accurately diagnosed by the amount of pain evident when the patient is driven over speed bumps.

2014's Neuroscience Prize [China, Canada] went to Jiangang Liu, Jun Li, Lu Feng, Ling Li, Jie Tian, and Kang Lee, for trying to understand what happens in the brains of people who see the face of Jesus in a piece of toast.

The Psychology Prize for 2014 [UK, Finland, Australia, USA] was awarded to Peter K. Jonason, Amy Jones, and Minna Lyons, for amassing evidence that people who habitually stay up late are, on average, more self-admiring, more manipulative, and more psychopathic than people who habitually arise early in the morning. That explains some folks I know.

In one of the most ridiculous, and even embarrassing studies, 2014's Biology Prize [Czech Republic, Germany, Zambia] was given to Vlastimil Hart, Petra Nováková, Erich Pascal Malkemper, Sabine Begall, Vladimír Hanzal, Miloš Ježek, Tomáš Kušta, Veronika Nmcová, Jana Adámková, Kateina Benediktová, Jaroslavervený and Hynek Burda, for carefully documenting that when dogs defecate and urinate, they prefer to align their body axis with Earth's north-south geomagnetic field lines.

The Medicine Prize went to [USA, India] Ian Humphreys, Sonal Saraiya, Walter Belenky and James Dworkin, for treating “uncontrollable” nosebleeds, using the method of nasal-packing-with-strips-of-cured-pork.

2014's Arctic Science Prize, which we Texans are really interested in keeping up with, went to [Norway, Germany, USA, Canada]: Eigil Reimers and Sindre Eftestøl, for testing how reindeer react to seeing humans who are disguised as polar bears.

In 2013, the Joint Prize in Biology and Astronomy went to Marie Dacke [Sweden, Australia], Emily Baird [Sweden, Australia, Germany], Marcus Byrne [South Africa, UK], Clarke Scholtz [South Africa], and Eric J. Warrant [Sweden, Australia, Germany], for discovering that when dung beetles get lost, they can navigate their way home by looking at the Milky Way.

I'm including all the countries for these award winners so you can fully appreciate the worldwide impact these amazing studies affect.

I want to include my personal favorite to end this journey into research history. In 2011, the Mathematics Prize went to Dorothy Martin of the USA (who predicted the world would end in 1954), Pat Robertson of the USA (who predicted the world would end in 1982), Elizabeth Clare Prophet of the USA (who predicted the world would end in 1990), Lee Jang Rim of Korea (who predicted the world would end in 1992), Credonia Mwerinde of Uganda (who predicted the world would end in 1999), and Harold Camping of the USA (who predicted the world would end on Sept. 6, 1994 and later predicted that the world will end on Oct. 21, 2011), for teaching the world to be careful when making mathematical assumptions and calculations.

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

The Donald and the Democrats

When you go to the California Democratic Party's convention, and

you happen to be the rare registered Republican in the press corps, you have to come prepared with an answer to The Question: Can I vote for Donald Trump in November? (My answer: I don't have to decide now. Trump hasn't won the primary.) It's no secret that I don't like Trump. But as I listened to speakers at the San Jose Democratic confab Saturday denounce the corrosive impact of money on politics, I realized some know Trump in a way I never will — they've tasted his money.

Trump has donated buckets to Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign, to the Clinton Foundation and even to California Democrats. Trump donated \$20,000 to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in 2006. The Dems went on to win the House, and San Francisco's own Rep. Nancy Pelosi became House speaker. Trump met with Pelosi right after she ascended to the speakership. In January, Trump told MSNBC he “always had a

good relationship” with Pelosi.

I asked Pelosi's office why Trump ponied up for Pelosi. A spokesperson referred me to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. I went to the DCCC Web page, which was busy trying to tie vulnerable GOP incumbents to Trump and the Ku Klux Klan.

Both Donald and daughter Ivanka Trump donated to the campaign of Attorney General Kamala Harris. Ivanka wrote a check for \$2,000 in 2013. The Donald donated \$5,000 in 2011 and another for \$1,000 in 2013. Harris is running to replace Sen. Barbara Boxer in the U.S. Senate. In July, her Senate campaign purged The Donald's money by giving a \$6,000 check to Caracen, a group that fights federal enforcement of immigration law.

Donald and Ivanka Trump also donated \$3,000 to Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom's gubernatorial campaign in 2009. Newsom texted me that he spent more than \$3,000 to produce a video that took on Trump's immigration “plan.” Trump donated \$3,500 to now-Gov. Jerry Brown's attorney general campaign, and \$9,500 to the Democratic State Central Committee. Trump also gave \$25,000 to the California Republican Party in 2005 and \$12,000 to former GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaigns.

Harris spokesman Nathan Click said he doesn't know why Trump contributed to the campaign. That's pretty much the answer I got from all the Dems. Why did Trump donate? It's a mystery.

At the convention, Democrats denounced the Supreme Court Citizens United decision. Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chairman Eric Bauman railed against the Koch brothers for giving to conservative causes, then lauded liberal plutocrat Tom Steyer for his “investment” in voter registration.

Pelosi, Harris, Newsom and Brown are proof that, on the big issues at least, savvy politicians can pocket campaign contributions — without being owned by mega-donors. California Democrats are no slouches at fundraising — and still they blame all political ills on money in politics. They don't think money is bad when it goes into their coffers, but they know that money works when it is in step with the voters. So they won't be happy until they defund the right. That's really their idea of campaign finance reform.

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Staying current with Ports-to-Plains

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 14th and last in a series of articles highlighting the Ports-to-Plains project.



MICHAEL REEVES

For the past fourteen weeks, many media outlets throughout the Ports-to-Plains region have published this series of articles on a weekly basis. From safety to economics and trade to funding, the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is committed to providing ongoing information about the progress of the development and impacts along the corridor. In just the past week, staff spent a full day in Washington DC holding meetings with Congressional staff, staff from Federal Highway Administration, staff from U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and staff from the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and National Association of Development Associations (NADO). At each meeting Ports-to-Plains Alliance focused on the importance

of rural corridors like Ports-to-Plains which not only connect urban economies, but provide the resources needed to drive those economies across North America.

These efforts are ongoing and we encourage you to stay engaged. Participating in events is one way to connect and learn. The upcoming 2016 Energy and Agriculture Summit, March 30-31, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas, will help your community or business better understand the current economic role and potential econom-

ic impacts of energy and agriculture. As we have shown in previous articles, transportation, energy and agriculture are uniquely related.

Perhaps, participating in the Washington DC Fly-in would be of interest. Join the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors and staff in Washington DC the week of April 18-22. If you have not done congressional office visits, do not worry, you will be teamed with seasoned veterans in each office visit. Your participation strengthens our messaging in

every office across the ten-state region.

Finally, the 19th Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference will be held Sept. 13-15, 2016 in San Angelo, Texas. Join us for an informative and entertaining time.

Whatever you do, stay connected. Be it events like the Town Hall meetings, local presentations, receiving our bi-weekly electronic newsletter, portstoplains.com, ptpblog.com, Facebook, Twitter or Linked-in, the Alliance is committed to ongoing communication about our activities. Just let us know how you would like to participate with us. Your support is critical to our common success.



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Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at www.portstoplains.com.

United Way of Odessa raises 2.3 million

ODESSA (AP) - The United Way of Odessa raised more than \$2.3 million in its 2015 fundraising campaign, despite an oil bust that tightened donors' pocket books and left the charity at less than half way toward its goal in the weeks before the campaign ended on Nov. 19, officials of the charity organization revealed at their annual meeting on Thursday.

The money supports 23 agencies and 34 programs that assist Odessans and Midlanders in need — groups like the Boys and Girls Club of Odessa, the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas and Safe Place of the Permian Basin.

Tom Pursel, the executive director of the local United Way, who is retiring April 1 to move closer to his daughter and grandchildren, said major donations from Saulsbury Industries, Medical Center Health System and Anadarko Petroleum helped close the fundraising gap. "It was no small feat," Pursel said. "We worked harder this year than we ever have before."

Allocations begin in March, United Way officials said. The exact total is \$2,348,258. The goal was \$2.5 million.

"I would like to thank

everybody in the community because we have had such a successful year," said Stephanie Latimer, the new president of the United Way board and vice president at Sivalls. "We were actually, truly sweating bullets. And I told Tom about four or five months ago, if we made \$2 million in our campaign this year I would be so excited, and we exceeded that."

The United Way began its 100-day fundraising campaign in August last year and James Parks, the director of resources and development, said the organization has yet to set a fundraising goal in 2016.

"I don't see where it is going to be any shorter than \$2 million," Parks said. "We've built the precedent that we've got to fund 23 agencies and 34 programs."

Parks described breaching the \$2 million threshold as a "tough road" in 2015 but said the fundraising amount was enough to maintain support for the organizations funded by the United Way.

The annual meeting Thursday also served as an introduction to new board members and a thank you to the hundreds of individuals, organizations and businesses that give to

the United Way. Pursel said it was his sixth and final annual meeting.

The United Way is organizing a formal farewell to Pursel on March 29. United Way officials announced during the Thursday event that they had hired Pursel's replacement and would introduce him to various agencies and businesses in the weeks ahead.

The new executive director is Timothy "Hank" Herrick, operations manager for the Physical Plant at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Like Pursel, Herrick spent a previous career in the military. He retired as a chief master sergeant in the Air Force.

Herrick begins March 1, working alongside Pursel for about a month and learning about the organization.

Asked what made him a good choice for a successor, Pursel, who was not involved in the decision, said "His enthusiasm, his energy and his desire. If you know anything about the military, you know that every two years, they move from one place to another, give you another job. He would not have gone to the highest rank he could if he was not very capable of learning new jobs, new positions and succeeding at those."

Voters at odds with economists' optimism

WASHINGTON (AP) - The insurgent presidential bids of Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders have roused Americans who are angry and anxious about an economy they feel has left them behind.

Most economists have a brighter view. They say that while many people haven't benefited much since the recession ended, a stronger economy lies ahead.

An Associated Press survey this month of nearly three dozen economists found that a majority thinks the United States remains resilient enough to defy a global slump and the sinking stock markets that have raised fears of a new U.S. recession. With job growth solid, higher wages and spending should offset global threats and support growth, they say.

A majority said they thought stock investors have overreacted to sharply lower oil prices and a slowdown in China. They foresee only a 19 percent chance that the U.S. economy will fall into recession within 12 months.

Perhaps most notably in a political season that's sparked a polarizing debate on immigration, the economists overwhelmingly described legal immigrants as a plus for the economy. They note that immigrants are disproportionately young and help expand the workforce, which fuels growth. And immigrants are more likely to start businesses than Americans as a whole are.

Yet according to a Gallup survey

released this month, Americans are more likely to name the economy as the country's top problem than they are anything else. A quarter of those surveyed listed their chief concern as either the economy in general or unemployment and jobs.

Other polls have found that a majority of Americans even think the economy remains in recession, even though the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009.

So what explains the gap between the optimism of economists and the anxieties of voters?

For one thing, sluggish pay growth means many people are struggling even as broad gauges of the economy are improving.

For another, the economic recovery, which followed a devastating recession, has been unusually slow. Many people feel they've yet to regain their former living standards. In addition, some parts of the country haven't recovered as well as the nation as a whole has.

"I can say the economy is in good shape, but I can understand why many people are ticked off and say it's not, because their wages haven't grown," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisers.

The typical household's annual income sank during the recession and didn't regain its prerecession level until November 2015, according to Sentier Research. That's a much slower, more painful pace than occurred after previous recessions.

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Now that I have informed you about the many services available, let's get to the heart of the library... the books. The library just got in several interesting non-fiction

paths necessary to keep the church alive to the glory of God and advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Did you ever wonder what was the difference between one denomination and another? Ron Rhodes gives you the answers in his comprehensive guide, "The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations" (280.4 RHO R).

For all you western fans, we have added six large print books to our collection. Frank Bonham (LP W BON

horses led by Panguitch, the king of the wild mustangs. "The Bar~20 Three" (LP W MUL C), A Hopalong Cassidy Novel, by Clarence E Mulford finds Hopalong Cassidy and Red Connors pretending to be strangers to help their friend, Johnny Nelson. They arrive on the same night the bank is robbed, and it's not long before they are framed for the robbery. Now the three old friends from the Bar~20 are fighting mad and determined to settle the score.

"Shadow of the Gun" is a western duo by Lewis B Patten (LP W PAT L) that features the

Richard S Wheeler writes "Easy Street" (LP W WHE R) the story of Jay Warren, a rich man's son that has no wish to start at the bottom so he looks for "easy street" to make his fortune in the West. He has many choices to make, and plenty of opportunity to succeed or destroy himself.

Last but not least, we have a couple of fiction books that might interest you. "Her Last Whisper" by Karen Robards (F ROB K) features Dr Charlotte "Charlie" Stone. Charlie is back in this third sizzling paranormal romance thriller. The library has the other two thrillers in this series ("The Last Victim" and "The Last Kiss Goodbye") as

well as her latest ("The Last Time I Saw Her") so come checkout Robards' suspenseful thrillers.

"Counterfeit Lies" by Oliver North and Bob Hamer (F NOR O) is an explosive thriller about a veteran undercover FBI agent investigating a smuggling ring in Southern California whose assignment is cut short when he gets hired to do a "contract killing." The

undercover agent is plunged into a deadly underworld of North Korean espionage, Hezbollah terror, and the sinister deception Iran uses to acquire nuclear weapons. Caught in a web of international intrigue that goes to the top of the US government, he is forced to confront the ultimate moral quandary: doing what's right when everything seems wrong.

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books.

"Best Little Stories from World War I" by C Brian Kelly with Ingrid Smyer (940.3 KEL C) for those that enjoy hearing riveting true stories of the men and women who lived, fought, and survived the first Great War.

"Encountering Jesus" by James Stuart Bell (232.8 BEL J) is an all-new collection of fascinating stories of people who have seen Jesus, heard His voice, or had Him intervene miraculously in their lives. "When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story with Jennifer Schuchmann (248.86 STO L) tells of Laura's struggles when she realizes that the fairy-tale life she had dreamed of was no longer possible. Laura is a Bible teacher, worship leader, GRAMMY award-winning singer/songwriter, and best-selling author. She comes to the conclusion that though God loves us, He will allow us to feel the pain of this world's unhealed hurts if it will bring us closer to Him.

Thom S Rainer wrote "Autopsy of a Deceased Church" (262.001 RAI T) to help pastors or church members walk through the radical

F) has a western duo that contains: "Trouble at Temescal" the tale of two entrepreneurial mustangers who have driven a herd of horses from New Mexico to California for resale; and "King of the Defiances" the story of Big Jim Jackson, who intends to save his ranch by making a fortune logging off the best railroad-tie timber in Arizona and a group of small ranchers who stand in his way. "Outlaw on Horseback" by Will Ermine (LP W ERM W) tells how Deputy Marshal Dick Marr is determined that the days of organized banditry in Oklahoma are numbered. Marr is determined to get a gang made up of the tough survivors of half a dozen lawless bands at any cost.

"Panguitch" by Zane Grey (LP W GRE Z) tells the story of Chane Weymer, a horse trader that comes upon wild

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Hawks win 11-2 ahead of big weekend

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — The Howard College Hawks (6-7) saw some hometown heroics from Big Spring native Hunter Hill in Tuesday's 11-2 win over Wayland Baptist University.

Hill has received an expanded role the past couple games, and he made the most of the opportunity last night by going 3-for-4 with a homerun, three RBIs, three runs scored and a stolen base. Head coach Britt Smith said he has been looking for players to stand out in the games remaining before conference play starts, and Hill could find a spot in the everyday lineup if his solid play continues.

"I think it's easier for Hunter to adjust to pitching that he's used to seeing, and we didn't get challenged by them on the mound at all," Smith said.

Right fielder Dominic Thornton had a big day at the plate as well, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a walk. Utility infielder Robbie Lammons, who is hitting the ball as well as anyone on the team, got the start at second base and went 1-for-4. But Smith was concerned with the punchouts his team en-

dured against a Wayland Baptist team that doesn't present the biggest challenge on the mound.

"As a team we punched out nine times, and we've got to be better than that against that level of pitching. And that's the same thing I told the team. I said 'Whether you played really well, or if you're not happy with the way that you played, we've got to move on. We've got four games against four different conference teams this week, so we need to move forward and continue to figure out where we are,'" Smith said. "I said 'This week's going to be difficult on you.' Four nine-inning games in four days after playing last night on the road is going to be difficult, but it's probably the challenge we need before we head into conference."

Smith opted to mix it up on the mound, with nine pitchers throwing an inning each. Brady Allen got the start, allowing one unearned run in his lone inning and striking out three. Jackson Owens, Tanner Doucette and Jake Davis pitched the final three innings and combined for six strikeouts while not giving up any hits.

"It was just an opportunity



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

James Davison sliding into second against Wayland Baptist earlier this year.

to get everybody some work after being off for a week," Smith said. "We wanted to get as many guys on the mound as we could. A one-inning stint for all of them keeps them ready to go for this weekend with four games over four days."

The Hawks hitters saw a lot of action as well with 16 play-

ers getting plate appearances. Smith said it was important to get his guys some playing time to get ready for the upcoming weekend of four nine-inning games.

"I think it played out really well for us because we had to use every single position guy we had on the team. In some way, shape or form we got

to use them so it played out well," he said. "Baseball is just a game of playing it every row and when you get some time off like we had it makes it harder to get in a rhythm."

The Hawks will look to get back to .500 when they take on New Mexico Junior College at 2 p.m. Thursday at home.

Coahoma to lose coaching legend Nichols

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

Coahoma High School basketball head coach Kim Nichols announced this week that this past season was his last.

"Coach Nichols is a legend around here," Coahoma Athletic Director Fred Dietz said.

Nichols has spent his entire career with Coahoma, a career that's lasted over 30 years and included over 500 wins with the Bulldogs.

"The kids know that he's here for them. You can't fool kids these days, and he's very genuine and the kids know deep in their heart that he's here for them," Dietz said. "That's what's made him so successful for so long."

He's retiring from basketball, but not from teaching just yet. He'll

take part in half days starting next year, and Dietz said he's glad he'll still be able to see Nichols at the school.

"To have him around and still be able to see him every day, and for him to be around our kids every day is a big deal to us because he's been here so long," he said. "It's going to be a pleasure to at least have him around on a part-time basis."

As for the newly vacant head coaching position, Dietz said the search is "in the early process." The Bulldogs have posted the job and have started accepting resumes and applications. As of now, no internal candidates are being considered.

"We plan to sit down in the next couple weeks and take a look at the applicants, and we'll go from there," Dietz said.

Matthews scores 21, Mavs win by 13



AP Photo

Wesley Matthews jumps to beat a double-team by Orlando Magic defenders. He finished with a team-high 21 points and added five rebounds in the 121-108 win.

DALLAS (AP) — Wesley Matthews had all of his team-leading 21 points by the end of the third quarter Tuesday night, and his Dallas Mavericks teammates took it from there.

The result was a 121-108 victory over the Orlando Magic — Dallas' third in a row and fourth in the first five games of a six-game homestand. The Mavericks made a season-high 56 percent of their field goal attempts (43 for 77).

In those four wins, the Mavericks have averaged 125 points.

"We've got to give each other room to move the ball," Matthews said, "and I think the spacing has gotten a lot better."

Zaza Pachulia had his 24th double-double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

"We made an easy adjustment, and mainly it was me," Pachulia said. "It's with the spacing. Don't block or run closer to the shooters and the penetrators."

One of the penetrators, J.J. Barea, came off the

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Weekend Track Results Tiger Relays

Big Spring Boys

Ian Gonzales, first place, 400-meter dash
Jeremy Cervantes, sixth place, 800-meter run
Jeremiah Rushin, eighth place, 110-meter hurdles
Jeremiah Rushin, seventh place, 300-meter hurdles
Jeremiah Rushin, fourth place, high jump
Second place, 4x400-meter relay

Big Spring Girls

Kailey Mathews, fifth place, 100-meter dash
Kaitlyn Mathews, first place, 200-meter dash
Kailey Mathews, third place, 200-meter dash
Kaitlyn Mathews, third place, 400-meter dash
Samantha Solis, seventh place, 400-meter dash
Samantha Solis, third place, 800-meter run
Haiven Rushing, ninth place, 3200-meter run
Carlie Roberts, fourth place, discus throw
Eighth place, 4x100-meter relay
Sixth place, 4x400-meter relay

Freshman Steers win on walk-off walk

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers freshman baseball team improved to 4-0 this year with a walk-off walk Tuesday against Abilene Wylie.

The bottom of the final inning started with two singles by Brett Berringer and Elijah Munoz and a walk by Bryson Van Vleet for a golden oppor-

tunity with the bases loaded and no outs tied 4-4. Following a strikeout, Jeremiah Cooley came to the plate and worked his way to a full count. The sixth pitch was fouled off, and the seventh was an easy take for Cooley, who got the walkoff RBI on a walk.

Berringer and Munoz hit the ball well, going 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively. DJ Molina was the big offensive threat

for the day, going 3-for-3 with a double, two RBIs, and two runs scored.

Chris Ibanez was a big reason for the win on the mound. He pitched the final 3.1 innings, giving up zero runs on four hits, with one strikeout.

The Steers will look to keep their undefeated start going when they play Anson High School at 3:45 p.m. Thursday at Hamlin Rock Field.

Bulldogettes use Chandler's pitching to win big

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes added another impressive win to their resume Tuesday, beating the Lady Eagles of Eldorado 11-2.

Bulldogette pitcher

Annie Chandler was in control throughout, and got better as the game went along. The two Lady Eagle runs were scored in the first and second inning, and Chandler became more dominant the more she pitched as no Lady Eagles crossed the

plate in the final five innings.

The offense provided plenty of cushion for Chandler, and she joined Taylee Miller and Makayla Overton as Bulldogettes with three hits in the game. Raegan Deel continued to swing the bat well with a 4-for-4 per-

formance with three runs scored and a stolen base.

The Bulldogettes will look to extend their winning streak when they take part in the Big Spring Tournament starting Thursday and continuing through Saturday.

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#8985 March 2, 2016

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Legals

proposed injection well is located 9.7 miles Northwest of Tarzan, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Martin County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4800'-6600'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of West Texas Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Codes, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for Public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

#8987 March 2, 2016

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) is filing with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production from leases: Hanson 46A (Lease ID 46596), Hanson 46 (Lease ID 45051), and Hanson 46B (Lease ID 46646). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Glasscock County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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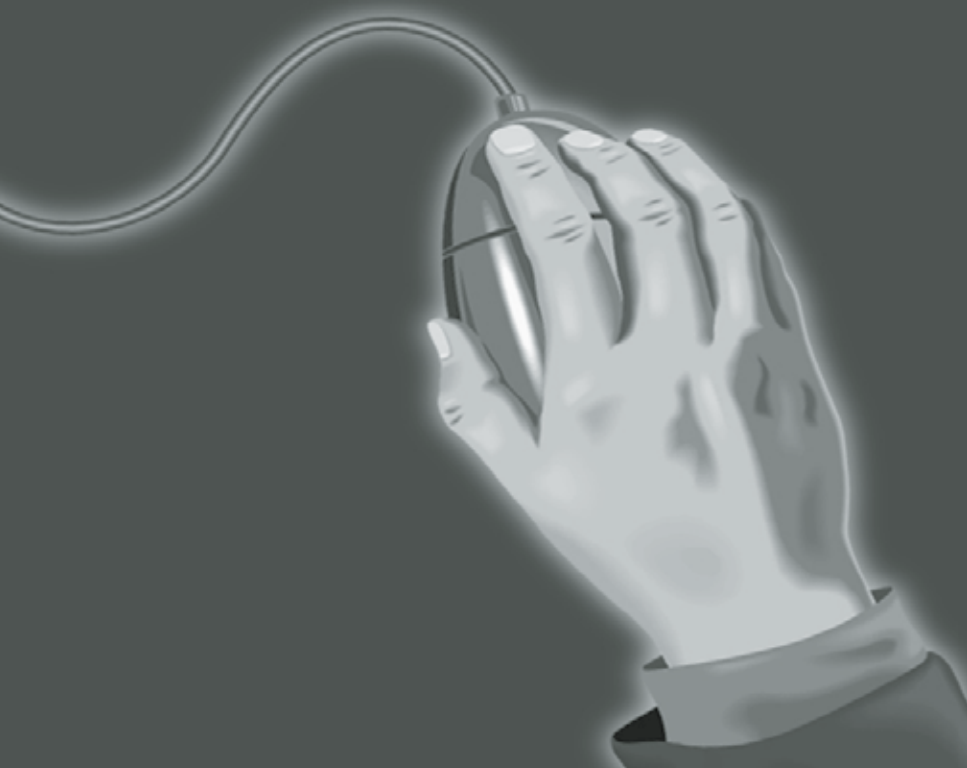
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Lunar Conjunction With Saturn

The early lunar alignment with Saturn will be working on our conscience all day. Whatever doesn't sit right with the moral code won't settle well in the body either. Physical ailments may have emotional origins. Break it down. Talk to your body. Ask what it needs; invite it to make requests of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's important to believe, but if you believe too firmly, you'll miss something crucial that comes with doubt. That would be bad for everyone. "Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power." -- Eric Hoffer

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't let anyone tell you that without the current set of problems, happiness would prevail. Wrong. The current problems are

part of the happiness, as long as you have the ability to overcome them -- which you do!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your work is subtle and classy today, but make no mistake, you are changing things. It's all different because of you! Every person you talk to is an opportunity to make your mark on the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Give yourself more time to play around with ideas and try things on for size. This is especially true in relationship matters, which are best taken at a leisurely pace right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a right way and a wrong way to ask for things. The only way to tell which is which is to try all the ways. You might be surprised at what is effective -- it's not what you would have predicted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you succeed at something that doesn't matter to you, is it really a success after all? And if so, whose?

Tonight will bring an opportunity to invest your attention and money in the welfare of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Are you really in debt to someone or not? You feel like you are, but you're forgetting all that you've contributed to this person and discounting the currency of your quality attention and talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who travel in a pack, keeping their crew close at all times, will be an intimidating presence on the scene. You're more likely to interact with the lone wolf, as you can relate to fearless individualism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Using your creativity will be key to your happiness. Tonight: Every question you ask will lead to a better one. And if you don't get an answer, that should tell you something, too!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could be well-behaved, but you may choose not to be, as things threaten to get deadly boring

around you. You can wake them up, make them laugh and stimulate an appetite in them that they didn't even know they had.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Not everyone in the group is wonderful, but with enough people working toward a noble goal you'll still get a powerful result. Ignore pettiness, see the big picture and help the others do so as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you're strong and you have more to give, you'll be asked to give more. Be careful not to fall into the trap of resenting this. It's an honor bestowed on a select few.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 2). You connect people and they, in turn, will connect you with good fortune. Key introductions over the next 10 weeks will help your business thrive while building your community. A travel adventure is in the works for 2017. While saving and planning for the big trip, break things up with a number of short day-

trips. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 46, 30, 21, 17 and 5.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What are the prospects for a 35-year-old Cancer woman and a 42-year-old Scorpio man? We've been dating a year. He was married once for three years, and I was married once for seven years. Neither of us has children, but I want to. Will he settle down with me?"

Compatible water signs, you relate to one another on a deep level. This can, but doesn't always, translate to the practicalities of day-to-day living. It's time for you to be honest about your expectations and upfront about your desire to have a child. Scorpio responds to directness and appreciates when another person's expectations of the relationship are laid bare.

Though your Scorpio man most likely fell in love with your soft femininity, it's time to combine that tone with

decisive action. Your strength will be important here, as the window of your childbearing years is closing. Present your case and be willing to lovingly but definitively move on if he isn't on the same page. The important part is not to waste time going back and forth. One year is plenty of time for your intuitive Scorpio to feel out the bond. It's time to get a definitive answer.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Over a decade since his passing, the works of the inimitable artist and author Dr. Seuss are enjoyed by more children than ever around the world and in a variety of media styles. Theodor Seuss Geisel, a soulful Pisces, was born when Mercury, Venus and Saturn were in whimsical Aquarius. His playful spirit continues to promote peace and understanding in a complex world.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: One of my wife's siblings insists that everyone remove their shoes upon entering her home. This makes me feel like I am welcome only so long as I don't get their precious house dirty.

My wife and I were recently invited to her sister's house for a family party. When I didn't take off my perfectly clean shoes, she looked me in the eye and told me to remove my shoes or not to bother coming in. She said, "We are zero tolerance on that." I turned and left without saying a word.

Last week, we went to another party at a

different sister's home. She met us at the door with a big smile. "Keep your shoes on if you want, but wipe your feet if they are dirty." We had a good time. I felt welcomed.

I often take my shoes off at people's houses. We live in a snowy climate and I don't want to track snow or dirt into their homes. But shouldn't it be my decision to remove my shoes? When people put conditions on coming in, doesn't that give me a choice to accept the conditions or not?

My side of the family would never do this. We have been married for

40 years and I love my wife's family, but this drives me crazy. Please advise on proper etiquette. -- Clean Shoes In Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: We think that when you are a guest in someone's home, you should make an effort to follow their rules. It isn't intended to make you feel unwelcome. No matter how clean your shoes may seem, they are still tracking in detritus from the outdoors. However, we also believe that hosts who ask you to remove your shoes have an obligation to provide slippers of some kind so you aren't walking

around barefoot or with holes in your socks. Perhaps you could work something out with your sister-in-law so that neither of you feels that the other is being rude.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our early 30s and come from middle-class families. We both work extremely hard. We are getting ready to build our second home and are going to complete the transaction in cash.

When people ask what kind of mortgage rate we have or which bank we are using, what's the best way to respond? We don't want others to be jealous or

think twice about hiring our business for fear that we may charge too much. -- Hardworking in the Midwest

Dear Midwest: You do not need to give out this information. If someone actually has the gall to ask, you have a few options: You can tell them a version of the truth: "We've been saving for a long time so we can pay in cash. It's taken forever." Or misdirect: "Why do you want to know? Are you looking to buy a house? Where? Tell me all about it!" Or more evasively: "We're working on that. Do you have some suggestions?" By turning

the question around, they will feel important and wise, and will stop focusing on things that are none of their business.

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By Steve Becker

The Pressure Principle

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A K 10
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A K Q 10 6
 ♣ K 9 8 2

WEST
 ♠ Q J 4 2
 ♥ A K 9 8 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 7 4 3

EAST
 ♠ 9 7
 ♥ Q J 10 6 2
 ♦ J 9 5 3 2
 ♣ 6

SOUTH
 ♠ 8 6 5 3
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ 8 4
 ♠ A Q J 10 5

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass Pass 1♥ Dble
 4♥ 5♣ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Assume you're West and lead the king of hearts against South's six-club contract. After East plays the six and declarer the four, what should you lead next?

This might not seem like much of a problem, but the fact is that your play at trick two is crucial. If you lead a low spade, the slam is practically certain to go down one; if you lead anything else, declarer makes the contract.

What would declarer do if you led a low spade at trick two? Lacking X-ray vision, he would win with the ace or king and later lose a spade trick regardless of how he played from then on. But if you made a neutral lead at trick two — let's say a diamond or a trump — you'd ultimately regret it.

Declarer would draw three rounds of trumps and cash the A-K-Q of diamonds, in the process learning of the 5-1 diamond division. He would then ruff a diamond, lead a spade and finesse the ten to make the slam. Once the diamonds failed to divide, the deep spade finesse would offer the only real chance for the contract.

While it is true that declarer can make the slam by playing dummy's ten if you lead a spade at trick two, doing so would be an extraordinary play unless declarer saw the East-West cards.

From South's point of view at trick two, the probability of finding the missing diamonds divided 3-3 or 4-2, or either defender with the singleton jack, is overwhelmingly in his favor (about 6-to-1). He would therefore play the ace or king of spades from dummy, rather than risk playing the ten, if you led a low spade at trick two.

In hands of this sort, you must force declarer to make a decision early in the play — before he uncovers an unexpected division. Only by applying the pressure principle immediately can you hope to stop the contract.

Tomorrow: Appearances are deceiving.

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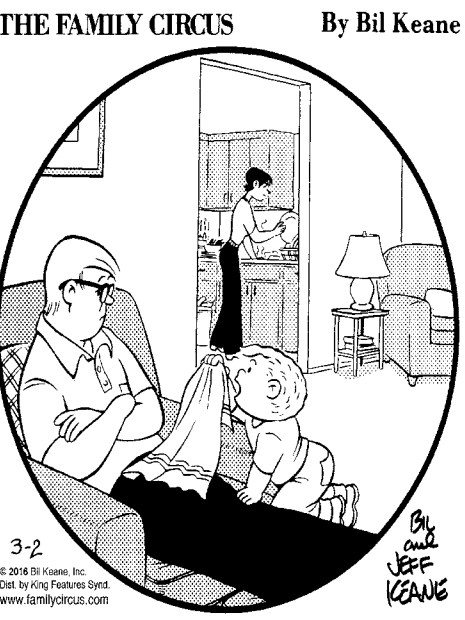
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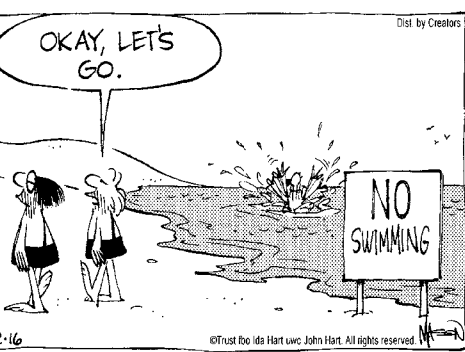
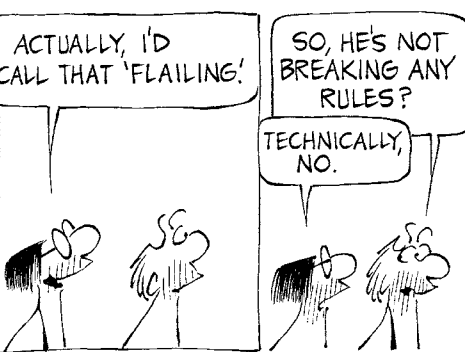
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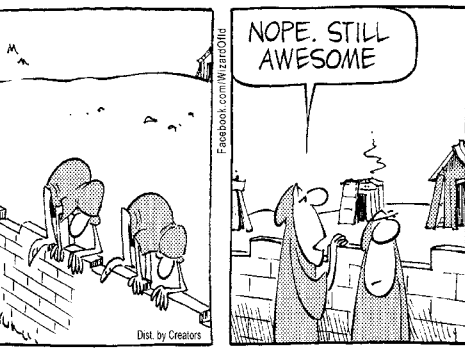
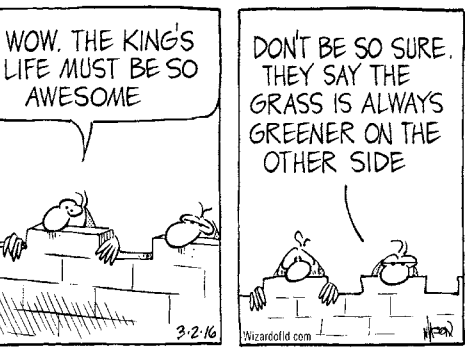
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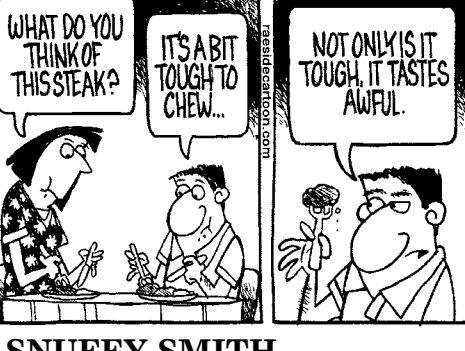
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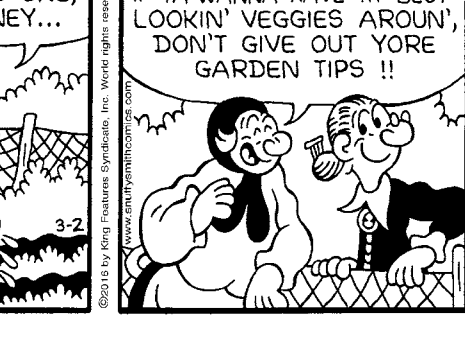
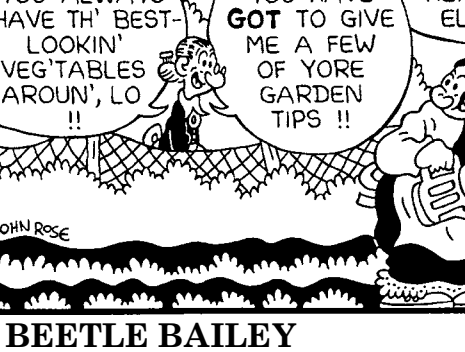
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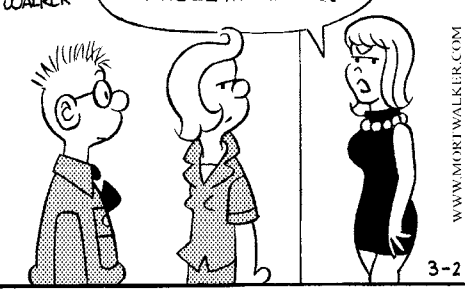
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 2, the 62nd day of 2016. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1836, the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Virginia.

In 1865, Congress established the position of Naval Judge Advocate General.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1933, the motion picture "King Kong" had its world premiere at New York's Radio City Music Hall and the Roxy.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (punchel'ee) was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII. The

Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. (Georgia and Connecticut soon followed.)

In 1942, the original Stage Door Canteen, a wartime club for U.S. servicemen, officially opened its doors in New York's theater district.

In 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks' famous act of defiance, Claudette Colvin, a black high school student in Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger.

In 1965, the movie version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1972, the United States launched the Pioneer 10 space probe, which flew past Jupiter in late 1973, sending back images and scientific data.

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.

Ten years ago: President

George W. Bush and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (MAHN'-moh-hahn SING) announced a landmark civilian nuclear cooperation deal in New Delhi. A suicide attacker rammed an explosives-packed car into American diplomat David Foy's car in Karachi, Pakistan, killing Foy and three others. The Senate voted 89-10 to renew the USA Patriot Act. "Killer nurse" Charles Cullen, who'd murdered 22 patients in New Jersey alone, was sentenced in Somerville to spend the rest of his life in prison.

Thought for Today: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Theodor Seuss Geisel aka "Dr. Seuss" American children's author born this day, 1904; died 1991

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ledger pros: Abbr.
 - 5 Piano key next to G
 - 10 Corned-beef concoction
 - 14 High in calories
 - 15 Birds' autumn direction
 - 16 Stare at
 - 17 Golden Rule word
 - 18 Dual-purpose pronoun
 - 19 Big laugh
 - 20 "Enough is enough!"
 - 23 Sculpted figure
 - 24 Short snoozes
 - 25 Kid's shoebox project
 - 29 Chinese frypan
 - 32 Nigeria neighbor
 - 36 By way of
 - 37 Tire in the trunk
 - 39 "Enough is enough!"
 - 43 Protrusion
 - 44 Super Bowl org.
 - 45 Cartoon collectibles
 - 46 Shed tears
 - 47 Tour de France vehicle
 - 51 Pained reaction
 - 52 Mirror material
 - 57 "Enough is enough!"
 - 63 Expression of impending trouble
 - 64 Mythical weeper
 - 65 ___ contendere (court plea)
 - 66 Source of gold
 - 67 Slurpee alternatives
- DOWN**
- 1 Pizza's perimeter
 - 2 Speckled bean
 - 3 Cast member
 - 4 Mall tenants
 - 5 Big Apple's Arthur ___ Stadium
 - 6 Enemies
 - 7 Strong craving
 - 8 Greek goddess of wisdom
 - 9 Aries
 - 10 Feature of 9 Down
 - 11 Wide-eyed
 - 12 Shut forcefully
 - 13 On hand
 - 21 Pea container
 - 22 "No bid"
 - 26 Climbing plant
 - 27 OPEC commodity
 - 28 Drizzling
 - 29 Taper off
 - 30 Spoken
 - 31 Brewery barrels
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Hield scores 23 as No. 6 Oklahoma beats No. 19 Baylor 73-71

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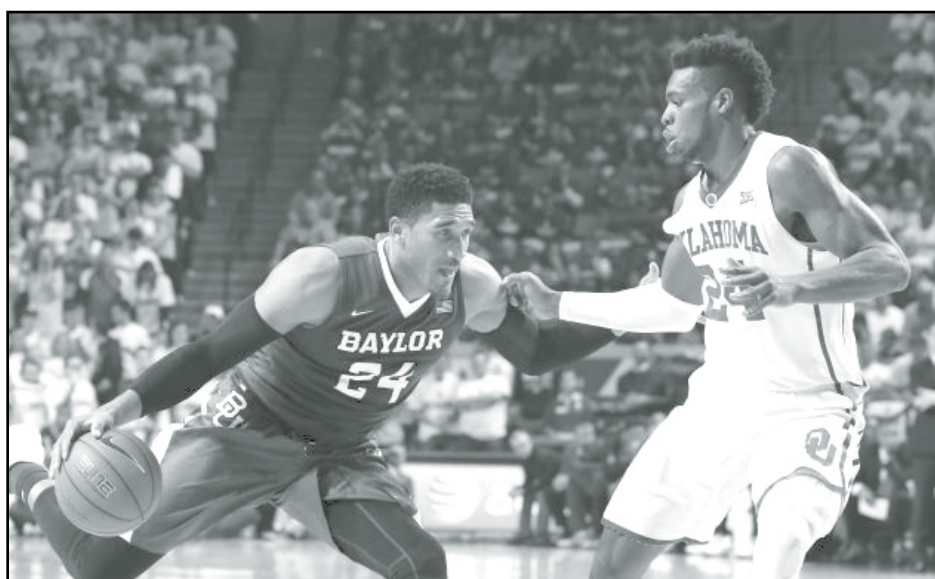
NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Baylor nearly pulled off one of the great comebacks of the college basketball season.

The 19th-ranked Bears trailed by 26 points in the first half, rallied to take the lead late in the second half, then lost a 73-71 heartbreaker to No. 6 Oklahoma on Tuesday night.

"I was proud of our comeback," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "A lot of teams would have given up or not come back, divided. Credit our leadership, players for keeping everybody focused and keep 'em confident. I thought it was a great team effort to come back."

Buddy Hield scored 23 points, Ryan Spangler had 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Isaiah Cousins scored 10 points for Oklahoma (23-6, 11-6 Big 12), which broke a tie with the Bears for third place in the conference and swept the regular-season series.

Taurean Prince and King McClure scored 17 points each for Baylor (21-9, 10-7), which outscored the Sooners 46-27 in the second half. The Bears



Alonzo Adams/Associated Press

shot 67 percent in the second half and made 6 of 10 3-point attempts.

Even that wasn't quite enough.

"What had gotten us the lead was transition, and we stopped pushing when we got the lead," Drew said.

Oklahoma went on an early 18-0 run and roared to a 26-3 lead on 9-for-13 shooting. Baylor didn't make its second field goal until more than 9 min-

utes had passed in the first half.

Baylor rallied to cut Oklahoma's lead to 32-17, but the Sooners responded with an 8-0 run to regain momentum. The Sooners led 46-25 at halftime after shooting 50 percent overall and from 3-point range. Oklahoma scored 16 points off turnovers before the break.

The Sooners began turning the ball

over in the second half and allowed the Bears back into the game. Baylor took a 68-67 lead on a layup by Al Freeman.

The Sooners regained the lead on a jumper by Cousins and a layup by Hield. With the Sooners up 71-68, Baylor turned the ball over, and Hield made two free throws with 17.5 seconds left.

McClure quickly made a layup for Baylor, then Hield missed a free throw, giving the Bears one last chance. The Sooners fouled Prince with 2.4 seconds left. He made the first and missed the second intentionally. Hield got the ball in a scramble, and time expired.

STAR POWER

Former Oklahoma star Blake Griffin's jersey was raised in a ceremony at halftime. Griffin was named the AP National Player of the Year in 2008-09 after averaging 22.7 points and 14.4 rebounds per game and leading the nation in rebounding and double-doubles. ... Clark Beckham, last season's American Idol runner-up, sang the national anthem.

Rangers reach deals with last three pitchers on roster

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — The Texas Rangers have contracts with all 41 players on their roster after agreeing to terms with three pitchers.

Right-hander Nick Martinez and left-handers Alex Claudio and Yo-hander Mendez agreed to terms Tuesday, a day before the Rangers play their first spring training game.

Martinez, who was 7-7 while starting 21 of his 24 games last season, gets \$519,190. Claudio, who has made 33 relief appearances the past two seasons, got a \$510,250 contract while Medez got \$507,500.



(AP Photo/Ben Margot)

Nick Martinez pitching for the Texas Rangers during the 2015 regular season. Martinez signed for \$519,190 Tuesday.

Yankees closer Chapman agrees to accept 30-game suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman agreed to accept a 30-game suspension under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy, a penalty stemming from an altercation with his girlfriend last October.

Under the discipline announced Tuesday, the four-time All-Star will serve the penalty from the start of the Yankees' season on April 4. He will lose 30 days of pay — \$1,856,557 of his \$11,325,000 salary. The agreement specifies he will be eligible for free agency after this season barring any additional suspension for off-the-field conduct that would cost him the necessary service time.

"I found Mr. Chapman's acknowledged conduct on that day to be inappropriate ... particularly his use of a firearm and the impact of that behavior on his partner," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "I am gratified that Mr.

Chapman has taken responsibility for his conduct."

Chapman became the first player penalized a finite number of games under the policy, which MLB and the players' association agreed to in August following several high-profile incidents among NFL players. Colorado shortstop Jose Reyes was given an indefinite paid suspension last week, pending a trial scheduled for April 4, following an alleged altercation with his wife in October.

Baseball's investigation of Chapman stemmed from an Oct. 30 incident at his house in Florida. Chapman's girlfriend, 22-year-old Cristina Barnea, told police he pushed and choked her. Chapman said there was an argument but that he was pushed down by Barnea's brother, eventually getting a handgun and firing eight shots into a wall and window while locked in his garage.

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bench to score 17 points.

"I think everyone is playing good ball and being aggressive," Barea said.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 19 points, and Chandler Parsons added 17.

Ersan Ilyasova scored 22 points off the bench for the Magic. Nikola Vucevic had 18, all in the first half, and Elfrid Payton and Dewayne Dedmon added 12 apiece.

Orlando ran out to a 22-12 lead behind 10 points from Vucevic. The Mavericks came back to tie the game 24-all on Parsons' 3-pointer.

After Brandon Jennings broke the tie with a 3-pointer, the Mavericks scored the last 11 points of the first quarter for a 35-27 lead. David Lee had six of those points.

"They hit some shots" Mat-

thews said. "I think we got more aggressive defensively. And whenever we see (our shots) go in, that's fuel for us."

Dallas led 69-61 after their highest-scoring half of the season, and then opened the second half with a 13-0 run.

Neither team scored in the first 2:45 of the second half until Matthews hit a jump shot. Dallas' run ended when Orlando's Aaron Gordon made a jump shot with 6:07 gone in the third quarter.

"Had a poor first half, and an even worse second half," Orlando coach Scott Skiles said. "We felt like they started the (second) half kind of flat. Unfortunately, so did we."

Dallas' homestand followed a 110-104 loss at Orlando on Feb. 19. The Mavericks remained in a sixth-place tie with Portland in the Western Conference.

The Magic have lost three of four.

TIP-INS

Magic: Evan Fournier missed his second straight game because of a sore right wrist. Rookie Mario Hezonja started again in Fournier's place. ... Orlando was 9 for 9 from the free-throw line in the first half, but Aaron Gordon missed the Magic's first two tries in the third quarter.

Mavericks: In the first quarter, Dallas' starters totaled minus-10 in the NBA's plus/minus system. The four players off the bench — Barea, Lee, Raymond Felton and Devin Harris — were a com-

quarter.

STREAK SECRET

With Golden State closing in on an NBA record with 42 straight home wins, Rick Carlisle was asked what's necessary to have such a streak. He played for the Celtics when they won 38 in a row in 1985 and '86. "About five Hall of Fame players." Those Celtics had Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Bill Walton and coach K.C. Jones.

LEE OFF THE LAYOFF

David Lee had not played for more than six weeks when he

joined the Mavericks on Feb. 24. Will they bring him along slowly? Coach Rick Carlisle said, "You can work with a trainer and eat fish and protein all you want, but going into an NBA game and having to bang bodies and run full speed and jump an unknown number of times, that's going to put different kinds of stresses."

UP NEXT

Magic: Return home to host Chicago on Wednesday night.

Mavericks: Host Sacramento on Thursday night.



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Celebrate Texas Independence Day by visiting historical sites

Special to the Herald

Today marks the 180th anniversary when Texas revolutionaries, including Sam Houston and José Antonio Navarro, declared independence from Mexico. The Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos preceded some of the most well-known events from Texas history — the tragic losses at the Alamo and Goliad, and Texas' subsequent victory at the battle of San Jacinto.

These sites are part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Independence Trail Region, also known as the "Cradle of Texas Liberty."

The Independence Trail Region stretches from San Antonio to Galveston and is filled with sites where visitors experience the real places that tell the real stories from this monumental period.

Here are five destinations in between where you can discover their interesting connection to Texas independence.

- In Anahuac, two confrontations in 1832 and 1835 set the stage for the beginning of the Texas rebellion. Historical markers at Fort Anahuac Park tell the stories of skirmishes between the Mexican military and Texas colonists who fought against taxation and enforcement of the law. Preliminary archeological excavations at Anahuac have been carried out, and plans for a full-scale excavation and the construction of an interpretive museum are included in the site's future. Today, Fort Anahuac Park offers a boat ramp, wooden fishing pier, and children's playground.

- Near the Alamo in downtown San Antonio, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, one of 20 historic sites operated



by the THC, explores the life of Texas patriot José Antonio Navarro. Navarro—a rancher, merchant, politician, and Tejano rights advocate—was one of only two native-born Texans to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence. The site celebrates his life at his original 1850s adobe and limestone home—one of the oldest adobe structures remaining in San Antonio and a historic jewel amidst its urban surroundings. More information is available at VisitCasaNavarro.com.

- Located about 20 miles west of Victoria, Fannin Battleground State

Historic Site memorializes the soldiers who fought the Battle of Coleto Creek. After Col. James W. Fannin surrendered to Mexican forces, Gen. Santa Anna ordered Fannin and his men to be executed in nearby Goliad. The surrender and unanticipated execution inflamed the Texas cause and launched the battle cry "Remember Goliad!" Today, an impressive stone obelisk marks the spot where Fannin surrendered. Visitors to the 14-acre site can tour landscaped grounds marked with interpretive panels that tell the story and significance of the battle. Information is available at

VisitFanninBattleground.com.

- One hour west of Houston along Interstate 10, the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site preserves the location where Stephen F. Austin established his colony in 1823. The site was the first capital of the provisional government of Texas and played an important role in events of the Texas Revolution. After the fall of the Alamo, Gen. Sam Houston's army retreated through San Felipe de Austin. During the Runaway Scrape, the town was evacuated and burned to the ground to prevent it from falling into the hands of the advancing Mexican Army. Today, ongoing archeological projects recover artifacts that provide information about life at the colony. General site tours are available, and a visitors center hosts weekend programs.

- Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site near Brenham marks the original town location of Washington, where delegates of the Convention of 1836 met to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence and create a constitution for the new republic. The 293-acre site has a museum and living history farm where visitors can participate in period activities with costumed interpreters.

More information is available at WhereTexasBecameTexas.org.

These sites and more are included in the Texas Independence Trail Region travel guide, available on the THC's travel website at texasindependencetrail.com. The website features guides from all 10 regions of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program, which highlights historic and cultural destinations throughout the state.

Stricter policies on school absences draw parent backlash

By MELISSA B. TABOADA

Austin American-Statesman
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Despite being in the top 1 percent of her class, Lauren Molloy was at risk of failing to receive credit for courses last semester after a series of absences for medical appointments were counted against her by the Austin school district.

Molloy, a McCallum High School senior, has a rare congenital bone disease that requires her to receive weekly physical therapy, and last semester she had multiple doctor visits and exams, including MRIs.

Such medical visits previously didn't affect whether a student received course credit, but now they do as the school district ramps up its policies regarding absences.

"It's incredibly frustrating," said Della Molloy-Daugherty, Lauren's mom. "It made me realize what a headache the new attendance policy is."

Students can appeal to an attendance committee if they've attended at least 75 percent of the time, and they can make up classes by attending Saturday school to restore their class credit. But some parents — including

about a dozen who wrote letters to their campus administrators — are complaining that Austin's stricter policy will mean more children going to school when they're sick and more hassle for the parents of students who struggle with chronic ailments. At least one neighboring district is more lenient.

State law requires students in kindergarten through 12th grade to be in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days a class is offered. But districts have varying interpretations of the law and offer different exceptions. Before this school year, the Austin district only denied credit for unexcused absences.

The Austin district's new practice, which started in the current school year, counts it against the student anytime he or she misses the entire day, regardless of whether there is a doctor's note.

Religious holidays, a limited number of college visits and school-sponsored events remain as excused

absences, as do medical absences involving a health care professional during school hours if the student is in attendance for at least part of the day.

Such excused absences are outlined in the law.

In communications with parents, the school district says the change is meant to bring Austin into compliance with the law.

But one parent points out in a letter to the district that the law states that students "may be excused for temporary absence resulting from any cause acceptable to the teacher, principal or superintendent of the school."

Another parent said the change "really has us reconsidering the public school option. Sadly, I can see parents pulling their children out of public schools and exercising a home schooling option that would offer more flexibility with kids that are sick often."

The Leander district's practice is similar to Austin's. In Round Rock, a documented illness with a doctor's note counts against the student's 90 percent attendance requirement. The Hays school district doesn't count absences with a doctor's note against

the attendance requirement.

State funding is tied in part to attendance, and some parents raised concerns that money was the real reason behind the change.

District officials say that's not the case.

"We want to make sure we're following the law correctly," Austin School Board President Kendall Pace said.

Ultimately, Molloy-Daugherty was able to retrieve documentation for the doctor appointments and emergency room visit and ensure her daughter received credit.

Fall, winter rains brighten outlook for Texas wildflowers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Fans of Texas bluebonnets could soon be spotting some beautiful blooms in pastures and along highways.

Experts say heavy rain last fall and early this winter could mean a spectacular wildflower season in Texas.

Officials with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin on Tuesday offered the optimistic forecast.

Authorities at the University of Texas-affiliated Center say spotty rain and recent unusually warm conditions could affect some wildflower displays.

Horticulture director of horticulture Andrea DeLong-Amaya says the trick is always the weather. She says the National Weather Service earlier this year predicted the El Nino pattern would bring moisture, but that didn't really materialize for

much of the Texas.

DeLong-Amaya says the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center already has some Texas bluebonnets in bloom.

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