

Cancellation of uncontested elections on tap for city council

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members plan to cancel two of the three May 5 City Council elections at their meeting Tuesday evening, because the incumbent is running unopposed in each case.

The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The planned action will cancel the elections for Place 4 and Place 6. Incumbents Howard Stewart (4) and Jim DePauw (6) have both filed to run

for re-election, and no challenger has stepped up in opposition to either of the two councilmen.

The cancellations leave Place 2 the only contested City Council race this May. Current incumbent Carmen Harbour has not filed for re-election, but three men, Johnnie Lee Rawls, Eric Escamilla, and Doug Hartman, have filed bids to replace Harbour on the council.

In other business, council members will review agenda items regarding plans to increase both the

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Mark your calendars for Pints for Polio



File photo Shown above are attendees of 2017's Pints for Polio.

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

It's almost time to clink glasses for polio as The Greater Rotary Club brings the 3rd Annual Pints for Polio to Howard County on March 24 at the downtown Courtyard, located on 11`9 S Main St, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Pints for Polio is a beer and wine sampling event. Proceeds go toward the Rotary's International Polio Eradication Project. and also to the Rotary's local projects within

"We will have a live and silent auction again this year. Some of the things that will be up for auction are signed jerseys and sports memorabilia from pro athletes such as Jason Witten, Dak Prescott and a few other big names," said Dodd. "We will also have some very special things up for auction that people will not want to miss out on. We are just trying to do our part to help a greater good and get the community involved. Pints for Polio serves a purpose of not only providing assistance to the cause of eradicating polio, but it's also a way for people of the community to come together and have a little fun." Half of the proceeds go to fight the cause for Polio, and the other half goes to The Greater Rotary Club to help aid in their other community helping services. Tickets are on sale today, and they can be purchased at any of the following locations: The Big Spring Visiting Center, The Train Car, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, and also from any member of the Rotary Club. "If you buy them now, the tickets are \$30 a person and \$50 for a couple. On the day of the event, every ticket will run \$30 a person," said Dodd. "It's getting bigger every year, and this year we are hoping to fill The Courtyard capacity of 400 people. I encourage everyone to come and have some responsible fun while serving a greater cause."

Steers put on a show



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Edward Aguilar hits down the first base line during the Steers' baseball game against Stephenville on Friday, February 23, 2018. The Steers hosted Stephenville and Decatur in a tournament over the weekend. See Sports, Page 7.

CHS student designs logo for The Academy's first Great Shake event

the community.

"In the early 80's, the number of polio cases was out the roof and was a genuine fear," said Barney Dodd, one of the event organizers. "Today there are less than 20 cases a year, but we want to completely eradicate polio and this is one way to help that cause."

The Rotary Club is teaming up with Glazers Distributors and Porter's, who both will donate 40 different beers and wines for the guests of Pints for Polio to sample at the event. Each guest will also receive three tickets sto redeem for a full glass of your favorite sample, along with a commemorative pint or wine glass. Also featured at this year's fundraiser, attendees can expect light hors d'oeuvres for snacking.

Live entertainment by Spur 327, a four-man band based in Lubbock, will also be on tap for this event, along with items up for auction, and of course a variety of adult beverages.

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Special to the Herald

Coahoma High School junior Aaron Rodriguez was notified recently that his logo design was selected for The Academy's first Great Shake event.

"I was very excited," Rodriguez said upon learning his design was chosen adding once he saw his logo on display, "I find it pretty amazing that I did that."

Rodriguez spent a week creating the logo using his class time and coming in the mornings to work on the design. Initially, the CHS junior used pencil and paper to sketch out ideas before product.

Although Rodriguez enjoys art and graphic design, he is considering a career in the nursing professional after graduation but added he will continue to nurture his artistic skills despite



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coahoma High School junior, Aaron coming up with Rodriguez, displaying the logo he designed for The Academy's the idea of the final 2018 Great Shake event.

what career path he may choose.

The Great Shake will showcase The Academy students' abilities to greet and communicate with

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Special to the Herald

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Obituaries

George T. "Pat" Murphy, George T. "Pat" Murphy, 86, of



Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, in a Midland hospital. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Baptist Church. Graveside services will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Parkland Cemetery in Agra, Oklahoma under the direction of Palmer-Marlar

Funeral Home in Cushing, Oklahoma.

He was born April 16, 1931, in Avery, Oklahoma to Henry Murphy, Sr. and Ruth Corneau Murphy. He married Betty Wonderly Feb. 16, 1956, in Stroud, Oklahoma.

Pat graduated from Kendrick High School in Kendrick, Oklahoma, in 1949. He joined the United States Army in October 1952, serving in Korea on the front line, and was released from the Army in August 1954. He received the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with 2

David Eugene Pope



David Eugene Pope, 89 graduated to Heaven on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27,2018, at Myers and Smith Chapel by Rev. Randy Cotton and Rev. Time Dunn. Visitation will be Monday ,Feb. 26,2018 from 6 p.m. To 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David was born Aug. 22,1928,

in Novice, Texas, to Rose and James Pope. He married Margie Dean Smith in Abilene, Texas, on March 19, 1947. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 until 1955. He worked in Civil Service at Webb Air force base for 22 years before retiring in 1978. He later worked for Big Spring ISD retiring in 1991.

He was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church and served as one of the door greeters every Sunday morning. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Coleman Masonic Lodge No. 496, Coleman ,Texas.

Preceding David in death are his parents, James and Rose Pope, two sisters Ruby Greenhill and Madie Little, two brothers Lewin Pope and Wilbur Pope.

Florine Guinn Longshore



Florine Guinn Longshore, age 99, of Brownwood formerly of Big Spring went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018.

Graveside Services for Florine will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blaylock Funeral Home of Brownwood. Arrange ments are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home of Brownwood.

Bronze Service Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge a Purple Heart Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After leaving the service, Pat worked for Kerr-McGee Oil Company in Cushing, Oklahoma and moved to Big Spring January 22, 1962 to work for Cosden Refinery, retiring Dec. 31, 1993. Pat coached Little League baseball and YMCA basketball and was an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Murphy of Big Spring; one brother, Henry Murphy, Jr. of Oilton, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jeffery Ralph Murphy; and a sister, Helen Murphy.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch. com.

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Those remaining behind to cherish David's memory include his loving wife Margie Pope; daughter Pamela McMillian and husband Lane of Big Spring; three grandchildren, James McMillan of Big Spring, Debra Gilliland and husband Chad of McKinney, Texas, Audrae Larson and husband Tim of Springfield, Mo., four great grandchildren Megan Newton and husband Austen of Big Spring, Brandon Larson and wife BaiLee of Big Spring, Courtny Christian of Springfield, Mo., Mackenzie Gilliland of McKinney, Texas. One great-great grandchild Grant Larson of Big Spring. Two sisterin-laws, Doris Pope, and Mattie B.Smith and numerous nephews and nieces. A special friend Jan Condray and husband Carl.

The family extends a special thank you to the caregivers from Visiting Angels who made David's life bearable during his illness, their wonderful care and compassion was a God send.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mobile Meals and Trinity Baptist Church Mission Fund 1701 E. FM 700 Big Spring, Texas

Pallbearers are Jim DePauw, Craig Ingram, Tim Martin, Keith Long, Larry Cotton, Dick Murphy.

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

Paid Obituary

tended First Christian Church in Brownwood and Big Spring. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, whom will be dearly missed.

Florine is survived by 2 sons, Paul Guinn and wife Judy of Brownwood, A.L. "Poley" Guinn and wife Carolyn of Homer, LA; 4 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and 2 great-greatgrandchildren. She is also survived by several other relatives and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her 2 husbands, Frank Guinn and Roy Longshore; son, Melvin Guinn; and grandson, Frank Edwin Guinn.

Melvin Daniels

Melvin Daniels, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday Feb. 24, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margarita Corralez Margarita Corralez, 78, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Francis "Kika" Salazar

Francis "Kika" Salazar, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clifford Balzer



Clifford Balzer, 86, of Keller, formerly of Big Spring, passed Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring with Pastor Michael Seay officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan (and husband Nicky) Neves of Dallas, and Janet (and husband Robert) Rebhan of Los Angeles, California; one son, Clifford "Chip" Balzer of Midland; his five grandchild; ten great-grandchildren and six nieces and nephews.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Sue.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the Sue Montgomery Balzer Nursing Scholarship Endowment at Howard County College in Big Spring.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Mike Moreno Ortega



Mike Moreno Ortega, 60, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018. Prayer Service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Derrell Patterson, pastor of First United Methodist, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 16, 1958 in Big Spring.

Mike is survived by his son, Mark Ortega of San Diego, California; daughter, Sonya Martinez and her husband Jake of Midland; grandchildren, Iris and Zoey Martinez, and Uriah Ortega; mother, Margaret Ortega; brother, Arthur Ortega of Big Spring; sisters, Debbie Ortega of McKinney (Richardo Garcia), and Linda Lopez of Austin (Mike); and several nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Margarito Mendoza Ortega in 2009.

Florine was born on Feb. 11, 1919, to George and Nora (Pearson) Hall in Centralia, Illinois. She at-

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences for the family are welcome at www.blaylockfuneralhome.com.

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

Police blotter, Sherriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• CODY RAY THOMPSON, 32, of 538 Westover Rd., was arrested on a warrant of terroristic threat cause fear, and on a charge of prohibited use oh knuckles.

• KRYSTAL EVE YANEZ, 29, of 3610 Century Ave., was arrested on a warrant of theft of property.

• WESLEY MATHEW TAY-LOR, 40, 0 transient, was arrested on a warrant of violation of probation, and unauthorized use of vehicle, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• LOUIS EUGENE VELA JR., 40, of 1406 E 14th St., was arrested on a warrant of assault to family house member.

• ANASTASIA LEONICIA LOZANO, 32, pf 507 W 6th St., was arrested on a warrant of assault to public servant.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Johnson St.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on 6th and Taylor. • **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4000 block of Aspen Rd.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• ARMANDO AVINA, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT, 29, was arrested by BSPD on charges of resist arrest search or transport, and public intoxication.

 ROBERT MARVIN CAR-SON, 50, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• SAVANNA MARIE CO-EFIELD, 57, was arrested by DPS on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

• MITCHELL ALAN DUSH, 39, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and expired registration.

• LUIS RAMON GARCIA JR., 38, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of burglary of habitation.

MICHAEL WELDON GOBBS, 38, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of prohibited weapon knuckles and possession of drug paraphernalia.

 TRADERO QUMAN GREEN, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of criminal mischief less than or equal too 100=750.

• CHARMIN JOHNSON, 45, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of forgery financial instrument.

CRYSTAL DAWN KOLACEK, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft by check.

• ANASTAIA LEONICIA LO-**ZANO**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of assault to public servant.

> ELIZIAH WILLIAMS

MILLS, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JAMES BART MOORE, 43, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and accident involving damage to vehicle.

• MARCES DIONE MOR-GAN, 38, was arrested by DPS on warrants of two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and two counts of failure to identify and or identify fugitive.

• ALEXIS JANELL SCAGGS, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• BULLY WAYNE STARR, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.

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 JONNY CLIFFORD WIL-LIAMS, 59, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• KRYSTAL EVE YANEZ, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a war-

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Remembering the 1993 World Trade Center bombing

By JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Survivors and others are set to gather at ground zero for a solemn tribute to victims of the first terror attack on the World Trade Center, the deadly bombing 25 years ago.

Monday is the anniversary of the blast, which killed six people, one of them pregnant. The planned commemoration in cludes a Mass at a church near the trade center and a ceremony on the 9/11 memorial plaza, with the reading of victims' names and a moment of silence at 12:18 p.m., when the bomb exploded and became a harbinger of terror at the twin towers.

"While overshadowed by 9/11, the 1993 bombing represented a pivotal moment in the history of the World Trade Center, in the history of New York City, and, frankly, our own national reckoning with terrorism in a global age," said Sept. 11 museum president Alice Greenwald, whose institution has a permanent exhibition on the bombing and a special installation to commemorate the anniversary. "It had so many of the elements that we would later come to associate with 9/11."

The bomb, in an underground parking garage, was set by Muslim extremists who sought to punish the U.S. for its Middle East policies, according to feder-



AP photo

A visitor to the National September 11 Museum, in New York, Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, looks at a timeline of events of the Feb. 26, 1993 truck bomb attack at the World Trade Center. It was a terror attack that foreshadowed Sept. 11: the deadly World Trade Center bombing that happened 25 years ago Monday.

al prosecutors. Six bombing suspects were convicted and are in prison, including accused ringleader Ramzi Yousef — a nephew of self-proclaimed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. A seventh suspect in the bombing remains at large.

An estimated 50,000 people fled the blacked-out twin towers, some groping their way down smoky stairs, others rescued

from stalled elevators or plucked from rooftops by police helicopters. More than 1,000 were injured.

A memorial fountain dedicated to the 1993 bombing was crushed in the attacks that destroyed the towers on Sept. 11, 2001. But bombing victims' names are now inscribed on one of the memorial pools that bear the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed on 9/11.

went back to the drawing board and incorporated the modifications suggested by the panel. The revised designs were submitted for final selections. "The panel had a

very tough time deciding on the final selection," said Coahoma ISD Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs. "All the submissions were incredibly creative, and we had a very difficult decision to make. We are so proud of our students.'

The 2018 Great Shake event is open to all The Academy students grades kindergarten through eighth. Representatives from the Howard County business community have volunteered to participate by shaking hands with the contestants. The volunteers will then score each handshake.

The 2018 Great Shake contest will be

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members of the community while exuding confidence, poise and a genuine interest in the individuals they are meeting.

"We want our students to gain this knowledge now so in the future, they know how to project confidence and professionalism in all situations,² said Charlotte Stovall, Coahoma ISD curriculum director.

A call went out for ideas to all the students of Mrs. Karen McGinnes, multimedia instructor at Coahoma High School. Freshmen, Brooklynn Calley, Danielle Deatherage, Alex Grant, Jae'Li Hernandez, Maliyah Martinez, Richard Thurman, and juniors, Madie Bosley, Aaron Rodriguez, and Naomi White spent a week creating original logo designs. Some worked independently while others collaborated as they explored ideas for the logo.

"I really enjoyed being able to observe the students as they progressed through the phases of this logo challenge," McGinnes said. "Some of them immediately had an idea and needed guidance in utilizing the graphics programs to bring their ideas to life. Other designs seem to morph as the students juxtaposed the elements they wanted to include in the design. A highlight for me was watching the students' pride radiate as they presented their ideas. Many valuable skills were gained from this process.'

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, each designer or set of designers presented their logo to a panel of Coahoma ISD administrators and staff. With feedback in hand, the designers

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5 dead after tornado, flooding from central US storms

By JOHN RABY

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The death toll rose to at least five on Sunday after severe thunderstorms swept through the central U.S., spawning a tornado that flattened homes, gale force winds and widespread flooding from the Upper Midwest to Appalachia.

The system that stretched from Texas to the Canadian Maritime provinces had prompted several emergency declarations even before the dangerous storms arrived.

In southwestern Michigan, the body of a 48-year-old man was found floating in floodwaters Sunday in Kalamazoo, city Public Safety Lt. David Thomas said. Police were withholding the release of his name until notifying relatives. Thomas said the death didn't appear suspicious but the cause wasn't known. An autopsy was planned as early as Monday. Kalamazoo has hard hit by flooding from last week's heavy rains and melting snow. In Kentucky, authorities said three people died. Two bodies were recovered from submerged vehicles in separate incidents Saturday.

vehicle that was in a ditch in in western Kentucky near Morganfield, the Henderson Fire Department said on its Facebook page. The body has been sent to a medical examiner for an autopsy.

And a male's body was pulled from a vehicle in a creek near the south central Kentucky community of Franklin on Saturday, the Simpson County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. The victim's identify was being withheld pending notification of relatives.

About 20 miles (32 kilometers) away, Dallas Jane Combs, 79, died after a suspected tornado destroyed her Adairville home earlier Saturday, the Logan County Sheriff's Office told media outlets. Sheriff officials said Combs was inside the home when it collapsed on her. Combs was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities said Combs' husband was outside putting up plastic to keep rain out of the home when he was blown into the basement area. He sustained minor injuries. The fifth death was in northeast Arkansas, where an 83-year-old man was killed after high winds toppled a trailer home. Clay County Sheriff Terry Miller told KAIT-TV that Albert Foster died Saturday night after the home was blown into a pond.

About 50 miles (80 kilometers) away, the National Weather Service said the roof was blown off a hotel in Osceola, about 160 miles (257 kilometers) north of Memphis, Tennessee.

In Middle Tennessee, the National Weather Service on Sunday confirmed an EF-2 tornado with maximum winds of 120 mph (193 kph) hit Clarksville on Saturday.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Sandra Brandon said at least four homes were destroyed and dozens of others were damaged, while 75 cars at a tire plant parking lot had their windows blown out or were tossed onto one other.

"To look at what I'm looking at and know we didn't lose anybody is just a miracle," Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett told The Leaf-Chronicle. At Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, a teenage girl was hit by falling debris at a college basketball game after an apparent lightning strike knocked a hole in the arena's roof Saturday night. School director of marketing and digital media Kevin Young said the 15-year-old girl was taken to a hospital as a precaution. The extent of her injuries weren't immediately released.

A body was recovered from a

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Hotel/Motel Tax Fund budget and the General Fund budget.

Two items seek to increase the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund budget by \$20,000 and by \$50,000, respectively. The \$20,000 increase is "for the purpose of estimting additional hotel/motel tax revenue"; while the \$50,000 bump is "for the purpose of adding to the CVB (Convention and Visitors Board) event funding," according to the meeting agenda.

A third item asks to raise

the General Fund budget by \$21,452.50, "for the purpose of purchasing ticket writers" for the police department. The money is coming from a JAG Grant targeted for this purpose.

Council members will also:

• Discuss a planned reduction in natural gas utility rates by ATMOS Energy, and consider the first reading of an ordinance approving a tariff authorizing a rate review mechanism with AT-MOS.

• Consider the first reading of a resolution amending the city's sexual harassment policy and procedure.

 Consider approval of an amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement with Howard County for the shared operation of the Law Enforcement Center, and for combined dispatching services.

• Consider approval of City Manager Todd Darden's appointment of Erin MacKenzie to the Civil Service Commission.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

> Martin County Hospital

held in March.

The Academy is an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the kindergarten through eighth grade designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. The program is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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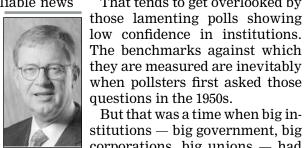
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But that was a time when big in-

rule in American history.

tudy: 90 Percent Of Americans Strongly Opposed To Each Other." That's the headline on a story in what, on some days, seems to be America's most reliable news

outlet, The Onion. We laugh (or at least I did) because it strikes a chord. Americans of many different political outlooks today seem united in believing that we are experiencing the worst times in the nation's history. President Donald



ship.

unanticipated prosperity in the years that followed. They had arguably earned the confidence they enjoyed.

If you had been able to ask Americans those questions in the years before George Gallup conducted his first poll in 1935, it's likely that they would often have expressed low confidence, as they did starting in the late 1960s.

The years of rapid industrialization and high immigration and farmer rebellion, the period after World War I, the Great Depression — all of which brought lots of discord and disillusion would have made for negative marks. Not to mention the arguments over slavery that led to the Civil War — or the bitter Adams-Jefferson debates. Talk about 90 percent of Americans being opposed to each other!

Against these events, today's woes seem less fearsome. We are told that Russian internet trolling is the worst foreign attack since 9/11. But it's nothing like what we faced with the Soviet-controlled Communist Party, which, with many well-placed advocates, opposed Franklin Roosevelt in 1940 (during the Hitler-Stalin pact), supported him in 1944 (when the Soviets were U.S. allies) and opposed Harry Truman in 1948. Anti-Communist liberals — such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Hubert Humphrey and Arthur Schlesinger —

as well as conservatives, weighed in against this genuinely dangerous foreign interference.

What about the peculiarities of Donald Trump? I can remember other presidents who, despite impressive credentials, behaved very oddly, to say the least. Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, for example, smart men with 30 and 20 years of high-level experience, respectively. And don't forget Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan, whose misbegotten policies and ineptness led to civil war.

Then there's the notion that the almost universally unexpected result of the 2016 presidential election represents a giant popular upheaval. Not so much, when you look at the numbers. Trump got 46 percent of the vote, 1 point less than Mitt Romney did in 2012, and Hillary Clinton got 48 percent, the same as John Kerry in 2004.

What did happen is that Trump, in effect, traded off votes from some highly educated whites in return for about the same number from non-college-educated whites, in a way that netted him 100 extra electoral votes. Russian trolls had no more to do with that than a bunch of kids sporting MAGA hats at a rally.

It would be nice to get some aspects of the Midcentury Moment back (more two-parent families), but no one wants some others (racial segregation laws). In the meantime, read Steven Pinker's "Enlightenment Now," on human progress in reducing violence, improving health and increasing prosperity. Many important things are getting better.

And remember that The Onion is parody.

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For Trump and CPAC, What a Difference a Year Makes

ne year ago, when the Conservative Political Action Conference convened for its annu-

istration was committed to "the and selfie-seekers wherever he deconstruction of the administrative state."

Trump later fired both aides.

walked at the conference — even though he ran against Trump as a Libertarian candidate for presi-

Trump's detractors talk about how he's a neurotic

voters' choices.

worse, before.

jobs.

neo-Nazi establishing a dictator-

ship. Trump's fans talk about the

existence of a deep state that uses

secret protocols to undermine

Both sides have some cause

for complaint. But their claims

are overheated. Anyone familiar

with the long course of Ameri-

can history — perhaps a smaller

category than in times past —

knows that, whatever our prob-

lems, things have been worse, far

Many of us look back to a time

when Americans shared a con-

sensus on cultural values and

when we are told that high school

graduates or even dropouts could

easily snag well-paying blue-collar jobs. That's a reasonably ac-

curate description of America in

the 1950s on cultural values and

of parts of America — the union-

ized industrial areas — on those

Trump's unspecific slogan,

"Make America Great Again,"

probably strikes most listeners

as a promise to restore the seem-

ingly culturally unified America

of the two decades after World

War II. Democrats' calls for

strengthening labor unions and

job protections evoke the 1950s,

the time of peak union member-

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DAILY PRAYER

May our journey on earth include Your companionship, Lord. Amen. al gathering, participants were positive about Donald Trump's 2016 election victory, gleeful that Hillary Clinton did not win, but unsure about what the future would bring. So they danced around their new leader's ascent gingerly.

(There was also the issue of CPAC's failure to endorse Trump as wholeheartedly as his base. In 2016, Trump ended up cancelling his planned speech at CPAC under threat of a walkout, and he came in third in CPAC's presidential straw

poll.)

Schlapp, Matt Ameriwhose can Conservative Union puts on the event, noticed the change this year from 2017.

"Last year I think people were a little bit still little in a state of shock. You know,

did this really happen?" Schlapp told the Review Journal. "This year I think there's more of a feeling of, it's working. For conservatives the agenda that the president's put out there is just working so well."

Trump was aware of the group's misgivings. At the start of his 75-minute address Friday, he said, "Remember when I first started running? Because I wasn't a politician, fortunately. But do you remember I started running and people would say, 'Are you sure he's a conservative?' I think now we've proved that I'm a conservative, right?"

A year ago, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus sat with Chief Strategist Steve Bannon at a session designed to defuse stories about a feud between the two. Bannon famously announced that the Trump adminThe important thing is "the president is still deconstructing the administrative state," David Bossie, long-time Trump adviser and head of the conservative group Citizens United, asserted after Trump's CPAC address.

John Cox, a businessman who is running for California governor as a Republican, said he didn't think that Trump, a former Democrat whose positions often varied from GOP doctrine, was truly conservative.

"I didn't vote for him," said Cox, who has attended CPAC conferences for years.

Would he vote for Trump in 2020? "Absolutely, with bells on," Cox answered, who is thrilled with Trump's judicial picks and the effective U.S. assault on ISIS.

Trump still grates on Cox, who acknowledged that for all the policy pluses, "the trouble is the personality." Cox described Trump as the opposite of President Barack Obama, who is highly likable as a human being, but whose policies offended Cox.

As a candidate in a very blue state (with no Republicans in statewide office), Cox is aware of the difficulties Trump could present for his campaign. And it's not just because of Trump. Cox also blames the media for "unrelentingly negative" coverage.

Former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson thinks Trump's tenure in the White House will make it impossible for a Republican to win statewide in another blue state, New Mexico.

"If you're running," he explained, "you'd be expected to defend him."

As for Nevada's governor's race, Johnson predicted a Democratic win — then posited that his 2016 election loss suggests he is no expert.

It says something about CPAC that Johnson met well-wishers

dent in 2016.

While most attendees seemed happy to embrace Trump as a fellow conservative, Johnson was not so sure. Yes, he said, Trump is conservative "in some ways. He reduced taxes — but he didn't reduce spending and I think that's part of the conservative equation."

Johnson presented a view on Trump that runs contrary to what others say. He thinks Trump doesn't rate as a conservative because he does not communicate well.

"I don't know his thought process," said Johnson. "Part of the art of governing is to communicate why you do things. I think he's done a really poor job of that."

As an example, Johnson said, he doesn't understand Trump on Afghanistan. "What's your information on Afghanistan that you're doubling down on Afghanistan, instead of getting out, which is what you said during the campaign?" (Presidents can change their mind, Johnson stressed, he just wants to know what factors led to the change.)

Other CPAC attendees confided their misgivings on an off-therecord basis, but they wanted to stay on the Trump train.

Schlapp, whose wife, Mercedes, a high-profile defender of conservative causes in her own right, joined the White House communications team in September, said, "The room itself with the president, we've never had that many people in that room. And he had a lot of fun in the speech. He connects with these people."

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Federal team investigating deadly Dallas house explosion

DALLAS (AP) - Federal investigators arrived in Dallas Sunday to look into a suspected natural gas leak that caused an explosion at a newly renovated house, killing a 12-year-old girl and injuring four other members of her family.

Ravi Chhatre, head of a three-person National Transportation Safety Board team, said he was early in the process of gathering information after firefighters Friday found the home shattered but no fire. Four injured people were in the front yard and one of them was holding the unconscious girl, Linda Rogers, who was pronounced dead at a hospital.

"We don't want any community to go through a tragedy like you guys have," Chhatre said at a news briefing shortly after arriving at the scene. "We don't want homes getting exploded."

Two other gas-related problems were reported last week in the neighborhood where a construction crew had been working. City officials on Saturday lifted a mandatory evacuation order for about 300 families in the area but natural gas service was suspended.

He said the NTSB had jurisdiction because of the case involved an apparent pipeline accident, a fatality and damage.

Asked if he had any preliminary findings, Chhatre replied, "Right now, I haven't reached anything. Right now, I'm looking to see where I move."

He said he might have "a better picture" in a couple of days but said the agency's investigations typically take six months to a year, depending on nature of the accident.

"We don't rush any investigation," he said. "Accuracy is more important to us."

East Texas man could get death sentence for child death

KOUNTZE, Texas (AP) — Jurors this week in Hardin County in East Texas begin hearing testimony on whether they should send a 40-year-old man to death row or life in prison after they convicted him of the torture death of his girlfriend's 4-year-old daughter.

Lawyers for Jason Wade Delacerda say prosecutors used emotional testimony and evidence to compensate for insufficient evidence to link the Kountze man to head injuries that killed Breonna Nichole Loftin in August 2011.

The Beaumont Enterprise reports prosecutors told jurors who convicted Delacerda Friday that the child's autopsy showed three parts of her brain bleeding, multiple fractures, burns, bruises, blisters, piercings and marks from standing on bottle caps.

Defense lawyers made no opening statement during the trial's guilt-innocence phase, called no witnesses and cross-examined none of the prosecution witnesses.

Austin-area officer directing traffic hit, seriously hurt

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — A suburban Austin police officer has been struck and seriously injured while directing traffic at the scene of a fatality.

Police in Round Rock, north of Austin, say they were summoned Sunday morning to a crash along Interstate 35 and found a body in the roadway.

They say the officer was hit by a vehicle while

Border Patrol's checkpoints overlooked in debate over wall



Vehicles wait for inspection at the Border Patrol's Laredo North vehicle checkpoint in Laredo, Texas, on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018. When traffic backs up at Laredo North, agents say they sometimes have to speed up inspections to try to move vehicles through more quickly.

By NOMAAN MERCHANT **Associated Press**

LAREDO, Texas (AP) - As vehicles line up at the Border Patrol's checkpoint a half-hour drive's north of the U.S.-Mexico border, its agents have around 10 seconds to check each driver and decide which few they will stop for additional inspection.

It's a situation challenged constantly by smugglers, sometimes with deadly consequences. In July, 10 migrants died after a tractor-trailer packed with people made it through Laredo North, only to be discovered two hours later in a Walmart parking lot in San Antonio. Dozens of others streamed out of the trailer, gasping for air.

The Border Patrol considers its 34 permanent interior checkpoints along the United States' southern border such as Laredo North a crucial layer of its strategy to stop smuggling. The checkpoints inside the U.S. can be up to 100 miles (161 kilometers) from any border, in addition to the ports of entry where people face inspection when coming into the country. But agents who work the Laredo North checkpoint say they're understaffed and sometimes overwhelmed by traffic. And while top Border Patrol officials say President Donald Trump's proposed border wall would help them cut the number of overall smuggling cases, some critics don't believe a wall would reduce illegal immigration and is drawing attention and money away from the checkpoints and other critical needs on the border. The Trump administration's latest budget proposal includes \$1.6 billion to start building a wall that the administration has estimated will cost \$18 billion. It asks for funding to hire more Border Patrol agents. It also includes \$33 million to build a new Border Patrol station in Freer, Texas, northeast of Laredo. But it doesn't directly address needs at other checkpoints, and it proposes zeroing out new spending on tactical infrastructure like roads used by border agents and replacement border fencing.

that constructing a wall will lead to smugglers trying to dig more tunnels.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Laredo Democrat who sits on the U.S. House subcommittee directing homeland security funding, wants U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Border Patrol's parent agency, to invest in additional scanners and other improvements at Laredo North, as well as interceptor boats and radio towers for remote border areas. Cuellar also says the government should fund retention bonuses to keep agents from leaving the patrol.

"They're taking money away from proven law enforcement systems to put it into this 14th century solution," Cuellar said.

A CBP spokesman declined to comment on the budget request.

Built in 2006, Laredo North sits 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of the Rio Grande, the river separating the U.S. and Mexico in Texas.

All of the approximately 9,000 daily vehicles that pass Laredo North's seven lanes get an inspection. An agent checks immigration documents and talks to each driver. A camera reads license plates, and another agent guides a dog around each passenger vehicle to search for hidden people or drugs. A fraction of vehicles are sent to a secondary inspection, where agents interview the driver further and search the vehicle. The occasional tractortrailer is directed to a mobile Xrav machine that scans the interior of the truck. Opponents argue the checkpoints unlawfully restrict the movement of immigrants in the U.S. illegally who live in South Texas, pointing to incidents like the brief detention of a 10-yearold Laredo girl with cerebral palsy who needed surgery at a hospital north of the checkpoints. A Government Accountability Office study released in November said problems with Border Patrol data made it impossible to determine how effective the checkpoints are.

a tractortrailer that had been flagged for extra inspection. But the Border Patrol's largest union a y s agents have low morale and believe large loads of people and drugs are able to get through. "Our

AP photo

agents are understaffed and overworked,"

said Hector Garza, the Laredo representative of the National Border Patrol Council. "Even though they have all these forces against them, they go out there and try to do their best."

Local Border Patrol officials argue that a wall would help agents catch more people at the border, cutting down on the number of cases making it to the checkpoints. In many smuggling cases, authorities say, migrants enter separately and are bundled into trailers on the U.S. side.

But Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, an expert on migration who is an associate professor at George Mason University, believes that if a wall is built, immigrants would just find other ways to enter the U.S., including paying smugglers to bring them over in tractor-trailers. Rather than cross the Rio Grande, they would count on successfully sneaking through established ports of entry and interior checkpoints, she argued.

directing traffic during an investigation of the fatality.

Authorities say the driver who struck the officer is being held.

The name of the injured officer hasn't been immediately released.

Mother, 17, arrested for death of newborn in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A 17-year-old El Paso woman is facing a capital murder charge for the stabbing and death of her newborn child earlier this month.

El Paso sheriff's deputies say Erica Gomez was arrested Friday.

Authorities say she gave birth to a baby girl at her home and the child was found dead about 12 hours later on Feb. 9, wrapped in a bathrobe inside a storage shed. Investigators say the child was left there immediately after birth and that the baby had stab wounds and cuts to her neck and body.

Deputies found the dead child after they'd been summoned to the home to do a welfare check.

Gomez is jailed on an \$800,000 bond.

Gunman in car kills Dallas woman, 18, inside apartment

DALLAS (AP) – A Dallas woman has been killed and her sister wounded after police say they were shot by a gunman in a car while they were inside their second-floor apartment.

Police say the 18-year-old woman and her 16-yearold sister heard a disturbance outside their home Saturday afternoon and when they went to a window to look they were shot.

Nequacia Jacobs was pronounced dead at a hospital. Her sister is in serious condition but is expected to survive.

Police are looking for the gunman who was described as inside a white car with tinted windows and black wheels.

The proposal also would end funding for efforts to find and destroy border tunnels built by cartels to get under existing barriers. Border securi-

Agents do make big catches at such checkpoints. In January, agents at another Laredo checkpoint discovered 76 people inside

"What is the route or what are the means people are going to take?" Correa-Cabrera said. "The ones that they perceive as safer."

After illegal border crossings hit a 45-year low last year, according to the Border Patrol's statistics, the agency says apprehension numbers have started to rise. Despite the Trump administration's efforts to discourage people in Central America from migrating to the U.S., authorities in both the U.S. and Mexico are still catching trailers filled with people who sometimes pay \$5,000 or more to cartel-controlled smugglers to be taken north.

As for cases like the one in July where 10 people died, Jason Owens, the chief Border Patrol agent for the agency's Laredo sector, said his people are trained to make quick decisions about whether to order an extended inspection. But the number of vehicles at times "obscures the ability of the agents to concentrate on the legitimate threats," he said.

"It hits all of us very hard," Owens said. "Nobody wants to see somebody perish trying to make it into this country to seek a better life for themselves."



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Steers win 3 of 4 in weekend tournament at Steer Park

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Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Brett Berringer catches a strike during the Steer's 9-6 loss to Stephenville on Friday, February 23, 2018. The Steers won their second game of the day, played against Decatur, by a score of 7-6.

By STEVE BELVIN

Staff Writer

Close games were abundant for the Big Spring Steers varsity baseball team as they hosted the Stephenville Yellowjackets and the Decatur Eagles in a last-minute tournament held Fri-

day and Saturday at Steer Park. It Trailing 6-5, the Yellowjackets scored turned out well for the Steers as they five runs in the sixth inning to snatch won three out of four games.

GAME 1 STEPHENVILLE 9, BIG SPRING 6

the win from Big Spring.

Tristan Myrick started on the mound for Big Spring and lasted an inning. He Despite out hitting the Yellowjackets allowed fours runs on two hits. He was 11-6, Big Spring let this one slip away. followed by Chris Ibanez and Derrick

Renteria. Ibanez pitched four-and-two third innings for the Steers.

Big Spring scored three runs in the fourth inning via hits by Noah Gonzales, Brayden Sizenbach. Jason Miramontes and Edward Aguilar.Noah Gonzales all had multiple hits for the Steers.

GAME 2

BIG SPRING 7, DECATUR 6

In this game the Steers made the comeback. Trailing 4-2 after five innings, Big Spring scored five runs in the sixth to win it. Aguilar's double drove in the winning run. First baseman, Cade Wash, had a big game for the Steers as he went three-for-four at the plate which included a double, and drove in four runs. Gonzales singled twice for Big Spring.

Renteria pitched five innings for the Steers, allowed four runs on five hits and struck out seven. Gonzales pitched the sixth inning for Big Spring and allowed two hits while striking out the side.

GAME 3

BIG SPRING 9, DECATUR 8

The Steers escaped in this one as they got out of a bases loaded jam in the seventh. The Decatur batter was caught looking at a called third strike from Big Spring pitcher Munoz.

The Steers scored two runs each in the second and third innings, and three runs in the sixth. Wash and Aguilar broke off two hits each and drove in two runs apiece

for Big Spring.

GAME 4

BIG SPRING 6, STEPHENVILLE 5

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Rockets beat Nuggets 119-114 for 12th straight win

By MICHAEL KELLY

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The Houston Rockets had not been in many close games lately, though they showed they're capable of winning those, too.

James Harden had 41 points and eight rebounds, Chris Paul scored 23 points and the Rockets beat the Nuggets 119-114 on Sunday night for their 12th straight victory.

Harden had 27 in the first half and seven in the fourth quarter, when the Rockets held off a late Denver rally. Harden has scored 40 or more points nine times this season. He finished

quarter, we've got to finish games off like that," Harden said. "It was a good thing we finished the game off the right way down the stretch. We got stops when we needed to and we made shots."

Nikola Jokic had 21 points and 14 rebounds for Denver, which had its four-game winning streak snapped. Will Barton added 25 points.

"Obviously the first two times we played that team the game was not even close, so to make it a game and to fight all the way to the end was great to see," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "I thought the game was decided in the last two minutes of the first quarter." That was when Harden took over. He scored 14 points in the last 2:47 of the period and assisted on Houston's other two baskets to end the period, when the Rockets extended the lead from five to 13.

cut it to a point with a 3-pointer. But the Nuggets' leading scorer, who finished with six points on 2-of-12 shooting, misfired and Harden hit two more free throws to make it 112-106 with 1:17 left.

His step-back jumper with 46 seconds left clinched it for Houston.

"Those guys play hard, they play really well here, too," Paul said. "Mike does a great job of letting those guys play. They play free, they play hard and they play together. That's why the game was the way it was."

TIP-INS

Rockets: Harden was fouled three

Gordon missed his second straight game due to illness and third overall. ... C Nene did not play against his former team. Nene is being rested on back-to-back games and will play Monday in Utah.

Nuggets: Jamal Murray had 19 points. ... Jokic was two assists shy of his fourth consecutive triple-double. ... G Devin Harris had four fouls in four minutes of the first half. The Rockets scored 12 points on those plays. ... F Torrey Craig missed his second straight game a left hamstring strain and hasn't played in the last four overall.

with seven assists.

"We haven't been in too many close games but it was cool to have that feel," Paul said.

The Rockets are 21-4 since Dec. 29 and own the best record (46-13) in the NBA. They are outscoring teams by an average of 12.5 points during the 12game winning streak. The five-point win Sunday was their closest game during the streak, although Houston was up big early in the fourth.

"Having a 17-point lead in the fourth

Houston led by as many as 18 but Denver rallied in the fourth. Jokic's tip with 2:12 left made it 110-106 and after Joe Johnson missed from the corner, Gary Harris had a chance to

at the plate as they knocked in three

inning, four in the third and six

singled on a hard ground ball. earlier, Zack Schneider belted

brought Z. Schneider home with

hard ground ball to left field. The

double out to left field to put scoring position at third. Lo-

Holmes scored the first run for the bottom of the third after times on 3-point attempts and converted one four-point play. ... G Eric

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AP photo

Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray (27) goes up for a shot against Houston Rockets forward Brandan Wright (32) during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018, in Denver.

Bulldogs fall to Slaton Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldog varsity baseball team lost to the Slaton Tigers 13-3 Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers were hot runs in the second in the fifth. Zach the Bulldogs in Gaige Hill One play a line drive Holmes in gan Franklin a single on a

Bulldogs the ended

A double on a fly ball out to center field by Hill sent Z. Schneider across the plate in the bottom of the fifth for the last Bulldog score of the game.

third behind 7-2.

Hill, Franklin and Z Schneider all went 2 for 3 at the plate. Hill had two RBIs for the game, and Franklin had one. Branden Pearson went 1 for 3 at bat.

Coahoma went through four pitchers over five innings.

The Bulldogs will return to the field on Tuesday when they take on Post in Post. The JV game begins at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity game starts at 6 p.m.

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ARIES (March

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

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five of spades Opening lead -

B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, was playing in a tourna-ment many years ago in Juan-les-Pins, France, when this deal arose. His partner was Dorothy Hayden, and their East-West opponents were two Frenchmen they had never seen before. West doubled two diamonds, which was certainly reasonable, and led a spade.

Mrs. Hayden, South, won East's queen with her ace and returned a ow heart

Fearful that the heart might be a singleton, West rose with the ace, on which East — who wanted no other

Tomorrow: Things are tough all over. ©2018 King Features Syndicate Inc

suit led — played the jack. West then returned a heart, won by South with the ten.

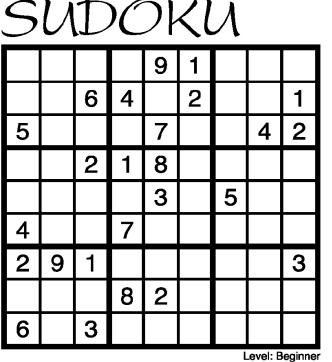
Aware that the trumps were stacked against her, Mrs. Hayden now led a low diamond from her hand. West won with the ten but was endplayed! Whatever he returned, he had to give away a trick. Hoping to find East with the king

of clubs, West played the A-10 of that suit. Mrs. Hayden won with the king and returned the five of diamonds, again putting West in a losing position

If he took the jack and exited with club, declarer would ruff and play West to play a heart to the K-Q. And if he ducked the diamond, hoping East could win the trick, West would lose one of his trump tricks. West was thoroughly licked, and he knew it. In practice he ducked, and Mrs. Hayden made two diamonds doubled.

Later that day, Rixi Markus, England's top woman player, approached Becker and said West had asked her: "Who is that tall, attractive English woman who is such a good player?

Mrs. Markus, recognizing from the description that it was Mrs. Hayden, answered: "If she's attrac-tive and English, she's not a good player; if she's English and a good player, she's not attractive; and if she's attractive and a good player, she's not English!'



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis

destination; any one it's courage. If vulnerability occurs out of

will do. Without a destination, you'll spend time and effort in moving and still feel as if you're getting nowhere. Give yourself the satisfaction of arrival. It really is a good sort of satisfaction to achieve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe the culinary experts taste the spice in the sauce, but most people taste "ranch dressing" and not buttermilk, herbs, mustard seed, etc. Don't explain what went into your "recipe"; just go for the overall effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can save yourself a lot of hassle by choosing right in the first place. This will be true for relationships, tasks, items... just about everything you do. Put thought into the beginnings. Also, if it doesn't feel right, don't even start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Skilled actors know that even if they are playing someone deplorscrutiny. Is this really what you want to repeat? One little tweak could make a world of difference. Dare to go for exactly what you prefer.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a flipbook kind of day. You'll go quickly from scene to scene. Your mind fills in the blanks, making it seem like movement -- but that's just an illusion. So be sure to appreciate each individual "still" while you're on that page.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To suggest that you're supportive would be an understatement. Sometimes it's as if you're holding the whole thing up by yourself. Just don't let this be the constant, or they'll become weak and dependent on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you have a limited amount of energy to spend on a problem, you're better off doing nothing than chasing down every possible lead. You can afford to be selective. There's a big difference between action and intelligent action.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Feb. 26). You're not the same person you were last year, and by your next birthday, you'll have evolved again. You'll get funding for a project, and an adventure begins. In April, love sparks your creativity. A new interest will have you making big plans in May and following through for most of the summer on them. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 5, 3, 33 and 38.

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know it's a game, but that's not the point. It's still an experience, and an experience is still your life. Whatever the stakes may be, whatever the prize is, play full out. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Pick a

able, they must use a nonjudgmental kind of compassion to find the motivation behind villainy. This will apply in the case of your figuring someone out today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a new pattern emerging in your personal life. Give it

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Husband Looks at Photos of Women, Revisited

Dear Readers:

Recently, I printed a letter from "Never Gonna Be Good Enough." She was fed up with her husband's looking at titillating photos of women online and was curious about how other readers have approached this issue in their marriages. The diversity of opinions is remarkable.

Dear Annie: You invited readers to respond about husbands' "frequently looking at women." Many women have complained about this to you. Could it be that most men are by nature attracted to viewing beautiful women without any intention

of being unfaithful to their wives? Perhaps this is something wives (and girlfriends) just need to accept as natural and something they shouldn't get offended by. -- Realistic and Honest Man

Dear Realistic and Honest Man: | appreciate your honest perspective. Read on for a vastly different one.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Never Gonna Be Good Enough" is worse than useless. He's never going to change this habit that gives him pleasure, no matter how much pain it causes his wife. To answer her question, no, this is not just the way men are. It's the way he is. A man who truly cares about his wife and sees her as an equal partner in

their relationship does not treat her this way. A narcissist who lacks empathy and cares only about his own needs and desires is "never gonna be good enough" to be a real husband. There is no middle ground that would work for both as you suggest. There is only total capitulation by the wife (and its attendant misery). My advice: Sweetheart, pack your bags -- or his -- and get out of this toxic relationship before you start to actually believe that you are to blame for your husband's juvenile, cruel, abusive behavior. -- Old Enough to **Know Better**

Dear Old Enough to Know Better: | think the following letter addresses the same issue to which

you speak -- the husband's apparent lack of concern for her feelings -- but with a bit more hope for redemption. Take a look.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: | wonder why this man feels the need to tell his wife that she is being ridiculous for feeling insecure about his looking at pictures of women on the internet. Maybe it's an attempt, albeit a clumsy one, to reassure her. But it's disrespectful to judge someone's feelings when she comes to you with a concern. I'm thinking that she might be more inclined to feel better after a genuine (and gentle) conversation about it.

Maybe looking at pictures of pretty women makes him happy. Why not just

say so while reassuring her that he doesn't find her any less attractive because of it? A simple "I'm so sorry, because it isn't my intention to hurt you, and the issue isn't that you're not enough" would be a nice start. In fact, looking at those pictures may be enhancing his attraction to his wife. (We men are a little more complicated than we let on sometimes.)

If he's smart, what he won't say is that his wife is being silly for feeling a little hurt or insecure or anything else. Ever. --Greg in NYC Dear Greg:

Agreed. And I think the following letter underlines your point. Dear Annie: What

she should really be concerned about isn't

her husband's actions. It's his reaction. Some men like to look at women in that context; some don't. But a significant other is expected to be understanding of his or her partner and to make compromises. Respect is the one boundary all relationships should have in common. -- Respect Is the Name of the Game

Dear Respect Is the Name of the Game: I couldn't have said it better myself.

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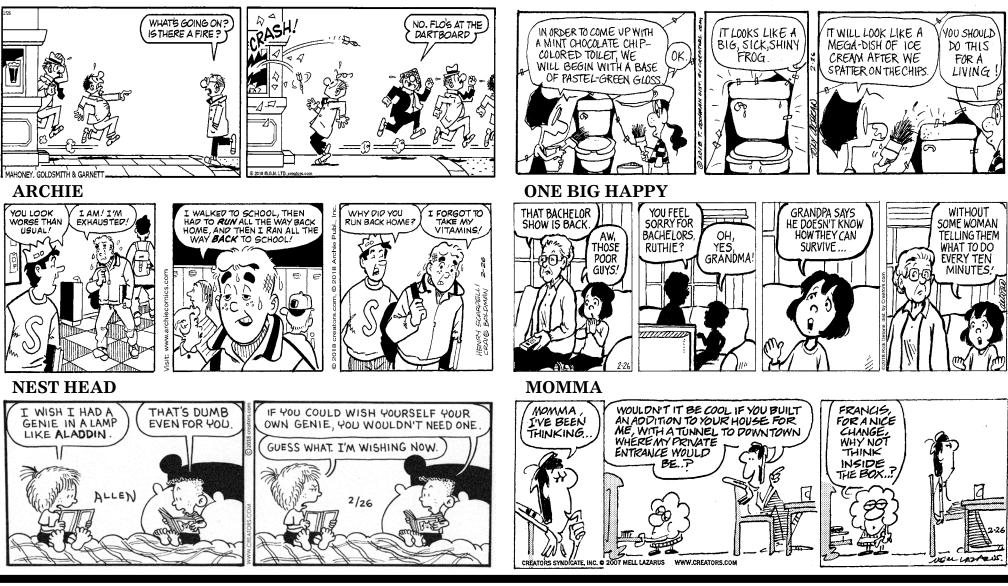
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2018. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1993, a truck bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of the North Tower of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. (The bomb failed to topple the North Tower into the South Tower, as the terrorists

Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1998, a jury in Amarillo, Texas, rejected an \$11 million lawsuit brought by Texas cattlemen who blamed Oprah Winfrey's talk show for a price fall after a segment on food safety that included a discussion about mad cow disease.

Ten years ago: A power failure later blamed primarily on human error resulted in sporadic outages across large parts of Florida. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Beijing, won a verbal assurance from Chinese officials to use their influence to

Actress Marta Kristen (TV: "Lost in Space") is 73. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 68. Singer Michael Bolton is 65. The president of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan (REH'-jehp TY'-ihp UR'-doh-wahn), is 64. Actor Greg Germann is 60. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., is 60. Bandleader John McDaniel is 57. Actor-martial artist Mark Dacascos is 54. Actress

Jennifer Grant is 52. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 50. Singer Erykah Badu (EHR'-ih-kah bah-DOO') is 47. Actor Maz Jobrani (TV: "Superior Donuts") is 46. Rhythm-andblues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 46. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 45. Rhythm-andblues singer Kyle Norman (Jagged Edge) is 43. Actor

Greg Rikaart is 41. Rock musician Chris Culos (O.A.R.) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 39. Country singer Rodney Hayden is 38. Pop singer Nate Ruess (roos) (fun.) is 36. Tennis player Li Na is 36. Latin singer Natalia Lafourcade is 34. Actress Teresa Palmer is 32. Actor Alex Heartman is 28. Actress Taylor Dooley is 25.

Thought for Today:

"One resists the invasion of armies; one does not resist the invasion of ideas.' Victor Hugo French author (born this date in 1802, died 1885).

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ACROSS

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had hoped; both structures were destroyed in the 9/11 attack eight years later.)

On this date: In 1616, astronomer Galileo Galilei met with a Roman Inquisition official, Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, who ordered him to abandon the "heretical" concept of heliocentrism, which held that the earth revolved around the sun, instead of the other way around.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba and headed back to France in a bid to regain power.

In 1904, the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional establishing Mount act McKinley National Park (now Denali National Park) in the Alaska Territory.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional act establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1945, authorities ordered a midnight curfew at nightclubs, bars and other places of entertainment across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, astronaut John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, "Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run."

In 1970, National Public Radio was incorporated.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued a report rebuking President jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs. The New York Philharmonic, led by Lorin Maazel, performed a historic concert in North Korea before the communist nation's elite. Former Israeli military chief Dan Shomron, who commanded the 1976 hostage rescue at Entebbe, died in Tel Aviv at age 70.

Five years ago: A deeply divided Senate voted, 58-41, to confirm Republican Chuck Hagel to be U.S. defense secretary. A hot air balloon burst into flames during a sunrise flight over the ancient Egyptian city of Luxor and then plummeted 1,000 feet to earth, killing 19 tourists (one tourist and the balloon's pilot survived).

One year ago: At the 89th Academy Awards, "Moonlight," an LGBT coming of age drama, won three Oscars, including best picture of 2016 (in a startling gaffe, the musical "La La Land" was mistakenly announced as the best picture winner before the error was corrected). Joseph Wapner, the retired Los Angeles judge who presided over "The People's Court" from 1981 to 1993, died at age 97. Kurt Busch won the Daytona 500, surviving a crash-filled season opener to win the race for the first time in 16 tries.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Tom Kennedy is 91. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 75. Actordirector Bill Duke is 75. Singer Mitch Ryder is 73.

Answer to previous puzzle														
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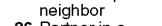
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SPORTS

Lady Hawks win one, lose one vs. San Jacinto



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Four photos from Howard College Lady Hawks' 13-11 win in the second game of a double header played with San Jacinto on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. Howard dropped the first game, 9-7. Top left, Victoria Sorokina slides safely into home to score a run; top right, left fielder Madoline Seumalo sprints to catch the ball; bottom left, center fielder Mackenzie Mitchiner catches a fly ball; bottom right, first baseman Alexis Velazquez catches a throw from third for an out.



Paralyzed ex-UConn hoops player now a curling Paralympian **By PAT EATON-ROBB**

AP Sports Writer

NORFOLK, Conn. (AP) — Steve Emt was rolling himself up a hill to a pie shop in Falmouth, Massachusetts, when the coach of a wheelchair curling team noticed the former UConn basketball player.

The shop's name was Pie in the Sky. An interesting coincidence, Emt thought, when Tony Colacchio approached him and suggested that within a year he could turn Emt into a Paralympic athlete in a sport he'd never heard of.

It took a few years, but next month, Emt will compete in the Paralympic Games in South Korea as the vice skip of the United States curling team.

"The sport just bit me," he said. "With everything that has happened to me in life, I've learned to stop asking why. Everything happens for a reason."

He was a student at the U.S. Military Academy in when he lost his father, a man he says was his best friend, mentor and coach. His dad's death, he said, led to falling grades at West Point and a decision to come home to Hebron, Connecticut, where he was a basketball and soccer star in high school. Jim Calhoun said he learned from his players about this big, tough kid playing intramural games at UConn. Calhoun, who also had lost his father at a young age, gave the 6-foot-4, Emt him a chance to walk on to the Huskies. He played with the likes of Ray Allen, Donyell Marshall and current coach Kevin Ollie from 1992 to 1994.

"Coach Calhoun stepped right in as a father fig- positive." ure," Emt said. "He became a person I could talk to, a person who demanded the most out of me, showed me what it was to never give up, to give 100 percent every day.

Emt said he needed those values, instilled by his dad and drilled home by Calhoun to help him survive what came next.

A year removed from UConn, Emt lost his ability to walk when he decided to get into his truck after a night of watching basketball and drinking with friends at a bar in East Hartford. He drove off Interstate 84, flipped five times into a bridge abutment going about 80 mph. He broke most of his ribs and his back, severing his spinal cord.

What followed were surgeries and months of rehab, learning to open a door by himself, put clothes on, make toast.

"There were two days at the beginning I couldn't

A while later a friend asked Emt to mentor a trouble teen. That gave him some direction. He wanted to work with kids; he wanted to be an example. Emt eventually went back to school, became a math teacher and for 20 years, a high school basketball coach.

He said he never had the desire to play wheelchair basketball. He has tried several other adaptive sports, even racing a hand cycle in the 2010 New York marathon.

But then in July 2012 he went on vacation to Cape Cod, and decided to get some pie.

About a week after their meeting at the pie shop, Colacchio convinced Emt to come watch an international tournament, called a bonspiel, which was being held on the cape. During that tournament, the coach called to say a Canadian team was missing a player and asked if Emt would be willing to drive from his home in Connecticut to fill in. He'd have to learn the game between midnight and 4 a.m., after the curling tournament had ended for the day. No problem. The math teacher fell in love with the angles of the game, figuring out how hard to throw the stone down the ice and how much curl was needed to make a shot. Colacchio said he was immediately impressed by Emt's dedication. His star pupil now practices about 20 hours a week.

HOUSTON

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DIFFERENT DEFENSE, SAME RESULT

The Nuggets lost by 25 and 30 points in Houston earlier this season, so they changed how they guarded the Rockets on Sunday by switching more on defense. Harden found himself going against the 7-foot Jokic and 6-11 Mason Plumlee a lot of the night. The new look didn't bother him.

"We've seen a lot of defenses, and no matter who

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This one was an extra inning affair as Munoz singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning.

After Stephenville scored tree runs in the third, Big Spring answered right back with four runs in the bottom of the inning powered by doubles from Gonzales and Anthony Sarmiento.

Aguilar started on the mound for Big Spring. The 12-hit Big Spring attack was paced by Wash,

Gonzales and Van Fleet, all had three hits each. The Steers will return to action on Tuesday as they play Midland Lee at 4 p.m. in Midland.



get out of bed. I hit bottom. I was questioning a lot of things," he said. "I was 25. I could have played professional basketball in Europe. I could have played professional soccer. All that was gone. I messed up. What now?'

Calhoun gave him some advice.

"I didn't want people telling him how tough he had it," Calhoun said. "I told him, no, you're not going to play in the NBA, but you weren't going to do that anyway. So, why not put those good things you do have, your mind, your toughness, into something

they put on James it's a pretty good chance he's going to score," Trevor Ariza said. "We give him the ball and let him make plays. It's been working out for us."

SIDELINE ASSIST

With Houston ahead 106-99 and 4:51 left, Ariza tried to save a ball off Harden's miss as it went into the crowd, but a fan sitting courtside grabbed the ball before he could get to it. Ariza pleaded with the referee that he had a chance to save it and then had



a lighthearted exchange with the fan.

"I think I probably could have gotten to it but he got to it first," Ariza said with a laugh. "It was all in good fun. He probably didn't think I was going to go after it."

The man got a cheer from the sellout crowd and a hand slap from Jokic as the center walked by.

UP NEXT

Rockets: At Utah on Monday night. Nuggets: Host the L.A. Clippers on Tuesday night.

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