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Lawsuit update on tap for trustee meeting

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

An update on a 2013 lawsuit filed against Big Spring ISD by owners of a residence near Goliad Elementary School is at the top of the agenda for district trustees when they meet tonight.

The original petition filed Aug. 1, 2013 in the 118th District Court for the plaintiffs, Ronnie Landis and Tammy Landis, against Big Spring Independent School District, Lee Lewis Construction and John Doe Nos. 1-5, claims the "defendants were negligent in the design of the school ground (Goliad Elementary School) by failing to design the school property to prevent flooding."

However, the court dismissed the case against Big Spring ISD on April 9, 2014. School district lawyers argued BSISD was "immune from the suit by the doctrine of governmental immunity, and therefore trial courts lack subject matter jurisdiction over negligence claims against a governmental entity absent the entity's express consent to be sued," citing earlier "well-settled law in Texas demonstrates that claims brought against a Texas school district are barred by governmental immunity," according to court records.

An appeal to contest the court's decision was filed for the plaintiffs, according to 118th District Court records.

In the amended petition filed in the 118th District court, lawyers for the plaintiffs

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What: Big Spring ISD trustee meeting.

Where: Big Spring High School board room.

When: 5:15 p.m. today.

Get that trash outta here!

Volunteers to scour Big Spring Saturday as part of annual Trash Off

By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

Take Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful and Don't Mess with Texas, mix them all together, and you have the annual Big Spring Trash Off day.

The Trash Off, organizers said, is a chance for citizens, business and organizations to show their pride and "Clean it up Big Spring."

On Friday clubs, individuals, businesses, groups etc can visit the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to sign up, give the number of people in their group, receive trash bags and get caution vests if needed.

Saturday will be the big day of trash picking. Those who signed up in advance will be able to enjoy hot dogs, chips and drinks between noon and 1 p.m. at the Heart of the City Park, located across from the courthouse. The park is also the location of the 30-yard containers for the

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File photo

A volunteer picks up litter during the 2014 Big Spring Trash Off. Volunteers will disperse throughout the community Saturday as part of this year's event.

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Celebrating deaf culture

Annual SWCIDFest to be held Friday and Saturday

By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) is throwing a party called SWCIDFest and everyone is invited. This event is in honor of the school's 35th anniversary of being a part of Howard College and the surrounding community.

The theme is "Hand in Hand: bringing communities together."

"We live here, we work here, we are apart of this community. A lot of people here do not know about the school, and we would just like to bring awareness to everyone" said Karen Bearden, an interpreter and member of the SWCIDFest committee.

"We would like the community to come enjoy a weekend of free, fun, family friendly activities." she added.

On Friday, the activities will include the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., followed by an ice cream social from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and ending with a Rattlesnake show from 7:30-9 p.m. All of this will take place at the SWCID Activity Center located at 3200 Avenue C.

On Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center, there will be activities from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Vendors will have booths set up, there will be a dunking booth and a horse demonstration. There will be fun day/kids activities that will include a bounce house, face painting, games and cake walks.

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Republican Party of Howard County

All Howard County conservatives are invited to hear Dr. Donald May speak at the monthly GOP meeting in the Cactus Room at Howard College at noon Monday.

May has been on the faculties of the University of Illinois, the University of Texas, the University of California, Tulane University and the Texas Tech Health Sciences University. He was a Major in the US Air Force and received the Air Force Commendation medal. Dr. May writes a daily conservative political column as "Mr. Conservative," atlubbockonline.com/conservative.

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Obituaries

Efren Nieves



Efren Nieves, Sr., 89, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2015 at Odessa Regional Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Minister Jose R. Martinez, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Efren was born Sept. 2, 1925, in Chihuahua, Mexico to Maria (Brito) and Jesus Nieves Sr. He married Vicenta Pena on April 13, 1983 in El Paso, Texas and they relocated to Big Spring in 1985. He was a self-employed carpenter and painter. He enjoyed working on cars, working in his yard and on his home. His most important things in life were his devotion towards the Lord and his family. He was a Christian.

Efren is survived by his wife, Vicenta Nieves of Big Spring; two sons,Jaime Nieves and Ashley Gonzalez and Efren Nieves Jr., and wife, Veronica, all of Big Spring; and one daughter, Lupe Roque and husband, Javier, of El Paso, Texas; his grandchildren; Stephanie Roque, Jocelyne Roque, Celeste Roque, Danica Bishop, Obri Guzman, (his Reyna) Vanae Nieves and Matthew Wood; sister-in-law: Lupe Nieves, her sons, Jesus Nieves Jr. and Dorian Nieves, all of El Paso, Texas.

In addition to his parents, Efren was preceded in death by one brother, Jesus Nieves Jr. and two sisters, Consuelo Acevedo and Luz Nieves.

Pallbearers will be Arthur Palomino, Daniel Thomas, Efren Nieves Jr., Jaime Nieves, Ivan Pina and Ismael Vargas. Honorary pallbearer will be James Phillips.

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

Paid Obituary

Police, Sheriff's report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• BRENNA LEDAE HILL, 23, of 601 W. 15th St. was arrested on warrants for two counts failure to appear, failed to signal required distance before turning, possession of drug paraphernalia and two warrants from other agencies.

• BERTHA SUSAN GARCIA, 43, of 1506 Wood St. was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespass of property/building/aircraft/vehicle.

• DONALD CERVANTES, 42, of 1609 Harding St. was arrested on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams; failed to maintain financial responsibility; driving while license is invalid; and four counts of fail to appear.

• PARTICIA ANN BACON, 42, of 910 E. 6th St. was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than $50 but less than $500.

• GERONIMO RAY CALDERON, 32, of 1701 Alabama St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

• DONALD CERVANTES, 42, of 1609 Harding St. was arrested on warrants for possession of controlled substance, less than 28 grams; sixwarrants from other agencies and issuance of a bad check.

• WELDON JAMES AKIN, 43, of 3304 W. Hwy 80 was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than $1500 but less than $20k.

• WARRANT SERVICE was reported in the 300 block of S. Main St. and the 5700 block of W. I H 20.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of Alabama St.

• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the intersection of 14th St. and Birdwell Lane.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main St.

• CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of E. 6th St.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

• WELDON JAMES AKIN, 43, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, more than $1500 but less than $20k.

• BRENNA LEDAE HILL, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding, 57 mph in a 45 mph zone; two counts of violate promise to appear; failure to appear; fail to signal appropriate distance before turn ;and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• BERTHA HINOJOS S. GARCIA, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespass.

• RAY CALDERON, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.

• PATRICIA BACON, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property more than $50 but less than $500.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• 7 p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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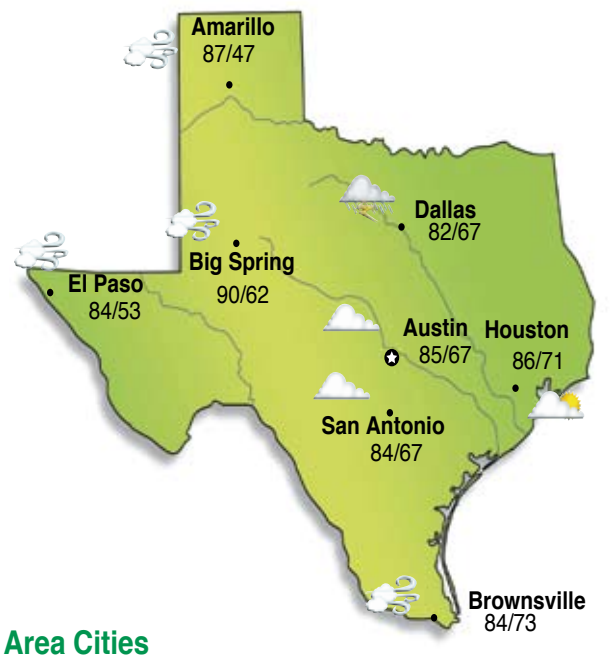
Martha Christy, 80, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 4/9	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12	Mon 4/13
90/62 Mostly cloudy and becoming windy.	**87/56** A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	**74/61** Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 60s.	**85/64** A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	**84/60** Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:25 AM **Sunset:** 8:10 PM	**Sunrise:** 7:24 AM **Sunset:** 8:11 PM	**Sunrise:** 7:23 AM **Sunset:** 8:12 PM	**Sunrise:** 7:21 AM **Sunset:** 8:12 PM	**Sunrise:** 7:20 AM **Sunset:** 8:13 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	66	t-storm	Kingsville	87	71	cloudy
Amarillo	87	47	windy	Livingston	85	68	pt sunny
Austin	85	67	cloudy	Longview	84	66	cloudy
Beaumont	82	69	pt sunny	Lubbock	89	50	windy
Brownsville	84	73	windy	Lufkin	88	70	pt sunny
Brownwood	84	64	t-storm	Midland	89	61	cloudy
Corpus Christi	79	71	windy	Raymondville	88	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	66	cloudy	Rosenberg	85	69	cloudy
Dallas	82	67	t-storm	San Antonio	84	67	cloudy
Del Rio	86	69	cloudy	San Marcos	85	67	cloudy
El Paso	84	53	windy	Sulphur Springs	82	67	cloudy
Fort Stockton	87	59	windy	Sweetwater	87	65	t-storm
Gainesville	81	65	cloudy	Tyler	84	67	cloudy
Greenville	81	66	cloudy	Weatherford	86	65	t-storm
Houston	86	71	cloudy	Wichita Falls	85	65	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	63	pt sunny	Minneapolis	55	39	cloudy
Boston	41	35	cloudy	New York	44	39	rain
Chicago	50	41	rain	Phoenix	74	47	sunny
Dallas	82	67	t-storm	San Francisco	62	47	mst sunny
Denver	69	37	windy	Seattle	64	42	sunny
Houston	86	71	cloudy	St. Louis	83	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	69	51	sunny	Washington, DC	54	47	rain
Miami	84	73	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



Full	Last	New	First
Apr 4	Apr 12	Apr 18	Apr 25

UV Index

Thu 4/9	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12	Mon 4/13
7	9	9	6	8
High	Very High	Very High	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. 0 — 11

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Work crews prepare to hoist signage at the newly constructed Dollar General Store located at the corner of Wasson Road and Randolf St. Wednesday afternoon. Construction of the new retail store seems to be nearing completion.

Take note

• The Young and Breastless, a Relay for Life team, will hold a garage sale Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The sale will be at 504 E. 13th St. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. If anyone has any items to donate to the garage sale, call Judye Pumroy at 432-638-2499 or bring the items to the garage sale.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon.

Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstrations, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

BSISD

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argue, "prior to the building of the campus for Goliad Elementary School, the campus was located upon a rise. Behind the plaintiff's homestead was an earthen berm. Heavy rainfall in the area would naturally drain away from the plaintiff's homestead on a path to the south and east of 1802 Benton (the residence owned by the plaintiffs) and follow a channel east of Big Spring," court documents state.

"Lee Lewis and Big Spring ISD undertook to change the terrain and landscape for the construction of the campus," court documents state. "Two features, among others were the removal of a the berm and the terracing of the campus. The campus thus sits with an artificial land depreciation. Based on the design, layout and construction of the Goliad Elementary School campus, water drains into the Landis property and floods it, causing structural damage."

Rains in August and September 2012 revealed the defect causing property damage, the document goes on and later states "Big Spring Independent School District has inversely condemned the property of the plaintiff's through the construction of the campus."

The amended petition states the plaintiff's are requesting a trial by jury and $250,000 award for damages as well as court fees and attorney's cost.

The Goliad Elementary School construction was one of four new elementaries built through a $60 million bond passed in 2010.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room, 707 11th Place.

In other issues, trustees are expected to consider

• An update on the district's accreditation probation status.

• Information about the REACH program.

• A donation by Tractor Supply

• Approval of instructional materials.

• Approval of the Howard County tax collection budget for 2015-2016.

• Personnel issues

• Set May 9 election canvass date.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

TRASH

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collected trash.

"We know that the April 11 is a busy day for the community with everything else going on. However, we didn't get to pick the day," said Lisa Brooks, President of Keep Big Spring Beautiful. "We understand if people are busy. They are still welcome to participate during April. They can get trash bags from the Chamber and report how many bags they gathered and where."

Businesses who would like to participate but are unable to on Saturday are welcome to pick a day in April to have their business pick up trash.

Anyone who does trash clean-up on their own is just asked to report the number of bags filled for disposal to the Chamber of Commerce.

"They can pick up trash in their neighborhoods, the park and just anywhere that there is a need" said Brooks.

To follow this event or receive more information, there is a Facebook page, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, or people can call the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Contact Julie Bass 263-7331 ext 232 or email life@bigspringherald.com

SWCID

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From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be nine-hole disc golf tournament.

Starting at 1 p.m.. there is canvas painting with Stacy Slaten for a $10 fee and free horse carriage rides through the park.

From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., there will be a pizza party and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. there will be "minute to win it" games with prizes.

Also, there will be a silent auction starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Those with the winning bids may pay for and pick up their items between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule concludes with a dance from 8-10 p.m.

"Everyone is invited to come to the Maddux Student Center at the SWCID campus for a continental breakfast and Sunday service. There will be an interpreter for our guests." said Bearden. The breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. and services are from 10:30 until around noon.

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Mary Dodd, 91, died Monday. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Noxville Cemetery in Harper, Texas.

Efren Nieves, Sr., 89, died Sunday. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Martha Christy, 80, died. Services are pending.

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Opinion

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Bathroom wars continue

More than 30 years ago, conservatives managed to defeat the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, which would have added "sex" to the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of equal protection, by frightening women into believing that it would outlaw separate bathrooms for men and women. In the years since, the courts have effectively done what Congress couldn't, prohibiting discrimination in virtually every aspect of American life — except, of course, bathrooms, which never were really at issue.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Then, as now, most establishments provide separate facilities for men and women. Those that don't — airplanes being the most familiar example — provide "restrooms" that can be used by both sexes. In addition, "family restrooms" have sprung up so that anxious mothers of little boys no longer have to choose between dragging our sons into the ladies' room ("I'm not a lady," my son used to complain) and sending them alone into men's rooms and then patrolling the exit.

I thought the bathroom wars were over, but I was wrong.

Where should a fourth-grader who is biologically a boy but identifies as a girl go to the bathroom?

In Stafford, Va., the school board, reacting to outraged parents, recently overturned the decision of a local elementary school that would have allowed the fourth-grader to use the girls' room. According to news reports, parents were afraid that letting this child use the girls' room would invite predators to prey on vulnerable children. "We have now opened the door for any predatory individual — student, teacher or anyone in between — within our school system to claim the gender identity to enter the restroom or locker room of the opposite sex to prey upon our children behind closed doors," one parent reportedly claimed.

At the meeting, a man who identified himself as the girl's father said he once agreed with such views, until his child changed his mind. "She's a very special person. I only implore of all of us as we move forward that we don't trade understanding for fear and that we don't trade misconceptions for hate."

No such luck in Stafford, where the local board voted 6-0 to force his daughter to use the boys' room.

Letting a fourth-grader who identifies as a girl use the girls' room will not lead predators to prey upon our children. In debates like this one, the fictitious would-be predators are almost always gay. (Remember the debates about barring gays from teaching, even though all of the evidence showed heterosexual abuse to be a far greater problem.) I suppose it could be seen as a step toward equality that at least here the would-be predators have to be heterosexual. One step forward, a dozen steps back.

Is it worth pointing out that girls' rooms provide individual stalls? Or that teachers use their own bathrooms? Or that most schools don't allow "anyone in between" teachers and students to enter school buildings?

Many of us grew up in a world that we thought was divided very simply between girls and boys. But we were wrong. The experts can explain it better than I, but some children are born with the "wrong" bodies. I can't begin to imagine just how difficult and painful that can be. But school should be a safe place. If other girls — or more likely their parents — aren't comfortable with that, then they need to learn some valuable lessons, not let ignorance reign, as it did in Stafford.

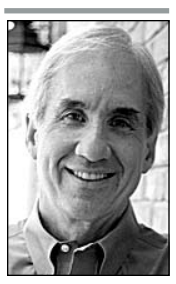
Equality demands respect for individual differences. If anything is an invitation to abuse, it is forcing a child who thinks of herself as a girl and dresses as a girl and holds herself out as a girl to use the boys' room.

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All politicians don't lie equally

Far too many people have become unacceptably cynical about the issue of integrity in politics, and it is having disastrous consequences. Only the scofflaws and reprobates benefit from such an unraveling of our ethical sensitivities.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

I'm sure you won't be surprised to find that I believe this phenomenon is occurring largely on the political left today, and no, I won't violate the very premise of my piece and lazily concede that both sides are equally culpable. It's inevitable that the side that believes in moral relativism and that the end justifies the means would lie far more often.

Indeed, the right generally believes in and adheres to higher standards, which is one reason it's always at a disadvantage in the political arena. Test it sometime; challenge someone to a fight using Marquess of Queensberry rules while your opponent is under no constraints.

Consider the claim by Harry Reid, the Democratic leader in the Senate, in 2012 that someone with investment firm Bain Capital had told him that Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney hadn't paid taxes for the previous 10 years. This was the reason, Reid charged, that Romney wouldn't release his tax returns.

This was a particularly effective lie because President Obama's strategy centered on depicting Romney as an uncaring rich person with no concern for the middle class or the poor.

It paired nicely with Romney's statement at a supposedly private meeting that he had no chance for the vote of 47 percent of the population. When added to news about Romney's vast personal wealth, his connections with Bain Capital and his proposal to reduce the tax burden, including on the top income earners, it was potentially devastating.

Reid refused to provide evidence for his charge, and when challenged on it, he defiantly taunted Romney. "Let him prove he has paid taxes, because he has not."

Now, two-plus years later and after we've suffered through another couple of long years of the Obama presidency, Reid is virtually admitting he lied and not only is unrepentant but appears to be proud of himself for doing so.

> *This is an insidious path we're on, for when you effectively glorify lying in politics, you are disenfranchising the people.*

When CNN's Dana Bash told Reid many considered his baseless claim to be "McCarthyite," he replied: "They can call it whatever they want. Romney didn't win, did he?" In other words, it worked, so it was morally justified.

That's Reid's response. How about the White House's?

Fox News reporter James Rosen asked White House press secretary Josh Earnest whether he or Obama would condemn Reid's lie as conduct unbecoming of one of our highest elected officials. Earnest said, "Not for something that's 3 years old."

I've heard liberal commentators dismiss this episode with their usual response: "We all know that people often lie in politics. Both parties are equally guilty of this type of behavior."

I am so tired of the left's claims of moral equivalence, which ultimately lead to a degeneration of our ethical standards in governance. I'm also weary of the intellectual laziness and cynicism that cause so many, including on the right, to let this type of statement stand, unchallenged. If you can assert this cynical defense at every turn, then there is nothing sacred anymore and nothing matters.

If, as an electorate, we are going to be so cynical as to pretend that all politicians lie equally, especially about the things that matter most, then we might as well give them our blessing and a license to do whatever they please.

People should not invoke "politics" as a defense on questions pertaining to integrity. It should be an exacerbating factor; if you lie in politics, it's even worse because politics is governance, which substantially affects our lives, our liberties and our pursuit of happiness.

Moreover, it's one thing to say "politicians often lie" as a sheer assertion of fact. It's altogether another to say it with the purpose of excusing those lies and saying truth doesn't matter, and sadly, that is the context in which the statement is usually made.

None of us really believes that lies in politics don't matter. Otherwise, everyone on both sides of the aisle wouldn't moralize so much about it. Why else would Democrats have expended so much energy engaging in the lie that George W. Bush lied about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq? Hey, all politicians do it. What difference, at this point, does it make?

But when you embrace moral relativism, you can actually elevate lying to a virtue, as Reid does when he boasts that his lie helped Obama win.

This is an insidious path we're on, for when you effectively glorify lying in politics, you are disenfranchising the people.

You are justifying your lie based on your arrogant belief that you know better than the people what is in their best interests or, more likely, revealing that you just don't care.

Consider Obama's whispering to the Russian official that he would be able to be more flexible on missile defense after his re-election. Translation: I'm pretending to be a hawk now because I know that the American people won't elect me if I'm not, but after I'm elected, I'll do what I want, not what I know they want, because my will is more important than the people's.

Shame on any of us who lazily or recklessly reject that truth in politics is a virtue, because that is the very type of attitude that is undermining our republic. It's unacceptable.

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Big Spring High School's Nick Sotelo is joined by family and friends Wednesday as he signs a letter of intent to play football at Wayland Baptist University.

6 BSHS netters bound for regionals

Herald Staff Report

To say Big Spring High School did well at the District 2-4A tennis tournament would be an understatement. Even saying the Steers dominated might not put things in proper perspective.

Big Spring won three of the four main events contested at this week's meet — held at Figure 7 Tennis Center — and qualified six players for the upcoming regional tournament.

Sophomore Morgan Parnell earned the girls' singles crown with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Snyder's Hannah Downing, while junior William Grigg placed second in boys' singles (and earned a spot in the regional tournament), dropping a 6-0, 6-0 decision to Snyder's Gabe Benitez, the overwhelming favorite to win district.

BSHS did even better in doubles, sweeping both events — on the girls' side, seniors Taylor Olivo and Cassidi Redlin downed Kesia Vargas and Chalia Sagala of Levelland, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, while juniors Kieran Atherton and Josh Baker took the boys' crown with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Clayton Barnett and Andreas Nieland of Levelland.

In addition, Megan Hughes just missed a spot in the regional tournament, finishing third in girls' singles.

The six BSHS tennis players now advance to the Region I-4A tennis tournament, which will be held April 22-23 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"Anytime you qualify for four finals, that's pretty good, and if you win three of them, you really can't complain," Big Spring High School Coach Dana Jones said. "Things worked out pretty much as I expected in girls' singles, and I knew Benitez would kill everybody he faced in boys' singles."

District 8-2A track meet results

Note: Top four finishers in each event qualify for the 7-2A/8-2A area meet

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Irion County, 137; 2. Iraan, 125; 3. Ozona, 87; 4. Christoval, 61; 5. Forsan, 57; 6. Miles, 55; 7. McCamey 53; 8. Eldorado, 43

100— 1. Takhira Covington, Iraan, 12.90; 2. Carlee Daniel, Forsan, 12.92; 3. Madi Roman, Forsan, 13.03; 4. Cassidy Rathmell, Miles, 13.25

200 — 1. Maricela Riojas, Christoval, 26.82; 2. Kiarra Trevino, Eldorado, 27.07; 3. Takhira Covington, Iraan, 27.47; 4. Alyssa Newlin, Ozona, 28.64

400 — 1. Rhian Cunningham, Forsan, 1:03.24; 2. Mikaela Crocker, Miles, 1:03.96; 3. Alyson Zuniga-Martinez, McMaey, 1:06.30; 4. Abby Velasquez, McCamey, 1:06.43

800 — 1. Hayley Cravens, Iraan, 2:36.77; 2. MaClay Buie, Christoval, 2:39.41; 3. Karlin Havlak, Miles, 2:39.47; 4. Fani Lopez, Iraan, 2:43.52

1,600— 1. McKenna Moses, Ozona, 5:44.24; 2. Halie Hoffman, Miles, 5:46.61; 3. Lynda Martinez, Iraan, 5:54.30; 4. Gabby Treto, Ozona, 5:58.64

3,200 — 1. McKenna Moses, Ozona, 12:40; 2. Halie Hoffman, Miles, 12:49; 3. Gabby Treto, Ozona, 13:10; 4. Lynda Martinez, Iraan, 13:36

100 hurdles — 1. Jaycie Wolfe, McCamey, 17.44; 2. Madison Galindo, Ozona, 18.35; 3. K'Dee Brokaw, Irion County, 18.41; 4. Mercadez Ochoa, Eldorado, 19.74

300 hurdles — 1. Hannah Beal, Iraan, 49.40; 2. Corby Chaney, Iraan, 51.43; 3. Jaycie Wolfe, McCamey, 52.13; 4. Taylor Snodgrass, Irion County, 55.41

4x100 relay — 1. Irion County, 51.19; 2. Forsan, 51.47; 3. Christoval, 52.14; 4. Eldorado, 53.70

4x200 relay — 1. Iraan, 1:49.88; 2. Irion County, 1:50.32; 3. Christoval, 1:52.16; 4. Forsan, 1:53.98

4x400 relay — 1. Irion County, 4:18.15; 2. Iraan, 4:22.28; 3. Eldorado, 4:31.67; 4. Ozona, 4:34.03

High jump — 1. McKenna Moses, Ozona, 5-0; 2. Maricela Riojas, Christoval, 5-0; 3. Grantham Chassidy, Forsan, 4-8; 4. Jaycie Wolfe, McCamey, 4-6

Pole vault — 1. McKenna Moses, Ozona, 9-6; 2. McKenzie McAngus, Eldorado, 9-0; 3. Makenzie Cramer, Irion County, 8-0; 4. Britnee Counts, Miles, 7-6

Long jump — 1. Kati Tumlinson, Irion County, 17-5.75; 2. Cassidy Rathmell, Miles, 17-0; 3. Hannah Beal, Iraan, 16-1; 4. Caitlyn Allen, Irion County, 15-8.75

Triple jump — 1. Kati Tumlinson, Irion County, 36-4.5; 2. Takhira Covington, Iraan, 34-5; 3. Abby Velasquez, McCamey, 33-8.5; 4. Alyssa Newlin, Ozona, 32-2

Shot put — 1. Keller Campbell, Mc-

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What we have here is a failure ... to score runs

Kazmir K's 10; A's blank Rangers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mark Canha thought he had a grand slam for his first major league hit, it was that close. The umpiring crew even erred on taking a second look.

Instead, Canha had to settle for a three-run double, and that more than made up for his first-inning defensive blunder behind Scott Kazmir on a night the lefty struck out 10 in the Oakland Athletics' 10-0 romp of the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

Kazmir was backed by a couple of rookies getting their first big league hits. Canha's big double came in the third and he added an RBI double in the sixth for four RBIs. Fellow rookie Tyler Ladendorf had an RBI triple for his first hit earlier in the third and had two RBIs.

They play catch together every day and spoke before the game of seizing their moment.

Canha first received a ball that his teammates had drawn all over as a joke souvenir for his first hit before

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Cleveland downs Houston, 2-0

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros aren't panicking about the lack of production from the heart of their lineup.

Still, manager A.J. Hinch admitted it's not too early for adjustments.

Carlos Carrasco (1-0) struck out 10 while pitching three-hit ball into the seventh inning to help the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 win over the Astros on Wednesday night.

The Astros had trouble stringing hits together on a night when the first five batters in the lineup went 1 for 19 with 10 strikeouts. Cleanup hitter Evan Gattis was 0 for 4 with four Ks, including two three-pitch strikeouts in his last at-bats.

"You always want the offense to click, but we ran into a couple of good pitchers so far," Hinch said. "Obviously, adjustments need to be made, and we're going to score runs."

The Astros' 3-4-5 hitters — Luis Valbuena, Gattis and Chris Carter

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All eyes on McIlroy and Woods at The Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Three of golf's greatest players began the Masters with ceremonial tee shots.

Then the focus quickly shifted to a pair of players who'll be keeping score, Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods.

Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player — with 13 green jackets between them — came out on a warm, sunny Thursday morning to give the tournament its traditional opening.

"Don't fan it," the 85-year-old Palmer jokingly told himself.

"I don't think he's kidding," the 75-year-old Nicklaus added with a chuckle. "He said exactly the same thing to me"

No problem there. All three champions launched drives that carried well down the fairway, with the longest shot delivered by the 79-year-old Player.

Nicklaus and Player are among five players to complete the career Grand Slam.

McIlroy is in position to join them, having already won, at age 25, the other three majors.

Woods, on the other hand, is looking to play 72 holes in a regular PGA Tour event for only the second time in the past year.

While McIlroy and Woods dominated the headlines coming into the Masters, let's not forget the other potential

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Howard College's James Davidson slides safely into home during Howard's recent game against New Mexico Junior College. The Hawks return to action Friday when they host a doubleheader against Western Texas College. First pitch is at noon.

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#8677 April 9, 2015

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♠ 6 5 4 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 7 6 3

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

EAST
♠ K 8
♥ 10 9 8 6 4 2
♦ 9
♣ Q J 10 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ K 7
♦ 4
♣ A K 5 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	5 ♦	Dble	Pass
5 ♠			

Opening lead — four of clubs.

This deal occurred in a pairs tournament in New Jersey some years ago. After North-South reached four spades, West, at favorable vulnerability, elected to sacrifice in five diamonds.

South should probably have passed his partner's double of five diamonds, but he was reluctant to settle for plus 300 or 500 points (it would have been 500) when he felt there was a good chance to score 650 at five spades.

South regretted his decision as soon as he saw the dummy. To make the contract, he would have to hold his losers to one heart and one club. This would apparently require a successful diamond finesse (virtually assured by the bidding), a successful spade finesse and a 3-2 division of the opposing clubs.

Given West's ominous four-of-clubs lead, which looked like a sure singleton, South did not like his chances, but he plunged ahead bravely and found a way to make the contract. If you like solving problems of this sort, see if you can figure out how he did it before reading on.

Declarer took East's eight of clubs with the ace, led a diamond to the queen and returned a spade, finessing the queen after East followed low. South then cashed the ace of spades and king of clubs, confirming the bad news in the club suit, and led the three of spades to dummy's six. The ace of diamonds was then cashed, declarer discarding a club, and the seven of diamonds was led. But instead of ruffing, South discarded his remaining club!

This maneuver left West without recourse. He had to return a heart — allowing South to score a trick with the king — or a diamond, allowing South to discard a heart as he ruffed in dummy. Either way, the improbable game was home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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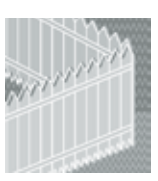
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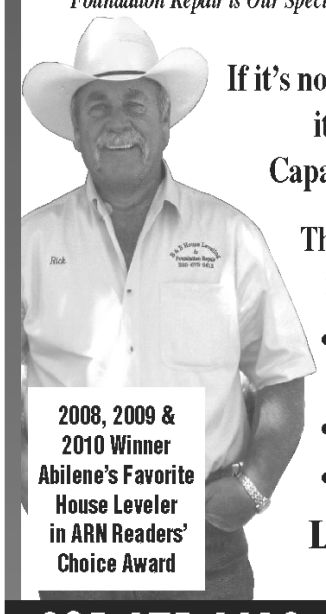
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Lunar Investigation

Yesterday Mercury and Uranus aligned in an explosive conjunction, and Jupiter made an about-face taking our luck in a new direction. Today the Sagittarius moon says, "So, what now?" and then launches into an investigative journey. There are options available today that didn't exist earlier in the week, and searching for them will be an adventure.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are some difficult things about life that don't get easier; they just get different. Try to get comfortable with the situation. This will have nothing to do with acquiring resources and everything to do with acceptance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's so much entertainment in the playground of your mind that you may be content to stay in and enjoy your mental process. However, push yourself to go out -- you'll have more fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be careful how you lay out your opinions. When you describe things, you create an idea of them in the minds of others, and that will strongly influence what happens next.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This isn't always the case, but in today's scenario, your tremendous expectations of people will contribute favorably to the outcome. You'll choose your associates well, and they will rise to the occasion you picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have to own something before you can give it away. Today this is also true of happiness. Be happy in yourself first, and then you'll be able to make someone else happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stop judging yourself so harshly. You may think it's keeping you to a higher standard, but it's not. Being mean inside your head won't help. Would you say those things to anyone else you love?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Uncomfortable feelings are part of the survival instinct package you were given when you were born. Whatever you feel, hundreds of thousands of others are experiencing a similar feeling right at this moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Filtered through the lens of negative thoughts, your environment won't look as chock-full of opportunity as it really is. Shake it off so you can see possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Looking busy is better than idleness on display; however, you prefer to actually do something useful. Useful activities create a circuit that brings the energy you expend right back to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't do anything about your starting position today, but you can pick up from wherever that is and move consistently forward. Keep your eye on the destination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The idea you abandoned many moons ago can still be revived. It was a good idea then, and the new twist you'll think of could make it even better. Brainstorm with a Libra or Leo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Love isn't going to sneak up and surprise you today, but if you make an effort to create playful communication and a tender dynamic, you might be favorably impressed by what develops out of the effort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 9). Get into the game. You'll be a contender in a highly competitive arena you never thought you'd be competing in. May brings triumph for your family. Relationships require more of your attention in June, and love intensifies as you explore shared interests (especially music) with someone. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 44, 39, 17 and 42.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 30-year-old Aquarius girl who lives at home with my parents. They don't mind that I live at home, but they would prefer that I marry. I have never found someone I wanted to marry. When I turned 24, my mom sent me to Korea to meet a man she thought was perfect for me. This man couldn't have been a worse match. After that, my mother seemed to give up on my ever getting married. I like to date and go out and have fun. My mother doesn't understand. She blows up at me. I'm not willing to get married just so my parents can be happy. Do you think I'll ever find love?"

Being an Aquarius, you tend to buck traditional systems and can often open people's minds when you do. But you haven't taken this purpose to heart. Though you are 30 years old, in many ways you are still a child. If you are not going to follow your family traditions, you need to give your mother and father new reasons to respect you. Find meaningful work and contribute to your household and family more than you ever have before. You will find love as you learn to make valuable contributions to others.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: Eight months ago, I met the love of my life online. Everything started off great. "Jay" and I chatted every day.

However, at one point, a past lover of his intervened and warned me about some of his "issues." I became a little bit paranoid and asked Jay to explain his side of things. He didn't want to at first, but he finally relented, and we continued on. I told him I loved him.

Three months ago, Jay decided there was no way we could be anything more than friends. I struggled with just being friends, but eventually, I accepted it. Now, Jay seems to be making more and more friends and is phasing me out. One of my dearest friends died last week, and Jay hasn't bothered to provide any comfort. I would cease all communication, but it would be difficult because the Internet community we belong to includes many mutual friends and chat forums.

Should I remain so-called friends or just let him go? -- Confused Web Reader

Dear Confused: Please let him go. Jay is not the love of your life. You have confused the excitement of your initial contact with love, but now you have seen Jay's true character. He isn't interested in having a romantic relationship with you. If you think you can remain part of the same Internet community and not pine over him, fine. Try to ignore him as best you can. Otherwise, please expand your online presence so you aren't as dependent on this particular community of people.

Dear Annie: I dread going to my niece's first baby shower. At the last one I went to that included our family, there were older mothers who proceeded to tell horror stories about labor and delivery. No one needs to hear the in-depth details of their birth process, and especially not a first-time mother.

Some people speak before they think. How can I politely get them to shut up? -- Dreading Showers

Dear Showers: If someone should start replaying the details of their birth experience, it's perfectly OK to say, in mock horror, "Heavens! Please don't discuss that in front of all of us! A baby is a wonderful gift, and we all want 'Suzie' to look forward to the experience. I know you don't mean to be so negative about it."

They may insist they are only being informative, but new mothers are nervous enough without adding to their worries by relaying stories about what could possibly go wrong. Of course, some stories are funny or uplifting, and those should be encouraged.

Dear Annie: Thanks for printing the letter from Magi Linscott, encouraging kids not to smoke. I quit smoking more than eight years ago, and I am so glad. I now know what my late father used to experience after he quit and then smelled cigarette smoke: He got sick. I do, too. I cannot believe this is what I used to smell like.

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Thanks for letting me vent, Annie. -- Grateful Ex-Smoker in Campbellsville, Ky.

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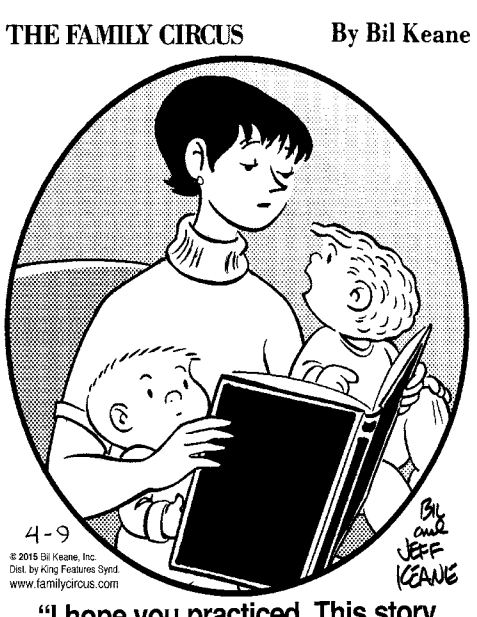
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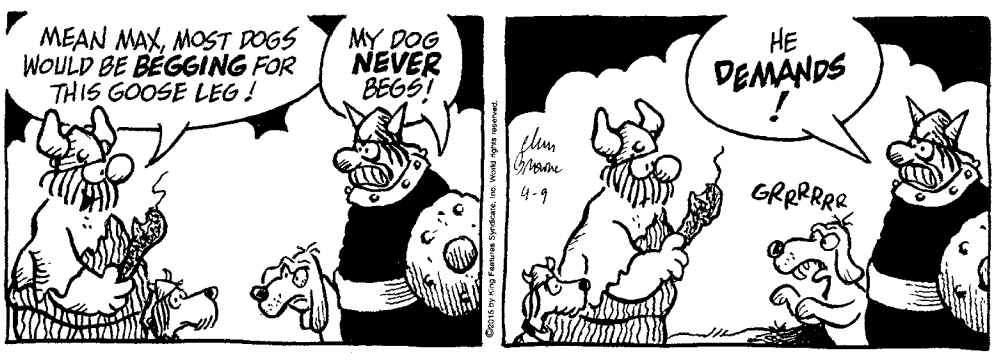
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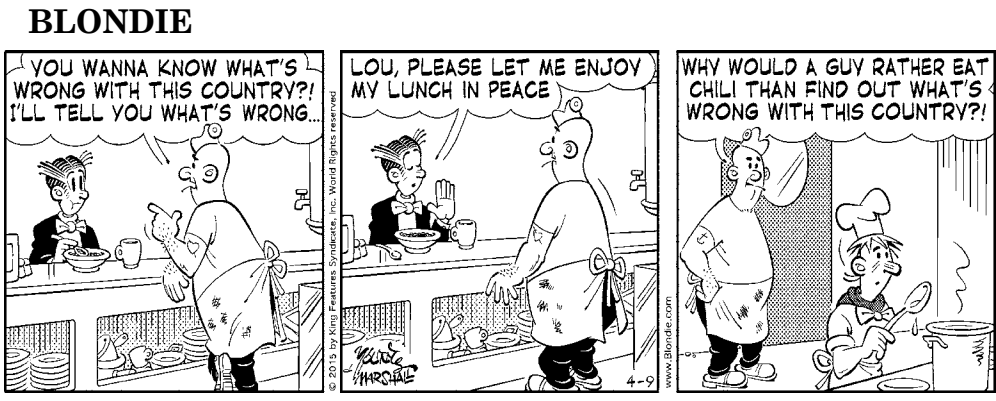


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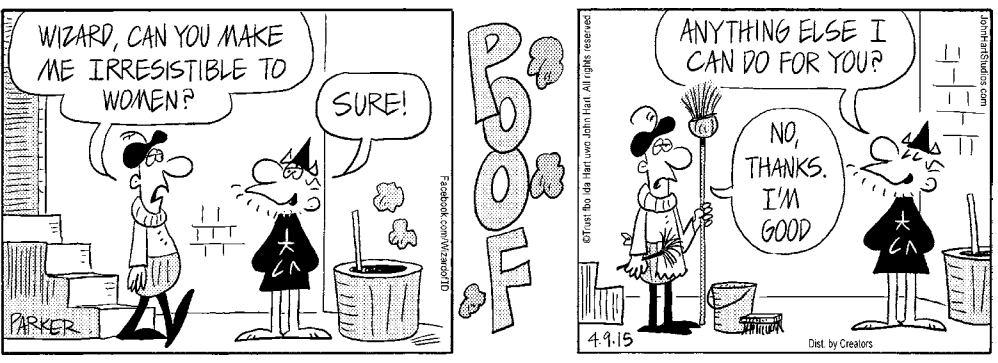
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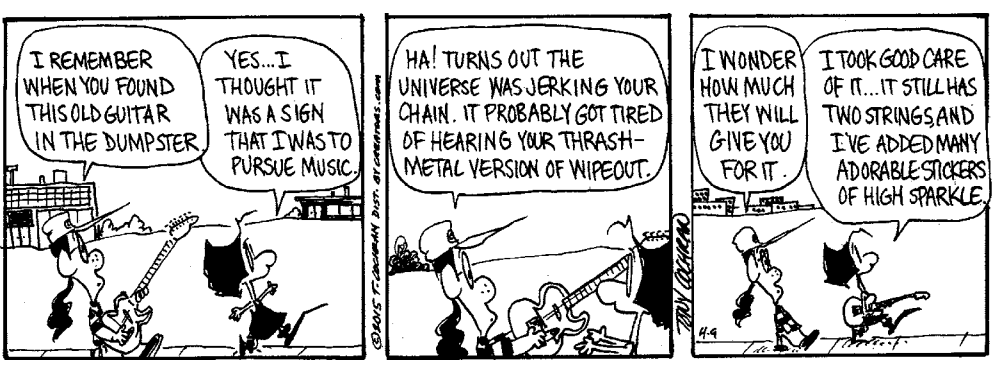
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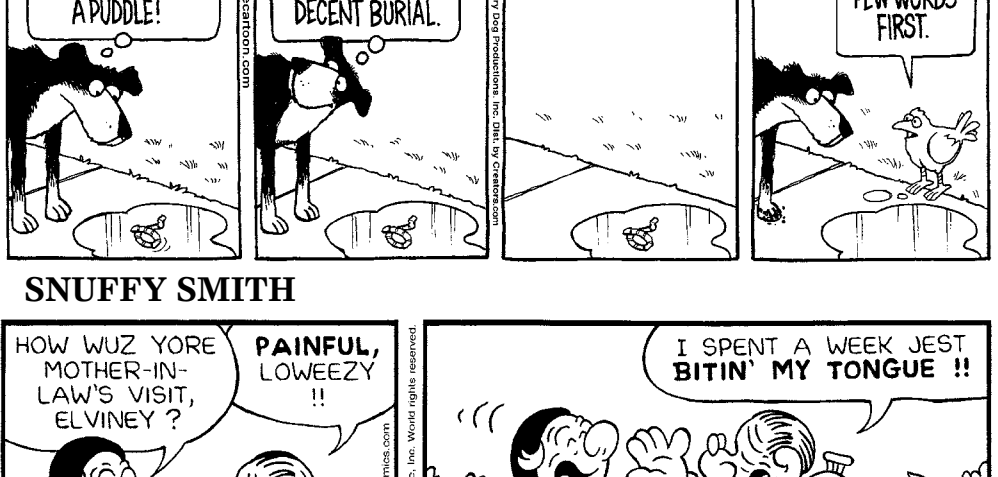
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 9, the 99th day of 2015. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1413, the coronation of England's King Henry V took place in Westminster Abbey.

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1913, the first game was played at Ebbets Field, the newly built home of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who lost to the Philadelphia Phillies, 1-0.

In 1914, the Tampico Incident took place as eight U.S. sailors were arrested by Mexican authorities for allegedly entering a restricted area and held for a short time before being released.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. after being denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1945, German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 39, was executed by the Nazis at the Flossenburg concentration camp.

In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Ariz.

In 1965, the newly built Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees, with President Lyndon B. Johnson in attendance. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Bill Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

Five years ago: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement. (His vacancy was filled by Elena Kagan.) One year ago: A 16-year-old boy armed with two knives went on a rampage at Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville, Pennsylvania, stabbing 20 students and a security guard (all of whom survived).

Thought for Today: "The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children." ‚Äî Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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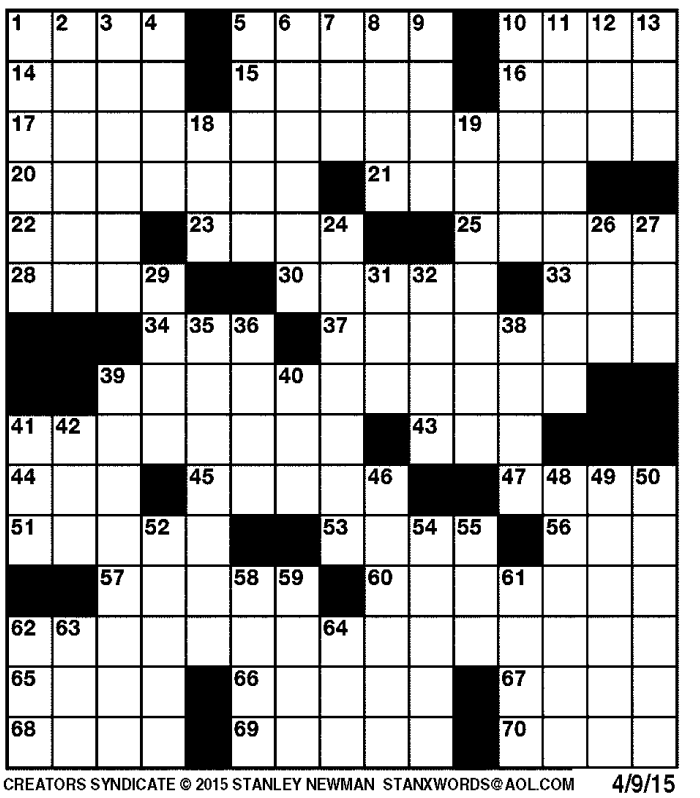
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ACROSS

1 Bit of paprika
5 Shoe part
10 A few
14 Very small
15 Dishonor
16 Field of study
17 "Knock it off!"
20 Designer Kors
21 Specifically
22 Deluge refuge
23 Upside-down frown
25 Cain's eldest
28 Reply to a schoolmarm
30 Prince William's sister-in-law
33 Montreal street
34 Tolkien being
37 Tip
39 "Knock on wood"
41 Hot sandwich
43 Consist of
44 Away today
45 Whistles' partner
47 Holds up
51 Green stuff
53 Puppy sounds
56 *American Hunter* publisher
57 Inflexible
60 Singer McGovern
62 "Knock my socks off"
65 Utopia
66 Fishing spot
67 Struggles
68 Low-power lights
69 Gets wind of
70 Cooped (up)

DOWN

1 Fill with apprehension
2 Duds
3 Has on hand
4 Like Tex-Mex, for short
5 Singer at the 2013 inaugural
6 Writer Roth
7 Faux __
8 Radiate
9 Silver State city
10 Ballet slipper material
11 Handel genre
12 Chaps
13 "Dig in!"
18 Playground game
19 Skiwear item
24 Every evening
26 Edited out
27 "Yo!"
29 Badlands formation
31 Tour player
32 Hemingway nickname
35 Back trouble
36 Not busy
38 Mass-transit patron
39 Well versed
40 Wall-bracket shape
41 Oscar winner as Forrest
42 Mysterious blip
46 Smirk
48 Infant's garment
49 It's southwest of Hamburg
50 Most clearheaded
52 Legal attachments
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55 Principal on *Glee*
58 Barometer measure
59 Disastrous
61 Host-to-be's request
62 Cartoon collectible
63 Verse of exaltation
64 __ *culpa*



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ASTROS

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— are now a combined 0 for 21 with nine strikeouts through the first two games.

"The middle of the order, they handled us pretty well," Hinch said. "When we pile them up in a row, it's obviously not ideal."

Carlos Santana and Mike Aviles each homered for Cleveland.

Santana put Cleveland up with his homer in the fourth inning and Aviles added an insurance run with his home run to the Crawford Boxes in left field in the eighth.

Cody Allen pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

Despite the loss and lack of offense, Hinch said he was happy to see a strong outing from veteran starter Scott Feldman.

Feldman (0-1) yielded five hits and a run in 6 2-3 innings in the loss.

Feldman had allowed two hits — both singles — before Santana's solo shot landed in the first row of the bleachers in right field with one out in the fourth inning.

Feldman's regular season debut followed a rough spring where he struggled at times with control.

"Not to say spring training has no meaning, but unless you're trying to make the team, you want to set yourself up to have a healthy season," Feldman said.

TEXAS

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equipment manager Steve Vucinich delivered the real thing well protected in a plastic baggie.

"I will keep it somewhere safe and try not to lose it," he said, noting he and his wife are about to move.

Canha had a forgettable first opportunity as a big league first baseman. In the first, he thought he had scooped up leadoff man Leonys Martin's bunt and tried to reach and tag him but didn't have the ball.

Then, his drive hit the top of the wall in right-center and bounced back onto the grass. The call stood as a double after a review lasting 1 minute, 27 seconds.

Kazmir received all the support he needed and then some for the new-look A's.

The left-hander and 15-game winner last season had his 23rd game with 10 or more strikeouts. He allowed one hit over seven innings in a dazzling season debut.

Brett Lawrie added three hits a night after striking out four times on 12 total pitches and Oakland outhit Texas 14-3.

The A's shut out Texas in another win after Sonny Gray carried a no-hit bid into the eighth inning of Monday night's 8-0 victory, a combined one-hitter with Evan Scribner. Oakland has outscored the Rangers 19-3 over the first three games heading into Thursday's finale.

TRACK

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Camey, 33-4; 2. Hadley Miller, Irion County, 31-2; 3. Macy McNutt, Irion County, 30-10.25; 4. Madison Wilson, Miles, 30-5

Discus — 1. Macy McNutt, Irion County, 107-6; 2. Corby Chaney, Iraan, 97-4; 3. Hadley Miller, Irion County, 90-8; 4. Keller Campbell, McCamey, 89-6

BOYS

Team standings — 1. Iraan, 208; 2. Ozona, 118; 3. Forsan, 87; 4. Christoal, 75.5; 5. McCamey, 68; 6. Miles, 30.5; 7. Irion County, 27; 8. Eldorado, 4.

100— 1. Walker Park, Forsan, 11.23; 2. Peyton Kennedy, McCamey, 11.28; 3. Colby Hair, Forsan, 11.37; 4. Zack Rosales, McCamey, 11.54

200 — 1. Ezekiel Garcia, McCamey, 22.64; 2. Oscar Barraza, Forsan, 22.96; 3. Layne Montez, Irion County, 23.33; 4. Marvin Silva, Christoval, 23.34

400 — 1. Bryce Gutierrez, Ozona, 55.17; 2. Jacob Callahan, Iraan, 55.71; 3. Cole Carpenter, Christoval, 56.56; 4. Owen Davis, Iraan, 58.69

800 — 1. Noe Medina, Ozona, 2:07.21; 2. Jakob Whitworth, Christoval, 2:10.55; 3. Bryce Hergert, Forsan, 2:10.59; 4. Daniel Sorrells, Irion County, 2:10.73

1,600— 1. Omero Rodriguez, Ozona, 4:43.82; 2. Robert Rodriguez, Ozona, 4:53.04; 3. Gomez Xavier, Miles, 5:01.69; 4. Alex Hopper, Ozona, 5:07.69

3,200 — 1. Omero Rodriguez, Ozona, 10:58; 2. Robert Rodriguez, Ozona, 11:00; 3. Gomez Xavier, Miles, 11:05; 4. Alex Hopper, Ozona, 11:10

110 hurdles — 1. Brandon Hooker, Iraan, 15.93; 2. Ian Park, Forsan, 16.07; 3. Trevor Miller, Iraan, 16.41; 4. Clayton Kent, Iraan, 16.73

300 hurdles — 1. Brandon Hooker, Iraan, 43.24; 2. Jarret Doege, Iraan, 43.45; 3. Cody Rathmell, Miles, 45.26; 4. Kaleb Pierce, Christoval, 45.45

4x100 relay — 1. McCamey, 44.07; 2. Forsan, 44.30; 3. Iraan, 44.58; 4. Ozona, 45.18

4x200 relay — 1. McCamey, 1:32.96; 2. Iraan, 1:33.33; 3. Forsan, 1:33.61; 4. Ozona, 1:34.08

4x400 relay — 1. Ozona, 3:33.55; 2. Iraan, 3:34.22; 3. Christoval, 3:38.24; 4. Forsan, 3:44.16

High jump — 1. Trevor Miller, Iraan, 5-11; 2. Garrett Kligora, Forsan, 5-10; 3. Owen Davis, Iraan, 5-8; Brett Hedden, Miles, 5-4

Pole vault — 1. Clayton Kent, Iraan, 12-6; 2. Kyle O'Bannon, Iraan, 12-6; 3. Juan Esparza, Ozona, 11-0; 4. Jarret Doege, Iraan, 11-0

Long jump — 1. Devan Griffin, Iraan, 22-5.5; 2. Benito Badillo, Ozona, 20-1; 3. Hayden Hargraves, Christoval, 19-9.75; 4. Ezekiel Garcia, McCamey, 19-7.5

Triple jump — 1. Devan Griffin, Iraan, 45-3; 2. Axcel Santana, Iraan, 41-0; 3. Brett Hedden, Miles, 39-8.5; 4. Jacob Callahan, Iraan, 39-7.5

Shot put — 1. Kelton Bales, Iraan, 46-7; 2. Robert Reyes, Iraan, 46-1.25; 3. Colten Buie, Christoval, 44-10.5; 4. Shelion Rodriguez, Iraan, 44-2

Discus — 1. Robert Reyes, Iraan, 146-10; 2. Colten Buie, Christoval, 131-9; 3. Canon Andrews, Iraan, 129-4; 4. Marvin Silva, Christoval, 127-9

MASTERS

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contenders, a lengthy list led by defending champion Bubba Watson.

"I feel like I have a shot around here," said Watson, who has won two of the past three Masters and can become only the fourth player to win back-to-back titles. "It doesn't mean I'm going to do it. But I'm going to try to compete at a high level, and hopefully on Sunday we have that chance on the back nine."

McIlroy was the clear favorite, having won the last two majors of 2014 (the British Open and the PGA Championship) to leave the Masters as the only big title missing from his resume. Woods, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen are the only other members of the exclusive club.

"Golf is a very fickle game," McIlroy said. "You don't take anything for granted."

If he needs proof of that, all McIlroy has to do is remember what happened at this very place four years ago. He had a four-shot lead in the Masters, ready to be crowned the next big thing in golf, when he shot 80 in the final round.

McIlroy handled the collapse with remarkable poise, insisting he would learn from his mistakes. Two months later, he set scoring records while winning the U.S. Open at Congressional for his first major title.

"A lot of that win has to do with what happened at Augusta," he said.

While the expectations are higher than ever for McIlroy, they've never been lower for Woods. He is competing for the first time since Feb. 5, when he walked off the course at Torrey Pines to work on a game that made him look more like a weekend duffer than a 14-time major champion.

Woods has shown much improvement in three days of practice, including nine holes he played Wednesday with Ben Crenshaw and Jordan Spieth.

Then again, no one — not even Woods — is sure how he'll play when the shots actually count.

"I'm excited to be back, to be back playing at this level," he said. "I feel like my game is finally ready to compete at this level, the highest level."

Watson is trying to join Nicklaus, Woods and Nick Faldo as the only Masters champions to defend their titles. Then there's Jordan Spieth, who had a shot at becoming the youngest Masters champion in his debut a year ago. Now 21, he might be the hottest player on the PGA Tour, having won, finished second, and lost in a playoff in his past three starts.

"Last year," Spieth said, "I had no expectations, didn't know what it was going to be like, had never played the tournament before. This year, I come in maybe expecting to play well on a course I feel very comfortable on. I feel like it suits my game nicely, and I also feel like I've been playing well."

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Got Milk?: Mobile dairy classroom visits junior high







By Julie Bass
Staff Writer

Big Spring Jr. High school eighth graders learned a little bit about about where milk comes from Tuesday afternoon.

A mobile dairy classroom set up in the parking lot for the kids to meet Bernadette Birkenfeld and her bovine assistant, Diamond. Birkendfeld is an instructor with The Mobile Dairy Classrooms which is a program sponsored by the Southwest Dairy Museum, Inc. Each classroom includes a fully functional milking parlor with which to show the kids how the milk is extracted from the cow.

The Mobile Classroom is a service provided free of charge thanks to the Southwest Dairy Farmers.

The program includes a 30- to 45-minute oral presentation by a trained instructor, printed educational material for the teachers, milking demonstration and a question and answer time. The instructor teaches about the importance of dairy in a healthy diet, modern milking processes and the characteristics and anatomy of diary cows.

The Mobile Classroom is available for exhibition in state, district and county fairs as well as schools. the program is fitted for all ages but is targeted for second graders through high schoolers.

For more information or to book a visit from the Mobile Classroom visit southwestdairyfarmers.com

Steer Pride Corner



Welcome to BSI fifth grade teachers

All fifth grade classes in the Big Spring ISD will be moving to the Big Spring Intermediate (BSI) campus beginning in August of the upcoming school year. Many of the fifth grade teachers who now work on the four elementary campuses will be moving their teaching tools and skills to the BSI campus.

In an effort to show their excitement about gaining some new family members the BSI staff and student counsel hosted a brownie and sundae social in the BSI Library.



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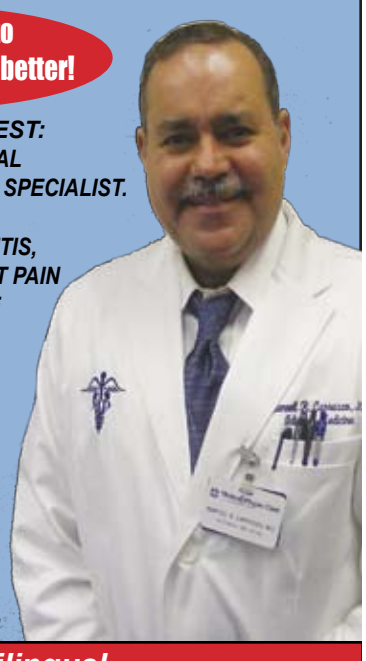


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