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35 years of ridin', singin', pagentry and cowkids charm

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — At the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo, it's always been about kids, cowboys and Quail — not necessarily in that order.

The 35th edition of the pint-sized rodeo was held Friday morning, complete with all the requisite roping, riding, singing and dancing residents have come to expect since the CKR first debuted in 1978.

For the past four decades,

there have been three participants to the rodeo — the kindergarteners themselves, who have never failed to put on a show that's equal parts

fun and aw-shucks cuteness; a celebration of rodeo and the cowboy way of life; and Quail Dobbs, the Coahoma resident and Hall of Fame

clown who helped organize the first CKR and has been a fixture at each subsequent event.

Dobbs was honored for his long association with the CKR with a special presentation Friday, and while he



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Case Custer doffs his hat during the singing of the national anthem at the 35th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo Friday morning. Please see additional photos from the event on Page 12A.

deflected praise for his efforts — “The kids and the teachers do all the work. I just show up,” he said — almost everyone else was more

than happy to talk about the man's contributions to the rodeo's enduring success.

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Waste dumps loom deep on county's mind

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Waste disposal of various types will dominate Monday's meeting of the Howard County commissioners. The court will look to continue negotiations with the city of Big Spring for funding of a new municipal landfill for starters, and discuss a possible letter of intent that could someday bring a temporary nuclear storage facility to the county.

The agenda for Monday's meeting — which comes one week after the court held a special meeting to discuss ongoing negotiation surrounding a new municipal landfill — includes a possible update on that situation, although County Judge Mark Barr said he doesn't anticipate any new information being available to share.

“Commissioner John Cline (Precinct 4) met with Todd Darden this week to try to get the information we've requested from the city,” Barr said. “We've been told those numbers will be available to us Wednesday. As we've said

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Monday is last chance to get Tax-Aide assistance

□ Help available from 8 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area residents who haven't

yet filed their 2012 tax returns will get one last chance to take advantage of the annual AARP Tax-Aide program Monday, as the effort comes to a close just in time for the Internal Revenue Services' April 15 deadline.

According to AARP Pro-

gram Coordinator Ray Alexander, Monday will be the final day of the annual program, which helps area residents wade through the sea of red governmental tape.

“It's been a really good year for us,” Alexander said. “Our volunteers have done a tre-

mendous job of helping our filers. Things have gone very smoothly this year.”

The Tax-Aide volunteers will be helping area residents file their tax returns Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center. It's the same sched-

ule the group has kept since filing began in January.

“The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors,

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DOG SHOW

Catherine Clifton grooms a Smooth Collie prior to the start of the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual dog show in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday morning. Admission to the show, which continues through Sunday, is free. Breed judging is held after the show gets under way at 9 a.m. both days while best of group and best of show honors will be presented in the afternoon, around 1:30 p.m. The coliseum is located on the Howard College campus.

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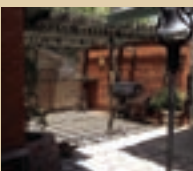
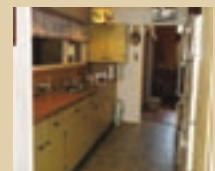
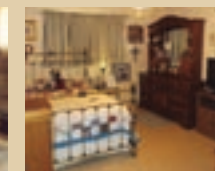
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Forsan High School qualified 14 students for the upcoming University Interscholastic League Region I-1A academic meet in Levelland. Those students are Brady Gartman (number sense, calculator team, science and biology), Jansen McDonald (poetry interpretation), Elena Flores (current events), Cole Long (calculator application and math team), Sloan Miller (science), Tommy Dawson (spelling), Amanda Schafer (ready writing and spelling), Chandler Freeman (editorial writing and math team), Elizabeth Rhodes (spelling team), Zachary Long (spelling team, calculator team and number sense team), Trevin Cherry (number sense team), Kade Fannin (number sense team), Trevor Williams (math team) and Ali Knight (calculator team). Coaches for the qualifiers are Jim Rhodes, Kristi Couch, Erin Stone, Pam Steel and Misti Hoelscher.

COUNTY

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before, until we have those numbers and statistics in front of us, there's really no way we can make an educated decision on the issue."

Big Spring City Council is asking the county to ante up one-third of the overall cost — estimated at \$5 million — for the construction of the proposed landfill. The council approved an inter-local agreement between the city and county calling for the division of cost by a unanimous vote, and is to address the issue Tuesday night on second reading.

However, the funding wouldn't end with the estimated \$1.6 million

the city is asking for now, as a total of three cells estimated at \$5 million each would be built every seven to 10 years after the initial permitting, according to estimates from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, the engineering firm handling the design. In all, the county would be expected to provide \$4.8 million over a 20-year period.

Tempers flared during the March 26 meeting of the council when Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long locked horns with Mayor Tommy Duncan regarding the lack of options being afforded the county, calling Duncan's most recent offer an ultimatum.

"When the commissioners and I heard the inter-local agreement

was on the city council agenda, we were quite shocked," Barr said. "There isn't a man at this table (speaking of the commissioners court) who isn't willing to negotiate with the city, however, they have to be willing to look at other options. At this point, the court has been told we will either pay the \$1.6 million to pay for the opening of the new landfill, or county residents will not be allowed to use the facility."

Long said he has been gathering information on the operation of the existing landfill available to the public and trying to calculate how much of a hike in fees it would take to cover the construction of a new landfill facility.

"I don't see the need

for anything more than an increase in fees at this point," Long said. "I've been gathering information from what the city has available on the internet in hopes of finding a starting place. Looking at the last five years — from 2007 until 2011, as numbers for 2012 aren't yet available online — the landfill has made a net profit of \$709,000. Looking at this, going from a \$5 fee to a \$6.50 fee and from \$12 a ton for commercial to \$15 a ton should cover the cost."

Also Monday, commissioners are to consider the possible issuance of a letter of intent for a feasibility study of a secondary nuclear storage facility. According to Barr, the letter is simply a way of letting officials involved with

nuclear storage projects know the commissioners court's doors are open.

"This is something we can walk away from at any time. It's all non-binding," Barr said. "What the letter does is let the companies involved in this type of temporary storage know we're open to meeting with them and finding out more about the opportunities available."

Barr said the county is not currently in talks or negotiations with any entity regarding the temporary storage of nuclear materials.

"We just want them to know our door is open," he said. "We don't want to risk slamming the door on something that could be good for this community in the future. And when I say in

the future, that's exactly what I mean. Something like this would be far into the future."

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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CKR

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"There's nobody like Quail — everybody knows that," said Texas Swing musician Jody Nix, another long-time CKR fixture. "I've known him a long time and I'm proud to call him a friend. This is a wonderful event and I'm glad to see it still going strong. Thirty-five years

is a wonderful milestone."

The event Dobbs helped create attracts more than just parents and other interested on-lookers — several long-time pro rodeo performers and officials, including announcer Ben Clements, bull rider Wacey Cathey and clown Jim Bob Feller — regularly attend the CKR and lend their skills to the proceed-

ings.

The rodeo also attracts its fair share of royalty — Miss Rodeo Texas Rosanna Pace, Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Avery Greene and Miss Rodeo Texas Princess Alysia McCormick were on hand Friday.

"I was just blown away by this," Pace said after the event ended. "The kids were just so cute and they really put together a great rodeo."

Feller attended his first CKR at the behest of Dobbs more than 20 years ago and has rarely missed an event since.

"This is just a great deal for the community," he said. "You just don't find that anymore, where the whole town comes out for something."

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people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Alexander said. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

"For some folks, they have everything they need to file; they just haven't had the time to get it done, or they've been procrastinating," he said with a chuckle. "For others, they are still missing vital information or forms, so

they will need to file an extension. Either way, we're ready to help."

Alexander said residents should bring all of their relevant tax information when they get ready to meet with the Tax-Aide volunteers.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including W-2 forms and 1099 forms, when they come in to see us," Alexander said. "They also need to bring

any forms that show their 2012 earnings and their 2011 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center is located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us, Lord Jesus, see when we begin to stray from the truth.

Amen

Fort Chadbourne, historical treasure

Fort Chadbourne is located on Highway 277, 12 miles north of Bronte in Coke County. It is a surprising place. I have been in a number of restored military forts, but have never seen such devotion, appreciation and love for a place as I saw at Fort Chadbourne.

Eight generations of Garland Richards' family have lived on the land that Fort Chadbourne occupied. The fort was built in 1852 and was active for 15 years. Garland's great-great-grandfather, Thomas Odom, bought the fort and land adjacent to it in 1877 for \$500 in gold and took up residence in the officer's quarters. He turned a barracks into a barn. This established headquarters for the Chadbourne ranch.

I interviewed Garland Richards in 1999 when he was just beginning to do the restoration work on the fort. I felt at the time that he thought it was going to be an impossible task.

“We didn't know how to do all

this when we started,” says Garland during a recent visit. “Most of the restoration work was done by a couple of ranch hands, some volunteers and myself. We operated under the ranching theory of operation, which is patch it up and make it last one more year. We applied this to a historical project and now it'll last another 150 years.”

Garland and his helpers worked on the fort a dozen years. Six buildings have now been totally restored and others, including the fort hospital, have been stabilized. One of the buildings is the only fully restored Butterfield Stage Station in Texas.

The fort is now a showcase, especially the \$2 million visitors center that includes a stage coach, an Indian teepee, thousands of artifacts and 330 of Garland's firearms that he has collected since he was in junior high school. One special area has the names of all 3,500 Medal of Honor recipients.

Garland heads up the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, established in 1999. His wife Lana is secretary-treasurer. Ann Pate, a lifelong friend of the couple, gives tours of the fort and wrote a book about it. Garland's ranch

theory of making something last another year certainly could not be applied to some of the outstanding and up-to-date audiovisual elements found at the fort. In addition to a video documentary that won an Emmy, an antique bar has a lithograph behind it that features a horseback rider that follows you as you walk past. It is created by moving optical glass tiles. Someone from the Smithsonian visited the fort and told Ann he would be very happy to have the folks who worked on the fort join his staff.

All the funds for the restoration of the fort were donated. Admission is free. Longhorns and buffalo graze nearby. Although located in a remote area, the fort entrance is easy to find. It has a giant 1850s cavalry spur at the front gate.

The fort is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 to 5. A living history event takes place the first weekend in May. The annual fundraiser is the third Saturday in September.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces “The Sound Of Texas” syndicated radio show. Contact him at ts@tumbleweed-smith.com.



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Gift card idea

TO THE EDITOR:

I have bumped onto an idea that may help a student go on to college with some help with the cost of textbooks.

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The \$25 gift cards are coming in left and right and going into a treasure chest I gave my granddaughter. It's almost full. The gift cards are transferrable and do not expire.

I hope my idea will help us get another school teacher, nurse, social worker, music teacher.

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Straight answers

TO THE EDITOR:

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Seems we should get some straight answers from city management.

CLEM JONES
BIG SPRING

OK, OK. Show us the money

Riney Jordan, a fellow speaker who has addressed a few thousand audiences for a quarter-century, varies from the script occasionally — often in the “getting to” or “getting from” engagements.

We chat occasionally, often with “can you top this” conversation starters. He usually comes out on top.

Readers who make it to the end of this piece will agree he's done so again. This time, I'm glad...

We have much in common. Our beginnings were humbler than Abe Lincoln's.

His dad drove a garbage truck; mine early on was a school handyman. We both practice depression-engrained frugality, mine perhaps deeper because I'm a half-decade older. We both “out-married” ourselves, have three children and were career educators.

Natives of Brown County, we both attended Howard Payne University. During college, each had part-time jobs on radio stations.

In retirement, we both continue to speak — before live audiences, our wives and fence posts. Riney and I will be heard.

He guffawed when I told him about a kind railroad porter who told me to sleep as long as I'd like in Topeka, KS, where I had an evening speaking engagement. “We're turning your sleeping car loose on a side track there,” he laughed. (Surprised I was the only passenger in the Pullman car, I waked in the early afternoon, ordered a pizza and

laughed when the delivery kid biked away, muttering “That's the first time I ever delivered a pizza to a train car!”)

I had a hard time convincing him that during remarks at a long-ago church service, an elderly lady fell forward in her pew, breathing her last.

He called later to admit that he called a mutual friend to make sure I wasn't telling an April Fool's joke. Riney added, “I understand her death was not totally attributed to anything you said!”

I elevate the white flag of surrender at this time, cutting the rope. It is permanently hoisted. With his recent experience, Riney wins. Experiences — for speakers or others — get no weirder.

While I take no delight in stories of bathroom humor, sometimes — when armed with irrefutable facts — the temptation is too great. This is such a time.

Before speaking, Riney ducked into a dimly-lighted necessary room. Its appointments were few — a commode, lavatory and towel dispenser.

Afloat in the only porcelain object holding water were several bills of U.S. currency! In a flash, Riney scooped them up, his mind racing. Maybe they'd be big bills! (Remember, we are products of the depression. In our youth, we'd have swum moats to extract pennies from the bottom.)

He washed each bill in the lavatory before drying them between layers of paper towels — all \$5 worth of them.

Yeah, they were all ones.

Sweat broke out. Was he on candid camera? Was a video of his “deed of greed” already racing across the Internet? Was

it something his sweet wife, Karen, had set up? Should he tell her?

Well, he still doesn't know if he was set up or if his “money scoop” indeed goes viral.

But he did tell Karen, and she told me.

True confessions help souls, we are taught.

I admitted to Karen that something similar happened to me once — right after I got my tri-focals. And for me, the room was well-lighted. (Show me a man with his head held high, and I'll show you one not used to his tri-focals.)

My “scoop,” however, netted but two bills — both play money.

I've ribbed Riney about his “find.” We've joked about his “liquid assets” and this new meaning for “money laundering.” Was this the ultimate “pay toilet?” We really DON'T know where that money's been!

He put the five ones in a special envelope, intent on using them to pay bills he thinks are excessive.

Folks at the tax office, beware!

So there — funny truths are better than made-up stuff. Some of 'em can be better appreciated on life's downhill side.

Riney wins the all-time distinction for stories that wouldn't stand a chance of acceptance without a wife's verification.

We remain good friends — nothing he wouldn't do for me and nothing I wouldn't do for him. Consequently, we do little for each other.

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Texas provides clues to climate change impacts

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Associated Press

SHORE ACRES, Texas — A city administrator looks out at the Gulf of Mexico from this Southeast Texas town, wondering what vicious hurricanes it may spawn. In the Panhandle, a farmer tries new techniques to keep soil from turning to dust. In West Texas, ranchers watch prairie grass die. Others grow algae as water becomes too salty for other crops. And statewide, reservoirs dry up.

Want to see what happens when the impacts of climate change are felt? Well, just look at Texas, some scientists say.

While Gov. Rick Perry disagrees with scientists who say global warming is at least partly caused by the human release of heat-trapping gases, state agencies are adapting to weather changes that have already brought a historic drought, higher temperatures and sea level rise that contributed to nearly unprecedented sea surge during a hurricane.

"Are we in a cycle ... or is this something more permanent? I don't think anyone knows for certain," said Bob Avant, director of bioenergy programs at Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station in College Station.

"But you have to prepare," he said.

Americans nationwide are intermittently feeling the impacts of climate change, from longer, hotter summers to erratic, heavier downpours to milder winters and ice melt in Alaska, according to a draft report recently released by a federal climate commission. Now, Superstorm Sandy alongside a devastating drought in the Midwest and South has again turned attention to global warming.

Texas is somewhat unique, though, because it is grappling with all these issues at once.

"Texas really runs the gamut of climate. It has coastal, it has desert, and everything in between," said Andrew Dessler, a Texas A&M University professor of atmospheric sciences who studies climate change.

The most devastating climate event to hit Texas so far was a historic drought in 2011 that cost the state \$7.6 billion in agricultural losses. John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist, said the dry stretch was exacerbated by temperatures that were on average nearly 5.5 degrees higher. He attributes some of that excess heat to global warming.

The drought — pegged as the worst one-year dry spell in state history — served as a wake-up call. Now, the Legislature is considering establishing a \$2 billion revolving loan program as part of a plan to spend \$27 billion on water infrastructure over the next half century. Farmers are testing new and different kinds of seeds and crops. Ranchers are buying cattle breeds

that require less water. Coastal communities are rethinking development.

With Texas in a rush to adapt, it could help others understand what works and what doesn't.

David Ford, who raises corn, cotton and cattle on about 10,000 acres in the northern Panhandle, says rainfall has decreased so significantly, he built himself a "strip till rig" and changed the way he turns his soil to try to soak up the little rain that falls. After he built his rig, dozens of his neighbors also adopted the practice, he said.

"I know our rainfall is less, our patterns have changed," said Ford, recalling that 25 years ago he could be certain a line of thunderstorms in August would roll across the land, giving everything 2 to 3 inches. "We haven't had that kind of rain in 10 years."

Now, thunderstorms hit one small area — like a field two miles from his house — and miss the homestead, he said.



Avant, the A&M researcher director, is overseeing a project near Pecos in far West Texas. There, land once prime for cotton, alfalfa and cantaloupes, is now inundated with aquifers too salty to grow most crops — except, maybe, algae, a seaweed that some want to use for biofuel. So A&M researchers are looking for a way to effectively and cost efficiently grow algae in the desert. As rains decrease, rivers, streams and some reservoirs are also becoming saltier, and this research could make those resources useable.

Communities statewide are also struggling with decreasing water supplies. In El Paso, water managers are facing a triple threat: added heat, less rainfall and less snowmelt from areas in Northern New Mexico and southern Colorado that feed into the Rio Grande. In Central Texas, reservoirs have been so depleted by years of drought, rice farmers have been cut off from a crucial water supply for a second consecutive year.

In response, researchers are creating new seed varieties that require less water, Avant said. Farmers are also moving from pivot irri-



gation systems to even more efficient drip systems that put water directly into the soil and have monitors that know when a crop most needs water, he added.

Meanwhile, Shore Acres City Administrator David Stall is wary of the extra dangers hurricanes now pose along the Gulf Coast. Stall said the rising sea levels combined with subsidence — the sinking ground beneath the town — is a double whammy that changed how Category 2 Hurricane Ike came ashore in 2008. It flooded homes that remained dry in 1961 when Category 5 Hurricane Carla slammed ashore, and in 1982 when Hurricane Alicia blew in on high tide.

Ike's surge spliced 300 feet of land from Shore Acres' waterfront, Stall said, noting 83 percent of the homes in the community of 1,400 people were flooded, and one in seven was destroyed. And though regulations on groundwater pumping have slowed subsidence, the community has little control over sea level rise. "It's going to continue to get worse," he said.

Now Shore Acres is requiring new buildings be built higher than required under federal flood regulations, and some populated areas destroyed by Ike will remain vacant. Stall is also working with the Nature Conservancy to rebuild natural barriers after Ike destroyed multimillion dollar manmade protections similar to the Galveston seawall that was built after a 1900 hurricane that remains the deadliest storm in U.S. history.

That storm annihilated Galveston and killed more than 5,000 people. But years of rising seas and sinking ground made the 17-foot concrete seawall insignificant to Ike. That storm rolled right over, dumping 6 feet of water in the inner city.

Jorge Brenner, who studies sea level rise and its impacts for the Nature Conservancy, is working with these communities to rebuild marshes, wetlands, sea grasses, islands and oyster reefs. These nat-

ural barriers, which have been ruined by development, storms and other activities, could provide coastal towns with the best buffers by absorbing some of a storm's energy before it comes ashore.

"We now know that if we don't let those natural habitats be viable over time ... there will not be any buffer effect or barrier between them (the towns) and the next hurricane or big storm," Brenner said.

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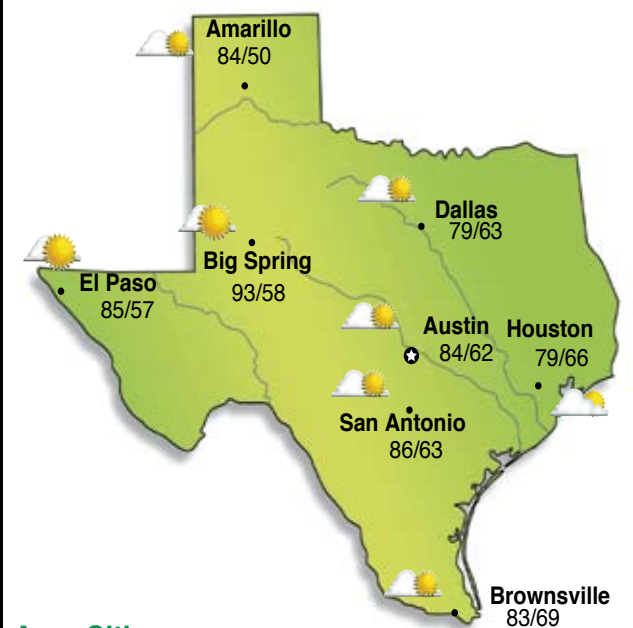
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Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	88	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	84	50	pt sunny	Livingston	79	62	cloudy
Austin	84	62	pt sunny	Longview	77	62	cloudy
Beaumont	76	64	cloudy	Lubbock	90	52	pt sunny
Brownsville	83	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	81	64	cloudy
Brownwood	90	62	pt sunny	Midland	92	59	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	87	68	pt sunny
Corsicana	78	62	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	65	cloudy
Dallas	79	63	pt sunny	San Antonio	86	63	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	85	62	pt sunny
El Paso	85	57	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	77	63	cloudy
Fort Stockton	93	57	sunny	Sweetwater	93	61	mst sunny
Gainesville	75	59	pt sunny	Tyler	78	63	cloudy
Greenville	76	60	cloudy	Weatherford	79	60	pt sunny
Houston	79	66	cloudy	Wichita Falls	82	61	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	54	mst sunny	Minneapolis	54	42	pt sunny
Boston	57	44	windy	New York	60	51	pt sunny
Chicago	59	43	pt sunny	Phoenix	85	60	mst sunny
Dallas	79	63	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	50	pt sunny
Denver	65	41	t-storm	Seattle	47	42	rain
Houston	79	66	cloudy	St. Louis	75	59	t-storm
Los Angeles	75	55	mst sunny	Washington, DC	70	55	mst sunny
Miami	79	67	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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Obituaries

Robert Coble



Robert Coble, 24, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 4, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born Sept. 8, 1988, in Galveston, Texas. He moved to Big Spring 10 years ago from Galveston. He was a taxi driver, working several years for Dependable Cab Company, and recently starting his own business, City Taxi.

He is survived by his wife, Felicia of Big Spring; one daughter, Graciee Coble of Big Spring; mother and step-father, Kathy Geraldon and Vincent Fernandez, of Big Spring; father, Robert Coble of Chanute, Kan.; five sisters, Amanda McCormack and husband Mitchell and Crystal Coble, all of Big Spring, Angel Coble and Hope Coble, both of Chanute, Kan., and Melissa Coble of Ark City, Kan.; two brothers, James Geraldon of Alvin and Robert Coble of Chanute, Kan.; grandparents, Pearl Felts of Emoria, Kan., and Homer Coble of Chanute, Kan.; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Leon Lain and Mildred Lawson.

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

Mary Groshong

Mary Groshong, 84, of Big Spring died Friday, April 5, 2013, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ, 34, 1010 N.W. Second, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- ROXANNE RODRIGUEZ BLACKWELL, 39, 1002 N. Main No. 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MEAGAN BROOKE SCARBROUGH, 23, 2814 Coronado, was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Third.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W Highway 80.

Take Note

• A benefit for Beatrice Jean Armstrong, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, will be held from 5:50 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Roadhouse, across the street from the Big Spring State Hospital. Dinner is \$10 a plate and includes chicken, brisket and sausage with fixings and dessert. There will be karaoke and other activities. Funds raised will be used for travel and medical expenses.

• The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.

• Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.

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

WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

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

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing.



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Worker falls to death in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 44-year-old man who was working at a San Antonio indoor arena has fallen to his death.

The San Antonio Express-News reports (http://bit.ly/16CzdMH) the man was working on a catwalk above a stage at the AT&T Center around 2 a.m. Friday when he fell 70 to 100 feet. Several others had been working to disassemble the stage.

The worker has been identified as Dean Williams of Houston.

Paul Berry, spokesman for the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, says Williams had been wearing a safety harness connected to a safety line. But Williams disconnected it to step around a beam, where he intended to reconnect to another safety line on the other side.

Authorities say that's when Williams lost his balance and fell.

Teacher accused of slapping 9-year-old student

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio elementary school teacher is being accused of slapping a 9-year-old girl in his third-grade class.

Karl Nicholas has been arrested and charged with knowingly causing injury to a child, a third-degree felony.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the 63-year-old teacher has been placed on leave by his school district.

Court records did not immediately indicate if Nicholas has an attorney.

According to an arrest affidavit by San Antonio school district police, Nicholas is accused of slapping the girl during class at Stewart Elementary on Monday after she had allegedly been unruly.

School district spokeswoman Leslie Price says officials worked quickly to remove Nicholas from the class after the accusations against him were made.

Man gets life for killing wife, 2 others

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A jury has sentenced a North Texas man to life in prison without parole for fatally shooting his estranged wife and two others and wounding a fourth person.

Dalton Bennett was convicted of capital murder on Friday. Since prosecutors did not seek the death penalty, Bennett was given an automatic life sentence.

The 47-year-old was convicted for the June 2011 deaths of his estranged wife, Sheryl Bennett, her boyfriend, Jose Reyes, and her sister-in-law, Tana Todd. Sheryl Bennett's brother, Johnny Todd, was also shot but survived.

Tarrant County prosecutors said Bennett walked into his estranged wife's apartment in Arlington after seeing her with friends at a bar and shot her, Reyes and Tana Todd in the head at close range. Johnny Todd was shot in the neck but survived.

Slain Texas DA, wife laid to rest

WORTHAM, Texas (AP) — A slain prosecutor and his wife have been laid to rest in the small Central Texas town where he grew up.

The funeral for Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia McLelland, was held Friday in Wortham. The town of some 1,000 residents is about 75 miles south of Dallas.

Dozens of law enforcement representatives from across the country and beyond were among the capacity crowd at First Baptist Church of Wortham.

The McLellands were found shot to death Saturday in their house near Forney, about 20 miles east

of Dallas.

Second man charged with making threats in DA case

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — A second man has been arrested for allegedly threatening a public official as investigators probe the deaths of Kaufman County's district attorney, his wife and another prosecutor.

Authorities say Robert Allan Miller of Terrell was arrested Thursday and charged with making a terroristic threat. He is being held on \$1 million bond in the county jail.

The 52-year-old Miller allegedly posted a threat against an assistant Kaufman County district attorney on a news website via Facebook.

Another Terrell man was charged with the same offense on Tuesday. Nick Morale allegedly threatened an unspecified official on the tip line set up by investigators probing the killings of DA Mike McLelland, his wife Cynthia and Assistant DA Mark Hasse.

Authorities say neither Miller nor Morale have been linked to the killings.

A&M student bill on GLBT center funding shot down

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University's student body president has vetoed legislation from the student senate that could have taken away money from a campus center that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

The Eagle of Bryan-College Station reports the senate had earlier this week approved a bill that could have let students opt out of funding the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Resource Center through their school fees.

But student body president John Claybrook on Friday vetoed the bill, saying A&M is a welcoming school. The campus is located about 100 miles northwest of Houston.

The bill had originally been aimed at defunding the center. But the bill's scope was broadened to focus on funding exemptions based on religious grounds.

Former deputy in court on drug charges

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A former South Texas sheriff's deputy who is the latest law enforcement officer in Hidalgo County to be accused of being on an alleged drug trafficker's payroll pleaded not guilty Friday to a federal drug conspiracy charge.

The growing federal indictment to which former Hidalgo County sheriff's deputies Jorge Garza and James Phil Flores were added this week now includes nine former officers, including the sons of the Hidalgo County sheriff and Hidalgo police chief.

Garza waived the reading of the indictment Friday and U.S. Magistrate Judge Dorina Ramos set his bond at \$100,000. His attorney has declined to comment. A judge set the same bond for Flores last week. The charge carries a possible sentence of between 10 years and life in prison.

At the center is Fernando Guerra Sr., who was arrested in February. Prosecutors allege he would arrange to buy drugs in South Texas and then use corrupt law enforcement officers to intercept the deliveries. Prosecutors say what appeared to be legitimate busts were actually drug robberies with corrupt cops turning the product over to Guerra for resale.

Obama: Proposed budget is not his 'ideal plan'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confronting bipartisan criticism, President Barack Obama conceded Saturday his proposed budget is not his "ideal plan" but said it offers "tough reforms" to the nation's benefit programs while closing loopholes for the wealthy, a mix that he argued will provide long-term deficit reduction without harming the economy.

In his first comments about a budget he is to release Wednesday, Obama said he intends to reduce deficits while providing new spending for public works projects, early education and job training.

"We don't have to choose between these goals - we can do both," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address.

Obama's budget calls for slower growth in government benefits programs for the poor, veterans and the elderly, as well as higher taxes, primarily from the wealthy. Some of its details, made public Friday, drew a fierce response from liberals, labor unions and advocates for older Americans and prompted an unimpressed reaction from Republican House Speaker John Boehner.

"It's a compromise I'm willing to accept in order to move beyond a cycle of short-term, crisis-driven decision-making, and focus on growing our economy and our middle class for the long run," Obama said.

Obama proposes spending cuts and revenue increases that would result in \$1.8 trillion in deficit reductions over 10 years,

replacing \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts that are otherwise poised to take effect over the next 10 years.

Counting reductions and higher taxes that Congress and Obama have approved since 2011, the 2014 budget would contribute \$4.3 trillion to total deficit reduction by 2023.

The key deficit reduction elements of the plan incorporate an offer Obama made to Boehner in December as both men sought to avert an impending "fiscal cliff" of automatic, across the board spending cut and broad tax increases

Obama's plan has two central features — \$580 billion in new taxes that Republicans oppose and a new inflation formula, rejected by many liberals, that would reduce the annual cost of living adjustments for a broad swath of government programs, including Social Security and benefits for veterans.

In his address, Obama said he would achieve deficit reduction by making "tough reforms" to Medicare and enacting "common-sense tax reform that includes closing wasteful tax loopholes for the wealthy and well-connected."

Obama, however, made no mention of the effect his budget would have on Social Security and other social safety net programs, a key feature of his proposal and one that drew hostile reaction from some of his most ardent political backers.

Obama rejected a House Republican plan that aims to balance the budget in 10 years.

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NASA plans to lasso asteroid

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA is planning for a robotic spaceship to lasso a small asteroid and park it near the moon for astronauts to explore, a top senator said Friday.

The ship would capture the 500-ton, 25-foot asteroid in 2019. Then using an Orion space capsule, a crew of about four astronauts would nuzzle up next to the rock in 2021 for space-walking exploration, according to a government document obtained by The Associated Press.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said the plan would speed up by four years the existing mission to land astronauts on an asteroid by bringing the space rock closer to Earth.

Nelson, who is chairman of the Senate science and space subcommittee, said Friday that President Barack Obama is putting \$100 million in planning money for the accelerated asteroid mission in the 2014 budget that comes out next week. The money would be used to find the right small asteroid.

"It really is a clever concept," Nelson said in a press conference in Orlando. "Go find your ideal candidate for an asteroid. Go get it robotically and bring it back."

This would be the first time ever humanity has manipulated a space object in such a grand scale, like what it does on Earth, said Robert Braun, a Georgia Institute of Technology aerospace engineering

professor who used to be NASA's chief technology officer.

"It's a great combination of our robotic and human capabilities to do the kind of thing that NASA should be doing in this century," Braun said.

Last year, the Keck Institute for Space Studies proposed a similar mission for NASA with a price tag of \$2.6 billion. There is no cost estimate for the space agency's version. NASA's plans were first reported by Aviation Week.

While there are thousands of asteroids around 25-feet, finding the right one that comes by Earth at just the right time to be captured will not be easy, said Donald Yeomans, who heads NASA's Near Earth Object program that monitors close-by asteroids. He said once a suitable rock is found it would be captured with the space equivalent of "a baggie with a drawstring. You bag it. You attach the solar propulsion module to de-spin it and bring it back to where you want it."

Yeomans said a 25-foot asteroid is no threat to Earth because it would burn up should it inadvertently enter Earth's atmosphere. These types of asteroids are closer to Earth — not in the main asteroid belt between Jupiter and Mars. They're less than 10 million miles away, Braun said.

"It's probably the right size asteroid to be practicing on," he said.



Will Kearney and his wife, Laura Dorsey, have a lot in common with Colorado County's early settlers. On cold nights, they sleep in a tepee and tend a greenhouse fire so seedlings stay warm.

AP photo/Melissa Phillip

English degrees translate into farming

By ALLAN TURNER

Houston Chronicle

COLUMBUS, Texas — Once, Will Kearney and his wife, Laura Dorsey, lived in the world of literature. As English majors, they dreamed of Shakespeare, wallowed in Wordsworth. Today, their lives are driven by cabbages, kale, broccoli and squash. Passion for weeding joins the joy of reading, and minds that once untangled Faulkner now ponder earthworms.

Kearney and Dorsey are owners of Skull Creek Farm, a mini-truck operation south of Columbus that mixes old and new styles of agriculture with healthy doses of idealism and idiosyncrasy.

From the tepee pitched near the farm's two-acre field to the farm mascot, Frenchy, a border collie who charges up trees with feline aplomb, it's immediately clear that Skull Creek is no ordinary place.

In many ways, the young farmers' lives — both are 27 — might have seemed familiar to Colorado County's pioneers.

Home is a frame and corrugated metal cabin, with no air conditioning. Water is from a well. Most farm work is hand work. Bees provide honey; chickens, fertilizer and insect control. The growers know their customers, and each crop success — or failure — is agonizingly personal.

"It's quite a bit of work," Dorsey told the Houston Chronicle "It's

a way for us to earn a living, eventually support a family and enjoy our lives."

Skull Creek, Kearney says, offers an exciting alternative to one-crop farming and the "monoculture of human activity."

"There's a new challenge every single day," he says. "There's a goal to work toward. You meet it or not. I get to engage all the aspects of myself, whether worrying about money and business or bees and insects."

The farm is emblematic of the diversified agriculture that has sprouted in Colorado County as the area's rice industry has declined. In recent years, says county AgriLife agent Kara Matheney, lack of reliable water has seen the acreage devoted to rice drop by about half.

Locally, big farming still means rice, corn and soybeans, but nut, fruit and egg operations are increasingly common. Each year, agriculture pumps more than \$70 million into the county's economy.

Many of Skull Creek's customers — the farm sells by subscription to 27 residents of Columbus, Weimar and La Grange — traditionally turned to their own gardens for fresh vegetables. As they grew older, though, some gave up gardening and relied instead on the uncertain offerings of local supermarkets.

Columbus resident Mary Pickens is grateful for Skull Creek Farm.

We've gotten a wonderful variety from them — beets, radishes, carrots, kale, all sorts of little salad greens," Pickens says. "I've even gotten honey from them, and occasionally eggs. I'm telling all my friends."

Neither Kearney, the son of a Colorado County rancher, nor Dorsey, the daughter of a Georgetown construction company owner, anticipated running a farm. Driven by his love of reading, Kearney pursued an English degree from San Antonio's Trinity University. Dorsey hoped to become a poet, obtaining an English literature degree at Bard College in upstate New York.

Then they faced a dreaded challenge: how to parlay the degrees into steady paychecks.

Kearney headed to New Orleans, where he washed dishes at a pizza parlor. In time, he advanced to prep cook.

Dorsey worked at a Brooklyn bakery, then found employment as an assistant to a curmudgeonly, 90-ish retired CPA, who spent his days meddling at the office and threatening to sue people.

Fate took Dorsey to New Orleans, where she dined on pizza, coincidentally encountering Kearney. The pair had been casually acquainted when they attended a private Austin high school. Love grew as they careered down a convoluted path that eventually led them both to Austin. Next came a visit to the Kear-

ney family ranch, now the home of Skull Creek Farm. Then came the decision to stay.

James Kearney expresses surprise at his son's decision to return.

"My wife and I are tickled that they came back," the elder Kearney says. "There is a sense of continuity now that one generation at least will be on the land again. You know, there's something really nice about that. They've developed a sense of responsibility to the land and environment. Will's full of ideas. We have things to learn from them. They have things to learn from us. It's been a process of cross-fertilization."

Kearney and Dorsey were married in 2011, the year they enlarged and moved into the 1920s-era farm cabin. Their dog-eared volume of Shakespeare's works joined how-to farming manuals on the bookshelf. Their first crop was harvested and sold in 2012.

A lot of dirt has worked its way under their fingernails since then.

Ultimately, the farmers would like to expand their customer base to 75 clients, but they have little interest in penetrating urban markets. Plans call for expansion into fruit production, and possibly flowers and an old variety of low-gluten wheat. Still, says Kearney, "we're talking about cautious growth. Neither of us has the nerve to ask the bank for a huge loan to buy \$10,000 worth of fruit trees."

First on the farm agenda, though, is the spring harvest, a process that should begin within a few days.

"There's a lot of uncertainty of what will happen in this business," Kearney points out. "When you see that little plant emerging from the soil, it's like devoting your life to a child."

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Hawks fall to FPC in home opener, HC softball crushes Lady Plainsmen



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Howard College's Jillian Naverete (top) catches a throw at first base for an out, while Reed Seeley (bottom), slides safely into third during games against Frank Phillips College on Friday. Both teams resumed play against FPC on Saturday.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

In Howard College's long-awaited debut at the newly-renovated Jack Barber Field Friday, Frank Phillips College spoiled the Hawks' first outings played in front of a home crowd.

The Plainsmen notched a 9-6 win over HC in Game One, then routed the Hawks 10-2 in the nightcap.

Things started off well for Head Coach Britt Smith and his staff. Tommy Burns took the mound and despite a walk, made short work of PFC in the top of the first inning. In the bottom half, Cameron Neal and Reed Seeley drew back-to-back walks, with Neal making his way to third base on a throwing error and a passed ball.

Sophomore Levi Scott capitalized with a base hit, sending Neal home and Seeley to third. Omar Garcia recorded a two-RBI double to give the Hawks a 3-0 lead as the inning ended without a Jose Favela strikeout.

In the top of the third, Burns started getting roughed up on the mound. A pair of singles, a hit batsmen, a walk and throwing error led to a three-run inning by the Plainsmen to tie it up.

Sanford Keegan led off the bottom of the fourth with a single and advanced to second on a passed ball. Favela flew out to left field, but advanced Sanford to third. With one swing of the bat, Josh Ake made it a 5-3 affair as he season on Hawk territory.

One inning later, Seeley and Scott each took a base on balls, and local kid Foster Burchett was tapped to pinch run for Scott. Sanford connected for a base hit, driving Seeley home to make it a 6-3 game, but the Hawks would leave runners stranded at the corners, limiting the damage to a run.

A solo home run to lead off the top of the sixth and then two consecutive singles knocked Burns out of the game, as Smith replaced him with Dalton Brown.

Brown gave up two singles of his own — both of which scored runners. With one out to go, the Plainsmen struck again, this time with a three-run shot, putting PFC up 9-6.

Desperately needing a rally in the bottom of the seventh,

Burchett picked up one-out a base hit. Garcia struck out and Sanford reached base on a walk, but another strikeout by Favela ended the game with two Hawks left on base.

Game Two was even worse for the Hawks.

This time, it was Howard that found themselves in a three-run hole after the opening inning.

The deficit grew to 6-0 in the following inning as starting pitcher Brian Drapeau was roughed up on the mound. Newcomer Hunter Wood came in to relieve Drapeau. Two more runs would score, but for the rest of the outing, Wood proved to be a bright spot for the struggling Hawk pitching staff, striking out eight and giving up no walks.

In the bottom of the second, Joe Cervantes was hit by a pitch, then Favela singled. Ake was beamed and with the bases loaded, Sanford reached on a fielder's choice, but Cervantes plated a run for the Hawks — their first of the game.

Sanford led off the bottom of the fourth with a single and would score as a result of a couple blunders on the part of FPC.

It didn't matter, however, as the Hawks couldn't manufacture any more runs, while the Plainsmen would tack on two more.

"The breakdown started on the mound," Smith said of his team's losses. "We did not execute and that put us in a hole. We didn't have a good week of preparation. Our approach at the plate was miserable — we're not a home run hitting team, but that's how they approached it and it got us beat."

According to Smith, the Hawks' struggles go deeper than just a bad day on the mound or at the plate. Not one to mince words, Smith cited his team's lack of commitment as part of the reason they are having an uncharacteristic year on the diamond.

"We play very selfish," Smith explained. "We do a lot of things that get us beat. I told them 'You have to get tired of losing at some point, you have to make adjustments. Everybody is trying to do it themselves, hit that 10-run home run. It doesn't work that way. We keep encouraging them and keep coaching

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Lady Steers sweep Wylie, Steers run-ruled

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor
Baseball

Big Spring
ABILENE — It was a short evening for Big Spring as it found itself on the short end of a run-rule loss against the District 4-3A leading Bulldogs, 11-1.

The Steers' only run came when Haegan Rodriguez drew a one-out walk in the top of the first inning and was advanced to second by a ground out by Gunnar Kennedy. Cleanup batter Max Pappajohn ripped a single to score Rodriguez.

That would be the entirety of Big Spring's offense, save for a pair of walks and a single by Kennedy in the top of the third.

The usually lights-out junior

Adam Franco was on the mound for the Steers, but the young pitcher — who one-hit Wylie last season — was banged up a bit by the Bulldog batters as he allowed six earned runs on 11 hits.

"You've got to bring your A game if you're going to beat Wylie because 99 percent of the time they're going to have theirs," BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto told the Abilene Reporter-News. "We just can't afford those mistakes." Last year we played them in two really close games and that's really what I was expecting, and it didn't happen."

The loss drops the Steers to 3-2 in district (14-10 overall). Next up for BSHS will be a home game against Snyder on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Coahoma

LAMESA — Sitting at 2-2 in district action, the retooled Bulldogs fell to the Golden Tornadoes on Friday, 5-1. T.J. White scored from third base on an error charged to Lamesa, but CHS was unable to produce any more runs.

The good news, according to Head Coach Bryan Jacobs, is that his squad never let things get too out of hand.

"We faced a really good pitcher," Jacobs said. "It was something we haven't experienced. We have faced some kids that could throw hard, but this kid had a curve ball we couldn't pick up. He really controlled the game. As far as hitting, we matched

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BSHS boys golf extends lead to 18 strokes over Wylie

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

ABILENE — An 18-stroke lead over Abilene Wylie in District 4-3A golf action has Big Spring firmly planted at the top of the tournament after shooting a 295 at Maxwell Golf Course. The next best score is owned by the Bulldogs, as they shot a 305.

The Steers took an eight-stroke lead after the first leg of the tourney in Snyder and will close out the run in Monahans on Tuesday.

Perhaps the most impressive feat of the day is three-of-five Big Spring golfers improved from the previous round. Ryan Pollard tied for first place along with Wylie's Taylor Grant and

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LGA News

As the weather gets better, so do the turnouts at the Comanche Trail Golf Course events held by the Ladies Golf Association.

Most recently, the organization held its couples playday.

Claiming first place for the week was the team of Ron and Daury Booth and Forrest and Gayle West by shooting a three-under par for the day.

Coming in second was the team of Jerry Roach and Annie Ward and Martin and Lenita Fryar with a two-under par score.

Landing closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 was Bill Holden and taking the honors on Hole No. 6 was Patsy Sharpnack.

The Ladies Golf Association is always looking for more members to join in the fun. Anyone interested in some leisurely golf, dining out and other activities put on by the LGA can call the pro shop at 264-2366.

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GOLF

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Snyder's Kaleb Presley with a score of 72 — five strokes better than he scored in the first round. Tyler Bryan shot a 79 in Snyder, but cut five strokes off his total Friday, shooting a 74. Jason Guevara also shaved two strokes off his total, improving from 78-76. Devin Roberson held steady at 73 — the same score as

the previous outing and although Tate Kennedy went from shooting a 73 in the first leg of the tourney to a 79 in the second, it is apparent the Steers have the patience and experience to compete with anyone.

With a total score of 596 after two rounds, the Steers are poised for another strong regional showing as well as a trip to Austin to compete with the best in the state.

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pretty much matched them. They had five hits and we had four. We just couldn't get any runs. We also made a couple of errors. We let them jump on us early."

Jacobs, a former coach at Marble Falls, chalked it up to a bad night.

"Our pitcher, Kaleb McAdams, did a good job. The defense did a good job — we blanked them in the last four innings, but it wasn't enough. We blew an opportunity to score in the third inning and it essentially took us out of the game."

Right now, the emphasis is getting a win over Interstate-20 rival Colorado City on Tuesday on the road.

"Everything's on Colorado City," Jacobs added. "We have to keep our minds on baseball. We know what we need to do offensively. The mantra this week is keep focused and if we can do that, I believe we have a legitimate chance at making a run for the playoffs."

Forsan

FORSAN — Head Coach Jason Phillips' team has an up and down year, but right now, they are on the upside of things.

They weren't gracious hosts to scrappy Miles on Friday, as the Buffaloes — led by senior Trevor Burchett — put away the Bulldogs in a tight, 7-6 ball game. Burchett pitched a complete game, hit a home run and picked up three RBI and scored three-of-seven runs during the affair, which Phillips said "puts us right back in the middle of the district race."

An opening on the Buffs' schedule allowed for a game to be played Saturday morning against 2A Colorado City, which Forsan won handily by a score of 17-5.

Matthew Mims pitched the first three innings and allowed zero runs. Kaleb Stanley and Dillon Bagnall combined for the final innings and allowed five hits, but a potent offense kept a Wolves rally out of reach.

Again, Burchett shined. This time, he did what most major league players hope to

"We took care of business," BSHS Golf Coach Chris Joslin said. "I feel real confident about regionals. All five of the guys are playing well. We had a lot of confidence going into this round."

As it stands, Wylie or Snyder would need an exceptional final round coupled with a complete meltdown by Big Spring to dash their chances of claiming a district title.

For now, Joslin is pleased with his team's

performance.

"They have just gotten better and better each round. They have worked hard to accomplish all that they have."

On the girls' side, individual medalist Kelsie Guinn represented Big Spring on Saturday. Results will be in Monday's Herald.

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do in a lifetime — bat for the cycle. Even more impressive, Burchett's home run stayed in the park.

"This past week and a half has been huge for us," Phillips said. "We've worked on situational type ball in practice — pressure situations — we tried to simulate some pressure situations we see in games with baserunners. And they have responded well. We're still not where we need to be, we still haven't peaked yet, but it's great to see us improve as we get closer to the end of district."

The Buffs will travel to Winters Tuesday, where they will try to avenge a 7-4 loss in their first meeting.

"They have a solid pitcher," Phillips added. "I think we may see him again. It should be a good game."

Softball

ABILENE — The Lady Steers are feeling pretty good about themselves these days. After losing seven straight games to close out last season, Big Spring has turned a corner this year. Most recently, they completed a season sweep of Wylie, as they came away from Abilene with a 9-3 road win.

The Lady Bulldogs aren't may not be as strong as they have been in previous years, but anytime BSHS can get the jump on a perennially powerful nemesis in any sport, it builds morale.

"It was a big deal for us," said BSHS Head Coach John Sparks.

"The girls stayed focused the entire game. They got down a little bit in one inning, but came back to finish the game strong."

Senior Logan Yarbar had another good outing for the Lady Steers on the mound.

"(Yarbar) didn't get some of the pitches she wanted, but that's just part of the game. She stayed strong and got us another win."

Aside from Yarbar's consistent hurling, BSHS managed to play the entire game error-free.

"We made fewer errors than we have in the past," Sparks said. "That made a big difference for us. And we hit the ball well. Everybody got on base, so that was a positive. We are headed in the right direction."

The Lady Steers will next face Snyder on Tuesday at home. Game time is slated for 5 p.m.

Coahoma

LAMESA — It was a rough evening for the Bulldogettes, who lost to Lamesa 8-2.

New head coach for CHS, Jill Bradshaw, said it was "just one of those nights."

"We just couldn't get the bat on the ball," Bradshaw said. "We scored two runs in the sixth inning, but it was too late."

The Bulldogettes (3-2), will try to bounce back as they prepare for a meeting with rival Colorado City on Tuesday in another road game.

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The military slogan "The difficult we do immediately. The impossible takes a little longer" would seem to apply perfectly to this deal.

East won the opening heart lead with the nine and continued with the A-K. Declarer then had to decide whether to ruff the third heart high or low.

Given that East had apparently started with six hearts, South decided

to ruff with the ace on the basis that West was more likely to have the greater spade length — and therefore the queen — than East. He then led the J-10 of trumps, finessing successfully both times. When East showed out on the second trump lead, however, it appeared that West — who still had the Q-7 while dummy had the lone king — had a sure trump trick.

But declarer, undaunted, managed to find a way to do West out of his trump trick. Abandoning further spade leads for the moment, South crossed to dummy with a diamond and led a club to the jack. He then cashed the ace of clubs and A-K of diamonds before exiting with a club to East's king.

At this point only two tricks remained to be played. South had the 9-8 of spades, West the Q-7 and dummy the king of spades and nine of clubs. East, whose last two cards were hearts, was obliged to lead one.

When South ruffed with the eight, West found that his apparently impenetrable trump trick had been obliterated. Whether he ruffed with the seven or the queen, declarer was sure to score the last two tricks and so make the contract. South had accomplished the impossible.

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HAWKS

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them, but we have no control over them when they are out on the field.”

Despite the harsh criticism, there were a few bright spots. Ake had a great day at the plate, Smith praised Wood's performance on the mound and spoke highly of Burchett, a Forsan native who has seen some playing time as a freshmen.

“What (Burchett) does, is he buys into what we are trying to do,” Smith said. “So does Alike McGuire. They play for the team — they're not worried about themselves. Even scouts who have come to our games say it, ‘You have a lot of talent, but they're selfish.’”

The good news is, it's a four-game series against FPC and the Hawks — after dropping the first two outings against Midland College last week — came back to win the third and fourth game in dramatic fashion. Perhaps another split is in the cards.

The series wrapped up at Jack Barber Field on Saturday. Results will be in Monday's edition of the Herald.

As the baseball squad struggles, the Howard College softball team crushed Frank Phillips College on Friday, winning Game One of a four-

game stint by shellacking the Lady Plainsmen 20-0. HC scored a whopping 12 runs in the opening inning, putting FPC in a seemingly insurmountable hole very early.

The second game was a bit closer — the Lady Hawks only managed to win by a score of 11-3.

The Hawks are in sole possession of first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, the Lady Plainsmen — who are in last place — were a bit over-matched.

“They are the last place team, but we had to go out and do it,” HC Head Coach Kelly Raines said. “I think we had five or six home runs in the game. They are what they are. Frank Phillips just isn't as good as they usually are.”

Raines still has to face rival Midland College and cited Odessa College and El Paso Community College as potentially tough conference foes, but for now, it seems Raines and her squad have the conference on lockdown as they hold a 9-1 record (38-7 overall).

“This team has done a wonderful job of stepping up,” Raines added. “The sophomores have really come on with a vengeance — Megan Granado, Shelby Shelton — they have come

alive hitting. They've done a fabulous job.”

Last season, Raines led her team all the way to St. George, Utah to the national championship tournament. She believes her current squad could reach the pinnacle of JUCO softball as well.

“I'm going to say this team is better in a lot of ways,” Raines said. “We lost some great players last year who I said were irreplaceable, but I will

say the same thing about the girls this year. They are a talented group and they have stepped up all year.”

Hawk softball resumed Saturday with the final two games of its series with FPC. Results will be in Monday's Herald.

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Scenes from Friday's 35th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo (clockwise from left): Flag bearer Hannah Wells awaits the start of the event; famed rodeo clown and CKR originator Quail Dobbs is honored; Maylia Yanez tries her hand at pole bending; Jody Nix and his pint-sized "band" perform.

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