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## Zoning change on city agenda

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

When it meets tonight, Big Spring's city council will consider an ordinance that would give the planning and zoning commission decisions more teeth.

The ordinance would authorize the commission to act as the final decision-making body for subdivision requests and variances, with the council stepping in only on appeals.

Under the proposed variance, the commission can approve variances from city zoning regulations when, in its opinion, "undue hardship will result from requiring strict adherence ... Economic hardship alone shall not be deemed to constitute undue hardship."

When approving subdivision requests, the commission shall "consider all proposals with respect to the dedication of the right-of-way for public use, the construction of utilities, streets, draining and other improvements and, when satisfied with the final ... proposal, shall authorize the execution of agreements ..."

Other changes under the proposed ordinance include elimination of "sketch plat" requirements and associated fees, requiring certification by the Howard County clerk's office and providing clarification of plan submittal requirements.

The council convenes at 5:30 p.m. tonight in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

In other business, the council will consider:

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## A royal affair

Children flock to mall to have tea with Disney princesses

By LYNDEL MOODY  
 Staff Writer

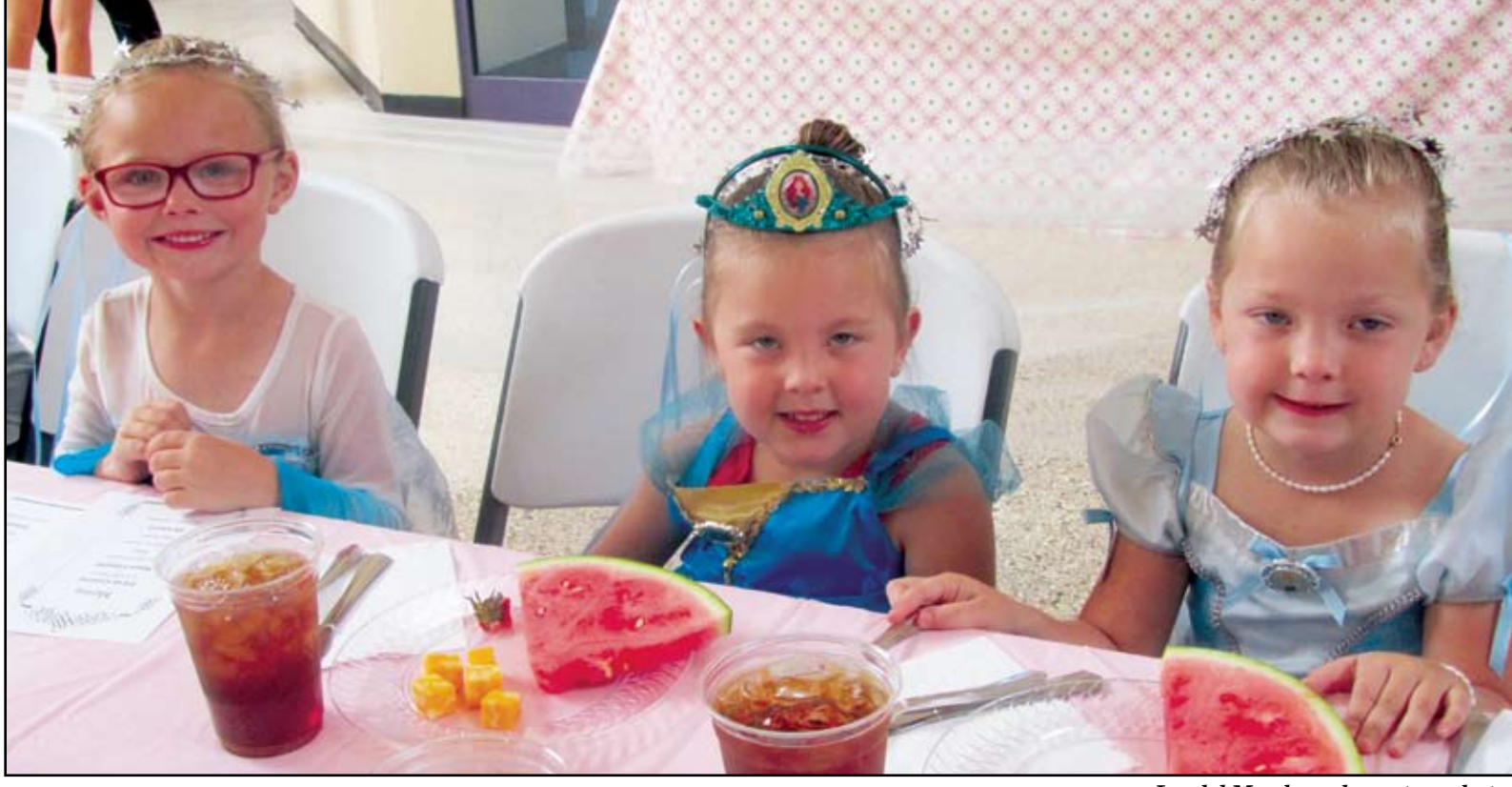
Disney princesses were abundant at the Spring Town Plaza Mall Saturday.

Ariel, Mulan, Snow White, Jasmine, and even Cinderella appeared for a tea party sponsored by the Caldwell Cottage and Book Store which is located in the mall.

"We were trying to come up with new way to get people in the mall and I thought let's throw a big event," said Zoey Hart-Caldwell, owner of the store. "It's been a whirlwind. It's went by pretty fast and became big. It's been really fun."

Tea Party with Disney Princesses offered children a chance to dress up in their best princess

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In the photo at top, 7-year-old Kaylee McNally watches as Rapunzel signs her book; above, Lillie McDonald and Peyton and Rebecca Kesler all enjoy tea with Disney princesses.

## County, TxDOT differ on road calculations

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

Howard County officials are trying to sort out a 10-mile disagreement they have with the Texas Department of Transportation.

During their Monday meeting, county commissioners discussed a discrepancy between TxDOT and the county on just how many miles of roads are within Howard County's borders.

In its most recent inventory of this area, TxDOT deduced this area has 519 miles of county roads, 10 fewer than what local officials claim.

Out of more than 500 miles of roads, how much a difference does 10 miles actually make? County Road and Bridge Administrator Brian Klinksiek

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
 Murray Murphy, left, outgoing Howard College Precinct 2 trustee, was honored Monday for his 12 years of service to the board by Maxwell Barr, vice chairman.

## Trustees OK work on dorm foundations

By LYNDEL MOODY  
 Staff Writer

Howard College officials will welcome in the summer months by tackling repair and construction projects.

Howard College Executive Dean Terry Hansen told trustees during their monthly meeting Monday the college plans to begin repair work to both the men's and women's dormitory to stabilize the buildings' foundations. He said officials noticed the problem several years ago and began to set aside money to fix

the issue.

Trustees authorized the district to go out for a competitive seal proposal for the project.

On the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus, crews are set to begin replacing the old heating/ventila-

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## Obituaries

### Gladys Ann Russell



Gladys Ann Russell, 86, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 25, 2016, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with her son-in-law, Rev. Dalton Froman, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Russell was born September 2, 1929, in Hermeigh, Texas and married Hubert Franklin Russell April 19, 1947, in Snyder, Texas. He preceded her in death April 2, 2005.

he had been active in the First Assembly of God

Church and was currently attending Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Russell and wife, Sherry of China Spring and Greg Russell and wife, Tami of Hobbs, New Mexico; three daughters, Carol Russell of Mesquite, Karen Gallagher and Janie Froman and husband, Dalton all of McKinney; one sister, Mary Noble of Snyder; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Isom E. Evans and Minnie Brooks Evans; and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church Youth Ministry, 1701 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

### Jack Buchanan



Jack Wolf Buchanan Sr., 89, of Stephenville, formerly of Coahoma, died Monday, April 25, 2016, in Stephenville. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Eddy Pitchford and Don Parker officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring. The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Jack was born January 23, 1927, in Howard County. He married Mildred Wilson in 1952. He was a farmer and rancher and former Howard County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace. Jack served in the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; three children, Debra and husband, Lindsay of Lubbock, Darla and husband, Bob of Stephenville, and Jack Jr. and wife, Marla of Priddy; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Loma Jean Wynn and Sue Tindol; and one brother, Sammie Buchanan all of Coahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel F. and Ola Sue Buchanan; and a brother, Douthitt Clay Buchanan.

Memorials can be sent to Foster's Home for Children, PO Box 978, Stephenville, TX 76401 or to the Jack and Mildred Buchanan Scholarships at the College of Human Sciences and the College of Agriculture and National Resources at Texas Tech University.

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### Marilee "MJ" Drummond



Marilee "MJ" Drummond, 61, of Forsan passed away Monday, April 25, 2016, at her residence. A funeral service will be Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born October 24, 1954 to Mary Brannon Clayton and Radford Clayton in Sweetwater, Texas. She has been a part of

the Forsan community since 1998. MJ was a registered nurse for more than 30 years, working at the Big Spring State Hospital and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

MJ is survived by one son, Tito Drummond and wife, Rachele, of Big Spring; one granddaughter; one sister, Pat Clayton of Big Spring; one brother, Rod Clayton and wife Char of South Carolina; several nieces and nephews, and one god-daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dwight Clayton and Steve Clayton.

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

### Petra "Patsy" Rodriguez



Petra "Patsy" Rodriguez, 68, of Big Spring passed away Monday, April 25, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A vigil will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born October 23, 1947, to Lupe Lopez Ortega and Jesus Ortega in Tahoka, Texas. Patsy married Lencho Rodriguez February 11, 1966, in Big Spring. She had been a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Patsy is survived by her husband of 50 years, Lencho Rodriguez of Big Spring; four daughters, Elvira Stillwell of Forsan, Rita Frietag and husband Robert Jr. of Forsan, Gloria Ortiz and husband Raul Jr. of Sand Springs and Josie Rodriguez of Big Spring; four sons, Fred Rodriguez and wife Tonya of Coahoma, Isidro Rodriguez and wife Mary Lujan of Midland, Gilbert Rodriguez and wife Sara of Lamesa and Tommy Rodriguez of Big Spring; three sisters, Cruz Moron of Coahoma, Lenora Padron of Sand Springs and Connie Rodriguez of Big Spring; two brothers, Fidencio Zavala and wife Janie of Fredricksburg and John Ortega of Big Spring; 36 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Pete Ortega.

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## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANTONIO DEVON JOHNSON**, 25, of 500 S. Goliad was arrested on charges of driving around a barricade, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, and failure to appear.
- **AMY GARZA SARMIENTO**, 32, of 3601 Connally St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **JAMES ODELL PERRY**, 50, of 2105 Sidney Baker St. in Kerrville, Texas, was arrested on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking material.
- **ABRAHAM RIVERA GONZALES**, 40, of 1505 Tucson St. was arrested on charges of failure to control speed and failure to appear.
- **JOLENE CRISTOL QUICK**, 31, of 108 N. Johnson St. was arrested on charges of failure to yield right of way at an intersection and failure to appear.
- **ANDREA DELGADO**, 22, of 108 N. Johnson

St. was arrested on charges of bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **ANDREW WAYNE ARMSTRONG**, 43, of 700 Aylesford was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ALIX MCKENNA PIERCE**, 22, of 1107 Lloyd Ave. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 44, of 110 Scout Hut Road was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended or invalid license and no insurance.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Benton.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, the 400 block of Galveston St., the 500 block of S. Main St. and the 600 block of Linda Lane.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/27	Thu 4/28	Fri 4/29	Sat 4/30	Sun 5/1
<b>84/53</b> Mainly sunny. High 84F. Winds W at 15 to 25 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	<b>87/62</b> A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>82/53</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>81/52</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>78/52</b> A few clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	84	56	Sunny	Kingsville	91	72	Iso T-Storms
Amarillo	79	45	P Cloudy	Livingston	89	71	Iso T-Storms
Austin	87	66	Cloudy	Longview	86	65	Cloudy
Beaumont	84	72	Cloudy	Lubbock	80	49	Sunny
Brownsville	88	74	Cloudy/Wind	Lufkin	88	68	Iso T-Storms
Brownwood	85	55	Sunny	Midland	86	56	Sunny
Corpus Christi	85	72	Cloudy/Wind	Raymondville	95	74	M Cldy/Wind
Corisana	85	65	Cloudy	Rosenberg	86	72	M Cloudy
Dallas	84	62	Cloudy	San Antonio	89	68	Cloudy
Del Rio	93	62	Cloudy	San Marcos	87	65	Cloudy
El Paso	75	51	Sunny/Wind	Sulphur Springs	85	66	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	88	55	Sunny	Sweetwater	85	56	Sunny
Gainesville	81	59	Cloudy	Tyler	88	64	Cloudy
Greenville	83	63	Cloudy	Weatherford	83	58	Cloudy
Houston	86	72	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	82	57	P Cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	61	Sunny	Miami	82	72	M Sunny
Boston	44	36	Showers	Minneapolis	54	40	Cloudy
Chicago	50	45	Cloudy	New York	70	46	Cloudy
Dallas	84	62	Cloudy	Phoenix	80	59	Sunny
Denver	58	34	P Cloudy	San Francisco	62	52	P Cloudy
Houston	86	72	M Cloudy	Seattle	62	46	P Cloudy
Los Angeles	72	53	Sunny	Saint Louis	79	63	P Cloudy

### Moon Phases



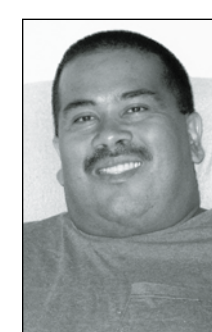
### UV Index

Wed 4/27	Thu 4/28	Fri 4/29	Sat 4/30	Sun 5/1
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very 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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### Gary "Wolf" Flores



Gary "Wolf" Flores, 49, of Big Spring passed away Saturday, April 23, 2016. A vigil will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born September 8, 1966, to Jeannie Guzman Flores and Salvador Dominguez Flores in

Big Spring. Gary was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a cook, having worked at Alberto's and Papa Chon's.

Gary is survived by his father, Salvador "Sukie" Flores; two brothers, Edward Flores of Ball, Louisiana and Jino Flores of Big Spring; two aunts; three uncles; and a number of cousins.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Jeannine Guzman Flores; his grandparents, Clemente and Lupe Guzman and Jesse "Chuy" and Ida Flores.

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in the 600 block of S. Douglas St.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- **FREDRICK ALEJOS III**, 19, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

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and courtesy photos  
In the photo at left, Tinker Bell adjusts the tiara on a young girl's head during the Tea With Disney Princesses event at Big Spring Mall. At right, girls gather around Snow White and Jasmine to have their books autographed. The event was sponsored by Caldwell Cottage and Book Store.



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costume and visit with their favorite story book characters for a cost of \$35 per child or adult. Each participant received brunch, an autographed book and

pictures with the characters. Three different brunches were held during the day beginning at 10:30 a.m.

"We have 11 different princesses and we were almost completely sold out," Hart-Caldwell said.

Also making appearances were Olaf from

the movie "Frozen", Tinker Bell from "Peter Pan," and other storybook characters from various Disney movies.

Caldwell Cottage Book Store will soon host another event, this time for Marvel comic book fans.

"We are hosting a private screening of 'Cap-

tain America: Civil War,' Saturday, May 14 at Cinema 4," Hart-Caldwell said. "Tickets are on sale. The cost is \$25 per person. That includes tickets to the private screening and also we will have all the super heroes here and they get to watch the movie with all the super heroes."

Tickets can be purchased at the Caldwell Cottage Book Store located in the Spring Town Plaza Mall.

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CITY

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• Amendments to city zoning ordinances affecting definitions and district regulations.

• A rezoning of Lots 1 through 3 of block 4 in the Porter Addition from two-family designation to light commercial usage.

• Amendments to city ordinances covering usage of city park pavilion areas and temporary alcohol permits.

• Purchasing a loader for the city/county landfill.

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COLLEGE

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tion and air conditioning system by this summer, Hansen said. The \$1.9 million project is funded through state

monies.

The SWCID campus may be a hive of activity in the coming months. Insurance adjustors still have not finished assessing the amount of damage left by the last hail storm that hit

much of west Big Spring on April 16. According to college officials, an insurance adjustor was on the campus Friday but informed the college he would need to return with a team to properly assess the damage.

In other business, trustees approved:

• Contracts for faculty, dean, and directors.

• The go-ahead for college officials to research the market value of college-owned land in Martin County for possible

sale. The college does not own any mineral rights on this piece of property, officials said.

• A \$62,083.20 bid for 13 student computers in the Dental Hygiene lab and 43 faculty computers across the campus.

COUNTY

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was quick to admit he wasn't sure, but noted it could be significant.

"The numbers are used to calculate some of the financing we receive from TxDOT," Klinksiek said. "The more miles you have, the more money you get from TxDOT."

Klinksiek said the discrepancy only recently came to his attention, and he's not sure which figure — the state's or the county's — is in error. "It's quite possible the problem is with us rather than TxDOT," he noted.

A problem exists not just in the math, but in the naming of the roads, as well — some county roads carry different names on the TxDOT in-

ventory than on county maps. Klinksiek said that discrepancy could pose a problem to personnel responding to an emergency call out in the county.

County road and bridge personnel will work to try to settle the issue in the coming months.

"My hope is we can find what the difference is and where it exists, and we can fix this,"

Klinksiek said. In other business, commissioners:

• Tabled action on a flow line at the old county airport and a striping plan for Driver Road.

• Appointed County Judge Kathryn Wiseman to the Permian Basin Regional Housing Finance Corp.

• Accepted a \$5,000 donation to the county library.

nancial and personnel matters.

• Declared the week of May 2-6 as Juror Appreciation Week in Howard County.

• Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss a personnel matter in the county sheriff's office. No action was taken.

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SHERIFF

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jumping and failure to appear.

• **ADRIAN PENA**, 31, was booked by the RSO on a motion to adjudicate for possession of a controlled substance.

• **JAMES ODELL PERRY**, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of use or possession of illegal smoking materials.

• **ALIX MCKENNA PIERCE**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear for theft of aluminum, bronze or copper.

• **JOLENE CRISTAL**

**QUICK**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to yield right of way at an intersection, violation of promise to appear, and failure to appear.

• **AMY SARMIENTO**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft by check \$20-\$500.

• **DEMETRIS A. STYLES**, 26, was booked by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Dept. on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.),

driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

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Life, love & chaos:

# Finding time for romance



With my new job, I find myself with free weekends again. It is odd that after working so many weekends for over a year, I now have them back.

For me, this is not necessarily a good thing, considering my husband works weekends and I have two teenage daughters that are now on the go or enjoying the sanctity of their bedrooms.

On Saturday, I found myself watching movies on the Hallmark Channel. On Saturdays, they are all about finding love, losing love, facing love, etc.

After some time had passed, I asked myself, "Why am I watching this?" After a very short reflection within, the answer was simple. I am a hopeless romantic.



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I enjoy love. I understand your heart must be broken in order to truly appreciate love. You can't expect your partner to do all of the sacrificing and work while you simply sit back and enjoy the ride. Your partner wants to feel every bit as loved and appreciated as you do.

One thing I've always felt my husband handles wonderfully is romance.

We celebrate the holidays, special occasions, birthdays, and anniversaries, but do so minimally.

It doesn't seem quite as special if it is socially expected or you feel pressured to act a certain way because of a date on the calendar.

While I do love getting a birthday card or a present for our anniversary, the flowers I remember best are the ones that show up with a card telling me how special I am or that he was simply thinking about me.

Days and moments that are just ordinary days

become special memories when something unexpected happens.

When I come home from work in the middle of the week and I'm trying to plan dinner, it's so wonderful when Anthony walks in the door and says, "Why don't we order a pizza for the girls and we'll go out for a dinner date?"

It's the little things that happen for no other reason than to get a little more time together and keep the love on the front lines of life.

Julie Bass writes a weekly column about marriage, parenting, and this crazy thing we call life. She can be contacted at JulieLBass@gmail.com.

## How not to order a cheese steak

And other foibles from the campaign trail

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Five-point plans, engaging speeches and star endorsements are all important in a presidential campaign, but how well do candidates really know the cities and towns where they're wooing voters?

The supreme test in Philadelphia: ordering a cheesesteak.

Just ask Secretary of State John Kerry, who was roundly mocked in 2003 for passing up the more traditional Cheez Whiz on his cheesesteak for Swiss cheese.

"Don't come into Philadelphia and try to cater favor with us and then order Swiss cheese, which no one does in Philadelphia," Ed Rendell, former Pennsylvania governor and Philadelphia mayor, said.

Hillary Clinton, he predicted, will make no such gaffe should she sample a cheesesteak as she campaigns in the state before the primary Tuesday.

Bill Clinton "would always order a chees-

esteak with onions and Cheese Whiz," Rendell said. "That is the only way to order a cheesesteak."

Competitive races in both parties have sustained the intensity of the primary face-offs far beyond their usual seasons this year, increasing the spotlight on candidates and the requisite local know-how. Most recently, in New York City, Ohio Gov. John Kasich took flack for eating pizza with a knife and fork.

Hillary Clinton was mocked for struggling to use a Metrocard to ride the subway and Bernie Sanders revealed he thought the subway still took tokens, which were phased out in 2003.

Wading into the local sports arena can also go poorly.

A month before the Iowa caucuses, Republican candidate Carly Fiorina was criticized for tweeting that she was supporting the University of Iowa in the Rose Bowl over her



alma mater, Stanford. She later told CNN she was only having a "bit of fun."

Republican front-runner Donald Trump recently tried to rally a crowd at Penn State University about the school's legendary football coach. "How's Joe Paterno?" Trump asked the audience. "Are we gonna bring that back? Right? ... How about that whole deal?"

Paterno died in January 2012 just months after he was dismissed, a result of the child sex abuse scandal involving Jerry Sandusky, his former assistant coach.

A campaign spokeswoman later said Trump wasn't talking about Paterno himself but about his statue, which was

removed from outside the football stadium four years ago, angering students and many alumni.

Sometimes a simple fashion choice can set tongues wagging, like when former GOP candidate Marco Rubio wore a pair of stylish ankle boots in Iowa over the winter, triggering some teasing.

Whether or not these moments are disqualifying, they can reinforce an unwelcome perception about a candidate.

Mo Elleithee, who served as Clinton's spokesman in the 2008 race, said the problem is when things go badly and "it feeds into a narrative that already exists."

So it was for Kerry and his cheese choice

in 2003; it fed into the perception that he did not relate to common people.

Political history is full of such faux pas. In 2007, Republican Mitt Romney drew derision from the crowd at the Iowa State fair when he flipped a pork chop off a grill, picked it up and put it back on. In 1992, George H.W. Bush was ridiculed when he seemed wowed by electronic price scanners, suggesting he had barely ever set foot in a grocery store.

Still, Elleithee, now the executive director of Georgetown University's Institute of Politics and Public Service, said there is also an upside to getting the candidates out there.

"You do those types

of events, you do those types of photo ops if you want to show the candidates in everyday settings," Elleithee said. "There's a natural barrier between presidential candidates and the public."

"They become caricatures. Campaign staff is constantly looking for ways to help them see the other side."

Admittedly, this is not always easy.

In Philadelphia, as if ordering the cheesesteak is not enough, Rendell said he also offers advice on how to eat what can be a messy sandwich.

"You have to do what's called a Philadelphia lean," Rendell said. "You have to lean over to make sure the juice goes on the pavement."

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**News in brief**

**Gas leak in 15-story Dallas building sends 3 to hospital**

DALLAS (AP) — Experts are trying to pinpoint a gas leak in a 15-story residential building in downtown Dallas that sent three people to a hospital. Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says a carbon monoxide leak was detected in the structure late Monday night, prompting an evacuation. Evans said Tuesday that the exact location of the leak was not found, but officials believe the incident involved the building's heating and air conditioning system. He says the carbon monoxide returned to safe levels after the system was shut down. Officials had no immediate information on the three people who got sick. Authorities did not immediately say how many people were evacuated for several hours during the incident.

**Ex-Texas energy company finance worker guilty of \$450K theft**

HOUSTON (AP) — A former financial employee of Southwestern Energy Co. faces up to 80 years in prison for embezzling more than \$450,000 from the oil and gas company. Kendra Walker of Houston pleaded guilty Monday to four counts of wire fraud. The 28-year-old Walker remains free on bond pending sentencing in federal court in Houston. Prosecutors say Walker worked in the accounts payable department for Spring-based Southwestern Energy. Investigators say the theft happened over a one-year period, beginning in early 2014. Walker fraudulently changed bank information for some vendors to accounts that she controlled. Bogus invoices led to payments transmitted to Walker's accounts.

**Chevron CEO: Company to invest more in the Permian Basin**

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — Chevron Corp. plans to move from massive, billion-dollar oil and gas projects to the Permian Basin in West Texas and eastern New Mexico. The Hobbs News-Sun reports (<http://goo.gl/ygH-3mO>) Chevron chairman and CEO John Watson recently announced Chevron will put more of its budget into the Permian Basin while cutting costs elsewhere. He made the announcement at the company's annual security analyst meeting last month. Watson predicted by 2020 Chevron could pump up to 350,000 barrels a day from the Permian — almost triple its current 125,000 barrels a day. The Permian Basin is around 250 miles wide and 300 miles long, across West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. It encompasses several sub-basins, including the Delaware Basin in southern Eddy and Lea counties and the Midland Basin in Texas.

**Texas and Louisiana residents sue dam operator over flooding**

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Nearly 240 Texas and Louisiana residents have sued the Sabine River Authority over March flooding that inundated hundreds of homes and closed Interstate 10. Communities in Southeast Texas and Louisiana were flooded by up to 20 inches of rain last month that forced evacuations along and near the Sabine River, which serves as a long border between the two states. The lawsuit alleges water released from the Toledo Bend Reservoir by the river authority to relieve pressure on the reservoir's banks and gates contributed to the flooding of homes and businesses, the Beaumont Enterprise reported (<http://bit.ly/1Vyrprz>) Monday. The reservoir extends through Texas and Louisiana on the Sabine River. At the peak of releases, water was flowing through the dam at a rate exceeding 200,000 cubic feet per second — or twice the average rate of Niagara Falls. "By opening the spillway gates in this manner, the defendants knew, or were substantially certain, that harm would result to the many thousands of homeowners, business owners, churches, and others who owned property downstream," the lawsuit said.

Ann Galassi, the river authority's assistant general manager in Texas, declined to comment on the lawsuit, which was filed in state court in Orange County, Texas. The river authority, an official Texas agency, controls, stores, preserves and distributes the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary system. The authority has previously said the Toledo Bend isn't designed for flood control and they were fol-

lowing engineering rules to protect the reservoir from being damaged. The Toledo Bend Reservoir hit a record high water level on March 10 following heavy rains, prompting managers to open all the floodgates. The lawsuit does not specify how much the individual plaintiffs — 105 of whom are from Texas — are seeking in compensation.

**Man killed after charging Texas officer with knives ID'd**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Austin police have released the name of a 29-year-old man who was fatally shot by an officer last week. Authorities say Tyler Hunkin was shot after charging at Officer Matthew Paredes with knives in his hands. This case remains under investigation and will be reviewed by Austin police and the Travis County District Attorney's Office and will be presented to a grand jury. Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo has said the Friday night incident appears to be "suicide by cop." Authorities say Hunkin was threatening people with knives in a parking lot. Paredes ordered Hunkin to drop the knives, but police say Hunkin ran toward the officer and was shot. Paredes has been with the Austin Police Department for four-and-a-half years.

**Texas Education Agency defends updated teacher evaluations**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Education Agency has defended an updated appraisal system for teachers that some critics say is not fair to educators. The TEA, in a statement Monday night, said no school district is required to use the new Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System, or T-TESS. The updated evaluations, planned by new Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath (muh-RATH'), are available July 1. TEA says it relied on input from Texas teachers who wanted meaningful feedback to strengthen classroom instruction. The Association of Professional Educators on Monday challenged tying teacher evaluation scores to student performance on standardized tests. Critics of the planned changes say teacher appraisals should be based on observable, job-related behavior. The Texas State Teachers Association last week objected to the changes and sued Morath, who took office in January.

**Attorney says Manziel to be indicted in Texas**

DALLAS (AP) — Johnny Manziel was expected to be indicted Tuesday for a misdemeanor assault charge on allegations that he assaulted his ex-girlfriend during a night out in January. Already dropped by the Cleveland Browns, two separate agents and all of his endorsers, the 23-year-old will face the possibility of one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. The prosecution also further imperils an already jeopardized NFL career, particularly as the league takes a tougher public stance on domestic violence. Manziel's ex-girlfriend, Colleen Crowley, has accused him of hitting her as she tried to escape a car he was driving. She said he hit her hard enough to rupture her eardrum. Crowley alleged that she and Manziel had a confrontation in his hotel room around 1:45 a.m. Jan. 30 and that he forced her to leave the hotel with him. The

two allegedly made it to her vehicle, which was in front of a Dallas bar. He began driving the car, but stopped when she tried to escape and dragged her back inside. She said the two continued arguing as he drove her to her Fort Worth apartment, about 30 miles away. A judge has granted Crowley a protective order against Manziel. Prosecutors would not confirm media reports Monday that an indictment has already been reached, but attorney Robert Hinton, who is representing Manziel, told The Associated Press that prosecutors told him an indictment is likely to be signed and made public Tuesday. Afterward, both sides will meet with a judge to set a bond, and Manziel will be booked, most likely for a brief time, Hinton said. Prosecutors and Manziel's attorneys have not discussed a deal to end the case before trial, Hinton said, adding that he would pursue a dismissal and did not foresee any agreement in which Manziel would plead guilty. Hinton is a friend of Dallas County District Attorney Susan Hawk, who has spoken publicly about her own struggles with substance abuse after she took an extended leave of absence last year to enter rehab. "They want to do the right thing," Hinton said of prosecutors.

Lawyers watching the case say both sides have incentive to make a deal instead of going to trial. For Manziel, a highly publicized trial with testimony about his behavior that night — and possibly surveillance video as evidence — could worsen his already slim chances of returning to the NFL. For prosecutors, a trial carries uncertainty and extra scrutiny on Crowley, who would likely be the main witness; attorneys for Manziel would question her credibility and her conduct on the night of the alleged attack.

**Texas officer, murder suspect wounded in gunfire exchange**

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A North Texas police officer and a man sought on a murder warrant have been wounded in an exchange of gunfire as the suspect was arrested. Arlington police say the officer was hospitalized Tuesday in good condition. The suspect was hospitalized with injuries not believed to be life-threatening. Arlington officers were assisting Saginaw police late Monday in serving a warrant for the weekend slaying of 17-year-old Jordan Miles. The teen was fatally shot during an argument on Saturday in Saginaw, just north of Fort Worth. Police say the suspect, 23-year-old Joel McCommon, was located at an Arlington apartment complex and opened fire on officers — wounding one. The injured officer returned fire, shooting McCommon.

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# Hawks sweep, hold onto fourth in WJCAC

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

The Howard Hawks ended the weekend on a seven-game winning streak, their longest of the season.

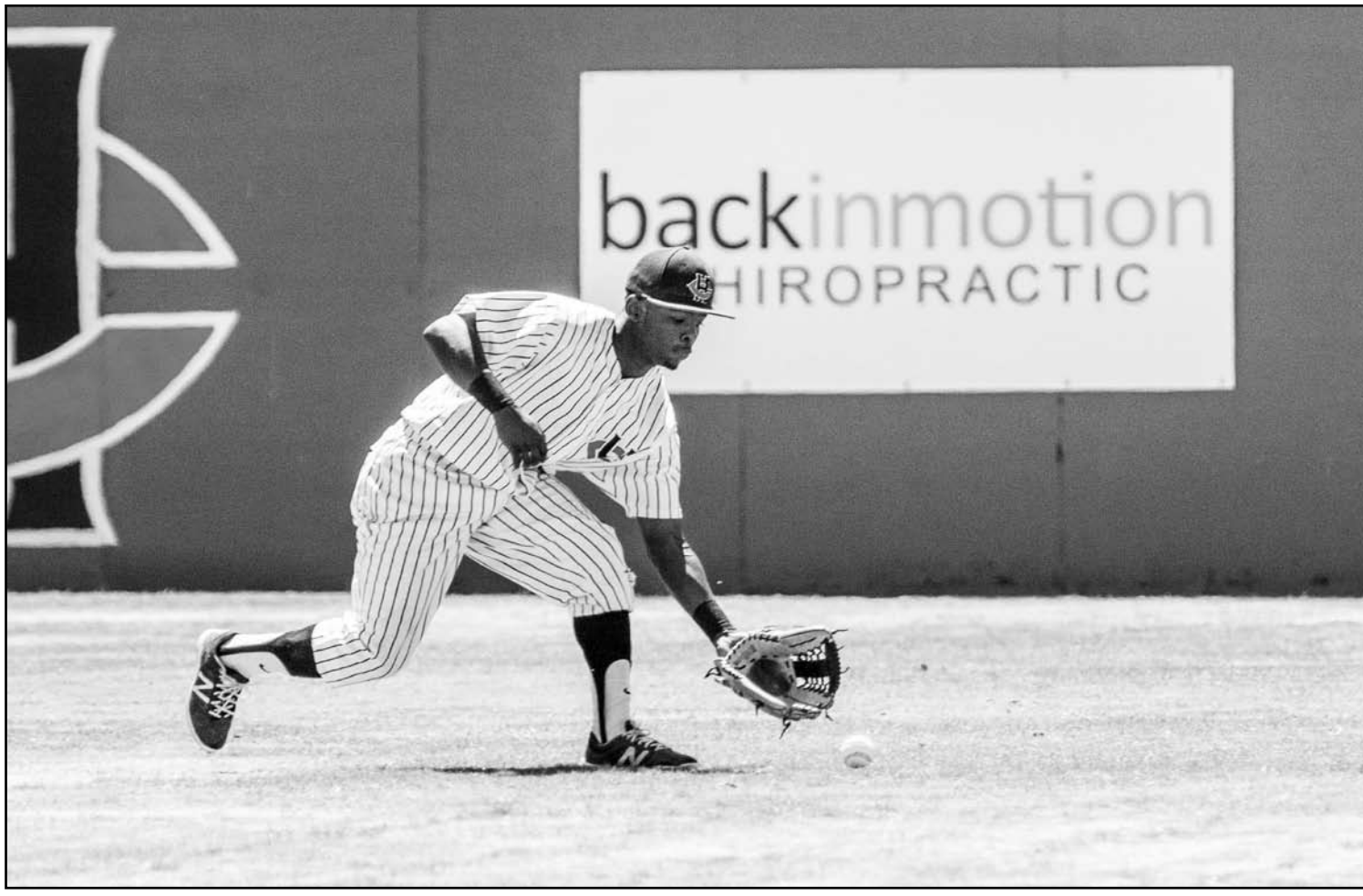
After 2-0 and 2-1 wins on Friday, the Hawks beat Frank Phillips College 7-3 and 12-4 Saturday in two much less stressful games.

Parker Towns started the first game for the Hawks and gave up a two-run home run in the first inning, but settled down after that. He pitched 4.2 innings, giving up three earned runs on seven hits before he was relieved by Alec Maley. Maley looked unhittable as he closed the game without allowing a base runner in his 2.1 innings.

The offense woke up after a slow start on Friday. The one through eight hitters all had at least one hit as the team went 9-for-26 at the plate. Rahman Williams went 1-for-3 with his lone hit being a first inning grand slam that immediately got the Hawks the lead they would never surrender. Brendon Foust added a 2-for-3 performance with a two-run home run and two runs scored.

In the second game, starting pitcher Brandon Maine got out of a jam early to keep the Hawks in it. He allowed three straight singles to start the game, loading the bases with no outs. He then allowed a sacrifice fly, but got a double play in the next at-bat to get out of the inning only allowing one run. He allowed three earned runs on eight hits in seven innings, striking out seven.

The offense got the lead back in the first inning for the second straight games. James Davison walked to lead



James Davison fields a ball up the middle in center field in Friday's doubleheader against Frank Phillips College. *Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)*

off the inning and stole second, then was singled home by Dominic Thornton in the next at-bat. An Andrew Beck double and a Jackson Owens single scored two more runs for the Hawks, and they never looked back from their 3-1 lead.

Davison and Owens each added a home run later in the game, and Davison's three RBIs led the team. Owens, Thornton, and Tracker Conn all finished with two RBIs.

The eight total runs given up over these games is something we haven't seen out of this Hawks team yet this season. Pitching and defense played a big role in the series sweep.

"Fortunately, we played well defensively," Howard head coach Britt Smith said. "We

kept them at arms length and didn't let them get close enough to think they were really in it."

Smith added that Mother Nature played a role in the team's slow start at the plate in the series.

"The past two weeks the weather has really kept us from practicing, and out hitters have shown it in game ones," he said.

The Hawks also got a boost getting Robbie Lammons back in the lineup. Lammons missed the first game of the series with back spasms and made a big impact on Tuesday, going 3-for-7 with two RBIs in the 3-hole.

"It lengthens our lineup so much having him in the 3-hole. A guy that can bunt and do some other things, because that's not the way we've played in the past so teams don't expect us to do that," Smith said.

Davison, the team's captain and center fielder, said the sweep is something his team was capable of at the beginning of the season, and is liking the growth he's seeing leading into regionals.

"I was just happy with the team for starting to find ways to win," Davison said. "At the beginning of the year, we would always lose the close extra inning games, but now we're starting to play more as a team. Every week it's getting better and we're more of a team. And I didn't have my best stuff yesterday, but I still went as hard as I can and my team followed that. So we just found ways to win, which is perfect for regionals coming up."

Davison added that the seven-game winning streak is nice, but it's not

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WJCAC Standings
1. Midland College (32-14, 24-4)
2. Clarendon College (31-16, 19-9)
3. New Mexico Junior College (29-19, 19-9)
4. Howard College (28-19, 19-9)
5. New Mexico Military Institute (23-25, 17-11)
6. Odessa College (27-21, 16-12)
7. Western Texas College (12-33, 9-19)
8. Frank Phillips College (11-35, 6-22)
9. Luna Community College (9-37, 4-24)

# Mavs fall in five

By CLIFF BRUNT  
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook is an All-Star, but not a superstar.

Westbrook gave him plenty of reasons to reconsider.

He had 36 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, and the Thunder beat the Mavericks 118-104 on Monday night to win the first-round playoff series 4-1 and advance to the Western Conference semifinals.

Cuban also said during the pregame interview that Kevin Durant was the only superstar on the team. Westbrook was asked after the game about Cuban's comments, and Durant answered for him.



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, center, tries to go up for a basket as Oklahoma City Thunder centers Enes Kanter, left, and Steven Adams (12) defend during the first half of Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, April 25, 2016, in Oklahoma City. (AP Photo/Alonzo Adams)

"He's an idiot," Durant said of Cuban. "He's an idiot. Don't listen to — he's an idiot. That's what we've got to say about that. He's an idiot. Next question."

Westbrook was 13 of 23 from the field and 7 of 8 on free throws. Durant scored 33 points and Steven Adams added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Thunder, who

will play the San Antonio Spurs in a series that begins Saturday.

Oklahoma City shot 50.6 percent from the field and outrebounded the Mavericks 42-35.

The Thunder lost Game 2 85-84 at home, then won three straight, including two on the road.

"They just played gimmicky defense," Durant

said. "They didn't really play solid. They weren't really disciplined the entire series. That's how we were able to shoot such a high percentage except for that second game. It took all of that to win by one point — us having a historically bad night shooting the basketball. But for the

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# Jerry Jones: Cowboys likely staying at 4, but QB/RB unlikely

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jerry Jones says he's inclined to stay at No. 4 with the Dallas Cowboys going into the NFL draft with their highest pick in 25 years.

Just don't expect the Dallas owner and general manager to be looking for Tony Romo's successor or the next Emmitt Smith in that lofty spot Thursday night.

Jones said Monday that drafting the replacement for Romo wasn't a high priority, and that the Cowboys weren't in a "have to" situation at running back.

Defensive end is the most glaring need for a team that went 4-12 a year after winning the NFC East in large part because of Romo's twice-broken left collarbone that kept him out of 12 games.

Randy Gregory will be suspended the first four games for violating the NFL substance-abuse policy, and Jones acknowledged that DeMarcus Lawrence is facing a suspension as well. Lawrence and Gregory were second-round picks by Dallas each of the past two years.

Former Ohio State defensive end Joey Bosa will be a consideration for the Cowboys, but he had off-the-field issues with the Buccaneers, getting suspended for last year's season opener.

Besides the suspensions of Lawrence and Gregory, who tested positive for marijuana at last year's combine, Dallas also had a tumultuous season with Greg Hardy related to a domestic case that led to his four-game suspension in 2015. Those issues are not altering Jones' view on Bosa.

"His character issue would not be a factor in us drafting him," Jones said, repeating himself a couple of times when he pressed by a reporter.

Questions over whether Dallas would take a quarterback that high were answered when St. Louis and Philadelphia traded up to the top two picks, almost certainly to take Cal's Jared Goff and North Dakota State's Carson Wentz, not necessarily in that order.

Now the Cowboys must decide whether they want to find Romo's backup later in the draft, and perhaps someone who could replace him in several years. They tried that, without success, in

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# Rangers almost no-hit, lose fourth straight

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The hits just aren't coming for the Texas Rangers, who for a while Monday looked like they might not get any at all.

Texas finally ended a no-hit bid by New York Yankees starter Nathan Eovaldi to start the seventh, and got its only run off a reliever the following inning in a 3-1 loss for a four-game losing

streak in which the Rangers have hit .178 and scored only five runs.

"He was throwing a lot of breaking balls, but we kept swinging," rookie outfielder Nomar Mazara said. "He was throwing a lot of off speed, making a lot of good pitches. That was it."

Mazara, a day before his 21st birthday, got a fastball and hit a

clean single through the left side of the infield. After he was erased on a double play, Prince Fielder swung at a high pitch and doubled into the right-center gap.

"I figured if it started at my head, I might have a better chance," Fielder said.

"He was amazing," he said.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Count-down to Mercury Retrograde

The Sagittarius HOLIDAY moon has MATHIS US imagining that the shimmering mirage in the distance is real. There's something to be learned while lingering in this oasis dreamland, though do keep in mind that today and tomorrow are the last full days before Mercury goes retrograde in Taurus, throwing interesting obstacles into the path of commerce.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The deal goes down; the exchange favors you. You may not immediately feel the force of your good fortune. Maybe you won't even see how you're on top. Days from now you'll understand the many benefits of your position.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Relationship drama prevails. (SET ITAL) Is his love true? How do I win her heart? Will the dish run away

with the spoon? (END ITAL) It's too soon to tell the answers. The important thing is not to agonize.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your desire for achievement can be like a constant purring need inside you, and it can also be a ferocious, roaring hunger. It's the hunger that will motivate today's choices. Get out of the way, world!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Those who have been around the scene a while will try to mentor you, or maybe they are just showing off to impress the new person. Either way, relax and respect, but don't commit.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This passionate sky could trigger your fire sign nature in any number of directions -- maybe through intense love, and maybe through anger. Both can potentially affect your actions before you even realize how you're feeling.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a way to get what you want and make another person richer in the

process. Keep brainstorming until you hit on a mutually profitable arrangement. Fire signs (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius) will be particularly lucky for you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone likes a nice, good, decent person, and most are striving daily to fit the description. So why is it so hard to be good sometimes? Moments of weakness happen. Forgive yourself. Forget it. Move on.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The disappointing experience of the past has created a new dynamic inside you. It feels something like revenge, but there is no ill intent in this fiery resolve to get powerful enough to make things right.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your work will be like a dance. You'll move in close and connect in support of a partner. You'll build trust. You are there to catch one another for those risky showoff moves.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Bottom line: The ones who never fail aren't trying

hard enough. You're becoming less and less concerned about looking like a winner. Your need to stretch and test the limits will override your need to keep up appearances.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends will inspire you with what they do to stay healthy, attractive and well-fed. Maybe you'll even try out some of their practices. You have your own rituals, but you're always adding to that arsenal.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Being ready to take on the world starts with looking the part. Take as long as you need; an extensive self-care routine will be worth the effort and money. Your attention to detail will catch the eye of those you want to impress.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 26). You've weathered a process of review and now you'll excel because of it. You'll process and apply criticism then succeed in ways you've wanted to for years now. June, September and January are your most lucrative months.

Be wary of large investments for the rest of 2016; small ones will take you further, believe it or not! Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 11, 41, 7 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Cancer. About once a month my moods get extreme. I yell at my husband and am very on edge. Things seem true that later I don't know for sure are true or not. Things seem important and later I don't know why they were. I really do feel crazy. I guess it's hormonal, though I don't know what to do about it."

You moonchildren are a sensitive and complicated breed. Ruled by the ever-changing moon, Cancer's mood changes seem more frequent than other signs. Could you start seeing this emotional dynamic as a gift? People who are not as connected to their feelings admire the easy access you have to your internal wells of emotion. As you grow in maturity you will learn how to focus your feelings and

make them work for you to help you attract what you want. There are many positive aspects to being so passionately immersed in your reality of the moment, even though you know that in the next moment it may change. To increase your ability to control and utilize your emotional swings, be sure to get plenty of exercise and eat right all month long. Proper fitness helps you keep your feelings on the positive side.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My cubicle is separated by a low wall from "Terri," the woman who works next to me.

Here's the problem: I might be talking with seven other people near me at different times and we could be whispering, but Terri manages to hear the conversation and always has an opinion to add. Every associate who works near Terri has an issue with her constant opinions, her butting into other people's conversations, and the incessant talk about her failing marriage, her difficult kids and her finances. We don't invite these personal conversations, especially because no matter what you say, you are wrong and she

is right.

Management has spoken to the rest of us, saying we shouldn't talk about Terri when she isn't present, because it creates negativity in the workplace. Yet they say nothing about her constant, disruptive yapping during an eight-hour shift. The sound of her voice stresses me out so much that it's hard to maintain a professional manner around her, and I'm afraid that little negative remarks are slipping out.

How can we make Terri mind her own affairs until she is invited into the conversation? How can we get her to do some work (and let us do ours) instead of blabbing all day about her personal problems?

-- Ready to Tear My Hair Out

**Dear Ready:** Let's start with the obvious -- you don't like Terri and you have been excluding her from your conversations. She responds by talking and butting in, so that she feels part of the workplace environment. You respond with annoyance.

Imagine how you would react if you were frozen out of your co-workers' conversations. Have you tried including her? Doing so now and then will make it easier to ask for some quiet time when you both need to finish your work. But if she still cannot stop talking, the next step is headphones and a smile.

**Dear Annie:** I read

the letter from "Perplexed Grandmother," who has been unable to establish a connection with her 3-year-old grandson because the family lives with the daughter-in-law's parents and she has limited contact.

Your advice was good, and I agree that she should talk to her son about taking a more active role in his child's safety. I have another suggestion for Grandma to get closer. I have many friends who live far from their children and grandchildren and they have solved this problem with FaceTime or Skype. Over the phone or computer, they read books to the kids, have lunch "together" and simply enjoy regular

conversations. This is what military families do, and it works just as well for everyone else who lives far away from their grandchildren.

Please remember this as an option. You would be surprised how many of the older generation manage to make this high-tech connection. -- M.

**Dear M.:** We have often mentioned how easy it is to keep in touch with far-flung family members through smartphones and laptops. We hope those who haven't yet tried the technology will learn how.

**Dear Readers:** Tomorrow (Wednesday) is Administrative Professionals Day. If you have assistants who make your job easier, please

let them know they are appreciated.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## A Valuable Defensive Signal

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**NORTH**  
♠ K J 5  
♥ Q 8  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K Q 10 9 4

**WEST**  
♠ A 7 3  
♥ 9 7 5 3 2  
♦ J 8 6  
♣ 7 5

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 4  
♥ A K J  
♦ 10 9 3 2  
♣ 8 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 10 8 6 2  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ A K Q 4  
♣ J 6

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

Opening lead — three of hearts.

**Perfect defensive play** is extremely difficult, and it would be next to impossible without the aid of many useful conventions that have been devised through the years.

**One defensive weapon**, the suit-preference signal, is not used nearly as often as it should be. Although suit-preference signals are utilized mostly in suit contracts in connection with a ruffing situation, there are times when this signal can be profitably applied to notrump play.

**Take this case** where West leads a heart against three notrump. Declarer hopefully plays the queen from dummy, but East wins with the king and continues with the ace, West playing the deuce to indicate that he led from a five-card suit.

**When East next cashes** the jack of hearts, catching South's ten, West has a chance to use a suit-preference signal. Since his 9-7-5 are all equals at this point, the card he plays on the jack is, or should be, significant to East.

**If West were now to play** his lowest heart, the five, he would be asking his partner to shift to the lower-ranking side suit — in this case, diamonds. (A club shift is obviously out of the question.) If West were instead to play his highest heart, the nine, he would be asking his partner to shift to the higher-ranking side suit — in this case, spades.

**Note that without** a suit-preference signal to guide him, East would probably choose the safer-looking diamond return at trick four, allowing declarer to escape with nine tricks.

**But after West signals** for a spade return by playing the nine of hearts on the jack, East has no trouble shifting to a spade to defeat the contract two tricks.

Tomorrow: Plotting the course of play.  
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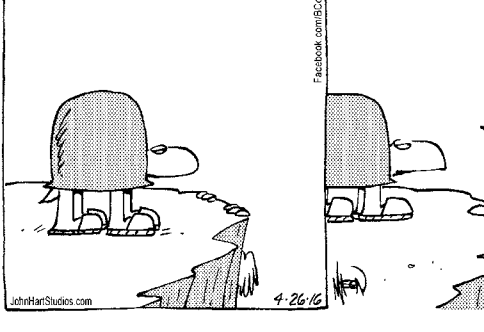
PICK A PLACE WHERE WE CAN JUST HAVE FUN! NO FIGHTING! CAN YOU DO THAT?

**BLONDIE**



GEEZ! HE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL... I HATE TO DISTURB HIM

**BC**



OKAY, I GET IT. I'M SORRY I MADE FUN OF THE BRAKE-PAD SHOES.

**WIZARD OF ID**



YOU MONGOL SCUM! YOU'VE WIPED OUT HALF OUR FISHING VILLAGE

**BLONDIE**

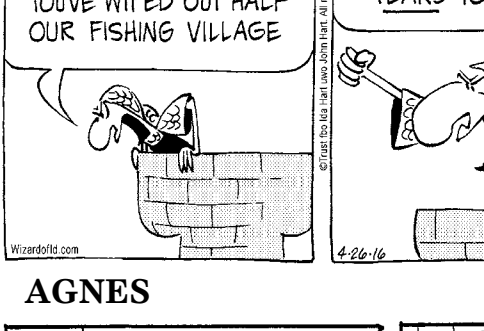


murder and sentenced to death. (Frank's death sentence was commuted, but he was lynched by an anti-Semitic mob in 1915.)

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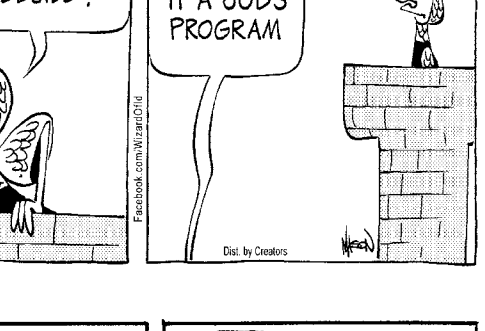
Today is Tuesday, April 26, the 117th day of 2016. There are 249 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 26, 1886, a major accident occurred at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine (then part of the Soviet Union) as an explosion and fire caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere over much of Europe, forcing hundreds of thousands from their homes in the most heavily hit areas.

**AGNES**



I FOUND A FULL OAN OF SPRAY PAINT IN THE DUMPSTER BEHIND TEDS USED KARPET!

**HI AND LOIS**



HM... LABEL'S GONE... LET ME GIVE IT A TOOT AND WE'LL TAKE A LITTLE LOOKY-LOO!

**Newsday Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
1 Cyberauction site  
5 Infatuated, informally  
9 Be of one mind  
14 Dole (out)  
15 Flattened circle  
16 Coffee lighter  
17 Valuable piece in Scrabble  
19 Seashore  
20 Right-angle shaped letter  
21 Meat inspection agcy.  
22 Jury venues  
23 Mislead  
25 Treat with contempt  
27 Short memo  
29 Had a football field meeting  
33 Deck of 52  
36 Before long  
38 Generic dog name  
39 Clarinet relative  
40 Sudden gush  
41 Kids' block brand  
42 \_\_\_ Sir or Madam...  
43 Get fatigued  
44 Tricky puzzle  
45 Stately source of shade  
47 Farm tower  
49 Raise with a crane  
51 Prime-regulating syndicate  
55 Add more to a heap  
58 Hand strap  
60 Bullring shout  
61 Mixes with a spoon

**DOWN**  
1 Plant firmly  
2 Southern gal  
3 In any way  
4 Craving  
5 Made preparations  
6 All fired up  
7 Elaborate parties  
8 Ginger \_\_\_ (soft drink)  
9 Harmony of opinions  
10 Skyscraper entrance's locale  
11 Bring up  
12 Toward Portugal  
13 911 responders: Abbr.  
18 High praise  
22 Dracula's title  
24 Where to "sweep" troubling facts  
26 Household tasks  
28 Catchers of  
30 Twists the truth  
31 Outer border  
32 Entryway  
33 Secret message  
34 Eve's second son  
35 Wander  
37 Owned by you and me  
40 Beer mug  
44 Primary strategy  
46 Henhouse perches  
48 Spike of frozen water  
50 Pick up the tab  
52 Discussion subject  
53 Justice Kagan  
54 Give away a secret  
55 Whispered call  
56 "Pay \_\_\_ mind"  
57 King of beasts  
59 Make revisions to  
62 Numbered hwy.  
63 Hosp. staffers

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**THE OTHER COAST**



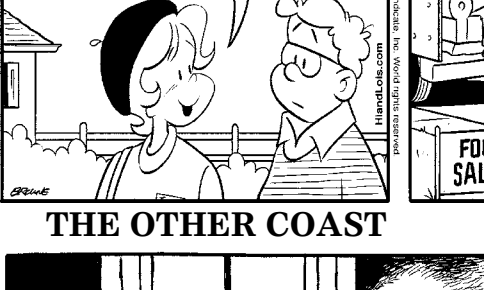
SO WHERE IS YOUR FAMILY STAYING WHILE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOUSE?

**SNUFFY SMITH**



NOTHING FOR US, THANKS. WE'RE JUST GOING TO EAT THE TABLE ARRANGEMENT.

**BEETLE BAILEY**



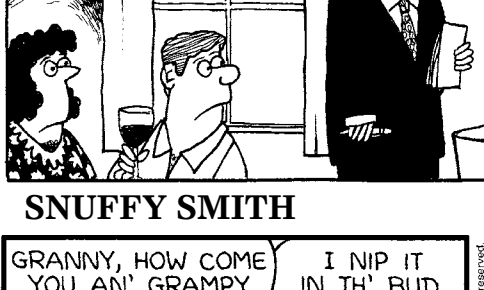
GRANNY, HOW COME YOU AN' GRAMPY NEVER ARGUE?

**BEETLE BAILEY**



WHENEVER I'M WRONG... I FERGIVE HIM !!

**BEETLE BAILEY**



WE'RE VISITING FROM CAMP BLITZ!

**BEETLE BAILEY**



I SNEAK AWAY FROM THOSE MEETINGS

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# RANGERS

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"His split ... anything that started at your thigh went straight to the ground."

After Eovaldi (1-2) walked Mitch Moreland to start the eighth, Dellin Betances took over and promptly got Elvis Andrus to ground into a double play before Brett Nicholas hit his first career homer. Andrew Miller worked a perfect ninth for his fifth save.

Texas was coming off a three-game sweep at the Chicago White Sox which included its first shutout of the season.

"We faced a stretch of pitchers that match up fairly well against us. Those guys in Chicago were pretty challenging," manager Jeff Banister said. "Eovaldi, he's the type of guy when he's throwing strikes, he can make it extremely challenging for you. ... I believe this offense will get going."

Jacoby Ellsbury and Starlin Castro had solo homers for the Yankees off Cesar Ramos (0-1), the lefty starting in place of Cole Hamels (sore groin). Ramos allowed three runs



**New York Yankees pitcher Nathan Eovaldi throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers on Monday, April 25, 2016, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Brandon Wade)**

pitching into the seventh, with five strikeouts and two walks.

Rangers starters have gone at least five innings in all 20 games this season, the longest season-opening streak in team history. The Chicago Cubs (19) are the only other MLB team with five-plus innings for every starter this season.

Eovaldi is only the second major league player from Alvin, Texas. The other is another big right-hander: Nolan Ryan, who threw a record seven no-hitters. He threw 66

of his 98 pitches for strikes with six strikeouts and two walks.

"I feel like I've progressed in each outing," Eovaldi said. "It was good for everything to come together in this one."

**NECESSARY MOVES**

The Rangers optioned right-hander Nick Martinez to Round Rock after purchasing Ramos from that Triple-A team. Texas also had to make room on its 40-man roster for Ramos, so they transferred right-hander Keone Kela from the 15-day to 60-day disabled list.

# COWBOYS

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2009 with Stephen McGee — the only quarterback Dallas has drafted in the past 15 years.

"We could certainly in the right situation there on the board, we could pick a quarterback down from those first two that are logically thought to be picked early," Jones said.

Ohio State's Ezekiel Elliott figures to be the first running back taken, and the Cowboys are likely to have that opportunity. But Dallas is just a year removed from devaluing that position enough to let 2014 NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray go in free agency.

Dallas also added former Washington back Alfred Morris in free agency, with Darren McFadden returning after leading the Cowboys with his second career 1,000-yard season.

"I think he's worthy of being in the top 10 for sure," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "Where we ultimately end up with him is still a work in progress."

Florida State cornerback Jalen Ramsey fits the profile Dallas prefers through the versatility to play safety, but he didn't force any turnovers his last year with the Seminoles. The Cowboys were last in the NFL in takeaways.

"They didn't go at him very much," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "He's an impact guy and covers in man to man, he covers in zone. He can rush. He's just one of those guys who jumps off the tape at you."

Asked if he thought his roster was closer to the 12-4 of the division-winning season than the reversal of a year ago, Jerry Jones simply said, "Yes." And that means in addition to Romo, he's counting on strong returns from receiver Dez Bryant (broken foot) and cornerback Orlando Scandrick (torn knee ligaments).

"Am I naive enough to think that we're not going to have some injury? No, we'll have some injury," Jones said. "You've got to count on something. Those are good to count on because those are proven winners."

And he seems set on trying to find another one high in this year's draft.

# MAVS

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most part, we got whatever we wanted on the offensive end."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points. Though the 37-year-old forward said Monday that he plans to finish his career as a Maverick unless the team decides to rebuild, Dallas coach Rick Carlisle is still going to recruit him.

"We've got to hope that this isn't Dirk's last game as a Maverick," Carlisle said. "He has the option to become a free agent. I'm ready to get on a plane to go to Germany and recruit him to be back. I don't think we can take that for granted. I think we have to give him that kind of respect."

Dwight Powell scored 16 points, Justin Anderson had 14 and Zaza Pachulia added 12 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Mavericks, who were hampered by injuries throughout the series.

Westbrook scored 13 points in the first quar-

ter to help the Thunder take a 35-24 lead. The Mavericks closed to 57-55 in the second quarter, but Oklahoma City finished the half strong to lead 68-61 at the break.

Durant scored 20 points in the first half. Nowitzki scored 17 and Pachulia added 12 points, seven assists and five rebounds in the first half to keep the Mavericks close.

"We had it where it was a four-point game," Nowitzki said. "Westbrook heaves one from 35 feet, and all we need is to get the rebound, but Roberson gets the loose ball and lays it in. I feel like that sums up this entire series. Every time we were right there, they always came up with every loose ball the entire series."

After that, Durant hit a fadeaway and was fouled by Nowitzki, who was then called for a technical. Durant made both free throws to put Oklahoma City up 113-103 with 2:49 to play.

**INJURED MAVERICKS**

Center Salah Mejri and forward David Lee

missed the game with injuries. Mejri initially strained his right hip in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. The 7-foot-2 rookie from Tunisia started the play-off opener against the Thunder, then came off the bench the next three games. Lee sat out with a right plantar fascia injury.

**QUOTABLE**

Nowitzki on Westbrook: "He's pretty much unguardable. He can drive left. He can go right. He can finish at the rim with the best of them. He's probably the best offensive rebounding guard this league has ever seen. If

he makes those pullups behind a screen, there's not much you can do but high-five him and tell him, 'Good game.'"

**TIP-INS**

Mavericks: Had just seven rebounds in the first quarter. ... Shot 52.6 percent in the first quarter and still trailed by 11 at the end of the period. ... Pachulia's nine assists were a career playoff high.

Thunder: Durant was coming off his first game with fewer than 20 points since Nov. 10, 2015, a span of 67 straight games. ... Adams' 15 points were a career playoff high.

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# HAWKS

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something the team is focusing on.

"We're just taking it game by game. We're not really thinking about streaks, because that's what we were doing at the beginning of the year and that was hurting us mentally before a series would even start," he said. "So we're just taking it game by game and trying to grind out every at-bat and every pitch."

Up next for the Hawks is a four-game series with El Paso Community College. Smith says

with wind in the forecast, it will be important for his pitchers to play well.

"They have one really good arm, and the weather plays such a role in this park depending on how the wind blows, and it's supposed to really blow next Friday," he said. "So that can be really difficult on anybody, especially in a game one or game two situation where you've got to spend a lot of arms to get through it."

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