

Water restrictions may get tighter

Climatologists tell Colorado water district it will likely be a dry summer

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring say water use and conservation during the winter months has gone well; however, with little rain in the forecast this summer, mandatory restrictions will likely be back in effect soon.

The city moved from Stage 3 of its drought contingency plan to Stage 2 in mid-December, which loosened restrictions on outdoor water use and moved the plan from a mandatory enforcement to voluntary community par-

ticipation.

According to Big Spring Interim City Manager Todd Darden, conservation efforts during the winter have gone well, although the outlook going into the summer months isn't looking very good.

"I can't say enough about

our citizens and their efforts to conserve water this winter despite the move from mandatory to voluntary restrictions," Darden said. "They really stepped up to the plate and kept the city's water consumption at a good level.

"Unfortunately, going

into the spring and summer months isn't looking very good at this point. The climatologists who have been working with the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) say it looks

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THURSDAY AT HOWARD COLLEGE Temple Grandin will be featured in speaker series

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald Dr. Temple Grandin will be making an appearance in Big Spring as part of the Howard College Foundation Speaker Series, a free event for the public Thursday. Grandin is well

Grandin is well known, not only as an individual with autism, but also for her research and extensive work on the de-



Dr. Grandin



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring native Philip Ferguson, center, and his band, Texas True, perform in concert at Heritage Museum Saturday afternoon. The group performed a variety of country, bluegrass, gospel and original tunes. sign of handling facili-

ties for the cattle industry. Thanks in large part to a persistent mother, mentoring by her high school science teacher and encouragement from her aunt on a ranch in Arizona, Grandin was motivated to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock

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Zoning changes, golf carts to take center stage for city council here

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Proposed zoning changes and public hearings pertaining to the changes top the agenda for the Tuesday meeting of the Big Spring City Council. (SF-1) to Light Commercial (LC) for the property located

The council is to hold public hearings concerning:

• Consideration of a zone

change from Single Family-1 (SF-1) to Light Commercial (LC) for the property located at 1901 W. 16th St., described as Section 1, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

• Consideration of a zone change from Single Family-2 (SF-2) to Neighborhood Service (NS) for the property

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Gasoline prices fall 1.8 cents per gallon in Texas

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.53/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.64/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Texas, prices Sunday were 24.2 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 9.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 9.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 21.9 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Average gasoline prices have continued to quietly move lower in the last week across much of the United States at a time of year when we historically are accustomed to seeing prices move higher," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"As of late last week, all 50 states saw lower gasoline prices than the same date last year, and the savings at the pump for motorists- while not staggeringamounts to millions of dollars a day," DeHaan said.



Obituaries

Bruce Fink

Bruce Fink, 59, of Midland passed away Friday, March 22, 2013, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer Fink; mother, Shirley Gingras; sister, Luann Goin and husband Randy; sister, Gail Jetter and husband Tim; brother-in-law, Patrick Becker; sister-in-law Debra Wagenman; brother-in-law, Andrew Becker and Lori; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• KERRY JOE HANCE, 21, of Overton, Texas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JARROD DANIEL DALTON, 34, of Creede, Colo., was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify.

• PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ, 21, of 1601 Stadium, was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest or detention (two counts), driving while license invalid, failure to appear (four counts), no driver's license – when unlicensed, assault – family violence and theft – more than \$50.

• ELADIO LOPEZ ZUBIATE, 36, of 509 N. Goliad. was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.

• LATICIA LANETTE RAINER, 42, of 103 Rainer Rd., was arrested Saturday on warrants for theft – more than \$1,500 and more than \$20,000 and purchasing/furnishing alcohol for a minor.

Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Saturday on a SMMC. charge of theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 2600 block of Fairchild.

In the 2500 block of Old Highway 80.

In the 2600 block of Fairchild.

In the 500 block of N. First Street in Coahoma.

• ASSAULT was reported:

In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

In the 2300 block of S. Gregg Street.

• HIT AND RUN was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the area of N. County Road 39.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this

sumption of alcohol by a minor.

• TRISTAN RAMIREZ, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER, 23, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• HARRISON JOHNSON, 35, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a Travis County warrant for bondsman off bond - assault causing bodily injury (family violence).

• KAMARA MARIESHAH WILLIAMS, 18, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• BARRY HOLLOWAY, 33, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JESSICA FAYE BROOKS, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for bondsman off bond - manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts), bondsman of bond – delivery of a dangerous drug and delivery of marijuana (two counts).

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and Hilltop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Highway 87 and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of • DANNY DWAYNE ANDERSON, 49, of 5907 E. Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to

> MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Apache. Service refused.

> • TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

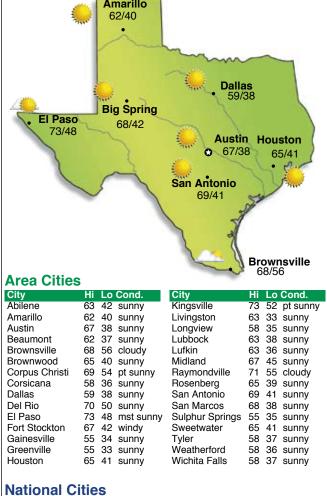
> GRASS FIRE was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and County Road 35.

Take Note

• The Prom Closet, located at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.

• March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. March 8, 2011, the United States Senate declared

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Denver	48	33	pt sunny	Seattle	61	45	cloudy
Houston	65	41	sunny	St. Louis	39	24	pt sunny
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report.

• ORLANDO CHAVEZ JR., 19, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• RAMONDA LYNN JONES, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal capias warrants for child not secured by safety belt, failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, displaying expired registration certificate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 33, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

• CHRISTOPHER TURNER, 20, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.

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• DARREN EASTERLING, 57, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a Sterling County warrant for driving while intoxicated – open container.

• ELADIO ZUBIATE, 36, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on an Austin parole warrant.

• PHILLIP DESHON MILLER, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of purchasing/ furnishing alcohol to a minor.

• CHRISTINA TAYLOR BRORMAN, 17, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of con-

March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." The West Texas VA Health Care System is proud to host the 2013 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program. The program will be held at 6 p.m. March 28 at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Road. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Community Relations at the West Texas VA Health Care System, 432-264-4824.

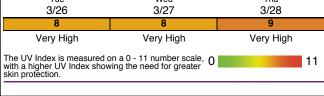
• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www. westexags.com

• Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

 Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

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 The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

 An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

 An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

 Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

LOCAL/WIRE

Billy McNeely said it all goes back to an April,

2010, birthday party in McNeely's home town of

Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories. McNeely

got into a fight over an arm-wrestling contest and

was stabbed five times. A doctor stitched him up

Ever since, McNeely would set off metal detector

and he's had a lump in his back where the knife

went in. It never stopped nagging him and grew

Doctors dug out a blade measuring about 2.7 inch-

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Fifty-two bottles of

well-aged whiskey disappeared between his lips,

police said, and now it's time for a western Penn-

John Saunders, the former live-in caretaker of a

Pittsburgh-area mansion, faces criminal charges

for allegedly drinking more than \$100,000 worth of

Owner Patricia Hill found nine cases of whiskey

hidden in the walls and stairwell of the century-old

Georgian mansion built by coal and coke industri-

alist J.P. Brennan after she bought it in 2012. The

Old Farm Pure Rye Whiskey was produced in the

early 1900s by the nearby West Overton Distilling

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Odds & Ends

Woman sets fire to snake, which sets fire to home

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a northeast Texas woman recently learned a hard lesson: Don't try to kill a snake by setting it on fire.

The woman was cleaning the yard outside a home near Texarkana Wednesday night when she spotted a snake. Bowie County Sheriff's Capt. David Grable says she poured gasoline on the snake to try to kill it. Her son then dropped a lit match on the snake.

The engulfed snake slithered into some brush nearby the home. Grable says the brush ignited and started a fire that destroyed the home and damaged one next door.

Both homes were vacant, and no one was injured.

Grable says most snakes are harmless if left alone.

Man finds knife in back 3 years after stabbing

YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (AP) - A Canadian man was just scratching what he thought was an old itch this week when it turned out to be a knife blade that had been buried in his

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like it's going to be a dry summer, which is really bad news for us and our water customers. Without a very serious influx of rain, we'll likely have to move back to Stage 3 and the mandatory restrictions sometime in April."

Darden said the expected move in drought stages doesn't come as a surprise, as officials with CRMWD have been expecting it for some time.

"Back in December, when CRMWD lifted the mandatory restrictions, John Grant (CRMWD manager) told us if we didn't get some serious rain, we'd likely have

to move back to mandatory restrictions by the early spring or summer," Darden said.

According to CRMWD officials, the O.H. Ivie Reservoir which has been the principal source of water for water district cities since last year - is currently at 20.99 percent capacity, down almost 5 percent since October 2012. The E.V. Spence Resrvoir is currently at 5.17 percent capacity, while the J.B. Thomas Reservoir currently sits at a dismal 0.83 percent.

Current water restrictions remain in place, according to Darden, on a voluntary basis.

"Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to

number and to irrigate only between the hours of midnight until 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and midnight on designated days." Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. Also, water customers are requested to refrain from washing cars and

to continue to practice

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conservation

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continue water use for non-essential purposes. Wasting of water is prohihited

While the current restrictions are voluntary, Darden said how long they stay that way is directly related to how Big Spring water customers use the precious - and dwindling — resource.

"To sum it all up, conserve, conserve, conserve," Darden said. "Use the water wisely."

CRMWD has brought a number of water wells online in an effort to supplement the reservoir water which has been its base supply for many years, according to officials, and efforts to bring the recently constructed water reclamation plant online are still under way.

"Her story is so ap-The industry has American

es, pre-Prohibition," said Hill, a New Yorker who bought the house to convert it into a bed-and-breakfast. "I was told by his family that family members used to greet him at the door each day with a shot of whiskey."

Scottdale police told The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that Saunders drank dozens of bottles whiskey valued at \$102,400 by a New York auction house.

Saunders, 62, of Irwin, was charged with receiving stolen property and theft. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

Hill told police Chief Barry Pritts she stored the whiskey in the original cases, which contained 12 bottles each.

Unlucky home hit twice by two different drivers

ALOHA, Ore. (AP) — One unlucky Aloha home has been the crash-landing site of two different people suspected of drunken driving.

In the first crash, on Wednesday, Washington County sheriff's deputies came upon the crash scene and arrested the driver on DUII charges, but the home didn't sustain any damage and no one was injured.

Then, on Friday, police found 26-year-old Kimberly Veed of Portland wedged inside her 2003 Honda Accord, which was itself wedged between two homes, causing substantial damage.

Veed failed field sobriety tests and her blood-alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit.

"The plant, which was supposed to be operational in December, should be coming online soon. That should help a little bit," Darden said of the facility, which collects and cleans reclaimed water to be mixed back into the city's water supply. "We just have to wait for it to

be ready." meantime, In the Darden said the Big Spring water treatment facility hasn't been cited for violations in the past several months, an encouraging sign.

"We're certainly knocking on wood at this point. Work on the first phase of the water and wastewater bond project is currently under way, so that part of the equation is looking

ment Award as well. HBO recently pre-

miered a move about Temple's early life and career with the livestock industry. The movie received seven Emmy awards, a Golden Globe, and a Peabody Award. In 2011, Temple was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. Currently, Dr. Grandin is a professor at Colorado State University. Thursday's event will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Big Spring campus of Howard College at 7

very good at this point." he said. "Water customers may have noticed a milky appearance to the water, however, that is not because of a contaminant or anything like that. It's simply air in the water. If you let it sit for a little while, you'll notice the water clears up

"The main reason for the air in the water is the recent introduction of well water to the water delivered to us from CRMWD. However, it's just an aesthetics nuisance and not a problem as far as the water content is concerned."

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p.m. It is free to the public and considered family friendly.

For additional information on Howard College or the speaker series, visit www.howardcollege.edu.

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equipment designer, defying the advice of doctors early in her

College in 1970, her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University in 1975 and her Ph.D. in Animal Science from

Grandin obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce tions and awards are extensive and include the Achieve-Meritorious ment Award from the Livestock Conservation Institute, past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America, and an honorary doctorate from McGill University, University of Illinois, and Duke University. She has published numerous books that have landed on the New York Times best seller list that include "Animals in Translation," "Livestock Handling an Transport," "Thinking in Pictures, Emergence Labeled Autistic" and "The Way I See It," just to name a few.

Her list of publica-

propriate not only for our agriculture industry here in the area, but also for individuals who are battling autism on a daily basis," said Sparks. "I know her presentation will appeal to a wide audience and is certain to both educate and entertain us all." handed out many prestigious awards to Grandin, including the Richard L. Knowlton Award from Meat Marketing and Technology Magazine and the Industry Advancement Award from the Meat Institute. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association gave her the Lifetime Achieve-

life.

"We are absolutely thrilled to host an individual with the impressive credentials of Dr. Grandin, but also with a story of triumph and perseverance," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president. "We are thankful to our event sponsor, Wells Fargo Bank as well as the Howard College Foundation for bringing this special event to Howard College and Big Spring."

the University of Illinois in 1989. She has worked as the Livestock Editor for the Arizona Farmer Ranchman and has also worked for Corral Industries on equipment design. In addition to her work on the design of handling facilities for the cattle industry, she has developed animal welfare guidelines for the meat industry and has consulted with Mc-Donalds, Wendy's International, Burger King, and other companies on animal welfare.

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located north of the Connally and Wasson intersection, described as Tract 6, Kennebeck Heights, Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

• Consideration of the issuance of a specific use permit without term to Reliable Self Storage UC for construction and operation of a mini storage warehouse facility located north of the Connally and Wasson intersection, described as Tract 6, Kennebeck Heights, Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Following the hearings, the council is to consider first reading of the two zoning changes and the specific use permit. If the three agenda items are approved by

the council, they will likely receive final approval in April.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is to award a bid for 15 golf carts for the Comanche Trail Golf Course to Club Car Golf Cars. The bid includes the trade-in of 15 48V EZ Go electric carts, for a total cost of \$45,325.

The council will also hear the presentation of comprehensive annual financial report for the year ended Sept. 30, 2012, from David Copeland.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager or his designee to enter into an inter-local agreement with Howard County to provide for sharing of the costs of land acquisition, permitting, operation, ownership, closure and post closure of a new municipal landfill. The measure requires the

agreement to distribute the cost of the new landfill at a ratio of one-third for Howard County to two-thirds for the city of Big Spring.

Efforts to close the existing landfill and open a new location have been underway for years.

"This is something we've been talking about for quite some time," former city manager Gary Fuqua said during a previous meeting. "We've looked at several different options and formed a committee. We've looked at other properties. We know our existing landfill will last approximately three years.

"We've developed and evaluated plans for our future expansion. We're looking at purchasing the land and we're beginning to work on those negotiations. We met with TECQ to initialize the permitting

process and talked to them about the feasibility of our plan."

Tuesday's meeting is to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. Fore more information, call 264-2401. Also, a complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www. mybigspring.com

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News in brief

Girl, 9, walks to get help after crash kills dad

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 9-year-old girl crawled out of a mangled SUV, climbed out of a canyon and walked about a mile in the middle of the night to find help after surviving a highway crash that killed her father in Southern California, authorities said.

The 2010 Ford Escape was launched about 200 feet down an embankment along a semi-rural stretch of the Sierra Highway in Acton about 1 a.m. Sunday, said California Highway Patrol Officer Cheyenne Quesada. The vehicle overturned several times.

The girl managed to extricate herself and walk through rugged terrain to a nearby home, but nobody answered the door, the CHP said. Then she hiked up the steep embankment and along the road to a commuter rail station where she flagged down a passing motorist at about 2:30 a.m.

"She walked quite a distance in a very, very threatening environment. It's very black out there, very dark," CHP Sgt. Tom Lackey told KABC-TV. "It's very steep and it's brushy and there's also coyotes in the background."

Responding officers found a man in his 30s had been killed, Quesada said. His name was not released but officials said he was from Los Angeles.

A helicopter transported the girl to Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She was treated for minor injuries including bumps and bruises and a cut on her face.

Television footage showed crews removing the severely damaged black SUV from the canyon.

The CHP is investigating whether alcohol played a role in the crash.

African likely to get prison in child labor case

DETROIT (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking at least nine years in prison for an African man who was

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sudoku

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.

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convicted of forcing children to work as slaves at his Ypsilanti home.

The government also is asking a judge to order Jean-Claude Toviave to pay two of the children \$60,000 each. Four victims last fall told jurors that Toviave, a native of Togo, forced them to perform household duties for nearly five years until January 2011.

Toviave will be sentenced Monday in Detroit federal court.

The four children emigrated from Togo in 2006 with fraudulent papers. They said Toviave beat them if they didn't follow his orders. One says he prayed for freedom or death.

In a court filing, defense attorney Randall Roberts acknowledges that Toviave's "family experiment went horribly off the rails."

EU finance ministers approve Cyprus bailout

BRUSSELS (AP) — Cyprus avoided bankruptcy, and potential turmoil across the eurozone was averted, by the country securing a last-minute 10 billion euro (\$13 billion) bailout with promises to sharply cut back its oversized banking sector and make large bank account holders take losses to help pay much of the bill.

Negotiations into early Monday ended with approval of the deal by the 17-nation eurozone's finance ministers. The European Central Bank had threatened to cut off crucial emergency assistance to the country's banks by Tuesday if no agreement was reached.

Without a bailout deal by Monday night, the tiny Mediterranean nation would have faced the prospect of bankruptcy, which could have forced it to become the first country to abandon the euro currency. That would have sent the region's markets spinning.

"It's not that we won a battle, but we really have avoided a disastrous exit from the eurozone," said Cyprus Finance Minister Michalis Sarris.

The eurozone finance ministers accepted the plan after hours of negotiations in Brussels between Cypriot officials and the so-called troika of creditors — the International Monetary Fund, the European Commission and the ECB.

Syrian activists say senior rebel leader wounded in bomb attack

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian activists say a top rebel military leader has been wounded and possibly killed by a bomb stuck to his car.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Monday the blast targeted Col. Riad al-Asaad during a visit to the town of Mayadeen in eastern Syria.

Col. Riad al-Asaad is a prominent army defector who became head of the Free Syrian Army, an umbrella group that tried to gather rebel fighters under a unified command.

But al-Asaad became little more than a figurehead and his group has been superseded by the Office of the Chiefs of Staff, associated with the opposition Syrian National Coalition.

The Observatory reported conflicting reports on al-Asaad's fate, with some saying he had been killed and others saying he lost a leg. checks for gun buyers.

"We demanded a plan and then we demanded a vote. We've got the plan, we're going to get the vote. And now it's incumbent on us to make our voices heard," said Bloomberg.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Thursday that legislation would likely be debated in his chamber next month that will include expanded federal background checks, tougher laws and stiffer sentences for gun trafficking and increased school safety grants. A ban on assault-style weapons was dropped from the bill, fearing it would sink the broader bill. But Reid has said that he would allow the ban to be voted on separately as an amendment. President Barack Obama called for a vote on the assault weapons ban in his radio and Internet address Saturday.

1 winning ticket for \$338M Powerball jackpot sold in N.J.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The lottery fantasies of mansions, luxury boats and unlimited travel are over for most people. But for the owner — or owners — of the lone winning ticket sold in New Jersey for Powerball's \$338.3 million drawing they're just beginning.

New Jersey Lottery officials will release information on the ticket at a news conference Monday morning at the lottery's headquarters in Lawrenceville.

Details on where and when Saturday's winning ticket was purchased and other related information were not disclosed Sunday by officials, who also would not say if anyone claiming to hold the ticket had contacted them.

Lottery officials say it was the fourth-largest jackpot in Powerball history. The numbers drawn were 17, 29, 31, 52, 53 and Powerball 31. A lump sum payout would be \$221 million.

Retailers in New Jersey said the growing jackpot had spurred a big boost in ticket sales in recent days, and many people were willing to stand in long lines to get their tickets.

Rebels overthrow Central African Republic president

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — Rebels overthrew Central African Republic's president of a decade on Sunday, seizing the presidential palace and declaring that the desperately poor country has "opened a new page in its history." The country's president fled the capital, while extra French troops moved to secure the airport, officials said.

The rebels' invasion of the capital came just two months after they had signed a peace agreement that would have let President Francois Bozize serve until 2016. That deal unraveled in recent days, prompting the insurgents' advance into Bangui and Bozize's departure to a still unpublicized location.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the unconstitutional seizure of power and called for the swift restoration of constitutional order, U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

The U.N. chief appealed for calm and reiterated that the January peace agreements "remain the most viable framework to ensure durable peace and stability in the country," Nesirky said. Ban also expressed deep concern at reports of serious human rights violations. Witnesses and an adviser to Bozize said rebel trucks were traveling throughout the town on Sunday hours after the palace was seized. Former colonial power France confirmed the developments, issuing a statement that said French President Francois Hollande "has taken note of the departure of President Francois Bozize."

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By Steve Becker Mandatory Procedure

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH ♠KQJ ♥96 ♦ 9 8 7 5 3 ♣J 8 2 WEST EAST **♦**985 **♦**32 ♥AQ74 ♥K 1083 ♦Q Ì04 ♦K62 **♦**9[°]653 **+**1074 SOUTH 🕈 A 10 7 6 4 ♥J52 ♦ A J 🗭 A K Q The bidding: South West North East 1 **†** 4 **†** Pass 2 🌩 Pass Opening lead — nine of spades.

The opening lead has a decisive effect on the outcome of many hands. Sometimes it defeats a contract, and sometimes it hands declarer the contract on a silver platter. Quite often it radically changes the course of play, since it might compel declarer to adopt an approach he would not normally have considered.

Take this deal where West has no clear-cut lead and decides to start

with a trump. This turns out to be his best shot, because without the trump lead, South would eventually be able to ruff a heart in dummy and so acquire his 10th trick.

But the trump lead poses a direct threat to that plan and forces South to reconsider whether to try for a heart ruff in dummy. In the actual deal, if he tries for the heart ruff, he goes down against best defense.

Thus, let's say he wins the spade in dummy and leads a heart at trick two. East wins and returns a trump. When declarer then leads another heart, West wins and returns his last trump, and South eventually loses three hearts and a diamond.

However, the opening trump lead should persuade South that trying for a heart ruff is no longer a viable proposition, so he should seek another line of play. As it happens, there is one, and South should not dawdle in adopting it as his only realistic possibility.

Accordingly, after winning the first trick in dummy, he plays the A-J of diamonds, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3, in which case dummy's diamonds can be established. This counterstroke proves successful, and, in fact, if the defenders do not promptly cash two hearts, South finishes with 11 tricks.

New York's Bloomberg, NRA chief spar on gun control, say it's up to public now to press Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of the loudest voices in the gun debate say it's up to voters now to make their position known to Congress.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and National Rifle Associate Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre claim their opposing views on guns have the support of the overwhelming number of Americans. They are looking at the next two weeks as critical to the debate, when lawmakers head home to hear from constituents ahead of next month's anticipated Senate vote on gun control.

Bloomberg, a former Republican-turned-independent, has just sunk \$12 million for Mayors Against Illegal Guns to run television ads and phone banks in 13 states urging voters to tell their senators to pass legislation requiring universal background

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Have a heart problem? If it's fixable, there's a good chance it can be done without surgery, using tiny tools and devices that are pushed through tubes into blood vessels.

Heart care is in the midst of a transformation. Many problems that once required sawing through the breastbone and opening up the chest for open heart surgery now can be treated with a nip, twist or patch through a tube.

These minimal procedures used to be done just to unclog arteries and correct less common heart rhythm problems. Now some patients are getting such repairs for valves, irregular heartbeats, holes in the heart and other defects — without major surgery. Doctors even are testing ways to treat high blood pressure with some of these new approaches.

All rely on catheters — hollow tubes that let doctors burn away and reshape heart tissue or correct defects through small holes in blood vessels.

"This is the replacement for the surgeon's knife. Instead of opening the chest, we're able to put catheters in through the leg, sometimes through the arm," said Dr. Spencer King of St. Joseph's Heart and Vascular Institute in Atlanta. He is former president of the American College of Cardiology. Its conference earlier this month featured research on these novel devices.

2 hospitalized after truck crashes into taco stand

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Authorities say several people were injured after a pickup slammed into a taco stand in Austin.

Senior Officer Virginia Higginbotham says the driver was arrested for intoxication assault after the crash in the early morning hours Monday. She says the driver left the scene but was later located by police.

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Sports Sophomore powerlifter Nairn places **10th at state** By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Big Spring powerlifter Tyler Nairn made his debut at the state meet over the weekend, where he placed 10th out of 13 competitors — not bad for a sophomore.

Nairn, who represents the 123-pound weight class, bench pressed 205 pounds, squatted 310 pounds and dead lifted 340 pounds for a combined score of 855.

"To place 10th in the state of Texas in his weight class is pretty solid for a sophomore," BSHS Head Coach Eric Tuttle said of Nairn's performance.

Given that Nairn will likely be back the next two years, Tuttle hopes he will achieve his goal of becoming a state medalist before he graduates.

"He fought a lot this year,' Tuttle said. "He fought to stay on top of the region for most of the season. When you get to state, it's a completely different story. He got some experience and hopefully next year he can try for a medal."

Under first-year head coach Tuttle, seven lifters qualified for regionals.

Two girls - Roenisha Bell and Vanessa Alvarado went to state as alternates.

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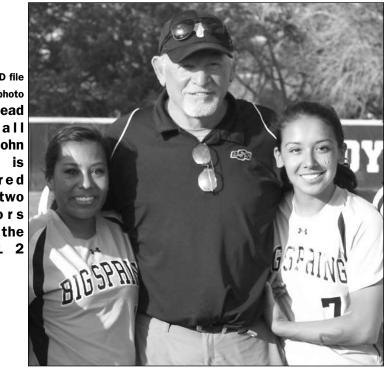


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Courtesy photo/Eric Tuttle

Big Spring's Tyler Nairn competed at the boys state powerlifting meet over the weekend in Abilene. Narin finished in 10th place in the 123-pound weight class as a sophomore.

HERALD file photo BSHS Head Softball Coach John Sparks is pictured with two seniors from the 2012 team.



Junior high softball team to play final game of fledgling season

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

If you have a daughter enrolled at Big Spring Junior High who wants to play on the softball squad, you can blame - or thank — John Sparks, head varsity softball coach at the high school.

"It was all my big idea," Sparks said of the league's creation this season.

Softball is a University Interscholastic League sanctioned sport, but not many junior high teams in West Texas teams exist, yet. In fact, there are only two in the region — Greenwood and Big Spring. "Several coaches started talking about it

It's a UIL sport, we can do it. Coach (Phillip) Ritchey said 'go for it'."

According to Sparks, there was at least four teams in the area interested in softball at the junior high level, but only Big Spring and Greenwood were able to stick with it the first year, as the new program faces some challenges.

"Some teams don't know if they can make it," Sparks said. "It's a tough deal with spring sports - it's hard to make a full schedule."

and and I thought, 'why don't we try it?'.

Today marks the final game between Greenwood and Big Spring. The teams will meet at Lady Steer Field at who were

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James, Nowitzki lead Mavs past Jazz, 113-108

DALLAS (AP) — Mike can't play this game any-James didn't play like a 37-year-old on his last legs in the NBA on Sunday night.

James scored a seasonhigh 19 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 17 and the Dallas Mavericks beat the slumping Utah Jazz 113-108.

The journeyman point guard scored 12 points in the third quarter, including seven in a 20-2 run which bridged the third and fourth quarters.

"I'm like a little kid in the candy store," James said. "People don't understand how much fun I'm having out there."

The 11th-year point guard is probably enjoying himself more now considering he didn't even have an NBA job three months ago. James joined Dallas on a 10-day contract on Jan. 8, and the Mavericks signed him for the rest of season three weeks later.

Rick Carlisle inserted James into the starting lineup on March 6, and the Mavericks have gone 8-3 since then to get within two games of the Los Angeles Lakers for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

"Because people say I See MAVS, Page 10

more, I'm out there having a great time," said James, who has played with 10 different teams.

Vince Carter and Shawn Marion each had 15 as the Mavericks improved to 2-1 on a season-long sixgame homestand. Dallas has gone 21-13 since dropping 10 games under .500 on Jan. 9.

"(This season) has been so up and down," Mavericks center Elton Brand said. "It's been a roller coaster."

Enes Kanter scored 17 points as the Jazz lost their ninth straight on the road, Utah's longest such skid since losing 17 in a row away from home during the 1981-82 season. The Jazz's last road win was Feb. 13 at Minnesota.

"We can't get the games back that we lost," Jazz coach Tyrone Corbin said. "We need to learn lessons from it. But we have to find a way to get better."

Dallas had a one-point edge at halftime and the teams exchanged the lead 12 times in the third. The game was tied at 69 midway through the third before Dallas surged



Courtesy photo/Kerry Rodriguez

The West Texas Oilers are a traveling team comprised of players from the Big Spring Lady Steers and San Angelo Lady Bobcats varsity volleyball squads. In February, the Oilers took five straight wins to place first in Abilene's Frontier Fest tournament and most recently competed in Lubbock where they won the silver bracket in the 18-under division. The Oilers are (top row, from left): Leksey Yarbar, Kelsie Guinn, Tulsi Patel, Morgan Seaton, Ebony Zavala, Jordan Kohl, Coach Brinnan Pierce, (bottom row, from left) Amanda Torres and Julianna Rodriguez.

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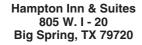
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A renewal process is underway, and it will require you to shed old baggage. That part is easy,

though; it requires no effort at all. All you have to do is make the decision to let go. **GEMINI**

(May 21-June 21). You don't

have to be world famous to make a big difference on Earth. The quiet job you do now will make the earthly experience better for another person and maybe even save a life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're trying to see the best in people. To call out their faults would only be

point. For now, talk only about what's going right, and you'll be amazed at how quickly the rest fades away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's better to be alone than to be in bad company. When you're not entirely sure, err on the side of standing solo until you get a better feel for who the other person really is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People will listen to you now, and if they like what they hear, they will listen to you later, too. Order your words carefully, as they have extra power when arranged well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're unsure

about what to do, a listening ear is the best gift you could give today. The quality and attentiveness of your listening will determine the value of the gift.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are times when you seek to deepen and renew your emotional connections. Right now, it takes advanced levels of grace and maturity just to tolerate the other people and try to get along.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Put the "co" in communication by getting more information. Enlightening questions to ask include, "What are you really trying to say?" and "Is there something you'd like to add?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you remember paradise? If not, maybe that's only because the vibrant experience is locked up in a memory box and someone else holds the key. That someone will appear on the scene today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll never know exactly what the other person is thinking, but you'll give it a good guess and land in the ballpark this afternoon. Ask follow-up questions, and you'll get even closer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It can be hard to be the new face in a sea of people who seem to know one another. You'll have compassion toward the new person, and you'll help this person get to know the others.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 25). Determined and tenacious, you will attain an important achievement at the end of April's hard work. Your

Don't throw those

exciting travels in May make it unlikely that you will return to the same path. You'll make pitches and seal deals in June. August happenings will unite you with likeminded people in a common cause. Your love signs are Cancer and Sagittarius. Your lucky

> and 28. **ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm considering a divorce, although I hear the most horrible things about being single these days. If I leave my husband of 15 years, do you think I'm likely to meet someone else and be happy? Or will it be the end of the line for this Libra born in 1969?"

numbers are: 5, 44, 29, 15

You were born into the sign of lovers. Libras tend to be idealistic about love, believing in the movie version. When life isn't giving Libra filmquality scenes, fickle Libra thinks there's something wrong, and her mind flits to fantasies of more favorable conditions. But are there really bluer skies on the other side of the rainbow?

Basing your happiness on another person is never a good idea regardless of your marital status. New love may temporarily sweep

you into a beautiful reality, but sooner or later you'll always return to the reality you create as an individual being. There's no relationship in the world that can grant you lifelong happiness if you don't know how to make yourself happy in the independent reality of you.

Why not work at making yourself happy while you're still married and see what happens from there? You may find that your focus on yourself transforms your relationship without you even having to try.

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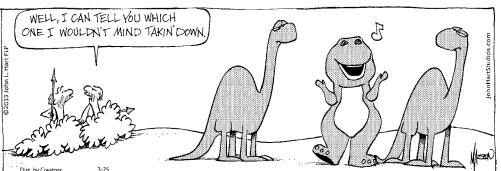
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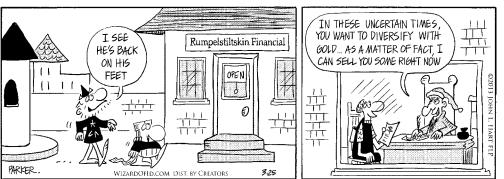


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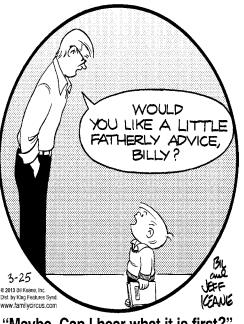
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"Maybe. Can I hear what it is first?"

This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 25, the 84th day of 2013. There are 281 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

On this date:

In 1306, Robert the Bruce was crowned the King of Scots.

In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland. In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the

Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw

Union troops. In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began

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federal government. In 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community.

In 1963, private pilot Ralph Flores and his 21-year-old passenger, Helen Klaben, were rescued after being stranded for seven weeks in brutally cold conditions in the Yukon after their plane crashed.

In 1975, King Faisal (FY'suhl) of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded in June 1975.)

In 1988, in New York City's so-called "Preppie Killer" case, Robert Chambers Jr. pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the death of

(Chambers received a sentence of 5 to 15 years in prison; he was released in 2003.)

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HANG ON, I'M ABOUT TO DOUBLE DOWN

ON A PAIR OF EIGHTS

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City.

Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 91. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 87. Former astronaut James Lovell is 85. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 79. Singer Anita Bryant is 73. Singer Aretha Franklin is 71. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 70. Singer Elton John is 66. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 65. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 60. Actor James McDaniel is

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Sports **BIG SPRING HERALD** 10 Monday, March 25, 2013

Florida Gulf Coast stars in Week One of NCAA tourney

The basketball blue bloods from Louisville, Kansas and Indiana made it through.

So did the iron men from La Salle.

Then there's Florida Gulf Coast, a school hardly anyone had heard of just a few days ago.

Improbably, they're still playing, too — a tongue-wagging, heel-clicking, arm-flapping collection of no-names who turned the opening week of the NCAA tournament into their coming-out party.

It was impressive enough being the first No. 15 seed to advance to the round of 16. But the Eagles really grabbed everyone's attention with their running, dunking style and the unbridled joy they showed on the court. In a way, they were like the Harlem Globetrotters, charming the crowds while a pair of supposedly superior teams took on the role of the Washington Generals.

First, second-seeded Georgetown went down by 10 points. Then, seventh-seeded San Diego State fell by the same convincing margin.

"We're doing something special out here," said Sherwood Brown, who likes to

stick out his tongue after every big shot.

Now, Florida Gulf Coast (26-10) is off to Cowboys Stadium in suburban Dallas for the South Regional semifinals. And, in a most interesting twist, they'll face the flagship team from the Sunshine State, the No. 3-seeded Florida Gators (28-7).

The Eagles weren't the only surprise from the first week of the tournament. No. 13 seed La Salle made its first NCAA tournament appearance in 21 years one to remember, winning three times in five days to advance to a West Regional semifinal Thursday in Los Angeles against another upstart, ninth-seeded Wichita State (28-8).

After beating Boise State in a First Four game at Dayton, the Explorers (24-9) upset Kansas State and knocked off Mississippi, both of them two-point squeakers.

"It just feels like AAU all over again," said Ramon Galloway, who led the Explorers with 24 points. "We play a game, go to sleep, wake up, play another game. We're pretty excited for the whole trip."

Garland dubbed his winning

shot the "Southwest Philly Floater." For the small, private school, this is a chance to rekindle memories of its former glory, highlighted by a national title in 1954.

"We talked all week about the great La Salle tradition," coach John Giannini said. "When you come in, you want to bring that back. These guys are doing it right before our eyes."

Still, for all the excitement generated by a pair of major underdogs, the tournament is largely going according to form. Gonzaga is the only top seed to go down, knocked out by Wichita State. The other three No. 1s are still alive, as well as three No. 2s and three more from the third spot in the brackets.

Louisville has certainly lived up to being the top overall seed, winning its first two NCAA games by an average of 28.5 points.

The Cardinals (31-5) will face 12th-seeded Oregon State (28-8) in the first semifinal of the Midwest Regional at Indianapolis. The other pits second-seeded Duke (29-5) against No. 3 Michigan State (27-8).

At the moment, the Cardi-

nals are clearly the most impressive team in the tournament.

In the East Regional, for instance, the seedings held up completely but all four of the remaining teams struggled to get through the third round. No. 1 Indiana and No. 4 Syracuse pulled out six-point wins. No. 2 Miami knocked off Illinois by four. No. 3 Marquette edged Butler by two.

The Hoosiers finished their game on a 10-0 run, holding Temple scoreless over the last 3 minutes to survive 58-52.

In the semifinals Thursday at Washington, it's Indiana (29-6) vs. Syracuse (28-9) and Miami (29-6) vs. Marquette (25-8). For Hoosiers star Victor Oladipo, it's a chance to return home.

The remaining semis are top-seeded Kansas (31-5) taking on No. 4 Michigan (28-7) in the South, while secondseeded Ohio State (28-7) plays No. 6 Arizona (27-7) in the West.

No one is having more fun than Florida Gulf Coast, which isn't surprising when you consider the beach-side school in Fort Myers has been around less than two decades and only became eli-

gible for the tournament last year after the transition from a lower division.

In the Eagles' first trip to the NCAAs, hardly anyone expected them to win one game. much less two. But they've been playing like they have nothing to lose, winning over the notoriously tough fans in Philadelphia with soaring dunks, wide smiles and silly antics.

Christophe Varidel, a native of Switzerland, clicked his heels on the way down the court after a big basket against San Diego State. As FGCU pulled away from the Aztecs, some of the bench players waddled around with their arms flapping, apparently trying to imitate the team mascot but looking more like chickens.

Not that anyone cared.

These guys are having a blast.

"They play with a swagger, and they have a right to do that," said San Diego State's Steve Fisher. who knows about players with attitude, having coached the Fab Five at Michigan. Indeed they have -a 15th seed that is one of just 16 teams still in the game.

Baylor routs Prairie View 82-40 in opener

WACO, Texas (AP) — Brittney Griner and Baylor still find ways to entertain the home folks, even in blowouts.

Griner's record 15th career dunk was the first of several crowd-rousing plays with the game well in hand in the second half, and the defending champion Lady Bears opened the NCAA tournament with an 82-40 win over Prairie View A&M on Sunday night.

Griner finished with 33 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks, but the Lady Panthers will remember the time they were on the court when the 6-foot-8 star threw in a one-handed reverse to send the fans into a frenzv.

"It was amazing. It was amazing," said Prairie View guard Jeanette Jackson. "We got star struck."

The Lady Bears (33-1), the overall No. 1 seed, won their 31st straight game since an early season loss to Stanford, another top seed.

Gabrielle Scott led Prairie View with 14 points. The Lady Panthers (17-15) lost as a No. 16 seed for the third year in a row. Two of them were against Baylor in Waco, and the other was to Connecticut.

"This one game doesn't justify our season," Prairie View coach Toyelle Wilson said. "Baylor was a lot bigger than us. They had a lot more ammo. They played like the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament.'

Griner's latest dunk — she had two in the NCAA tournament last year — came right after Prairie View had scored to make it 49-26. Sims found Griner alone under the basket and threw a pass three-quarters of the length of the floor. Griner caught it, turned under the basket and dunked with one hand on the other side of the rim.

"It was a little energizer," Griner said. "We definitely started playing with more energy after that."

With the crowd still wildly cheering the block, Sims got a steal and threw the ball ahead to Kimetria Hayden, who converted a three-point play for Baylor's first 30-point lead.

Sims pleased the crowd again a few minutes later when she almost kicked the ball out of bounds on a fast break, but saved it to Brooklyn Pope. Sims was waiting for a return pass under the basket, and the layup put Baylor ahead 62-28.

A 3-pointer from Sims made it 70-30 with 9:07 remaining, and when Sims and Griner left the game less than 3 minutes later, Griner had as many points as the Lady Panthers.

Baylor's lead was just 22-15 midway through the first half when Mulkey called timeout and stared down Hayden for leaving Gabrielle Scott open for a 3-pointer that gave Prairie View

Harden's jumper lifts **Rockets over Spurs**

HOUSTON (AP) -The Houston Rockets got contributions from several players Sunday night against the Spurs.

In closing time, they turned to James Harden again.

Harden sank an offbalance jumper with 4.5 seconds left to lift the Rockets to a 96-95 victory over San Antonio. Harden scored 18 of his 29 points in the second half as the Rockets rallied from three down in the final minute to snap a four-game losing streak to their state rivals.

Houston has won three in a row and inched closer to clinching a postseason berth.

"Tonight was a great environment. great crowd," Harden said. "Hopefully, we can continue to build off this lead. It's momentum."

Tony Parker scored 23 points, including 10 in a row to put San Antonio ahead with just under 2 minutes left. The Spurs led 95-94 when Harden got the ball from Omer Asik, drove to the free throw line and hit the winning jumper between Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard.

"The shot was there, it was a pull-up," Harden said.

Baylor plays eighth-seeded Florida State in the second round on Tuesday night.

Odyssey Sims had 12 points and 10 assists, and Destiny Williams had nine points and 10 rebounds.

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ahead for good.

James hit a 3-pointer to put Dallas in front 74-69. He connected on two free throws and short jumper to close the third, stretching the

Carter made a difficult layup and Marion hit a free throw to cap the 20-2 run which gave Dallas an 89-71 advantage with 9:55 left.

Mavericks' lead to 83-

The Mavericks led 104-87 with 3:12 left before the Jazz went on a 21-7 run over the next 3 min-

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A few minutes after Griner's dunk. Prairie View's Tanisha Lacev took the ball away from Griner and tried to shoot over her. Griner didn't even let the shot get out of Lacey's hand, stuffing it out of bounds.

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three-point play brought

Utah to 111-108 with 7.3

James hit 7 of 10 shots

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five points in just 35 seconds.

The Lady Bears scored the next five points coming out of the timeout to start a 17-4 run that put them ahead 39-19 late in the first half. Griner, who had her 61st career double-double, scored 10 in the spurt and had 20 in the first half.

> games behind the Lakers — and even with Dallas — for the last playoff spot in the conference.

"I think we're just losing focus," Kanter said. "We'll just have to work on it and stick together."

Al Jefferson scored 11 first quarter to help the Jazz take a 27-24 lead.

Mo Williams hit a 3-pointer and a 20-footer to start a 9-2 run that gave Utah a 42-35 advantage, its largest of the first half.

Late in the second quarter, Dallas took its first lead since early in the first half on Nowitzki's jumper over Jefferson. Nowitzki ended the first half with a fadeaway over Millsap, putting Dallas up 53-52 at halftime.



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slated to play each other four times. One game was cancelled, but Big Spring has twice defeated their sole foe in its banner year.

The softball team is self-funded, since the activity wasn't in the original budget for the fiscal year. Players and parents have held fundraisers to help offset the cost of travel expenses, jerseys and other requirements.

"The parents have foot of his 15 points in the the bill," Sparks said. "And they do fundrais-

ing for jerseys and travel expenses. But it's fun. I enjoy it and the girls have fun. We practice late and we play late, but the girls are happy to do it. It's about them, not me."

One parent, Stephanie Soliz, is happy her daughter — eighth grader Ysabel Soliz – can get a jump start in softball by competing at the junior high level.

"I think it's great," Soliz said.

The young Lady Steers will take the field today at 7 p.m. For information on how to become a sponsor for the team, contact Soliz at 213-2525.

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