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Wigington lone finalist for super's job

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Reporter

Chris Wigington will need to start sharpening his no. 2 pencils. He is very close to marking out interim on his current job status. Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District voted to name Wigington as the district's lone finalist for the position of superintendent of schools Tuesday night at a specially called meeting. "We feel very satisfied with how the district is going," said Board President Irene Rodriguez. "The board believes we

are moving in the right direction with Chris." Wigington has been serving as the interim superintendent since August. Now that a lone finalist has been named, there is a 21-day waiting period before the hire becomes official. Wigington's current salary is \$131,000 annually. Now the board can turn its sights onto filling a vacant trustee position. That will be on the agenda for Thursday when the board has its regularly scheduled meeting

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Chris Wigington was named lone finalist for the Big Spring Independent School District's superintendent position Tuesday. He has served as interim superintendent since August.

City says live where you want

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring city officials have decided they can't be too picky where their employees live. During their Tuesday meeting, Big Spring City Council members voted to overturn a 13-year-old resolution requiring employees to live within 30 minutes driving time of

their work station. John Medina, human resources director for the city, said the resolution was adopted in 2000 to encourage workers to live in Big Spring, but with the city struggling to fill vacancies, the requirement was self-defeating. "The original purpose was to get people to move into town," Medina said. "But

with the staff shortages we have now, it's kind of hard to enforce such a policy." The city will still encourage emergency response personnel such as police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians to live close to work and only employees living within the city limits will be allowed to take city vehicles home, Medina said.

Other than that, though, where the employees want to live is pretty much up to them, he added. "Economic conditions warrant us making this change," Medina said. "We're evolving into a job market where we're pulling in every direction we can to attract employees." In other business Tuesday, the council approved:

• An agreement with Big Spring Independent School District to hold joint council/school trustee elections this May. Two council seats — District 1, held by Marcus Fernandez, and District 3, held by Glen Carrigan, are up for election this year. Both men indicated they will seek

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Donation restores communications for county volunteer fire department

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

HOWARD COUNTY — The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department has received a generous donation to pay for an existing communications tower. Jordan and Kristen Partee cut a check for \$30,000 for the department after the tower it was using was downed in an ice storm. "The money is for the purchase of an existing tower not far from the former tower," said Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan. "Twenty-five thousand is for the tower and the \$5,000 is for the antenna and coax."

This does not cover any other radio gear or installations for other Howard County agencies like law enforcement. The temporary tower that was being used could only cover parts of Howard County, leaving others vulnerable, said Sullivan, but the new tower will cover all of Howard County, giving the belea-

guered fire chief a chance to breathe. "We'll be able to operate 100 percent now because this new tower is 46 feet higher, making our job a whole lot easier," Sullivan said. "It won't be on the top of my worry list anymore." For that, Sullivan is very

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Best Loser Contest deadline is near

Herald Staff Report

Time is running out for those planning to compete in the Herald's Best Loser Contest. The deadline for four-person teams to enter is Friday. Entry fee is \$15 per team member or \$60 per team. At the end of the three-month contest period, the team with the highest percentage of weight loss will be declared the winner. First, second and third place cash prizes will be awarded, along with free massages from Back in Motion Chiropractic, co-sponsor of the contest. Prizes could be up to \$1,000.

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Isaiah 58 moves food drive to Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Isaiah 58 has changed the date of its food drive this weekend from Friday to Saturday. "Hopefully this won't cause confusion or anything but it could not be helped," said Donny Waight. Isaiah 58 spokesperson. The non-profit, non-denomi-

nal organization provides food for more than 400 people in need each week. To make that possible, the ministry will be holding a drive beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Walmart parking lot. Donations provided the group with a new pickup and trailer and Waight said the goal is to fill the trailer Saturday with food donated by the community.

"We'd also like to have people stop by and just visit. We have some fact sheets to hand out and we want everybody to see we are non-denominational and that we need their help," he said. The organization provides a week's worth of food for approximately 100 families each week. "That used to be 20 to 30 families a week, so you can see the need just keeps grow-

ing," Waight said. Food is handed out from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at 809 Scurry. "The only thing we require from them is need," said Waight. "We can certainly pray with them and minister to them if they wish, but that's not a requirement." For more information, contact Waight at 432-816-6737.



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Jimmy M. Bledsoe

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Today's Weather

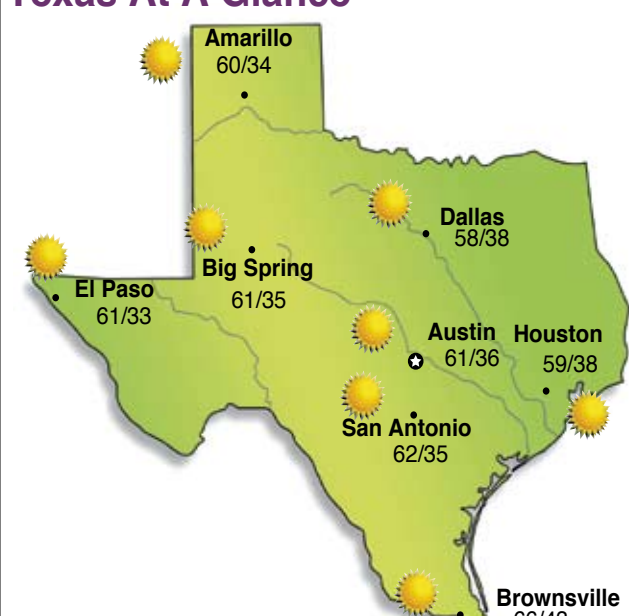
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	60	34	sunny	Livingston	58	33	sunny
Austin	61	36	sunny	Longview	54	36	sunny
Beaumont	58	36	sunny	Lubbock	60	26	sunny
Brownsville	66	43	sunny	Lufkin	58	35	sunny
Brownwood	61	39	sunny	Midland	60	38	sunny
Corpus Christi	64	43	sunny	Raymondville	65	41	sunny
Corsicana	56	37	sunny	Rosenberg	60	38	sunny
Dallas	58	38	sunny	San Antonio	62	35	sunny
Del Rio	63	39	sunny	San Marcos	62	36	sunny
El Paso	61	33	sunny	Sulphur Springs	54	39	sunny
Fort Stockton	63	41	sunny	Sweetwater	61	37	sunny
Gainesville	55	34	sunny	Tyler	54	37	sunny
Greenville	53	34	sunny	Weatherford	58	35	sunny
Houston	59	38	sunny	Wichita Falls	60	36	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	42	25	pt sunny	Minneapolis	20	18	sn shower
Boston	48	35	mst sunny	New York	43	36	pt sunny
Chicago	19	16	pt sunny	Phoenix	73	43	sunny
Dallas	58	38	sunny	San Francisco	67	48	sunny
Denver	51	33	sunny	Seattle	50	39	pt sunny
Houston	59	38	sunny	St. Louis	30	25	pt sunny
Los Angeles	84	50	sunny	Washington, DC	56	34	pt sunny
Miami	72	53	rain				

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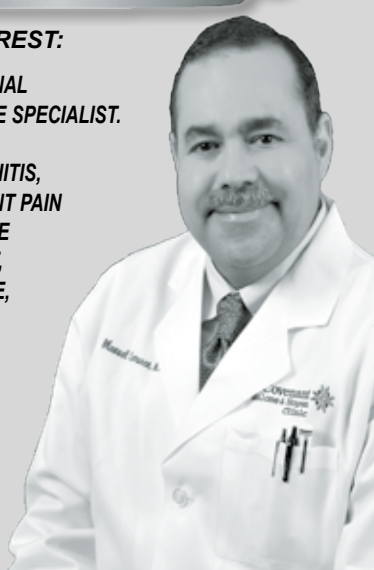
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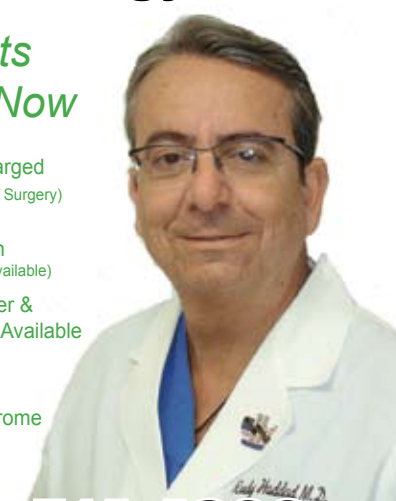
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Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 25, of 704 E. 4th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KAMI NICOLE BENNETT, 31, of 1301 College, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for expired registration and fail to appear.
- OBIKISISA ADAMS, 30, of 2635 S. State Rd., Harbor Springs, Miss., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of soliciting/peddling without a permit.
- ERIC DON JUAREZ, 32, of 906 NW 1st St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify-fugitive give false information, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and three warrants from another agency.
- STACY JAMES, 45, of 900 NW Ave. F, Seminole, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- MARTIN DOMINGUEZ, 26, of 406 E. 10th St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, evading arrest/detention and resist arrest search or transport.
- RICKY DAN PRUIETT, 53, of 3509 E Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 2200 block of Warren.
- HIT AND RUN reported at the 1100 block of S. Gregg.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 3400 block of E. 11th Pl.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 800 block of Highland.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1300 block of Lindbergh.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 3500 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1900 block of N.

Highway 87.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.
- KAMI NICOLE BENNETT was booked by BSPD on a charge of expired registration and failure to appear.
- OBIKISISA ADAMS was booked by BSPD on a charge of soliciting/peddling without permit.
- RICKIE DAN PRUIETT was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft by check.
- ERIC DON JUAREZ was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$500, fail to identify fugitive from justice, possession of a controlled substance, two charges of theft by repetition, theft of property less than \$1,500 previous convictions.
- STACY AARON JAMES was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- MARTIN DOMINGUEZ was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, evading arrest detention, resist arrest search or transport.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of Stadium. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAUMA reported at the 3200 block of Cornell. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of E. 4th St. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 2600 block of Chanute. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of Stadium. One patient transported to SMMC.

Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will have its fish fry Saturday. Plates are \$10 and delivery will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carry out will be available. The Post is located at 3203 West Highway 80. Call 263-2084.

City of Big Spring non-emergency offices will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The community is invited to join Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center as we bid a fond farewell to Alan Abel, MD on Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a come and go reception. The celebration will take place in the Surgical Clinic at the Malone and Hogan building.

Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps offers 12 weeks of job training for women seeking employment or better employment. We provide computer training, resume preparation, and interview skills in a Christian setting. We also have a free certified nurses aide training program. The next session starts Feb. 3. Applications are being accepted now. For more information or to get an application, call 432-517-4627. Leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to

file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

Big Spring RSVP is celebrating the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through Jan. 20 by coordinating a local book drive benefitting the children of West, Texas. RSVP volunteers will collect new or gently used children's books at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

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Friday final day to submit ballots for FSA elections

WASHINGTON — USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that they have until this Friday to return completed ballots to the FSA.

Eligible voters who have not received a ballot can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Friday.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on Aug. 1.

Close to 7,700 FSA county committee members serve in the 2,124 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year.

More information on county committees, such as the 2013 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom

from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. 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.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

- 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

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support

network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Chihuahua's collar helps collar burglar

PINEVILLE, La. (AP) — A Chihuahua-carrying burglar was collared after detectives spotted the pooch in its owner's yard, less than a mile away, the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office said.

Investigators don't know why the Chihuahua was brought along, said Lt. Tommy Carnline, spokesman for the department.

"We have no clue. We have no idea. People do the strangest things," he said.

But the dog caught the eye of a homeowner who zipped home Saturday to check an alarm and saw someone jump out of his window.

"The complainant described the clothing the suspect was wearing but most noticeable was the blonde Chihuahua dog with a teal green collar he was carrying," Carnline said.

The suspect was identified before deputies spotted the dog in another yard. That homeowner told investi-

gators the dog was hers, and she had been letting 19-year-old Kyle Chase Rabalais of Pineville stay at her house.

Rabalais was arrested soon afterward and booked with burglary, criminal damage and theft, and on previous warrants accusing him of theft, criminal damage, forgery, failure to pay a fine and contempt of court.

"This is Rabalais's 20th booking in the Rapides Parish Detention Center in less than a year," Carnline wrote.

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re-election.

- A lease agreement with D&I Silica LLC. The company will operate a rail storage and loading facility at the McMahan-Wrinkle Industrial Park. The lease

will be \$1,500 a month for five years, with three five-year renewal options.

- A resolution authorizing city officials to apply for \$750,000 in grant funds through the Texas Capital Fund for infrastructure improvements.

- First reading of an ordinance annexing more

than 74 acres of property in the Kentwood area. The land will be developed for single family housing, officials said.

- Emergency purchase of a boiler system for Malone & Hogan Clinic. The existing boiler system failed recently and cannot be repaired at a reasonable cost, City Manager Todd Darden

said.

- An ordinance allowing the city to pass inspection costs on to the

customer when issuing building permits.

Contact Staff Writer

Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

LOSER

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depending on the number of entries.

Team photos will be published on Jan. 29, March 16 and April 30. The Herald will only publish a team's total percentage of weight

loss, not any individual's weight loss.

Teams must sign up at the Herald, 710 Scurry, and have their photo taken. Weigh in will be held at Back in Motion, 1115 Scurry, for all team members.

Teams must consist of four people; this is not an individual compe-

tition. All ages are accepted.

For more information, contact the Herald at 432-263-7331.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2014**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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

The board will discuss and possibly consider action to fill the sin-

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Rodriguez said the board has several options on how to tackle the issue, which they will discuss Thursday. Trustees will hold board elections in May.

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grateful.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "This will truly make our jobs so much easier and we are eternally grateful to the Partees."

On Monday, county commissioners discussed the possibility of a new tower but decided to push back discussions after the donation. However, the new tower should be in opera-

tion by the end of next week.



As for other items discussed at the meeting, "It was regular business," said County Judge Mark Barr. "We talked about the road grant and we went out for bids for property to cover the \$750,000 for road and bridge equipment; other than that, it was business as usual."

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Opinion

A tragic, tragic mistake

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One of the biggest stories of the last few months is the legalization of marijuana sales in the State of Colorado to anyone over 21. Anybody who believes that can be, by any stretch of the imagination, a positive thing has their head so far in the sand that breathing any air of sanity is inconceivable. I certainly make no claim to be an authority on the subject, but I have personally witnessed the unspeakable sorrow and heartache that any number of serious addictions can impinge upon a person's life and their family. There are so many mental, emotional, and physical enslavements affecting the human race today that it defies understanding and this latest move to make the purchase of marijuana legal is deeply disturbing to me.

There are many reasons to anticipate tragic consequences as a result of this action which is the crack in the legal dam that millions of drug users in other states are celebrating. As the legalization of drugs becomes more prominent and widespread, you can rest assured that all of the horrific byproducts of drug addiction will strengthen their grip on the moral and social fiber of our beloved America. Abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs is costly to our Nation, exacting more than \$600 billion annually in costs related to crime, lost work productivity and healthcare. The latest statistics released by the NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse) lists alcohol as annually costing you and me \$235 billion, with tobacco and illicit drugs costing us \$193 billion each.

Colorado marijuana dispensaries made huge sales in the first week of legal recreational marijuana. Owners of the 37 new dispensaries around the state reported first week retail sales to The Huffington Post that, when added together, were roughly \$5 million. One sobering fear the new law has

brought is that some experts are expecting drug cartels to start targeting some of the legal pot dealers. When the new law was passed it essentially put all the illegal cartels out of business in Colorado. It is not only robbery of the retail cannabis shops that have the experts worried, it is the anxiety around possible extortion attempts that have them the most worried.

Mexican cartels are notorious for their brutal, immoral and inhumane way of dealing with the competition. Juarez and Sinaloa are two Mexican cartels that currently operate in Colorado. The cartels were probably not too happy to learn that sales from cannabis were \$5 million the first week of sales in Colorado. They are expected to lose \$1.425 billion over the legalization in Colorado, and that amount doesn't include the drop of 20 to 50 percent in trafficking revenue the cartels will also be losing. According to reports, Denver police and DEA agents are monitoring the situation, watching intently for any cartels to make moves in attempts to extort money from the legal shops. Brutal and bloody turf wars are imminent when billions of dollars are on the line.

Another bad scenario is that experts are worried what kind of message the legalization of cannabis for recreational use sends to the children of Colorado about drugs. It is tragic to say to America's youth, and adults as well, that getting stoned is an acceptable activity. It's heartbreaking to see the condition our nation is in already and, in my opinion, this pushes us farther down the path of self-destruction.

In 2010 there were an estimated 22.6 million Americans over the age of 12 that were current or former illicit drug users within the last month of when the survey was given, which equates to about 8.9 percent of the population aged 12 or older. The drug marijuana was the most commonly used illegal substance. There were about 17.4 million individuals who used it in the past month from when the survey was taken. From 2007 and 2010, those numbers increased to 6.9 percent, up from 5.8 or 14.4 million to

the above mentioned 17.4 million users. God only knows how much it will increase with the inevitable expanded legalization.

Among individuals 50 to 59 years of age, drug use rose from 2.7 percent to 5.8 percent from 2002 to 2010. Of an estimated 10 million individuals 12 to 20 years of age that admitted to being drinkers, 6.5 million were binge drinkers and 2 million heavy drinkers.

Over six million children in America live with at least one parent who has a drug addiction. Since 1980, the number of deaths related to drug overdoses has risen over 540 percent. The most commonly abused drug (other than alcohol) in the United States by individuals over the age of 12 is marijuana, followed by prescription painkillers, cocaine and hallucinogens. Since 1990, the number of individuals who take prescription drugs illegally is believed to have risen by over 500 percent.

How did we get in such a mess? How in the name of all things decent did we reach a condition in our world where the substance abuse statistics baffle any sane mind? More importantly, what can be done to slow this runaway train?

Too many people try to fight it by themselves or expect some government agency to rescue them. People must fight back against drug or alcohol addiction at the "home level." That means anyone who has a friend, family member or loved one who is struggling with any substance abuse addiction needs to get them into a good church or a proven effective treatment program so that they can receive the proper care necessary to conquer their demons. The biggest hurdle is that nobody will seek help until they realize they need it and making drug use legal and socially acceptable is a tragic mistake for an already confused society.

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

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us call upon you, Lord, in times of tiredness and stress.

Amen

Chris Christie: Bridgegate Floodgate

If I were governor of New Jersey and really wanted to know whether my staff had any involvement whatsoever in a nasty political prank that closed lanes and gridlocked traffic on the George Washington Bridge in September as payback for the Fort Lee mayor's refusal to endorse me, I would not do what Chris Christie did. That is, wait until December and then tell staffers that if they knew anything about the bridge mess, they had one hour to inform not me but my top underling or chief counsel.

I would pick the Christie approach if I suspected my staff was behind "Bridgegate" and wanted to cover my political backside so I could prevail in the 2016 GOP presidential primary. Mission accomplished. If Christie wanted plausible deniability, he got it.

At last week's Homeric news conference, Christie actually appeared credible when he cringed at the "abject stupidity" of the lane closures, for which he fired deputy chief of staff Bridget Anne Kelly.

Quoth Christie: "The reason that the retribution idea never

came into my head is because I never even knew that we were pursuing" the endorsement of Fort Lee's Democratic mayor, Mark Sokolich, "and no one ever came to me to get me to try to pursue the endorsement in any way, so I never saw it as a serious effort." If the campaign had been pushing Sokolich to back Christie, he explained, the campaign would have arranged for the governor to court the mayor. Didn't happen.

Sokolich had said as much to CNN last week. "I don't recall a specific request to endorse," he told Wolf Blitzer.

Since then, however, the Fort Lee Democrat's memory apparently changed. Sokolich told The New York Times that a campaign staffer did ask him to endorse Christie — although Sokolich won't name said campaign skill.

Critics hit Christie for talking too long — and too much about himself — during the Thursday presser. Wrong. Christie showed that he wasn't afraid to take questions or answer them. Also, so far, no documents have linked him directly to the mother of all traffic jams.

As for Christie's liberal mention of self, it was appropriate. Absent Christie, the national media wouldn't have cared about this stuck-in-traffic

story.

Did the story help him? No. The media now know a Christie weakness. The Jersey governor may be a solid guy, a Buick of a man, but he failed to check the pettiness of the crew that was running his machine. He'll have to work on that.

On the plus side, the public saw a politician who understands that voters expect services in exchange for paying taxes — and they deserve real service.

To me, a Californian living under the heel of anti-car Democrats, this story has felt like a happy dream. An indignant Sokolich railed that the Bridgegate jam put his constituents "in harm's way." The lane closures blocked the George Washington Bridge for three days — and state lawmakers speedily investigated. If the same jam clogged the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, you would expect a lecture about single-occupancy vehicles and the need to use public transit. It would not be national news.

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News in brief

Pregnant, brain-dead woman's husband sues hospital

DALLAS (AP) — The fate of a brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman and her fetus likely will be decided in a courtroom after the woman's husband sued the hospital keeping her on life support against his wishes.

Erick Munoz filed a lawsuit in state district court in Fort Worth, where his wife, Marlise Munoz, has been on life support since he found her unconscious in their North Texas home on Nov. 26. She was 14 weeks pregnant at the time. Her family says the exact cause of her condition isn't known, though a blood clot is a possibility.

Erick and Marlise Munoz, both paramedics, had seen life and death up close and he previously told The Associated Press that his wife was clear with him: If she fell into a condition like this, pull life support and let her die.

John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, however, has refused to take Marlise Munoz off machines, citing a state law the hospital says requires it to continue treating a pregnant patient.

Munoz's lawsuit says that law doesn't apply because Marlise Munoz is legally and medically dead. The condition of her fetus is unclear.

"Marlise Munoz is dead, and she gave clear instructions to her husband and family — Marlise was not to remain on any type of artificial 'life sustaining treatment,' ventilators or the like," the lawsuit said. "There is no reason JPS should be allowed to continue treatment on Marlise Munoz's dead body, and this court should order JPS to immediately discontinue such."

The Tarrant County District Attorney's office, which is representing the public hospital, said its attorneys were reviewing the lawsuit and had no immediate response Tuesday. Hospital spokeswoman J.R. Labbe previously has said hospital officials stand by their position: "This is not a difficult decision for us. We are following the law."

No injuries in DuPont plant incident in Texas

ORANGE, Texas (AP) — A loud noise and flaring at a Southeast Texas chemical plant drew emergency responders but a company official says there was no explosion or fire in the unit.

DuPont Co. spokesman Aaron Woods on Wednesday said no workers were hurt at the DuPont Sabine (suh-BEEN') River Works in Orange. Woods says the emergency shutdown Tuesday night has closed one polyethylene unit amid the company investigation into the incident.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department received 911 calls about a possible explosion.

Woods says the sound was decompression and the unit shutting down as the safety system worked. He had no information on possible damage to the plant in Orange, 100 miles northeast of Houston.

Thieves take mail from inside 2 Texas post offices

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Some crooks

ignoring outside drop-off mailboxes have gone inside two U.S. Postal Service offices in Central Texas to steal packages.

College Station police are looking for the thieves responsible for breaking into mail bins and taking nearly 20 large packages.

Police on Tuesday said the thefts happened last weekend. Suspects entered two post offices and pried open package drop boxes.

No dollar estimate was immediately provided for the losses.

TX carnival worker convicted on SD drug charges

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota jury has convicted a carnival worker from Texas accused of having crack cocaine shipped to him inside a doll last summer.

KELO-TV reports that jurors in Sioux Falls on Tuesday night convicted 55-year-old John Whitfield Jr., of Houston, of possessing drugs and paraphernalia and intending to distribute drugs. However, Judge Brad Zell reversed the conviction on the charge of intending to distribute drugs.

Whitfield oversaw children's rides at the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls. He was arrested Aug. 3 after authorities said they intercepted a package containing the doll stuffed with 37 grams of drugs worth more than \$3,000 on the street. Police say they found more drug evidence in Whitfield's truck.

Whitfield's attorney unsuccessfully argued that her client never saw or possessed the package.

Hunting guide gets probation in gators case

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas hunting and fishing guide has been sentenced to three years of probation for illegally transporting an alligator carcass.

Prosecutors in Beaumont on Tuesday announced the penalty for 49-year-old Steve Barclay of Kennard. Barclay last August pleaded guilty to transporting wildlife taken in violation of federal law.

Investigators say Barclay in May 2008 witnessed a client shoot and kill three alligators, which are listed as a threatened species. Prosecutors say Barclay knew that Texas law limits hunters to one alligator per hunter per season.

Officials say Barclay on May 20, 2008, transported one of the alligators killed in Leon County to a taxidermy shop in Grapeland.

San Antonio police arrest alleged mom of dead baby

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police have arrested a woman believed to be the mother of a newborn boy found dead at a recycling center.

Police on Tuesday night arrested 25-year-old Nidia Yolibeth Alvarado on a capital murder charge.

A medical examiner has ruled that the infant found dead on Dec. 23 in a duffel bag was strangled. Police received several tips after the body was discovered by a recycling worker.

Police on Wednesday did not immediately provide information on bond or an attorney for Alvarado, who was arrested at a San Antonio apartment.

Mayor of East Texas town resigns after 32 years

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — The mayor of an East Texas town for the past 32 years has decided it's time for a change.

The Carthage City Commission will meet Friday morning to fill the unexpired term of 85-year-old Mayor Carson Joines.

City Secretary Debbie Pierce tells the Longview

News-Journal that Joines announced he's resigning before his term expires in May. Joines has spent 42 years in office — the first 10 as Carthage mayor pro tem and the other 32 as mayor.

In his resignation letter to the commission, Joines says he wanted to give more time to his family. His wife died in 2002 and he has four children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Carthage is a town of about 6,800, located 160 miles southeast of Dallas.

State to consider schools' plea for water

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state environmental body is to consider whether to force a South Texas town to turn the water back on for its school district so students can return to class.

The La Villa (VEE'-yah) Independent School District has asked the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue an emergency order to force La Villa to turn the water and sewer service back on.

The city cut off water to the district shortly after students left for holiday vacation, saying the district owes about \$58,000 in unpaid fees. The district has continued paying its bill at an old rate but objected to a December 2012 rate hike.

Classes were to resume Monday, but schools have remained closed.

The Office of Public Interest Counsel has recommended the commission issue the order.

College board attorneys: Candidate can take office

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for the Houston Community College board say they see no legal barrier to the swearing-in of a newly elected trustee whose election is under challenge.

Board special counsel Gene Locke tells the Houston Chronicle that the college system sees no legal basis to deny Dave Wilson his board seat. The board is scheduled to elect officers at a Thursday meeting.

However, a court order blocking Wilson from taking office remains in effect until Jan. 27. Wilson's opponent in the November election, a 24-year incumbent, alleged mailers Wilson sent to voters in the predominantly black district implied Wilson was black. Wilson, who is white, has said he never lied on his mailers.

The lawsuit also alleges Wilson is ineligible because he doesn't live in the district that elected him.

Texas man convicted of 1993 deaths granted bond

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas man convicted of killing two people as a teenager in 1993 was released on bond Tuesday while he awaits a new trial that the state had ordered.

After spending nearly 20 years in prison for the killings of two teenagers in a drive-by shooting, Daniel Villegas stood in the morning sun outside the El Paso County Jail.

"I never thought this day would come and now it's here. It feels like a dream, like I'm going to wake up," the 37-year-old told a crowd of reporters and sympathizers.

Villegas was flanked by his mother, Yolanda Villegas, and local businessman John Mimbela, who has supported his case. Villegas was released Tuesday after posting \$1,000 of a \$50,000 bond.

"This is too much for me. I get to hold him again. I've waited too long," Yolanda Villegas said while tears rolled down her cheeks.

Daniel Villegas' first trial for the deaths of teenagers Armando Lazo and Robert England ended in a hung jury. He was found guilty in 1995 and sentenced to life in prison.

But at hearings in 2011, Villegas' attorney, John Gates, said he hadn't had enough time to prepare for the second trial. The defense for the first trial had called 18 witnesses; Gates presented just one.

The Texas Court of Appeals in December granted Villegas a new trial due to ineffective counsel.

Texas gang leader gets prison in drug case

HOUSTON (AP) — A leader of a gang that started in Texas prisons has been sentenced to nearly 13 years in prison after pleading guilty to distribution of heroin.

A federal judge in Houston sentenced 37-year-old Eric Gomez of San Antonio to 12 years and seven months in prison on Tuesday. Gomez had entered his guilty plea Sept. 11.

Prosecutors describe Gomez as a general in the Texas Mexican Mafia prison gang. Investigators say Gomez was behind the sale of more than 12 pounds of heroin to an FBI confidential source since late 2011.

Gomez was among more than two dozen alleged gang members charged in the fall of 2012 with running drugs and gun violations to support the group's violent activity. Of the 26 charged, 22 have entered guilty pleas.

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News Brief

With little drama, House ready to OK government-wide \$1.1T budget as Senate waits its turn

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shunning the turmoil of recent budget clashes, Congress is ready to approve a massive \$1.1 trillion spending bill for this year, a compromise financing everything from airports to war costs and brimming with victories and setbacks for both parties.

The huge bill furnishes the fine print — 1,582 pages of it — for the bipartisan pact approved in December that set overall federal spending levels for the next couple of years. With that decision behind them and lawmakers eager to use the election year to show they can run a government, there was little suspense about the spending bill's fate.

Reinforcing that was their desire to avoid the potential alternative — a replay of last fall's 16-day federal shutdown, which disgusted voters.

"There's a desire to show people we can do our job," said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

The Republican-led House was expected to approve the sweeping measure Wednesday, with the Democratic-run Senate following suit by the end of the week.

AP sources: Obama expected to back changes to NSA surveillance with Congress handling details

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is expected to endorse changes to the way the government collects millions of Americans' phone records for possible future surveillance, but he'll leave many of the specific adjustments for Congress to sort out, according to three U.S. officials familiar with the White House intelligence review.

That move will thrust much of the decision-making on Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act toward a branch of government that is deeply divided over the future of the surveillance apparatus. And members of Congress are in no hurry to settle their differences and quickly enact broad changes.

Obama will speak about the bulk collections and other surveillance programs in a highly anticipated speech Friday at the Justice Department. The speech marks the culmination of a monthslong review sparked by former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden, who leaked a trove of classified documents about the secret surveillance programs last year.

In another revelation about NSA activities, The New York Times reported Tuesday that the agency has implanted software in nearly 100,000 computers around the world — but not in the United States — that allows the U.S. to conduct surveillance on those machines.

The NSA calls the effort an "active defense" and has used the technology to monitor units of China's Army, the Russian military, drug cartels, trade institutions inside the European Union, and sometime U.S. partners against terrorism like Saudi Arabia, India and Pakistan, the Times reported.

Bombings across Iraq striking busy markets, funeral north of Baghdad, kill at least 41 people

BAGHDAD (AP) — A wave of bombings across Iraq striking busy markets and a funeral north of Baghdad killed at least 41 people Wednesday, authorities said, as the country remains gripped by violence after al-Qaida-linked militants took control of two cities in western Anbar province.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks. Insurgent groups, mainly al-Qaida's local branch and other Sunni militants, frequently target civilians in cafes and public areas, as well as

Shiites and members of Iraqi security forces in an attempt to undermine confidence in the Shiite-led government and stir sectarian tensions.

The deadliest attack struck a funeral in the town of Buhriz, about 60 kilometers (35 miles) north of Baghdad. That bombing killed 16 people and wounded 26 inside of a mourning tent, a police officer said.

The funeral was for an anti-al-Qaida Sunni militiaman who died of natural causes two days ago. The Sunni militia, known as the Awakening Council, was formed by U.S. forces during the height of the insurgency. They are seen as traitors by al-Qaida's local branch and other militant groups.

In Baghdad, a series of bombings killed at least 25 people.

Google counts on latest acquisition to open doors as homes get smarter in digital world

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When our Internet-connected gadgets and home appliances all learn to talk to each other, Google wants to be at the center of the conversation.

This imagined future is still a few years away, but Google is already preparing with its \$3.2 billion acquisition of high-tech thermostat and smoke-detector maker Nest Labs.

The surprise deal announced earlier this week will provide Google Inc. with more tools to build a valuable hub for homes. It's a world of network-tethered toasters and tea kettles, or a so-called "Internet of Things," that is destined to reshape society, experts say, in the same way that smartphones have done in the seven years since Apple Inc. unveiled the iPhone.

The research firm Gartner Inc. expects more than 26 billion objects to be connected to the Internet by 2020, a figure that doesn't include personal computers, smartphones or tablets. That would be a nearly 30-fold increase from roughly 900 million Internet-connected things in 2009.

Google established itself as an instrumental player in smartphones with the 2008 release of Android, a free operating system that runs on more mobile devices than any other piece of software. Now, the company is gearing up for the advent of the smart home with the help of Nest Labs, a 300-employee company started in Palo Alto, Calif. less than four years ago. Tony Fadell, Nest's founder, is an Apple veteran who helped design the iPod and the iPhone.

Indian police say Danish tourist was gang-raped near New Delhi shopping area

NEW DELHI (AP) — A Danish tourist was gang-raped near a popular shopping area in New Delhi after she stopped to ask for directions, police said Wednesday, the latest case to focus attention on the scourge of violence against women in India.

The 51-year-old woman also was robbed and beaten in the attack, which happened Tuesday afternoon or early evening near Connaught Place, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said. The woman had lost her way and was trying to get back to her hotel, he said.

She approached a group of men for directions, but they lured her to a secluded area where they raped her at knife-point, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

The woman managed to reach her hotel Tuesday evening and the owner called police. Police are questioning several suspects but no arrests have been made.

"When she came, it was miserable," said Amit Bahl, owner of the Amax Hotel in the Paharganj

area, which is popular with backpackers. The woman was crying and "not in good shape," he said.

In bucolic Vermont, rising problem of painkiller and heroin abuse stirs a battle cry

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Behind the facade of pristine ski slopes, craft beer, quaint village greens and one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, Vermont is grappling with painkiller and heroin abuse, a challenge leaders say is fueling crime and wrecking lives and families disproportionately in this tiny state.

Nearly every day, police across Vermont are responding to burglaries or armed robberies investigators believe are prompted by the unslakable hunger for money to feed heroin or pill habits. In many cases, law enforcement officials say, what began as the abuse of prescription drugs has turned into heroin use because it's less expensive and, more recently, easier to get.

Federal statistics rank Vermont among the top 10 states for the abuse of painkillers and illicit drug use other than marijuana — including heroin — for people ages 18 to 25.

Last week, Gov. Peter Shumlin took the unusual step of highlighting the challenge by devoting almost his entire State of the State address to it. He described the drug abuse as "a crisis bubbling just beneath the surface" and called on the Legislature to pass laws encouraging treatment and seek ideas on the best way to prevent people from becoming addicted in the first place. He also called for stiffer penalties for traffickers and people who use weapons in drug crimes.

"Anyone who doesn't believe that they have an opiate challenge in their state is in denial," Shumlin said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, the day after his speech. "The point is that if we can shift from our belief, our fantasy, that we can solve all of these problems with law enforcement, we'll go a long way toward solving the problem. This is primarily a public health crisis."

Medieval treasure trove at center of dispute between Berlin museums, Jewish heirs

BERLIN (AP) — It's a medieval treasure trove worth an estimated quarter of a billion dollars, filled with gold crosses studded with gems and intricate silverwork. For years, it's been at the center of a dispute between a Berlin museum foundation and the heirs of Holocaust-era Jewish art dealers.

Now a resolution may be in sight: On Wednesday, a German government-created commission convenes to make a recommendation on who rightfully owns the Welfenschatz — or Guelph Treasure.

The heirs claim that their ancestors had no choice but to sell the Christian artifacts in 1935 to the Nazi government for less than their value. The foundation that oversees Berlin's museums says that the collectors were not forced to sell the pieces — arguing among other things that the collection was not even in Germany at the time of its sale.

The collection — which has been on display in Berlin museums since the early '60s — is considered the largest German church treasure in public hands. Some experts have estimated the value of the collection of silver and gold crucifixes, altars and other relics at between 180 -200 million euros (\$246-\$273 million).

The question of the collection's ownership comes at a particularly sensitive time in Germany, following the discovery of more than 1,400 art pieces in the Munich apartment of the son of an art dealer who worked with the Nazis. Descendants of the original Jewish owners of some of those pieces, who now live mostly in Israel and the United States, have criticized the German government for not coming up with a speedy solution on how to either return the art or compensate them for it.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



Rosanne Cash

The singer-songwriter returns to the Southern roots of both herself and her famous father with music that examines the region's continuing hold on American culture.

AmericanProfile

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Third-Hand-High Rule

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7
♥ 10 8 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q 9 7 4

WEST

♠ A 10 8 4
♥ J 7
♦ A Q 3
♣ J 8 6 2

EAST

♠ Q 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ 5

SOUTH

♠ K 2
♥ A K 5 4
♦ K J 8 6
♣ K 10 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — four of spades.

The player who follows general rules blindly must pay a penalty now and then for his intransigence. There are not just millions, but billions and even trillions of hands possible in bridge, so even a general principle that would work successfully on most of them is sure to have its exceptions.

Consider the rule of third-hand high. In most deals, the rule can be followed profitably, but in some deals, it would be dead-wrong to rely

on it.

Take this case where West leads a spade against three notrump and declarer plays the nine from dummy. If East conforms to the third-hand-high rule, declarer takes East's queen with the king and can develop a second spade trick by simply returning the suit. But if East plays the six at trick one — he signals with the six to encourage a subsequent continuation

South makes only one spade trick and finishes down one.

East can reasonably assume that South has A-x or K-x of spades for his opening notrump bid. If South has A-x, he scores two spade tricks whether or not East covers the nine with the queen. But if South has K-x, a trick (and the contract) is lost by playing the queen.

So, by playing the six, East breaks even or gains a trick, while if he plays the queen, he breaks even or loses a trick. The six is therefore the right play because it might gain a trick but cannot lose one.

Note also that South must play his clubs carefully to win five tricks in the suit. He should cash the king and then lead the ten to the queen in case West started with the J-x-x-x of clubs. If he incorrectly plays the king followed by the three to the queen, he will block the suit and score only three club tricks.

Tomorrow: Perilous but plausible.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 13

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

6			7	2		3	4	
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Monahans runs past Big Spring, 55-40

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers got off to a slow start offensively on Tuesday night. The Monahans Lobos made them pay for it dearly. Monahans built a 14-point lead in the first

quarter and raced to a 55-40 victory over the Steers in a key District 4-3A matchup in Monahans. With the loss, the Steers fell to 8-11 for the season. More importantly, however, Big Spring slipped to 0-2 in district play.

The BSHS offense struggled to get into gear early against the Lobos. Big Spring managed just six points in the initial eight minutes of the game. Monahans, now 20-3 and 2-0 in the district race, didn't have any trouble finding the bas-

ket. The Lobos outscored Big Spring by a 20-6 clip in the opening stanza. Monahans continued to carry the tempo in the second. The Lobos posted a 13-12 run in the second and stretched their lead to 15 points, at 33-18, heading into

the half. The half didn't get any easier for the Steers in the second half. Monahans opened the third quarter with a 13-11 spree and took a commanding 46-29 cushion into the start of the final period. Big Spring managed

to whittle away at the Lobos' lead in the final eight minutes by outscoring Monahans by an 11-9 margin in the closing minutes. Big Spring will return to action on Friday against Greenwood. The varsity will tip off at approximately 7:30 p.m.



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Forsan's J.T. Breyman (12) steals the ball from a Seagraves player while teammate Tyler Evans races to help during the first half of the Buffaloes' 80-70 win on Tuesday at home. With the win, Forsan improved to 12-4 for the season, and to 2-0 in District 6-A action.

Mims, Fannin power Forsan to 80-70 win over Seagraves

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

FORSAN - Matthew Mims poured a game-high 30 points and teammate Kade Fannin added 20 more on Tuesday night and helped lead the Forsan High School Buffaloes to a thrilling 80-70 win over the Seagraves Eagles in high school boys' basketball action.

"We played really hard tonight," said Forsan head coach Gary Huckabee. "We came out fast

and got on the scoreboard early. We needed it because they came back the whole game. "It was nip and tuck the whole way," he added. The Buffaloes didn't waste any time in taking the upper hand. Tyler Evans opened the District 6-A showdown with a bang, knocking down a three-pointer and putting back an offensive rebound within the initial 90 seconds of play to key a 6-0 start. Mims helped the Buf-

faloes keep the pressure on from there. The FHS senior scored 12 points in the final seven minutes of the first quarter and helped spur Forsan to a stunning 26-14 lead. Seagraves roared back in the second quarter. The Eagles opened the frame with a 11-3 run and pulled to within 29-25 with 2:28 left in the half. Mims shouldered much of the offensive load for Forsan in the second. He scored five of the Buffaloes' eight

second-quarter points. Seagraves continued to chip away at the Forsan lead in the third. The Eagles, who repeatedly stunned the Buff defense with clutch three-pointers, cut Forsan's lead to seven, at 42-35, at the 4:33 mark of the third quarter. Seagraves staged its biggest threat midway through the fourth quarter. The Eagles reeled off a 13-6 run to start the frame and pulled to within 60-58 with 5:21 See **BUFFS**, Page 13

With Tannehill under center, Big Spring finished the season with a 9-4 record.

Tannehill also collected second-team quarterback honors on the Super Team.

Senior Devin Roberson also earned high praise. He was named to the All-Big Country Super Team's first-team roster as a utility player. Roberson was also named to the first-team as a defensive back and punter.

The Steers were well represented on the defensive side. Big Spring had four players named to the All-Big Country first-team defensive unit. Chosen were senior defensive lineman Chris Lindem, senior linebacker Tyler Wig-

2014 All-Big Country Super Team

The following is a list of awards earned by members of the Big Spring Steers on the 2014 All-Big Country Super Team. The team was selected by the Abilene Reporter-News.

Offensive MVP

Tobyn Tannehill..... Jr.

First Team

Utility- Devin Roberson..... Sr.
DL - Chris Lindem..... Sr.
LB - Tyler Wigington ... Sr.
DB - Shihiem Menefield... Sr.
DB - Devin Roberson... Sr.
P - Devin Roberson Sr.

Second Team

QB - Tobyn Tannehill... Jr.
WR - Tate Kennedy..... Sr.
OL - Charlie Boling Jr.
DB - Bret Brorman Sr.

Honorable Mention

RB - Hunter Hill..... Jr.
RB - Preston Alexander Jr.
OL - Aric Rutledge Sr.
OL - Austin Cantu Sr.

ington, and defensive back Shihiem Menefield.

Joining Tannehill on the second-team offense was the senior wide receiver Tate Kennedy and junior lineman Charles Boling. Senior defensive back Bret Brorman was named to the second-team defense.

Junior Hunter Hill and freshman Preston Alexander were named to the honorable mention offense as running backs. Aric Rutledge and Austin Cantu were also honorable mention selections as offensive linemen.

BSHS head coach Philip Ritchey was named the 3A Coach of the Year.

Lady Steers slow start, upend Monahans in key 4-3A battle

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers survived a slow start on Tuesday evening and then rolled to a convincing 47-32 win over the Monahans Lady Lobos in a key District 4-3A matchup.

Getting started was anything but easy for the BSHS girls. The team struggled to find

its offensive rhythm early in the contest and managed just four shots from the field in the initial eight minutes. Monahans used the Lady Steers' struggles to battle its way to an 8-8 deadlock at the end of the first quarter. Big Spring, now 15-6 overall, made up for its struggles in the second. The Lady Steers reeled off a 19-7 run in

the frame and streaked into the half with a 27-15 lead. "We came out flat in the first quarter," said Lady Steers' head coach Mike Warren. "We didn't have a lot of energy early on, but once we got going we did okay." Big Spring added to its lead in the third quarter by grinding out a 12-10 run. The BSHS girls carried See **BSHS**, Page 13



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Forsan's Maria Ortiz shoots over a Seagraves defender during the second half of the Lady Buffaloes' 59-34 victory on Tuesday. With the win, the Lady Buffs improved to 12-7 heading into Friday's game with Tahoka.

JV Steers crush Monahans

The Big Spring High School Steers' junior varsity basketball team picked up a huge win on Tuesday by downing the Monahans Lobos, 56-38.

Big Spring had three players finish the contest in double figures offensively, including K.J. Davenport, who pumped in a game-high 21 points.

Keshawn Broussard and Will Green chipped in 10 points apiece. Teammate Israel Oguin also shined offensively, netting nine.

Eric Ortega and Green finished the contest as the Steers' top rebounders, while Davenport led the team in assists.

The Steers will return to District 4-3A action on Friday with a game in Greenwood.

Lady Cats race past Sands, 46-33

Jenni Fields poured in 13 points and Faith Hunt added 12 more on Tuesday and powered the Grady Lady Wildcats to a 46-33 win over the Sands Lady Mustangs in District 6-A action. With the win, Grady improved to 13-6 for the

season, and remained unbeaten, at 8-0, in district play. Sands slipped to 4-4 in district. Ranked No. 18 in the latest Class A, Division II, poll, the Lady Wildcats got off to a fast start against Sands. Grady posted a 13-8 run in the

first quarter and never looked back. The Lady Wildcats also picked up a double-digit effort from Lupita Jimenez in the win. She amassed 11 points in the contest. Grady will host Borden County this Friday.

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Legals

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit
Quantum Resources Management, LLC 1401 McKinney St. Ste 2400 Houston, TX 77010 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Fusselman, Glass Lease, Well Number 5. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles SE of Garden City, in the Garden City, South (Fusselman) Field, in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9814 to 10080 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil, and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
#8129 January 15, 2014

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the items listed below:
1. Date/Time: Monday, February 10, 2014, at 2:00p.m. (C.S.T) for the following:
(1) Proposal #14-017
Lease Purchase Financing
Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Interim Finance Director, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposal and a general description of the proposal item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.
#8128 January 15, 19 & 26, 2014

Legals

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit
Draft Permit No.: 03603
Application and Draft Permit. DCP Midstream, LP, 10 Desta Dr Ste 400 W, Midland, TX 79705-4515, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an initial issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 03603, Application No. 19352, to authorize operation of the Knott Booster Station, a Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas facility. The area addressed by the application can be located using the following directions: from the interchange of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20 located on the north side of Big Spring, TX, drive 6.5 miles north on U.S. Highway 87 to Ranch Road 2230 on the left, turn west and drive 3.2 miles on Ranch Road 2230 to the booster station on the left, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at:
<http://www.teceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.34222&lng=-101.570833&zoom=13&type=r>.
This application was received by the TCEQ on April 3, 2013.
The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas

79706-2636; and the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main St, Big Spring, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:
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At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512)239-1540.
Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.
A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonable ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the

hearing.
Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.teceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html

and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.
A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.
Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.
Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained for DCP Midstream, LP by calling Mr. Martin W. Smith at (432)620-5463.
Notice Issuance Date: December 18, 2013
#8125 January 15, 2014

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT
SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORAIN, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg/San Andres formation, in the Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2000' to 3000'.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone 512)463-6792).
#8130 January 15, 2014



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Full Cancer Moon

There's no place like home under the full Cancer moon. Where do you feel safe enough to relax and be totally yourself? Interactions will resonate with maternal dynamics, having the feeling of a reunion of mother and child. For some, it's a cathartic moon and the emotions run freely. Offer and accept comfort.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Watch out. When you say "I am," whatever follows is a declaration with staying power. Perhaps the safest route is not to claim anything at all. Let them figure it out for themselves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As it is with moving vehicles, the faster you're going the longer it's going to take to stop. The day will be a bit of a blur. Long, languorous evening hours will help you unwind from the madness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Only time can tell whether an unwelcome development will be extremely lucky for you in the end. You have every reason to stay upbeat and hopeful for the best possible outcome.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a talent for creating illusions that will enhance your image. Everybody does this to some degree, but you openly admit it. That's what makes you relatable. People drop their pretenses around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a problem-solving machine today. Some problems are solved through bold, swift action and others through sensitivity and awareness. You can change your style on a dime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is normal to encounter inner resistance when taking on a job that requires a great deal of willpower. Distractions seem shinier. Goals go soft. You feel tired. Fight on. This is how you develop muscle tone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Since friends have some mighty strange ideas about what you need to do to stay healthy, wealthy and wise. The best rule to follow is: Don't listen to friends. Stick with the professionals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're moving fast and handling what's in front of you. To the innocent bystander,

you look like a person making it up in the moment. What they don't know is that it's all part of your grand plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Safe talk leads nowhere. Dangerous talk also leads nowhere, as it causes people to feel defensive and closed. The best conversations will combine the tame with the wild unpredictably.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like those last minutes of a project, right before the bell rings. The quickening of your pulse makes you do your best work. When it all comes down to the wire, you'll be in excellent form.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to have an answer for everyone the moment they ask something of you. Making them wait is an excellent strategy. Your typical thoughtfulness plays well in this strategy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes it can be challenging to maintain enthusiasm for your daily responsibilities and routines, but today a funny new force in your life will shed some sunshine on it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 15). You'll circulate in a high-powered group. In the first quarter of the year, you could participate in a battle of sorts, but you likely will show your strength by avoiding fighting. May brings a big decision and the glorious fallout: Your life is your creation. In August, the focus is on home and the people who make it joyful. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 3, 22, 40 and 16.

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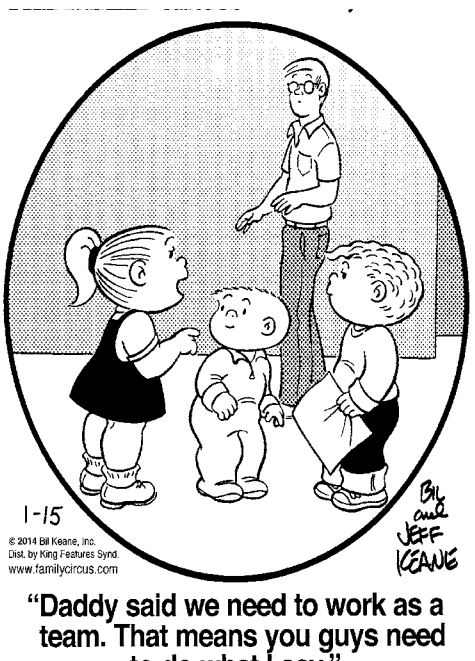


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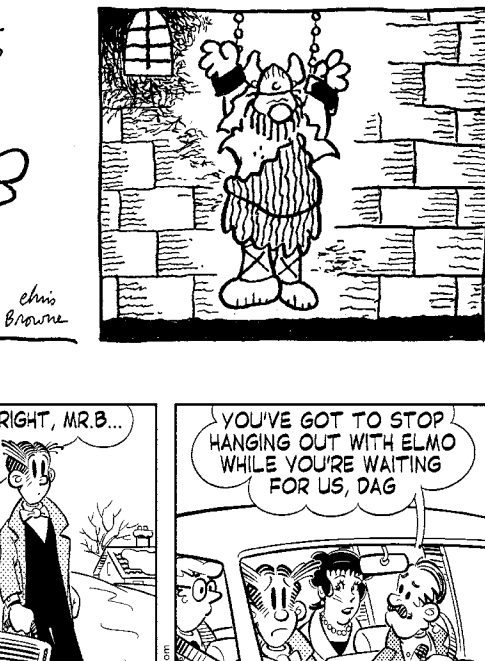
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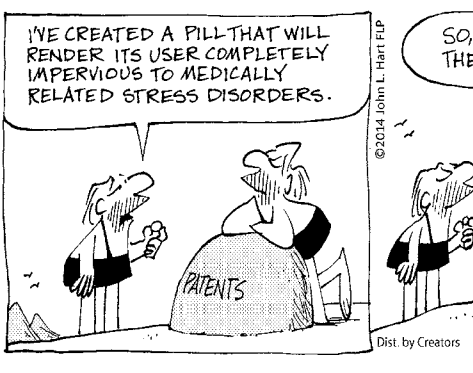
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2014. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1862, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Abraham Lincoln's choice of Edwin M. Stanton to be the new Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

In 1919, in Boston, a tank containing an estimated 2.3

million gallons of molasses burst, sending the dark syrup coursing through the city's North End, killing 21 people.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1947, the mutilated remains of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, who came to be known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot; her slaying remains unsolved.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, known retroactively as Super Bowl I.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1974, the situation comedy "Happy Days" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1989, NATO, the Warsaw Pact and 12 other European countries adopted a human rights and security agreement in Vienna, Austria.

In 1993, in Paris, a historic disarmament ceremony ended with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

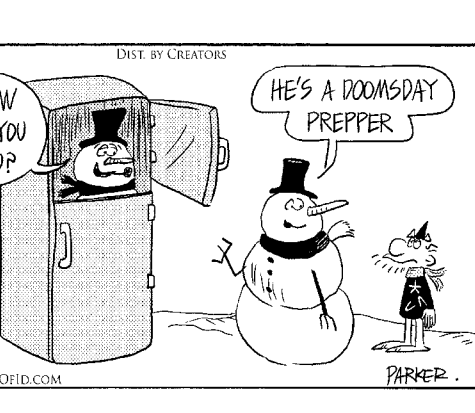
In 1994, singer-songwriter Harry Nilsson died in Agoura Hills, Calif., at age 52.

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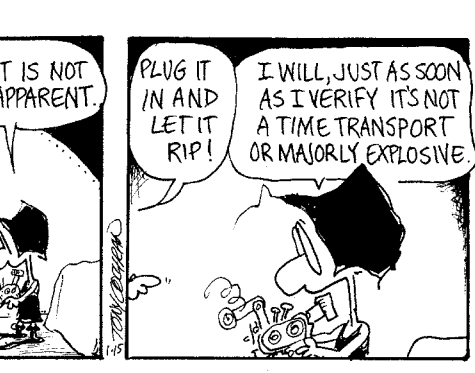
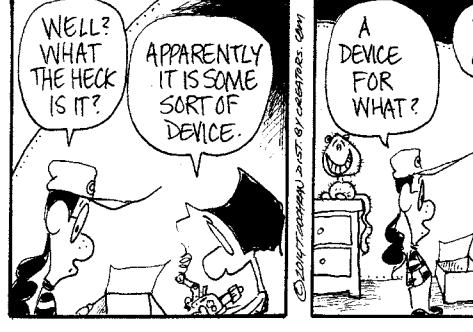
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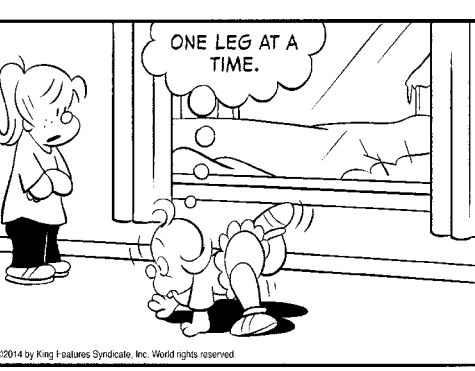
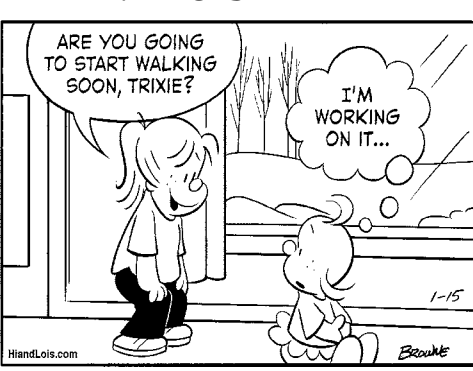
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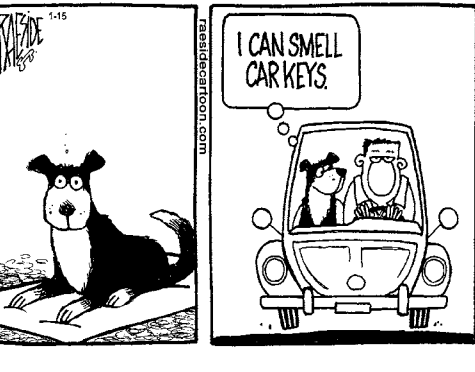
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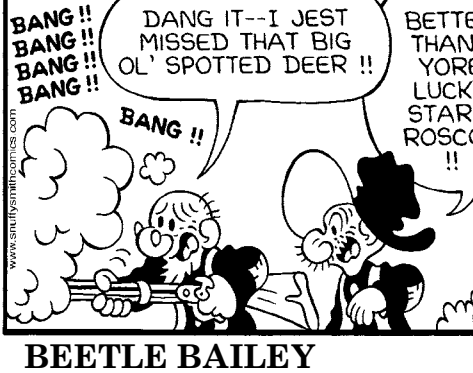
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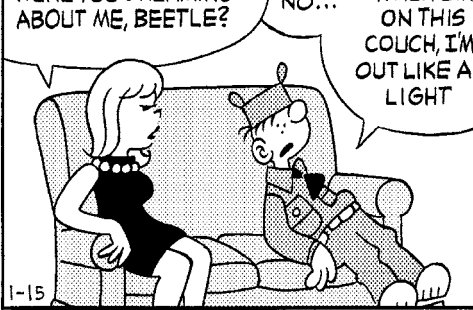
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- 16 Largest continent
- 17 NHL big prize
- 19 Digital music player
- 20 Actress Swinton
- 21 Leisurely walk
- 23 Cold symptom
- 25 Propelling a dinghy
- 29 Military hero's big prize
- 33 Opposite of neg.
- 36 TV as a chair
- 37 Use host O'Donnell
- 38 Justice ___ Bader Ginsburg
- 40 Letter-shaped fastener
- 42 Artistic inspiration
- 43 Wee hour
- 45 Underway, to Sherlock
- 47 Fellows
- 48 Actor's big prize
- 51 Islamic holy city
- 52 Haberdashery clip
- 56 Scottish port
- 60 Social gathering
- 61 Tarzan's girlfriend
- 64 Singer's big prize
- 66 Vicinity
- 67 Grown up
- DOWN**
- 1 Nuisances
- 2 Sean of the Lord of the Rings films
- 3 No longer edible
- 4 Bike for two
- 5 Consumed
- 6 Sets, as a trap
- 7 Pt. of IRA
- 8 Tart-tasting
- 9 Office's letter center
- 10 Cleopatra's snake
- 11 Brazilian city, for short
- 12 In a blue mood
- 15 Good-natured parody
- 18 Goofs off
- 22 Cowardly Lion portrayer
- 24 Revise writing
- 26 "To recap . . ."
- 27 Pollution that's heard
- 28 Eco-friendly
- 30 Held in check
- 31 Bath sponge
- 32 At minimal power
- 33 Type of golf tourney
- 34 Light weight
- 35 Stand in good ___
- 39 Was imaginative
- 41 Perfectly
- 44 Steakhouse handout
- 46 Baloney
- 49 Tropical fruit
- 50 Church official
- 53 Shattered
- 54 Skylit courtyards
- 55 Actress Winona
- 57 Remove, as a hat
- 58 Mideast airline
- 59 Boundary
- 61 Boxer's punch
- 62 Part of a sofa
- 63 Still wrapped
- 65 Oedipus ___

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Garden City rolls past Sterling City

Sam Miller scored a game-high 22 points and Corbin Davis added 18 more on Tuesday and helped carry the 18th-ranked Garden City Bearkats to a 67-33 win over Sterling City.

With the win, Garden City improved to 11-6 for the season and moved to 5-1 in District 14-A action.

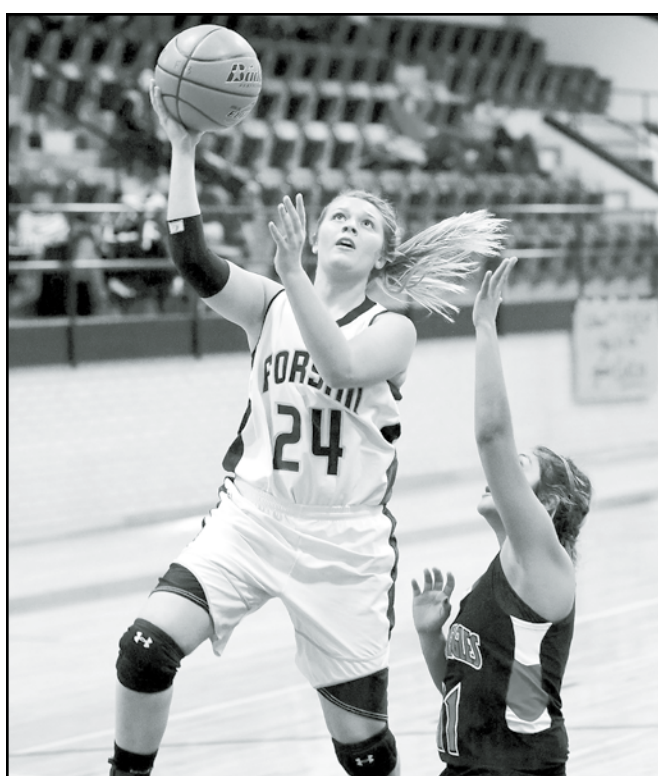
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within 60-58 with 5:21 left in the contest.

Forsan weathered the storm, however. The Buffaloes regained the momentum moments later as Evans and J.T. Breyman combined for five unanswered points and pushed the Buffs' lead to 65-58.

Forsan closed out the game from there with a 15-12 run in the final three minutes of play.

Fannin, who finished the game with 10 rebounds, tallied 10 of his 20 points in the second half.



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Mary Ashley McDaniel drives in for a layup during the Lady Buffaloes' 59-34 win over Seagraves on Tuesday.

Forsan races past Seagraves

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

FORSAN - Brittney Hergert pumped in 20 points and Reagan Haggard and Ali Knight each added 10 more on Tuesday and led the Forsan Lady Buffaloes to a thrilling 59-34 romp over Seagraves in District 6-2A action.

"The girls did well," said FHS head coach Lindsey Schmidt. "This was the first game I thought they came out with some fire. I was very happy with the way they played."

Forsan didn't waste any time in putting Seagraves on its heels. The Lady Buffs outscored the Lady Eagles by an 18-12

clip in the first eight minutes and then reeled off a 17-9 run in the second to take a 35-21 lead into the half.

Senior Maria Ortiz also played well for Forsan, finishing with eight points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

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ried a 39-25 lead into the final stanza.

Diamonique Mayes

and Dyrshae Vanderbilt led the Big Spring offensive charge. Mayes closed out the game with 13 points, while Vanderbilt added 10.

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