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Glen Robertson

Finding lots of common ground

District 19 candidates disagree about very little during forum

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

On the issues, there is little separating the two Republicans vying for the Texas District 19 U.S. congressional seat. From border security to Social Security, Jodey Arrington and Glen Robertson virtually see eye-to-eye on what will be the major priorities facing the next Congress.

Both candidates, who will face each other in a runoff election May 24, were in Big Spring Monday to address the Howard County Republican Club. During their opening remarks and a question-and-answer session that followed, it became clear that they agree on just about everything — except

who people should vote for.

Only when they were asked why people should vote for them and not their opponent did Arrington's and Robertson's paths diverge.

Arrington said leadership qualities honed under former President George W. Bush and as a vice chancellor at Texas Tech University gave him an edge over Robertson.

"When I was given leadership responsibilities under President Bush (at the FCIC), I helped reduce agency expenditures by tens of millions of dollars. I reduced the regulatory burden on small businesses and community banks and I helped prepare major

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Jodey Arrington

Artist reception tonight



Courtesy photo

This is one of several works that will be shown when members of the Caboose Watercolor Society art group hold a reception from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

KBSB, city receive UP grants

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) is in the business of making Big Spring green. And in return, the green has been given right back to them. Monday afternoon, the club, along with the City of Big Spring, was awarded a \$10,000 grant and a \$15,000 grant, respectively, from Union Pacific Railroad.

"We received over 100 applications for grants this year (for Union Pacific's philanthropic giving program)



Brooks

and these two applications were easily in our top 10," said Union Pacific director of public affairs Dan Harbeke at the Hotel Settles during the check presentation. "That's not only a big deal here, but a big deal in the 23 states we work in."

KBSB president Lisa Brooks received the letter in January that the

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County tightens private road acceptance policy

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners voted Monday to take a "thanks, but no thanks" approach to accepting private roads into the county system.

During their Monday meeting, commissioners approved a new policy which will greatly restrict the number of private roads the county will accept responsibility for in the future.

The reason, Precinct 2 Commissioner Craig Bailey said, was num-



Bailey

bers. "We are constantly being asked to accept (private) roads into our 529-mile system, and, frankly, we don't have the money to take care of the roads we have," Bailey said, noting that the county road and bridge department has a maintenance budget of less than \$3 million to care for its roads.

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Retiree health coverage on council agenda

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's city council will consider providing health insurance to city retirees when it meets at 5:30 p.m. today in council chambers located at 307 E. Fourth St.

If approved, the move would result in retirees and qualifying dependents being offered

standard health insurance coverage currently offered to employees.

Current retirees would be grandfathered into the plan, city officials said.

To qualify for this coverage, retirees would have to apply for coverage within 30 days of their last day of employment, the proposed resolution states.

In other business today, council will consider:

- The city's annual financial report and the Economic Development Corporation's annual audit.
- A public hearing and possible action on renaming a street in the Highland South subdivi-

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Obituaries

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 35, of 2403 S Main was arrested on charges of littering and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
SHANEL ANN ROTHENBERGER, 34, was arrested on charges of theft of property, less than \$100.
JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ, 25, was arrested on a warrant for burglary habitation intend other felony and a warrant from another agency.
DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3000 block of E IH 20.
BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80 and the 900 block of E I 20.
MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of S Birdwell Lane.
BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.
THEFT was reported in the 2700 block of E Hwy 250, the 200 block of W FM 700, and the 4200 block of Old Colorado City.
MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin Street, the 1900 block of Mittel Avenue, the corner of 19th and Gregg, and the 1700 block of E 11th.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
BRITTANY CASTILLO, 23, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
MICHAEL ANTHONY ESCANUELA, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of property, greater than\$500 but less than \$1,500, violation of promise to appear, disregarding a stop sign, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
JUAN FRANCISCO GARCIA JR, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of service, greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 35, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram, and littering.
JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ, 25, was booked by the HCSD on a warrant for burglary habitation intend other felony.
SHANEL ANN ROTHENBERGER, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft, less than \$100 for shoplifting.

Jim McNutt

Jim McNutt, 66, of Big Spring died Monday, April 11, 2016 in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Wed 4/13, Thu 4/14, Fri 4/15, Sat 4/16, Sun 4/17) and corresponding weather forecasts including high/low temperatures and conditions like 'Sunny', 'Windy', 'Showers'.

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. Lists weather for cities like Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Brownwood, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Gainesville, Greenville, Houston, Kingsville, Livingston, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, Raymondville, Rosenberg, San Antonio, San Marcos, Sulphur Springs, Sweetwater, Tyler, Weatherford, and Wichita Falls.

National Cities

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. Lists weather for cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, and Saint Louis.

Moon Phases



UV Index

Table with 5 columns: Day (Wed 4/13, Thu 4/14, Fri 4/15, Sat 4/16, Sun 4/17) and UV Index values (7, 9, 9, 9, 9) with corresponding 'High' and 'Very High' labels.

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Support Groups

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.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

- 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 main entrance of the church.

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.

Take Note

- Photographs of area military personnel - currently on the job or veterans - going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event. The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration. Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.
Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.
The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at

Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1. More information and the application can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

- The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.
The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

Advertisement for Big Spring Collision Center (BSCC) located at 207 Coliad. Includes phone number 432-263-7306 and website bigspringcollision.com.

Advertisement for Marcy Place Assisted Living Facility, located at 2301 Wasson Rd. Big Spring, TX. Phone number 432-268-9041. Includes an image of the facility.

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Sanders lags in delegates but leads in likability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders is still behind when it comes to delegates and votes, but he has one clear advantage over his Democratic and Republican presidential rivals — a lot of people actually like him. By 48 percent to 39 percent, more Americans have a favorable than an unfavorable opinion of Sanders, giving him the best net-positive rating in the field, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. Unlike the other candidates, Sanders also is doing better as more Americans get to know him: His favorable rating is up from an earlier AP-GfK poll. The numbers speak to

Sanders' rapid rise from a relatively unknown Vermont senator to a celebrated voice proclaiming political revolution. They also reflect just how unpopular the rest of the field is. But the growing popularity may be coming too late for Sanders, who lags behind Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton, with time running out in the primary campaign. After winning the Democratic caucuses in Wyoming on Saturday, Sanders has now won seven of the past eight state contests. Still, to win the Democratic nomination, he must take 68 percent of the remaining delegates

and uncommitted superdelegates, which would require a sudden burst of blowout victories. "I just like everything that he talks about and that he wants to do," said Brian Cane, 54, of Spokane, Washington. "I think Hillary, she's too mainstream government. Bernie Sanders is fresh and new and the Republicans are freaking idiots." Still, Cane echoed the sentiments of many Democrats, saying that if Clinton wins the primary, "Yeah, I'll vote for her." The poll was conducted March 31-April 4, before the debate between Sanders and Clinton over who was best

qualified to be president grew more intense. Sanders' popularity stands in contrast to the rest of the remaining candidates. Clinton gets unfavorable ratings from 55 percent of Americans, while just 40 percent have a favorable opinion. A whopping 69 percent of Americans have an unfavorable view of Republican leader Donald Trump, and just 26 percent have a favorable opinion. Among Democrats, 72 percent have a favorable opinion of Sanders and 20 percent have an unfavorable opinion. That's similar to Democrats' rating of Clinton. It's also improved from 61 percent who had a favorable view of Sand-

ers in February, while his unfavorable rating remained stable. Twenty-three percent of Republicans and 38 percent of independents have a favorable view of Sanders, while 67 percent of Republicans and 32 percent of independents give him negative ratings. Just 71 percent of Republicans and 21 percent of independents rate Clinton positively. About 61 percent of registered voters say they'd at least consider voting for Sanders in a general election, while 38 percent said they would definitely not. The percentage saying they would not vote for him is the lowest in the entire field.

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legislative reform," Arrington said. "When I came back to West Texas and signed on at Texas Tech, I helped turn around recent declining enrollment. We brought thousands of new students to Tech, which brought millions of dollars to the region ... I always say leadership is about results, and I think I've shown I have the leadership qualities to help reduce the size of the federal government." Robertson, on the

other hand, pointed to his more than two decades of public service, including two terms as Lubbock mayor. "I'm the only one in this race with a proven track record in the public and private sector. I have grown three businesses and spent 25 years in public service," Robertson said. "Public servants can hold a great deal of power and I believe that power can be corrupting, so it's critical to elect a person who has held that power before you send them off to Congress." Those differences aside, however, Arrington and Robertson

expressed agreement on most of the issues raised during the meeting, including: • Abortion — Both men stated they believe life begins at conception and oppose abortion, with Arrington calling it "a stain on the moral fabric of our nation." Robertson said he would sign off to only one exception to an abortion ban — when the life of the mother was at stake. • Reducing the federal deficit — Robertson has a simple solution to massive federal deficits — require Congress to pass a balanced budget, "with no exceptions."

Arrington agreed, calling the federal debt "the greatest threat to our national security, because we can't fully address the other major issues facing this country." • President Obama's terms in office — Both men railed against the sitting president. Arrington denounced the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as "Obamacare", as "spending money we don't have on programs we don't need." Robertson, on the other hand, took a more humorous tack, saying, "President Obama has never disappointed me — he's done everything I was scared

he'd do." • Medical care for veterans — Calling reports of exorbitant wait times for appointments at VA medical centers "a national disgrace," Arrington called for reforms that would incentivize and modernize health care for veterans, including increasing veterans' choice when choosing their providers. Robertson agreed massive change at the Department of Veterans Affairs is needed. "The quickest way to fix it is to force the people in Congress to live under the VA system," he said. "I guarantee you, within 24 hours, it would be fixed." • Expansion of Interstate 27 through Big Spring — Robertson and Arrington both sup-

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KBSB

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organization had won the \$10,000 grant and according to Brooks, the club already has big plans for what to do with the money. "We are going to start on phase two of the medians in downtown Big Spring," explained Brooks. "We are going to start turfing them and we want to get some blooming plants as well. Something that will stay

green year round." The club, known for its annual Trash Off that took place earlier this month, began work and beautification of Main Street's medians last year. The club meets the first Monday of the month in the Cactus Room at Howard College at noon. "We are a total volunteer force," said Brooks. "We are a fun bunch of 'trashy' people!" Along with KBSB's grant, the City of Big Spring was given a

\$15,000 grant to help support the Historic Spring Restoration Project. The project, which was announced late last year, is expected to begin before the end of spring and will cost around \$1.8 million dollars to complete. Phase one will begin with repairs to the pumps that help supply the spring with water. "I found out about the grant when I was an intern," said city planner Roxanne Johnston. "I thought it would be a good fit for the area.

I think this \$15,000 will be a springboard for the rest of the project. We are excited." "There is no more direct way to help than to give back," said Harbeck during the check presentations. "This money is going to go directly to the beautification and restoration to this town, and I don't know if it gets more effective than that." Contact Managing Editor Amanda Elston at 432-263-7331.

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In the past, the county has been fairly amenable to bringing private roads into its system, even though it is under no legal obligation to do so, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. While the county isn't shutting the door entirely to the idea of taking over care of private roads, commissioners put a big roadblock in

that path — in the future, the county will not consider accepting any road that isn't paved, a condition that automatically eliminates a goodly number of private byways in this area. Commissioners also voted on a new policy on requests to rename county roads, instituting a three-step review process before granting such requests. The move was in response to past efforts which inadvertently resulted in duplication of road names.

In other business, commissioners: • Approved an agreement with the city of Big Spring to share its fiber-optic line at the county law enforcement center. • Approved a request to go out for bids for alternate road shoulder widening material. • Agreed to hold a special session on April 27 to open bids for road work. • Conducted a closed session to discuss personnel matters. No ac-

tion was taken. • Approved routine financial matters. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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sion. • A community services contract with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for the senior center. • Purchasing a police vehicle.

• An agreement with the local YMCA to provide lifeguards at the McEwen Family Aquatic Center this summer. • An appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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Life, love & chaos:

Learning to perfect an imperfect marriage

Life is full of mistakes and adventures. Marriage and parenting are perfect examples of this. In all marriages, there are going to be times when you say or do the wrong things. Marriage is not the blending of two people into one life, but a combined effort of two people to face the world together and make it a better place for each other.



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When you say or do something wrong, it is important to admit it and work it out. Feelings will be hurt and sometimes trust is shaken, but if you truly care for one another, these things can be worked through.

Heaven knows I am not the perfect wife, my husband can attest to this. And I can honestly say that my husband isn't perfect. However, despite our differences and the mistakes that we make with our marriage, we are perfect for each other. He has the ability to balance me out. When I'm about to go off half-cocked, he calls me back and lends his support to center me again. When he is out of sorts and going too far, I am able to

settle him down and help center him again. When done with love and respect, it is a wonderful balance with amazing results.

My husband is the head of the household and I do feel he should have the last say. But if I am earnest and I feel very strongly about the situation, he will heed my request and do things my way. When I am struggling, when I have a bad day or think that I have really messed up, he is there to comfort me and assure me that things will work out. When he struggles and has a bad day, I am there to reassure him and give him strength to carry on. We are not living the same life, but we are sharing a life together that we help each other through.

During our marriage, we have brought two beautiful baby girls into this world. Together, we have nurtured and cared for them. They are now lovely young ladies that are amusing, fascinating and attempting to take on the world themselves. Luckily, we have a little time with them before they venture into the world and learn the harsh reality of work, taxes, bills and human nature. My husband and I have made mistakes with our daughters as well. Sometimes a minor infraction will get blown out of pro-

portion and we probably come down on them and discipline them a little too harshly. Other times we probably let them get away with too much. I know that they have lied to us or done things they shouldn't have, and while I have called them out on many of these, sometimes I let them get away with little things. I don't do this because I get tired of dealing with them, but because I believe that if I let them and they get caught up on the situation, that sometimes the life lesson they learn from it is far more educational than a lecture could be. I would never let them get away with something major that could harm them or someone else, but I will let them get away with little ones once in a while to see how it plays out. At least then when they fall, I can help them stand back up and show them where their mistakes were. Later I let them know that I knew of their deception, but wanted to let them see the results of their actions first hand.

There are many books out there that have wonderful marriage and parenting advice. I have read several over the years. I have found some wonderful tips and advice in some



while others have seemed like pure nonsense. With each one you look at or read, remember that each situation is different for different people. Pick and choose which tactics and advice you use carefully. The best advice I can give on the subject is to always communicate openly and honestly. You may not like what they have to say, and they may not like what you have to say, but a true partnership and marriage will strengthen each other and make each other a better person.

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

Goodbye, Lake Wobegon: 'Prairie Home' is getting a new host

By JEFF BAENEN

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — No more Guy Noir, Private Eye. No more tales of Dusty and Lefty, the luckless cowboys. And no more weekly "News From Lake Wobegon," the imaginary Minnesota town famous for strong women, good-looking men and above-average children.

Those signature comedy sketches will vanish from the airwaves when humorist and best-selling author Garrison Keillor retires as host of his popular public radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion," this summer. After Keillor, whose sonorous voice and witty writing entertained millions of listeners for four decades, steps down, mandolin ace Chris Thile of the bands Punch Brothers and Nickel Creek will step in as the first full-time replacement host in October.

"I thought that the show should press the restart and not try to replicate what it has evolved into," Keillor explained, "but go back to the beginning and revive itself as a music show with comedy additions."

Some things won't change, Keillor and Thile say. The show's name will remain "A Prairie Home Companion" (for now),

its home base will stay at the 1,000-seat, elegantly restored Fitzgerald Theater in downtown St. Paul, and the live show will keep its two-hour Saturday evening time slot. Keillor says he will remain as executive producer and "a remote, benevolent gray eminence who phones in his thoughts every so often."

"Garrison created a template that I think is immortal," an effervescent Thile said during a recent interview on the Fitzgerald stage. "It doesn't feel like any kind of constraint. It's like a license. I feel like I have my license to go and make some good radio."

But if the shows Thile guest-hosted in January and February are any indication, listeners can expect a hipper batch of musical performers. Singer-songwriter Ben Folds, alt-country singer Brandi Carlile, multi-instrumentalist and whistler Andrew Bird and Paul Simon — perhaps the biggest musical name to ever perform on "Prairie Home" — were among the guests. Thile just had to pick up the phone and see if Simon was available.

Keillor praises Thile's musical connections as well as his respect for old-time bluegrass music.

"It seems to me if anybody was meant to host

and produce a musical variety show that has real intensity and integrity, it's him," Keillor said in a telephone interview.

At 35, Thile is three years older than when Keillor, now 73, started the show in 1974. The sandy-haired singer gushes when talking about succeeding Keillor.

"The prospect of getting to make things for people on a weekly basis ... is beyond compare. It's what I love to do," said Thile, who began listening to "Prairie Home" as a boy. Thile was 15 when he made his first appearance on the show in 1996 and has made a dozen or more visits since then.

Instead of Keillor's weekly monologue about Norwegian bachelor farmers and other residents of his fictional hometown of Lake Wobegon, Thile plans to write a new song every week that may take into account who is on the show. "Prairie Home" pianist and composer Richard Dworsky will remain, and Thile plans to bring back regular performers Tim Russell, Sue Scott and sound-effects guy Fred Newman but perhaps pair them with guest actors or comedians.

"Prairie Home" undoubtedly will lose its Minnesota worldview with Anoka native

Keillor gone. Thile was born in San Diego, grew up in Idyllwild in the San Jacinto mountains of Southern California and has lived in Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; San Francisco and New York. He now lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, actress Claire Coffee of the TV show "Grimm," and their young son. Thile plans to stay in Portland, where "Grimm" is filmed, and commute for "Prairie Home."

Thile said the new "Prairie Home" will reflect "the increasingly diffuse experience that most people have."

Keillor will tape his final "Prairie Home" on July 1 at the Hollywood Bowl in California for broadcast the following day in its regular time slot. Thile makes his debut as replacement host Oct. 15 at the Fitzgerald. A 13-show

season is planned at first, about half a normal 26-show run.

A big part of the show's revenue comes from stations that pay to carry it. Bill Thomas, director of radio for Prairie Public Broadcasting in North Dakota, said he plans to sign up for the new season to give Thile a chance.

"I suspect a lot of people will say they don't like it, it's not Garrison Keillor," Thomas said. "Of course it won't be. We'll just have to see."

Both Thile and Keillor say public radio stations need to rally around the new show. "Prairie Home" has a weekly

audience of more than 3.5 million listeners on 700 public radio stations in the U.S. When Keillor originally tried to retire in 1987, a substitute show, "Good Evening," hosted by Noah Adams of public radio's "All Things Considered," lasted just a year.

"I think ("Prairie Home") needs to be handed off to somebody and not just go into rerun purgatory," Keillor said. "I really think this guy (Thile) brings something to public radio that public radio needs."



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News in brief

Ex-justice of the peace in Texas gets prison for embezzling

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — An ex-judge in North Texas must serve two years in federal prison for stealing more than \$133,000 in payments meant to settle minor court cases.

Former Archer County Justice of the Peace Joseph Charles Boyle was sentenced Monday in Wichita Falls and must repay the money.

The 64-year-old Boyle served as an elected justice of the peace since 2003. Boyle in November pleaded guilty to theft from programs receiving federal funds. He resigned a day before his guilty plea.

Boyle was authorized to impose fines and assess fees for violations such as a minor having alcohol and traffic violations. Prosecutors say Boyle stole the funds since 2013, often requesting cash and keeping some money before turning in the rest and adjusting court records.

He's also an ex-state prison guard.

Police investigate assault allegations at West Texas A&M

CANYON, Texas (AP) — Police are investigating allegations that two women were sexually assaulted at a fraternity party at West Texas A&M University.

Authorities tell the *Amarillo Globe-News* that the women are both students at West Texas A&M who told officers they attended a fraternity party Saturday and believed they may have been assaulted after drinking. The party began Saturday afternoon at the Sigma Nu house.

Both underwent rape exams at an area hospital. No arrests have been made, but the Sigma Nu chapter has had its activities suspended due to the investigation.

US requests extradition of Mexican suspect in Texas slaying

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Mexican official says the United States has formally requested the extradition of a Mexican citizen who is accused of arranging the killing of her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend in Texas.

The federal official said Brenda Delgado, who made the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List, was informed of the request Monday. Mexican authorities arrested her last week in northern Mexico and she is being held in a Mexico City prison.

The official says that if Delgado does not appeal the request she could be extradited in about two to three months. The official was not authorized to speak about the case and insisted on anonymity.

The 33-year-old Delgado allegedly hired two people to kill dentist Kendra Hatcher in September. She faces charges of capital murder and unlawful flight in Dallas County.

San Antonio district fires officer who body-slammed girl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio school officer caught on tape body-slaming a middle-school student was fired Monday by the district, which said the officer's misstatements about what happened were revealed by the video.

Officer Joshua Kehm's statements on the March incident were "inconsistent" with the video and his response was "absolutely unwarranted," the San Antonio Independent School District said in a statement.

Superintendent Pedro Martinez said Kehm's case has been referred to the Texas Rangers, the state law enforcement agency, for possible criminal charges.

The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas will represent Kehm and plans to appeal his firing, the group's executive director, Charley Wilkison, said Monday.

"There's two sides to every story," Wilkison said. "We intend to fully, fully defend this officer and make sure that all of his rights are upheld."

Martinez said in an interview that he didn't find out about the incident until seeing the video on the Internet, and that staff at Rhodes Middle School also face discipline for not immediately reporting

what happened.

The video shows Kehm struggling with the 12-year-old girl before body-slaming her to the ground. He then appears to handcuff the girl before having her stand and leading her away. She had been fighting with another girl before Kehm body-slamed her.

Kehm first told the district that the girl's fall was accidental, then that she had been fighting an arrest in some way, Martinez said.

"Our conclusion was the action wasn't warranted," he said.

The district is supposed to be notified whenever a student is restrained, and officers are strongly discouraged from using physical force unless absolutely necessary in the case of "imminent danger," Martinez said.

"It never should have gotten to this point," Martinez said.

Martinez also faulted school staff for not calling the parents of the two fighting students or taking other action before the incident. An assistant principal has been placed on paid leave, he said.

According to state records, Kehm had been a school police officer for just over a year.

Abbott picks new leaders for embattled child welfare agency

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott named the former head of the Texas Rangers to lead the state's embattled child welfare agency Monday, calling the status quo "unacceptable" while making the unusual move of putting a career law enforcement officer in charge of the foster care system.

Henry "Hank" Whitman takes over as the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services commissioner five months after a federal judge ruled that the state's foster care system is so flawed that it violates the constitutional rights of more than 30,000 youngsters. Recent newspaper investigations have also revealed deep failings within the agency.

"I've insisted on overhauling a broken system, and I applaud the leadership changes that will provide a new direction and focus that puts protecting children first," Abbott said in a statement.

Whitman had nearly 35 years of law enforcement experience before retiring from the Rangers in 2012. His appointment is a departure from a decade of agency commissioners who were either elevated state bureaucrats, judges or those with backgrounds in juvenile services.

Abbott, a former Texas attorney general, also named Kristene Blackstone as assistant commissioner for Child Protective Services. She had been deputy director of the attorney general's child support division.

The state has said it will appeal the ruling in the class action-lawsuit filed in 2011 by the New York-based advocacy group Children's Rights and attorneys in Texas.

Texas attorney general charged with federal securities fraud

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Federal securities regulators charged Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Monday with four counts of civil fraud, piling on more legal troubles for the Republican already under criminal indictment for allegations that he

deceived friends and wealthy investors — at least once with high-pressure tactics.

The lawsuit filed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission provoked new calls from critics that Paxton should resign but no public response from state Republican leaders, including Gov. Greg Abbott.

Paxton, who has pleaded not guilty to two felony counts of securities fraud handed up by a Texas grand jury last summer, has said he won't step down and has faced no public pressure from state leaders to do so. But questions about his private financial dealings have made for a tumultuous first 16 months on the job.

The new federal lawsuit essentially mirrors the charges in Paxton's criminal case — that in 2011 he defrauded investors in a high-tech startup called Servery Inc., a data server company. But a new 26-page federal court filing provides a far more detailed narrative of Paxton's alleged misdeeds than what has previously been made public.

The SEC describes how Paxton allegedly betrayed a friend, raised \$840,000 and pressured one investor to make a "hasty decision" to immediately invest, thereby increasing the value of Servery stock that Paxton received as commission. Paxton's investor recruiting took when he was still a state legislator.

SEC investigators say Paxton claimed he planned to invest \$100,000 of his own money into Servery but that company founder Bill Mapp refused. The lawsuit alleges Paxton said Mapp told him, "I can't take your money. God doesn't want me to take your money." Paxton claimed he accepted Servery shares as a gift, according to the lawsuit.

But both state prosecutors and now the SEC accuse Paxton of never telling investors Servery paid him to raise money. The investors wouldn't have invested had they "known Paxton was being paid to promote the company," the lawsuit reads.

Those same allegations led to Paxton's indictment in his hometown and facing a possible sentence of five to 99 years in prison if convicted. By filing a civil lawsuit, federal regulators aren't seeking prison time but instead want Paxton to pay back "any ill-gotten gains or unjust enrichment" and be ordered to pay additional financial penalties. SEC investigators allege that one investor considered Paxton "a personal friend" and believed that Paxton was also investing in the company. According to the lawsuit, that investor "grew worried" when promises about product shipment failed to materialize, and that Paxton "did nothing" to determine whether those company milestones were true.

Paxton attorney Bill Mateja said he was surprised the SEC chose to file the charges a year after Paxton's criminal indictment.

"Like the criminal matter, Mr. Paxton vehemently denies the allegations in the civil lawsuit and looks forward to not only all of the facts coming out, but also to establishing his innocence in both the civil and criminal matters," Mateja said.

The Texas Democratic Party, which hasn't won a statewide office in more than two decades, said in a statement that "enough is enough" and again called for Paxton to step down.

Paxton took office in January 2015 with strong tea party support. A year earlier, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, now a GOP presidential candidate, called him a "tireless conservative warrior" as Paxton trounced a moderate Republican challenger on the way to becoming Texas' top law enforcement officer.

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Freeman headed to regionals

Special to the Herald

Forsan High School will have a Buffalo in the regional tennis tournament next week.

In the district tournament, Ross Freeman beat Luis Martinez from Eldorado 6-1, 6-0 to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals, he beat Layne Montez from Irion County 1-6, 7-6, 6-4. In a hard fought three set final, Freeman lost to Victor Castro 6-0, 5-7, 1-6. With his second place finish, Ross will advance to the regional tournament in Odessa on April 18-19th.

The girls doubles team of Sterling Freeman and Elizabeth Long beat Jackson and Ocker from Christoval 6-0, 6-0 to advance to the Semifinals. Freeman and Long end-

ed up 4th in the district.

The boys doubles team of Caden Cline and James McCafferty beat Gomez and Book from Miles 6-1, 6-2 and Rodriguez and Hazlewood from McCamey 6-2, 6-0 to advance to the Semifinals. Cline and McCafferty ended up 4th in the District.

Kobe Richardson won the JV boys singles district championship beating Eldorado 8-1 in the championship match.

Olivia Cansino and Jessica Svrbicka won the JV girls doubles district championship beating Eldorado 8-6 in the championship match.

Britney Evarrt won third Place in JV girls singles beating Eldorado 8-2 in the third place match.



Courtesy photo of Ross Freeman

Mavs clinch playoffs with win over Jazz

By KAREEM COPELAND

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

The Dallas Mavericks clinched a Western Conference playoff spot for the third consecutive season and the 15th time in the last 16 years.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 22 and the Mavericks earned the No. 7 spot Monday with a 101-92 win over the Utah Jazz, leaving one remaining postseason slot.

The postseason is nothing new for the organization, but the team seemed to be in dire straits when it dropped 10 of 12 during a stretch in March and lost Chandler Parsons for the season after surgery on his right knee on March 25.

Dallas made a playoff push by winning seven of its last eight games.

"Well, it's been a lot of work," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's been an amazing two weeks. Our guys looked like they were down and out, and we all dug in. Everyone dug in, especially the players, and we found a way to get into the playoffs."

"Tonight was game seven. That's the way we approached it."

Utah (40-41) lost control of its own destiny and needs to

beat the Lakers on Wednesday and for the Rockets (40-41) to lose to the Kings. Houston holds the tiebreaker against the Jazz if they finish with the same record.

Dallas (42-39) rode its two biggest stars to victory as Nowitzki hit four 3-pointers and added 11 rebounds. Deron Williams scored 23 of his own against his former team.

"Coming in here, we knew it was going to be like a playoff atmosphere," said Williams, who was booed throughout. "In a sense, (it) was a playoff game because there was so much at stake."

"(The boos) got me going out there a little bit. Not only the booing, but the stuff that was being said when I was sitting on the bench, at dead balls, stuff like that."

Gordon Hayward finished with 26, but was 1 for 9 from 3-point range. The Jazz struggled to shoot the ball and were 2 for 18 from behind the arc in the second half.

"We just didn't play that good," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "I don't think we made a perimeter shot until about five minutes left in the game. It just puts a lot of pressure on you."

"We talked about the last

20 games or so to try to be in a playoff race and find ourselves in this position. Unfortunately, Dallas was a better team tonight. We looked like a team that's the youngest what we are. And that's a good experience for us. It hurts right now."

The Mavs took a 50-46 lead into halftime after leading by as much as eight in the first half. The Jazz struggled to keep up with Nowitzki in the first quarter, in which he scored 10, and Williams in the second, when he scored 16.

"We just weren't staying within the offense," Jazz forward Derrick Favors said. "We missed a lot of shots that we normally make. (Rodney Hood) normally makes most of the shots he takes. It was just a tough offensive night for us."

"Wasn't any nervousness. Just (missed) a lot of shots that we normally make."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Nowitzki hit four 3-pointers and now has 1,700 in his career to become the 15th player in NBA history with at least 1,700 career triples. ... Nowitzki needs two



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) shoots as Utah Jazz forward Trevor Booker (33) defends during the second quarter in an NBA basketball game Monday, April 11, 2016, in Salt Lake City. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

Lewis, Nicholas lead way in Rangers win

SEATTLE (AP) — It took an inning for Colby Lewis and rookie catcher Brett Nicholas to get in sync, but after that it was a successful night for both of them and the Texas Rangers.

Lewis allowed one run on four hits over six innings against Seattle's struggling offense and Nicholas had two hits and threw out a runner at second in his major league debut to lead the Rangers to a 7-3 victory over the Mariners on Monday night.

"Hats off to Brett," Lewis said. "He did a great job back there tonight, just setting up. I felt comfortable with him catching. I wasn't worried one bit."

Lewis (1-0) allowed a first-inning run on Nelson Cruz's two-out RBI double, then retired 13 straight before allowing an infield single to open the sixth when he failed to cover on Leonys Martin's bouncer to first.

"We found a couple things that were working for him and we didn't devi-



Seattle Mariners Norichika Aoki keeps his finger on the base but was ruled out as he attempted to steal second base by Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

ate from it," Nicholas said. "We had a plan and stuck to it and it showed. I think we set down at one point 12 or 13 in a row. He was just cruising and I was just making sure I caught the ball well and threw it back to him so he could keep it going."

It was the fourth straight loss for Seattle, which scored just four runs while being swept at home by Oakland in a three-game weekend series. Texas

built a 7-1 lead before Cruz's second homer of the season, a two-run shot off Keone Kela in the eighth.

"We struggled to put consistent quality at-bats together," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "It just isn't happening right now. What are you going to do? You just got to keep battling, keep fighting through it, and eventually we will come out of it."

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Freshman arms giving upstart Red Raiders big lift in Big 12

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

With an all-freshman weekend rotation and a powerful offense, Texas Tech is one of the biggest surprises in college baseball so far this season.

The Red Raiders (24-9) have won 11 of 12 Big 12 games for their best conference start in program history. They're coming off one of their best weeks ever, having split two games at top-10 Florida State and taking three at Oklahoma State for their third straight league sweep.

The team picked by coaches to finish fifth out of nine teams in the Big 12 was ranked Monday as high as No. 10 nationally in the major polls.

"In our league, you don't expect to go sweep three series in a row, so yeah, we're definitely further along," fourth-year coach Tim Tadlock said.

In Big 12 play, Friday night starter Davis Martin (4-0, 1.70 ERA) has allowed two earned runs over 22 1/3 innings and Saturday starter Steven Ginery (3-1, 2.87) has allowed three earned runs in 23 innings. Sunday starter Ty Harpenau (1-0, 5.88) has been solid over his last

two starts after a rocky outing against Oklahoma.

Tech's offense is providing plenty of support, batting .303 and averaging 7.4 runs a game. Sophomore center fielder Tanner Gardner is batting .405 and has a .507 on-base percentage and senior first baseman Eric Gutierrez is batting .345 with a team-high 32 RBIs.

Gutierrez, junior right fielder Stephen Smith and senior left fielder Tyler Neslony are holdovers from the 2014 team that was Tech's first to reach the College World Series. The Raiders lost a pair of one-run games at the CWS and finished with 45 wins. Last year, they went 31-24 and failed to make the NCAA Tournament.

The Raiders are No. 12 in the most recent RPI on the strength of their split at Florida State, a split at Pac-12 co-leader California and their performance in the Big 12. Tadlock said he doesn't want his players to dwell on their success, especially with two weeks until their next Big 12 series.

Tadlock said his team's focus

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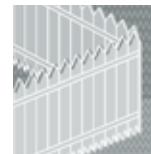
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lucky Love Triangle

VENUS in Aries and **MARS** in Sagittarius form a fiery triangle to pull some passion and enthusiasm from the heavenly realms. The exciting endeavors move front and center, romantic love being the star of it all. No matter how old the relationship or endeavor is, it will be touched by the incomparable freshness of youth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The hardest kind of criticism to take is honest criticism. Only the strong (that means you) can handle it, and handle it you will -- because there's something just beyond your usual awareness that will be incredibly helpful for you to know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those moments in which you feel happy, healthy, safe and protected from all harm -- those shouldn't be rare. If those mo-

ments are not abundant for you, why not? Today is a fine time to turn the trend around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Life will make you change for the better, and there's nothing you need to do about that now. Just relax and believe. If you can't believe, that's fine, too, but you'll be more comfortable if you at least relax.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who know you well are expecting you to succeed, and so are those who don't know you. That's because success is your vibe these days! Anyone who isn't rooting for you in an obvious way doesn't belong on your team.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your perfect blend is out there. When the music of your thoughts mixes with the music of a compatible individual's thoughts, the result will be a beautiful, layered symphony you both can dance to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stressful moments have a way of constricting your cre-

ativity and thought processes. Laughter is an experience of opening up and getting everything flowing again. You'll be at your best when you keep looking for the humor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe it sounds a little harsh, but the fact is that some people in your life nourish you while others deplete you. Recognize this reality and plan your day accordingly to stay buoyant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take a moment to gently acknowledge the feeling you're having; it's human. You're not the only one. Whatever you feel, it's acceptable. Does that help you soften into the moment instead of resisting it?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Address the concerns you have about your image. It's not selfish to want to put your best foot forward. This is the moment to nip a problem in the bud or make an easy improvement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get to

decide just how close you want people to be to you. Sure, they may have their own ideas, and there is a bit of negotiating to do (most of it informal and implied), but ultimately you're in charge. Don't forget that!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For moments it will be as though your ordinary mind and sense of personal identity have dissolved into a dream. The question is: How much of this dream are you able to influence? Test it out. Assert yourself and see.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You didn't go wrong; you went right. Anyway, it's best not to think about it now. This is different from the original plan, but assume that it's different in a good way and move forward.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 12). You've a talent for finding helpful people. The most attractive aren't always the best for you. Wishing to be a bright light in the world, you keep asking what would yield the highest good for

the most people. You'll be at the center of the social swirl in May and June. August brings different work for excellent pay. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 41, 49, 22 and 48.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 20-year-old Aries entering the work force for the first time. I have a business degree, but I'm not sure what I want to do. Any ideas or advice?"
One of your superpowers in the workforce is the fact that you're not afraid to try on a job for size. While some might turn down a job that's obviously not in line with career objectives, you think, "What's the harm? Strawberry picking might be a fine way to spend a few days. Answering the phones for a bookie? Hmm. Interesting character study!" You don't think it's the slightest bit weird to do a job for a week and then decide it's not for you. You'd rather have that experience than never know for sure what might

have been. And so your pre-edited resume is colorful and mind-boggling. But every "No way is this for me" leads you closer to "This is so my thing!" Trajectories to add to your list of considerations: activist, ambulance driver, barista, doula, DJ, journalist, reality-show producer, real estate developer, soldier, T-shirt designer, teacher, youth counselor, etc.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Homeland" star Claire Danes knew she wanted to be an actress at age 5 and informed her parents early on of her true calling. Danes, who gravitates toward whip-smart and self-assured characters, was born when the sun and Mars were in assertive Aries. Her natal Mercury and Venus are in Pisces, the sign of old souls. Her moon in Libra supports harmonious relationships of all kinds.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I spent two hours on the phone yesterday with a friend who can talk non-stop and rarely requires a response. I have another friend like this, and it's exhausting. I've seen letters in your column from other readers complaining about this, and you often suggest that the talkers might have a hearing problem. I disagree. These people joke about their "loud mouths," have never complained of any hearing difficulties and seem to hear when they want to.

One friend mentioned that she no longer has much of a social life, but I didn't bother to tell her why. "Sally" pretends to be interested in me and my kids and will ask questions, but if my answer is longer than 15

seconds, she interrupts. And I have to yell over her to finish a sentence.

I wonder if either of them will see themselves in this letter and at least attempt to change. I've heard of "listening classes" that can teach people how to actively listen. For now, I've got plenty of other friends who care enough to listen, so I've given up on the others.

-- Middle Aged and Finally Waking Up

Dear Waking Up: Hearing problems are only one possibility for those who, over time, begin to talk nonstop. Another possibility, of course, is self-involvement or perhaps a fear that they won't remember what they intend to say if they don't say it immediately. So they interrupt and talk over you.

People who do this rarely recognize their actions. It is your choice to end the friendship over such annoying behavior. But how much kinder it would be to gently point out to Sally why this bothers you, and to remind her when she does it again. You could regain the friendship, and help Sally be a better listener. What do you have to lose?

Dear Annie: I'd like to provide a different perspective for "I'd Like My Wife Back Please," who has been married for 25 years and his wife suddenly hates him. He mentioned that she had been exercising quite a bit and had totally changed her diet.

I was married for 28 years. My husband was controlling, abusive with our children and wouldn't keep a job. As

the kids left the nest, I realized that I was going to be living with this man for the rest of my life. It scared me to death. I couldn't stand it any longer. I turned the corner and knew the marriage was finished. I'm sure my husband thought it was a sudden change, but it had been building for years.

I've come to realize, as women, that we do what we have to do. We raise our kids, we go to work or stay home, whatever. But the bottom line is, when we are done, we're done. And it sounds like she is done. To this day, my ex doesn't think he ever did anything wrong. -- Happily Ever After

Dear Happily: It's true that problems can fester and, over time, can destroy a marriage. When they are

addressed early on, the relationship can often be salvaged because both parties are aware of the issues and are working on them. This is why we so often recommend counseling. But when one person suffers in silence, the result is built-up resentment and despair.

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- ASSIST
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- FIRST
- FOUL
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- HITS
- LEAGUE
- LINEUP
- LOSE
- MITT
- NINE
- NO-HITTER
- OUT
- PARK
- RUN
- SAVES
- SCORE
- STARTING PITCHER
- STEAL
- TAG
- TIE
- THROW
- UNIFORM
- WALK

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Six Plus Seven Equals 13

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ J 8
♣ Q J 10 8 5

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

EAST
♠ 5 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 10 9 7 5 4 2
♣ 6 3

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

The bidding:
South 1♠ West Dble North 2♣ East Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
It has been said that nothing is certain except death and taxes, but the knowledgeable bridge player would add to these the maxim that each player is dealt 13 cards. The backbone of good card play, both offensive and defensive, rests on this simple truth.
Take this case where West leads the king of diamonds against four spades. Declarer wins and plays the ace and another spade, losing to the king. West tries to cash the queen of

diamonds, but declarer ruffs.
South crosses to dummy with a trump and tries a club finesse, losing to the king. If West, eyeing dummy's clubs, now gets panicky and plays the ace of hearts because he is afraid South will discard his heart losers on dummy's clubs, he hands declarer the contract.
West may make this play because he thinks the only chance to stop the contract is to find East with the king of hearts. However, this reasoning is unsound, to say the least. West should return a club instead, because he cannot lose anything by doing so.
West has all the information he needs to make the club return completely safe. He knows South started with exactly five spades and one diamond, leaving declarer with seven cards in hearts and clubs.
If South has two clubs, he must have five hearts; if he has three clubs, he must have four hearts; if he has four clubs, he must have three hearts. In all of these cases, South cannot escape whatever heart losers he has.
Consequently, West's only correct action is to return a club at trick seven and let nature take its course, which in this case results in down one. The danger that South's heart losers will somehow disappear is more imaginary than real.

Tomorrow: A coup en passant.
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8:PM	Local 2	Mod Fam	Big Bang	News	ET	News	HaYesod	Hour	M'A'S'H	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Castle	SportsCenter	Basketball	Stars In.	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest
9:PM	Local 2	Sueño de	New Girl	NCIS: New	¿Quién es	The Voice	Upd	Parks	Griffith	iZombie	Big Bang	NBA Basket-	NFL	Girls High	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
10:PM	Local 2	Amor	Grand	NCIS: New	O'Neals	¿Quién es	M:25	Changed	Griffith	iZombie	Big Bang	NBA Basket-	Sports.	School	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
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1:PM	Local 2	Impacto	Broke Girl	News	Tele	News	With Schol-	ars	Jackie	C. Burnett	Cougar	NBA Basket-	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
2:PM	Local 2	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show-	Titulares	Tonight	Ministerios	Vida	Jackie	Perry Mason	Raising	SportsCenter	E:60	MLB Base-	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
3:PM	Local 2	Contacto	Two Men	James	Eva la	Seth Meyers	(Off Air)	Twi. Zone	King	Cougar	King	SportsCenter	NBA	Rangers	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
4:PM	Local 2	How I Met	Cleveland	Insider	El Señor	Upd	Chevalme	The Rock-	King	Cougar	King	SportsCenter	NBA	Jalen	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
5:PM	Local 2	Corazón	Friends	Insider	El Señor	Upd	Chevalme	The Rock-	King	Cougar	King	SportsCenter	NBA	Jalen	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
6:PM	Local 2	Indomable	Friends	Insider	El Señor	Upd	Chevalme	The Rock-	King	Cougar	King	SportsCenter	NBA	Jalen	Mod Fam	Storage	Deadliest	Catch
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"WELL, IF THE NEWS UPSETS YOU SO MUCH, WHY DO YOU WATCH IT?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Is this just a book or is it literature?"

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ROUGH DRAFT

A HURRICANE.

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MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL...

WHO'S THE FUNNIEST OF THEM ALL?

I'LL GET YOU, LOUIS C.K.

AGNES

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WHAT?! ANOTHER SCIENCE FAIR?!

THERE WAS ONE, JUST LAST YEAR! WHAT'S WITH THESE ONE-NOTE JOHNNIES? SCIENCE THIS, SCIENCE THAT! SCIENCE ALL THE FLIP-FLAPPIN' TIME!

FLIP-FLAPPIN'?

SORRY... SCIENCE MAKES ME VULGAR.

HI AND LOIS

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HOW MANY KIDS DO YOU HAVE IN COLLEGE?

NONE.

THESE ARE ALL THE SCHOOLS MY DAUGHTER IS THINKING OF APPLYING TO.

YALE MICHIGAN UNC TECH DUKE UF UCONN SUNY BR-549 BROWN

THE OTHER COAST

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CHEZ HOUND

SORRY FOR THE WAIT. THE CHEF TOOK YOUR MEALS OUTSIDE AND BURIED THEM SOMEWHERE.

SNUFFY SMITH

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LOOKIT WHAT LI'L TATER DREW !!

HE'S A REAL PISTACHIO !!

YOU MEAN PICASSO !!

NO-- I MEAN HE'S A REAL NUT !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

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WANT TO GO TO THE PX WITH ME?

SORRY, I CAN'T GO

SARGE IS TELLING ME ALL THE THINGS I'VE DONE RECENTLY

HE'S TAKING A BREAK

BLONDIE

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HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH THE TAXES, DEAR?

I NEED TO TAKE A SHORT NAP

THAT GOOD, HUH?

THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY TAX BREAK WE'LL BE GETTING

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 12, the 103rd day of 2016. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On April 12, 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.
- In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.
- In 1776, North Carolina's Fourth Provincial Congress authorized the colony's delegates to the Continental Congress to support independence from Britain.
- In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.
- In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published in book form after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.
- In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia, at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

Thought for Today:
"The surest test of discipline is its absence."
Clara Barton (1821-1912).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Long-lasting hairdo
- Everest's continent
- Enjoy a feast
- Pancake syrup source
- Talon
- Stag or doe
- Turn left or right
- Antler
- Guys in sales promotion, for short
- Expense
- Period one can concentrate
- Box on a wall calendar
- Corn serving
- Camera lens setting
- Summit
- Bright stars
- Hour and ___
- Hour before noon
- Three hours before noon
- Start of a "be patient" maxim
- Sunrise direction
- Tights, as sneakers
- Comics scream
- Over yonder
- Subj. for some immigrants
- People with fan clubs
- Santa helper
- Hour after noon
- Having an adverse effect
- Nuclear power source
- Dog walker's gear

DOWN

- Leaning Tower city
- Revise an article
- Landlord's income
- Manage somehow
- Containing nothing
- New Delhi dress
- Japanese wrestling
- Get ___ (retaliate)
- Hearing or sight
- Elbow-shaped pasta, for instance
- Metal that rusts
- Bro's sibling
- Took a chair
- Backs of necks
- Vessel for frying
- Gem surface
- Actress ___ Jessica Parker
- The things over there
- Giggling sound
- Roundish shapes
- Flower part
- Audio's partner
- Halo wearer
- Searches for
- Monogram initial: Abbr.
- Network with a peacock logo
- Decorative ribbon
- Bride straps
- Antlered beast
- Unfasten
- Makes, as movies
- None of the above
- Voice quality
- Tidy
- Stare in wonder
- Castaway's home
- Scandinavian capital
- Teller of fibs
- Home's grassy area
- Count up
- Make a knot in

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Answer to previous puzzle

ALPS	SPAN	PEEK
TOUT	TUNAS	ALAN
OGRE	ARENA	LATE
MORNING	WALK	TIE
OLDE	SIRENS	
LOSES	GRADE	
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AFTERNOON	COFFEE	
STOLE	AWOL	SAT
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HOPE	SO	MAUI
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TASK	TOISS	SUNS

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AP source: Suspended Gordon might have more trouble

By BARRY WILNER
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Suspended Browns receiver Josh Gordon might be in trouble with the NFL again.
A person familiar with the situation tells The Associated Press that Gordon has "raised a red flag" because of a recent league-administered drug test. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because results of NFL drug tests are not made public, says Gordon didn't have a positive substance abuse test.
But a sample collected in March showed Gordon had traces of marijuana and a diluting substance in his system.

The level of marijuana was less than the minimum required by the NFL for a positive test.
Still, the test for Gordon, suspended for all of 2015 for testing positive for alcohol, raised concerns because, the person says, "in the state he is in (within the NFL drug program), anything above a certain amount, even if it is below the threshold, raises a red flag."
The league, a spokesman for the Browns, and Gordon's agent Drew Rosenhaus, all declined to comment.
Fox Sports first reported the story.
Cleveland's new front office has said little



(AP Photo/Bob Leverone, File)

about Gordon, who applied for reinstatement in January. Last week, coach Hue Jackson said it was premature to talk about the former Pro Bowler because his situation had not been resolved. There is no indication when Commissioner Roger Goodell might rule on Gordon's

application.
And now the situation is more muddled.
According to league policy, for Gordon to be reinstated he will have to demonstrate sustained abstinence during his suspension. His past includes several failed marijuana tests in college, too, at Baylor.
After Gordon pleaded guilty to driving while impaired on July 5, 2014, in Raleigh, North Carolina, he was required to submit to alcohol testing under the third stage of the league's mandated program.
Gordon said he drank on a flight to Las Vegas a few days after the 2014 season ended and failed

a subsequent test. Gordon had assumed any restrictions ended after the season, but he didn't clarify that with the league.
Gordon was initially suspended for the 2014 season after testing positive for marijuana. His penalty was later reduced to 10 games after the league and NFL Players Association changed their substance abuse policies.
Gordon also had to sit out the two games in 2013 for a failed drug test, which he blamed on taking prescription cough medicine. Gordon led the league with 1,646 yards receiving in 2013 despite that suspension.

RANGERS

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The Rangers erased a 1-0 deficit with runs in the second, third and fourth off Hisashi Iwakuma (0-1), who gave up three runs on eight hits in six innings.
Texas tied it in the second when Ian Desmond walked with one out and advanced on wild pitch on a swinging third strike to Mitch Moreland. Elvis Andrus then blooped an RBI single into shallow right.
Prince Fielder's sacrifice fly in the third put Texas up 2-1.
The Rangers made it 3-1 in the fourth on singles by Moreland and Ryan Rua and an RBI double by Rougned Odor.
Nicholas, called up Sunday from Triple-A Round Rock, doubled to open the seventh off Mike Montgomery for his first big league hit. He scored on Fielder's line single to left just over the outstretched glove of Ketel Marte.

Seattle loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh, but Sam Dyson retired Norichika Aoki on a sharp grounder to first.
"We had the bases loaded and Aoki actually hits a ball OK down the line, they make a play, that happens, it's the big leagues," Servais said. "We need a little good fortune to turn our way. But we need to keep battling and we got to make it happen, nobody is going to give it to us. I think we got to be a little more aggressive and play with a little more edge."
The Rangers added three runs on four hits in the eighth, keyed by Odor's two-run single off the glove of Robinson Cano with the bases loaded.
Nicholas might have thrown the most important strike of the first inning. Aoki led off with a walk, but Nicholas threw him out at second on an attempted steal. Kyle Seager then walked and Cruz followed with the one-out double.
"He helped me out huge there in the first inning

throwing out Aoki," Lewis said. "He definitely came up big tonight for us."
ANOTHER HOT START
Texas outfielder Nomar Mazara was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Since making his debut Sunday after being called up from Triple A, he is hitting .625 (5 for 8) with a homer and two RBIs.
TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: Delino DeShields was out of the lineup with a sore shoulder. It was a good day for DeShields to get a rest, as he is 0 for 10 lifetime against Iwakuma. With DeShields out, Odor hit lead-off for Texas.
Mariners: RHP Joaquin Benoit was unavailable for a second straight day while he deals with back and shoulder stiffness. Benoit said he did not consider it to be serious and was something he dealt with during spring training as well. ... LHP Charlie Furbush played catch at 75 feet on Monday. It was his first throwing session since early in spring training after he experienced tightness in the deltoid area of his left shoulder.

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must be on the next game, which is Tuesday at home against a dangerous Sam Houston State team that swept three games from Oklahoma in late February.
"We've got the Bearkats rolling in licking their chops to play us," Tadlock said. "I think we understand we need to try to keep our feet on the ground."
A look around the country:
MIAMI NEW NO. 1: Bad weather forced the cancellation of two of Miami's three games at Notre Dame, but the Hurricanes' 10-2 win on Sunday was enough to push them to the top of the major polls after former No. 1 Florida (29-5, 8-4) lost two of three to Mississippi State. The Canes (25-4, 11-2 ACC) have won nine straight and 20 of their last 22.
ABOUT THOSE BULLDOGS: Mississippi State (23-9-1, 8-4), coming off its first series win in Gainesville since 2007, has won four straight SEC series for the first time

since 2001. The Bulldogs are as high as No. 2 in this week's polls and are a game ahead of Texas A&M in the SEC West.
RICARDO'S ON A ROLL: Rice sophomore Ricardo Salinas pitched a two-hit shutout in his first complete game, a 3-0 win over UAB on Sunday. He allowed two singles, walked one and retired the last 16 batters. In his last 37 innings, Salinas (5-1) has a 0.97 ERA and has held opposing batters to a .176 average.
LASHING LOBOS: New Mexico Nos. 3 and 4 batters Chris DeVito and Carl Stajduhar were a combined 11 for 14 in a 14-13, 12-inning win over Fresno State on Saturday. DeVito was 5 for 7 with three home runs and six RBIs, and Stajduhar was 6 for 7 and hit for the cycle before the extra innings.
FEAR THE GOPHER: Minnesota (18-10), ninth in the Big Ten a year ago, has won four of its first five in conference play. The Gophers swept a doubleheader at nationally ranked Michigan on Friday. Two weeks ago, they won a nonconference series against a ranked Missouri State team.

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made free throws to become the seventh player in NBA history — and the first 7-footer — with 7,000 career made free throws.
Jazz: Starting center Rudy Gobert hit the floor with when he rolled his right ankle fighting for a rebound. He immediately went to the locker

room and did not return. He was on crutches and in a walking boot after the game. ... Trey Lyles started his second consecutive game with Derrick Favors dealing with right knee soreness. Favors played but clearly wasn't fully healthy.
UP NEXT
The Mavericks host the Spurs on Wednesday.
The Jazz travel to face the Lakers on Wednesday.

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