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**The West Texas Region of Antique Automobile Club of America, Midland division, treated residents of Parkview Manor to a classic car show Saturday. Big Spring residents enjoyed the shade and reminisced with fellow car fans and residents of the assisted living facility. Pictured left to right are Sandi Fulesday, Linda Patterson, Dale Patterson, Lloyd Waltenbaugh and Bobbie Waltenbaugh. At left, John Womack, operations manager of Colorado River Municipal Water District, rebuilt this 1969 Chevy Chevelle.**



# Abortion limitations get approval

**CHRIS TOMLINSON and WILL WEISSERT**  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Republican lawmakers passed a bill that would give Texas some of the nation's most restrictive abortion laws and force most of its clinics to close, leading Democrats to promise a fight over the contentious measure in the courts at the ballot box.

More than 2,000 demonstrators filled the Capitol building in Austin to voice their opposition to the bill, including six protesters who were dragged out of the Senate chamber by state troopers for trying to disrupt the debate. The Republican majority passed the bill unchanged just before midnight, with all but one Democrat voting against it.

"Today the Texas Legislature took its final step in our historic effort to protect life," said Gov. Rick Perry, who will sign the bill into law in the next few days. "This legislation builds on the strong and unwavering commitment we have made to defend life and protect women's health."

Democrats promised a legal challenge to the measure, which will ban abortions after 20 weeks, require doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and require all abortions to take place in surgical centers. Only five out of Texas' 42 existing abortion clinics meet the requirements to be a surgical center, and clinic owners say they can't afford to upgrade or relocate.

"There will be a lawsuit. I promise you," Dallas Sen. Royce West said on the Senate floor, raising his right hand as if taking an oath.

Democrats proposed 20 amendments to the bill, including making exceptions in cases of rape and incest and allowing doctors more leeway in prescribing abortion-inducing drugs. But Republicans would have none of it.

The bill is one of many championed in Republican-led states this year by anti-abortion groups set on challenging the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling, which established a woman's right to get an abortion until the point in which a fetus could viably survive outside

## Richards: Strict Texas abortion bill 'lit a fuse'

(AP) — The president of Planned Parenthood said Friday that Texas Republicans and abortion opponents won this political round — but it could cost them down the road.

The comments from Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards came as the Senate was about to vote on a sweeping abortion bill that would severely limit access to the procedure in the country's second-largest state. As senators debate the proposed restrictions, thousands of abortion-rights supporters dressed in orange filled the halls of the

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## Bond issue back on FISD agenda

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — Show them the money.

Forsan Independent School District trustees are expected to approve the sale of \$23.8 million in construction bonds when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room.

The construction bonds were approved by FISD voters in May, but trustee approval is needed before the

issues are officially sold.

Among the projects which will be financed by the bond are:

- A new elementary campus, which will be located adjacent to the junior high/high school building in Forsan.
- A wastewater treatment plant
- Safety and security renovations at the secondary campus, including installation of a locking system for the exterior doors which can be operated remotely and a

remake of the main entrance to enhance security against unwanted visitors.

- Expansion of the secondary campus to accommodate extra classroom, lab or storage space.
- Major plumbing and electrical renovation at the secondary campus.
- Renovation of the kitchen area at the secondary campus.
- Safety upgrades in the secondary campus' metal shop.

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## New student registration set

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Registration for students new to Big Spring Independent School District has begun, officials said.

Registration times will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the BSISD records office (old Goliad Elementary building) at 2000 S. Goliad.

The registration is for students enrolling in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes, as well as any student between the ages of 5

and 21 who resides within the district but was not enrolled in BSISD on at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, officials said.

Pre-kindergarten students must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 and meet at least one of the following requirements: limited English proficiency; family income qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; family is homeless; a parent is a member of the U.S. armed forces; or the child has been in foster care.

Any student who is 5 years old by Sept. 1 and lives within the school district may enroll in kindergarten classes, officials said.

Parent need to bring the following documents to registration: the child's birth certificate; immunization records; the student's Social Security card; proof of residence such as a utility bill or lease agreement; parent's driver's license; and proof of

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the womb. A fetus is generally considered viable at 22 to 24 weeks.

Texas falls under the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which has shown a willingness to accept more stringent limits on abortions.

By passing the new restrictions, Republicans pleased

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# Obituaries

## Buster William Keaton



Evangelist Buster William Keaton passed away Thursday, July 4, 2013. Buster was born July 11, 1941, in Big Spring to Otis Carroll Keaton and Bonnie Barnes Keaton Lacy. Buster's most heartfelt prayer was salvation for all. Buster was preceded in death by his parents; brother, O.C. Keaton; sisters, Jeanett Good and Carrolene Lutz.

Survivors: His children, Buster Keaton Jr., Lisa Turner and Connie Baca, all of Big Spring, and Marion Reese of Midland; his children's mother, Cora Keaton Heatley of Big Spring; companion, Carol Dresch Keaton of Lake Worth; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; sister's, Joe Ann Murphy of Conroe; Cindy Lacy Binns, and brother Jack C. Lacy. Family Memorial will be held at a later date.

*Paid obituary*

## Randy Nix



Randy Nix, 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil and memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Jerry Duenes officiating.

He was born Jan. 19, 1959, in Flint, Mich. He graduated from Davison Community Schools in Davison, Mich., in 1977. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years of service. He worked at the VA Hospital in Big Spring since March 2000.

He is survived by his wife: Stacey of Big Spring; sons: Brian Nix of Flint, Mich., Stephen Nix of Wichita Falls and Derek Nix of San Angelo; grandchildren: Jordan and Aubrey; four step-children: Anastasia, Kaylee, Jeremy and Courtney; two brothers: Terry and Tammie Nix and Kevin Nix, all of Davison Mich.; sister: Michelle and Don Terwilliger of Harrison, Mich.; parents: Herschel and Betty Nix of Sugar Springs, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Myrel McNew



Myrel McNew, 80, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, July 11, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2013, at College Baptist Church with Pastor Ken McMeans officiating.

Myrel was born May 11, 1933, in Sparenburg, Texas, to Sadie (Franks) and J. Hobbs McNew. She has been a lifetime resident of Howard County except for a few years in Gardendale and Wolfforth. She owned Village Beauty Shop for many years and also worked for the Boll Weevil Program in Howard County. Her hobby was her grandchildren.

Myrel is survived by one daughter: LaGlenna Hester and husband Rick of Sherman; three grandchildren: Jennifer Hester of Albuquerque, Erick Castille of Oklahoma City and Hailey Hester of Sherman; four sisters: Geraldine Posey and Imogene Adair and husband Bobby, all of Big Spring, Shirley Croft and husband Bill of Neosho, Mo., and Nell Burgess of Big Spring; two brothers: Joe McNew and wife Billie of Carlsbad, N.M., and Jake McNew of Gardendale; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Aubrey, LeRoy, Ray and Rick.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## DeNeise Coates

DeNeise Coates, 40, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 12, 2013 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Take Note

• Coahoma High School classes of 1952 through 1956 will hold a reunion at Papa Chon's Restaurant at 6 p.m. Friday, July 19. Contact Sue Buchanan Tindol at 432-394-4363 for more information or to reserve a seat.

• The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Crispy's Cafe, located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700. The local group is looking for new members and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting. For more information on the Howard County Sheriff's Posse or the meeting, contact Steve Gray at 432-213-6104 or Bert Sheppard at 432-263-4483.

• Diabetes and Nutrition will be the August Healthy Woman event in Room 215 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Paula Sue Sisson, new SMMC dietitian, will be the featured speaker. Find out about inpatient and upcoming outpatient services regarding diabetes and nutritional consultations. The event, set Aug. 8 with a Lunch n Learn at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments and light snacks at 5:30 p.m., is free to the public, as always. For more information or to RSVP, call 268-4842 or 268-4721.

• Coahoma High School will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementary School in Coahoma. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch can still be reserved for \$10 with one of the officers listed here, or will be available at the door for \$12. The reunion will last until 3:30 p.m. and will include an auction and raffles to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Items for the auction will be appreciated. A CHS Reunion Social for all classes will be held at Kokapelli's in Big Spring from 6-11 p.m. For further information or to reserve lunch, contact Joyce York Baumann, president, [jefnjoyce@yahoo.com](mailto:jefnjoyce@yahoo.com) or 432-816-1588 or Cindy Parrish Klaus, secretary, [cindy.claus@whiting.com](mailto:cindy.claus@whiting.com) or 432-466-1298.

• Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or [jamey.stegall@gmail.com](mailto:jamey.stegall@gmail.com). The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• 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.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• 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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

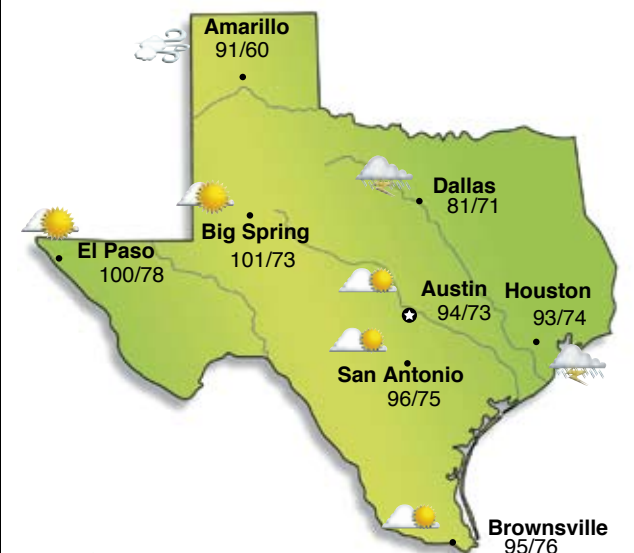
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 7/14	Mon 7/15	Tue 7/16
<b>101/73</b>	<b>79/69</b>	<b>81/70</b>
Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. Hot. High 101F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 60s.	Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 70s.
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## Texas At A Glance



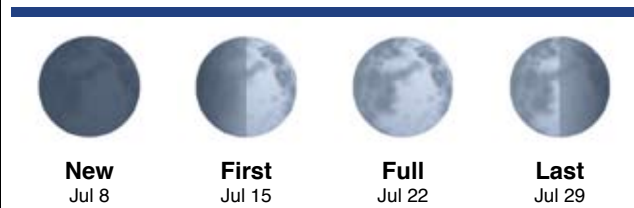
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	89	69	t-storm	Kingsville	98	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	91	60	windy	Livingston	92	70	t-storm
Austin	94	73	pt sunny	Longview	88	71	cloudy
Beaumont	91	73	cloudy	Lubbock	96	64	mst sunny
Brownsville	95	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	71	t-storm
Brownsville	91	71	t-storm	Midland	102	72	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	95	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	70	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	74	t-storm
Dallas	81	71	t-storm	San Antonio	96	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	78	mst sunny	San Marcos	95	73	pt sunny
El Paso	100	78	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	69	t-storm
Fort Stockton	100	74	sunny	Sweetwater	93	70	pt sunny
Gainesville	74	66	t-storm	Tyler	89	72	t-storm
Greenville	80	68	t-storm	Weatherford	79	68	t-storm
Houston	93	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	77	64	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	88	69	pt sunny
Boston	87	71	t-storm	New York	89	78	t-storm
Chicago	86	71	mst sunny	Phoenix	106	86	mst sunny
Dallas	81	71	t-storm	San Francisco	64	52	pt sunny
Denver	84	62	t-storm	Seattle	78	55	sunny
Houston	93	74	t-storm	St. Louis	90	75	mst sunny
Los Angeles	85	67	sunny	Washington, DC	91	76	pt sunny
Miami	87	76	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



# Police blotter

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

• JOYCE ROBERTSON COFFMAN, 57, of 1302 W. Leatherwood, was arrested Friday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• RICHARD LEONARD MOYA, 38, of 610 Caylor, was arrested Friday for driving while intoxicated – open container.

• ROMELIA ISABEL MCMARYION, 34, of 1601 S. Main, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction, speeding, failure to appear and on a warrant from another agency.

• TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JONATHAN ANDRADE, 20, of 309 S. Elm Pl., Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Friday on a charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle less than \$200.

• THEFT was reported at the 1700 block of Purdue, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 – three incidents, County Road 17.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE reported at the 700 block of Wasson.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 300 block of W. Third.

• ASSAULT was reported at the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

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# Judge to mull if airlines owe WTC owners

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge who has presided over most of the litigation stemming from the Sept. 11 attacks will decide whether the owners of the World Trade Center can try to make aviation companies pay billions of dollars in damages.

U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein said he will

announce his decision immediately after hearing several witnesses and listening to arguments in a nonjury trial starting Monday and expected to last three days.

The trial will decide whether World Trade Center Properties and its affiliates can receive more than the \$4.9 billion in insurance proceeds

they have already recovered since the 9/11 attacks by terrorists who hijacked commercial airliners and flew them into the 110-story twin towers.

If the judge should decide that the World Trade Center owners were entitled to additional money, a liability trial might occur. The defendants

include American Airlines Inc., AMR Corp., United Airlines Inc., US Airways Inc., Colgan Air Inc., Boeing Co. and the Massachusetts Port Authority, among others.

The airlines and other companies were sued with the reasoning that they were negligent, allowing terrorists to board the planes.

# ABORTION

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the Christian conservatives who make up the majority of primary voters. But they inspired abortion rights supporters to protest at the state Capitol in numbers not seen in Texas in at least 20 years.

Demonstrators packed normally boring committee hearings to voice their anger over the abortion bill and managed to disrupt key votes. They finished a lengthy filibuster by Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis, of Fort Worth, by jeering for the last 15 minutes of the first special legislative session,

effectively killing the bill.

That's when Perry called lawmakers back for round two. But opponents said the fight is far from over and used the popular anger to register and organize Democratic voters.

"Let's make sure that tonight is not an ending point, it's a beginning point for our future, our collective futures, as we work to take this state back." Davis told 2,000 adoring supporters after the bill passed.

The Texas Republican Party, meanwhile, celebrated what they consider to be a major victory that makes Texas "a nationwide leader in pro-life legislation."

"As Democrats con-

tinue to talk about their dreams of turning Texas blue, passage of (the bill) is proof that Texans are conservative and organized and we look forward to working with our amazing Republican leadership in the Texas Legislature as they finish the special session strong," a party statement said.

Friday's debate took place before a packed gallery of demonstrators, with anti-abortion activists wearing blue and abortion-rights supporters wearing orange. Security was tight, and state troopers reported confiscating bottles of urine and feces as they worked to prevent another attempt to stop the Republican major-

ity from passing the proposal.

Those arrested or removed from the chamber included four women who tried to chain themselves to a railing in the gallery while singing, "All we are saying is give choice a chance." One of the women was successful in chaining herself, leading to a 10-minute recess.

Sen. Glen Hegar of Katy, the bill's Republican author, argued that all abortions, including those induced with medications, should take place in an ambulatory surgical center in case of complications.

Democrats pointed out that childbirth is more dangerous than an abortion and there

have been no serious problems with women taking abortion drugs at home.

Cecile Richards, the daughter of former Gov. Anne Richards and president of Planned Parenthood, said Texas Republicans and abortion opponents won this political round — but it could cost them down the road.

"All they have done is built a committed group of people across this state who are outraged about the treatment of women and the lengths to which this Legislature will go to take women's health care away," she said.

The dedication of those activists will be tested during the 2014

elections. Democrats have not won a statewide seat in Texas since 1994, the longest such losing streak in the nation.

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Raellen Marie Gilbert Thompson, 73, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

James Holt, 78, died Tuesday. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Plainview Memorial Park in Plainview, Texas.

Emilie Lace Cisneros, infant, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Randy Nix, 54, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil and memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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# RICHARDS

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state Capitol, singing, screaming and chanting.

A smaller-but-still thousands-strong group of the bill's supporters, wearing blue, also filled the stately rotunda and hallways. During a brief interview over the din of dueling protests, Richards said the Legislature's insistence

on passing the bill "lit a fuse."

"They're not listening to the people. They're running roughshod over the political process," said Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and daughter of the late former Democratic Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

Richards said a temporary defeat could eventually become a victory, though.

"You will be able to win a tactical advan-

tage," she said. "But in the long run, all they have done is built a committed group of people across this state who are outraged about the treatment of women and the lengths to which this Legislature will go to take women's health care away."

Richards said many of those who descended on the Capitol to oppose the bill were young people who had not voted previously — but may now head to the ballot box to

defeat incumbent state lawmakers.

"The more that people participate in this state, the more the majority will be in charge," she said, "and, particularly for women, that means people who support women's rights."

Democrats have promised to challenge the constitutionality of the new abortion limits in court. Richards said: "We do believe that there are definitely parts of this law that are clearly un-

constitutional."

"We've made that case repeatedly to the state Legislature," she said, "but they don't seem to be interested in facts, in science, in medicine, or frankly, in the will of the people of Texas."

# BISD

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Parents can pick up the neces-

sary forms from the BSISD records office during normal business hours. They can also print the forms from the district's web site, www.bsisd.esc18.net.

For more information, contact

the records office at 264-3622.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

# FISD

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- Expansion of the district's bus barns to accommodate vehicles currently parked at Elbow.

- A fire-suppression system for the new elementary campus.

- Resurfacing of the track at the football stadium.

- Replacement of one of the district's tennis courts.

- Increased storage area at the band hall.

The bonds are structured for a 20-year pay-

out, but feature a "three-year call," meaning the district can retire the debt anytime after three years if it so chooses.

Although the district will soon have the bond money in hand, Superintendent Randy Johnson said planning and final design work will

take several months before the first shovelful of dirt is moved.

Johnson said earlier this year construction will probably not begin until at least November.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Local and legal policy updates.

- Property/casualty and worker's compensation insurance.

- Budget amendments.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Teach us to be more understanding of those we don't understand, dear Lord.

Amen

# Colleen Hoover's rags to riches story

Eighteen months ago, Colleen Hoover was an employee of a state welfare office in Sulphur Springs. In her spare time, she wrote a novel. No outline, no idea of where the story would take her. She just wrote it sentence by sentence.

"I wanted to finish it by Christmas (of 2011) so I could give it to my mother for a present," says Colleen. "I finished it Christmas Day. My mom loved the book. My boss, Stephanie Cohen, wanted to read the finished product. So did some other friends.

"I started looking for ways for them to read it without having to print off a whole bunch of copies that would cost a lot. I found out about Amazon's self-publishing program that was free. So I uploaded my book there and four months later it was on the New York Times Best Seller list.

"This past October, I ended up selling the movie rights to it." The book is titled "Slammed." Colleen calls it a contemporary romance novel about two young people who fall in love. One of them is a slam poet.

She wrote the 300-page book in

a little over a month while working fulltime, living in a mobile home and taking care of a husband and three small children.

She was encouraged to write a sequel, so she turned out "Point of Retreat," again writing it within a month or so.

In June of last year, both books were on the prestigious New York Times Best Seller list. She signed with Atria Books, a branch of Simon and Schuster.

She quit her job last July and asked her former boss, Stephanie, to come along with her and handle her busy schedule.

"I needed someone to tell me what to do. I didn't want to be the one telling someone else what to do," says Colleen, who now lives in a house east of her hometown of Saltillo in Hopkins County. Her husband has quit his truck-driving job.

Her third book, "Hopeless," came out in December of last year and hit the best seller list again. Since then, she has written two more books: "This Girl" (the third installment in the "Slammed" series) and "Losing Hope," a companion book to "Hopeless," due out this month. She has signed for two more books next year.

Thirty-three year old Colleen didn't realize she was a publishing phenomenon until at a book signing in a Chicago hotel last fall when she was walking

down the stairs and the crowd of people waiting below started saying, "There she is." In major cities all across America, people stand in line for hours to get her autograph.

Although her rise in the literary world has been meteoric, she doesn't show any signs of celebrity. When I interviewed her in Sulphur Springs a couple of months ago, she was polite and humble and even seemed to be flattered. She was early for the interview.

"It's just been insane," she says. "A few months ago we were living paycheck to paycheck in a singlewide mobile home that we had lived in for seven years. Now I'm getting ready to go to London for a book signing and I've never been out of the country. I'm just back from a week of appearances and signings in L.A. Every month this year I'll be in another state."

She gave me a copy of "Hopeless" just prior to its release in paperback. After she left, I sat at the table and ran my fingers over the raised letters on the cover, realizing that I had met a person of significance.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

## LETTERS

### Astronomy

TO THE EDITOR:

My lady friend, Bonnie Cushing, and I have several hobbies we share — going to the beautiful Houston Ballet almost every month and astronomy. We are incredibly involved in the arts and sciences and we love it in our retirement years.

There is a comet head-

ed our way, Comet ISON, which will be visible 45 minutes before sunrise on Dec. 6. Bonnie and I will be with Jim Baum, mayor of Colorado City and owner of the Colorado City radio stations the mornings of Dec. 6 and 9 to broadcast live Comet ISON parties for Mitchell County.

We subscribe to three astronomy magazines

and we have excellent resources to coach us in our preparations.

Tom Vitron at Lowell Observatory said this is terminal velocity.

Rod at Oceanside Photo and Telescope and Casey Walker at Star Date, McDonald Observatory are helping Bonnie and me conceptualize "terminal velocity."

At this point, it seems

to mean that the mere essence of velocity could cause the 35-mile diameter comet to explode as it gets closer to the Sun, go past the Sun or go headlong into the Sun.

Bonnie and I use two gorgeous telescopes with which we study astronomy in the evenings over barbeque and not

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# Oh, Canada!

If "getting there is half the fun," our recent Canada/New England cruise from Quebec City to Boston defies the long-held belief that two halves make a whole. With multiple highlights on board equaling or surpassing the "getting there," there were several "halves!"

It was a "story-book" adventure, book-ended by two of North America's most historic cities. Weather was near-perfect-daily temperatures in the low 70's — and the scenery, spectacular.

The four stops on Holland America's week-long cruise on the mid-sized Veendam offered enticing ports. So, any thought of skipping even one was quickly dismissed.

To fully enjoy any vacation, one needs to shift into neutral — a gear I strive for routinely. (Some people find it easier to find reverse gear on a stick-shift car than neutral in leisure time.)

We've yet to cruise without experiencing unanticipated delights. This time, a fellow cruiser's question — "Reckon they'll dance the 'Huckleback'?" — should have been a tip-off.

Upon boarding with some 1,400 other guests, we learned this was one of six Holland America cruises featuring "Dancing with the Stars at Sea." The popular TV show's personalities were on board to entertain, teach and visit. Then, the "Huckleback" question made sense — remember the 1960's song? Chubby Checker claimed those who couldn't do it "might be out of luck."

Vacationers choosing this cruise are awash in choices —

even before Veendam boarding. Both Quebec City and Boston are steeped in history. However, the recommendation is to spend extra days in QC, since most Americans aren't aware of its history, charm, beauty and marvelous blending of old and new.

England prevailed in the Battle of 1759, but French influence remains strongest. Sounds of the beautiful French language sweeten the air. (Their written words have bunches of extra letters — such as "eaux," which is pronounced simply "o." A Canadian woman called her dog "Fido," uh, "Phydeaux.")

Indeed, Galinda, the "good witch" in Broadway's Wicked, might be confounded there. She asked her prof, "Why you can't just teach us history instead of always harping on the past?"

Quebec City, now 405 years old, is an "all season" favorite, appropriately called North America's most European city.

All was pristine; we found nothing in need of paint during our four-day visit. We understand, too, why winter sports enthusiasts pray for snow to come early and stay late in this winter wonderland.

Montmorency Falls beckons. Raging from a drop-off 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls, it provided lighting to Quebec City's historic Le Chateau Frontenac Hotel when hydroelectricity was harnessed 100 years ago. The hotel, imposed against an azure Canadian sky, is within yelling distance of the Veendam when the vessel is in port.

On board, we were as active — or vegetative — as we chose. Often, we wound up in the ship's impressive library, sometimes awake.

With the Stars' presence, many legs were shaken and "light fantastics" tripped. (Truth to tell, some "heavy fantastics"

danced, too.)

About 200 vacationers chose this cruise because the stars were on board. Some, though — like me — admitted limitations. I'd finish second in a dance contest against a person with two left feet.

Of great intrigue were ports of call up the St. Lawrence River into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and finally the Atlantic Ocean. We treasured time at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Bar Harbor, Maine.

We were never disappointed; flowers were everywhere; yards, well-groomed. "We'd spend our last two bucks on gasoline for the mower," one resident said.

In Sydney, Nova Scotia, the world's largest illuminated "fiddle"—10 tons and 42 feet tall — was an "eye-catcher" Yep, they called it a "fiddle" — like we do in these parts, where "if you're gonna have a hit in Texas, you gotta have a fiddle in the band." (Bagpipes are big there, too. However, a man of Scottish descent claimed the Irish gave the Scots bagpipes as a practical joke!)

Before boarding a plane in Boston, we toured that historic city, where facts memorized decades ago came alive.

Back home, we hear Canada calling, and we intend to return, perhaps next time enjoying vivid fall foliage from the Veendam's deck.

If fanciers of polka, jive, samba, waltz or even the "Huckleback" choose the deck, we'll move to the side.

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# Faces of drunk driving

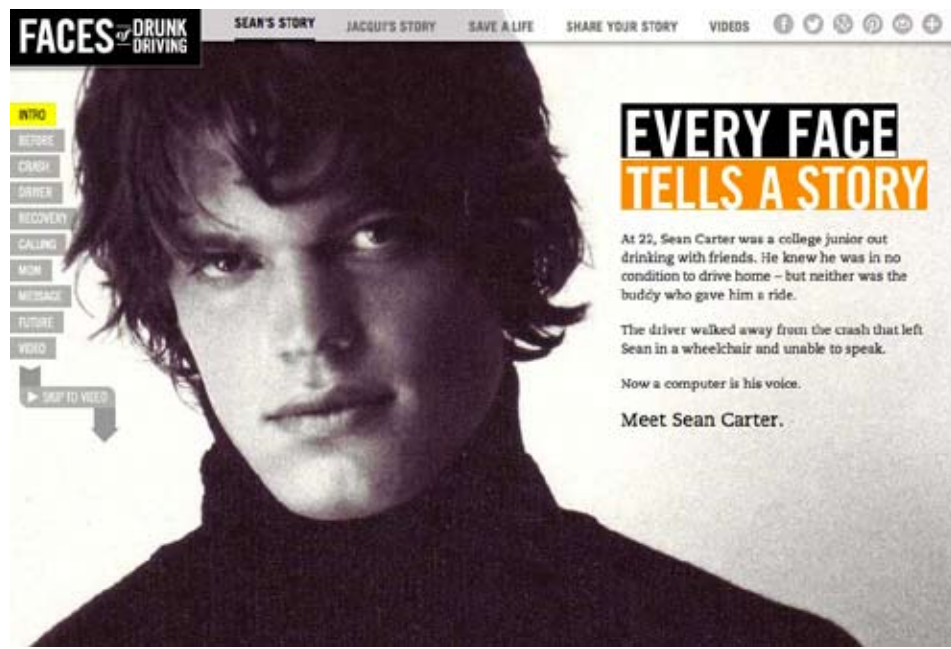
In an effort to save lives and prevent roadway crashes, the Texas Department of Transportation is introducing its Faces of Drunk Driving safety campaign to urge motorists to be smart and drive sober.

"On average, there is an alcohol-related traffic crash in Texas every 20 minutes," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Drunk driving crashes are 100 percent preventable and so is the pain that comes with each one."

Throughout the month of July, TxDOT will host Faces of Drunk Driving events across the state at which safety advocates, law enforcement and victims of drunk driving will share their stories in front of 1,170 Texas flags, representing the number of people killed

in alcohol-related crashes in Texas last year. More than 9,400 people also were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2012.

Helping TxDOT deliver this sobering message is 9-year-old Xitclalli "Chilli" Vasquez, who was paralyzed from the chest down after being hit by a drunk driver in Fort Worth on July 9, 2011 (just three days before her eighth birthday).



Also sharing their story is the family of Aaron Pennywell, 20, who was killed by a drunk driver two years ago in Cypress. These stories, along with those of more than a dozen others impacted by drunk driving, can be found at [www.FacesofDrunkDriving.com](http://www.FacesofDrunkDriving.com).

"If the possibility of killing yourself or someone else isn't a good enough reason to not drink and

drive, you should know that being arrested for DWI also has longstanding, negative consequences," Wilson said. "DWI penalties include jail time, a suspended

driver's license and as much as \$17,000 or more in fines, legal fees and other expenses. You and your family can't afford it, so be smart and safe while celebrating the holiday."

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only is it beautifully fascinating, but the hobby knows no boundaries with which it can boggle an imagination.

ORLAND CARROLL  
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## Freedom

TO THE EDITOR:

As an Eagle Scout and father of a child now involved in Scouting as we were preparing to participate in Pops in the Park, I was considering the Holiday and what it was really all about. The following verse is the product. I hope that you enjoy and are inspired to remember the great cost that was paid and continues to be paid for the freedom that we enjoy.

## Freedom is Not Free

From sea to shining sea we come together to dance and sing

We laugh and play to celebrate our Independence Day

We eat and drink and never stop to think.

At what cost was this freedom bought?

A price so high we should think twice.

Sons, brothers, fathers...

Daughters, sisters, mothers...

Aunts, uncles, cousins...

Friends, and neighbors they all were.

Their blood and lives they gave for our liberty to save.

So let us remember their sacrifice and their families' great price.

For freedom is still not free not for you, not for me.

So with these simple words may we join to say all that we can and that is simply.

Thank you!

GARY TIDWELL  
BIG SPRING

## Thanks, H-E-B!

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the management of H-E-B who were so very helpful to me when my car was damaged by a careless driver in the parking lot.

The driver left the scene, but thanks to witnesses, the license number was documented and turned in to the office at H-E-B.

The management of H-E-B represented so professionally by Seve and Cindy, stayed with me, called the police and had all the information for the officer who responded to the call. Police officer W.J. Wright Jr. answered the call. He was very polite and helpful. He was able to locate the offender, obtain his insurance information and file the accident report.

I wish to thank these

special people for their help. We are truly blessed to have such fine people represent our city.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY BURGESS  
BIG SPRING

## Where's the money?

TO THE HERALD:

Well it's happening again. Some years ago (about 4 to 8 years), the subject of the landfill replacement was approached by the city council. At that time, a fee was added to every customer's sanitation bill (I believe it was \$2

per month) so that when the need arose we would have money to pay for it

It would be nice to know what happened to the money that was supposed to be earmarked for the new landfill.

Now we are going to levy exorbitant fees to use the landfill. Where is the money the city is supposed to have been saving to take care of this problem?

It would be nice to

have an answer by someone on the council, printed in the Herald, so we would know where our money has gone.

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### Singer Randy Travis sedated, remains critical

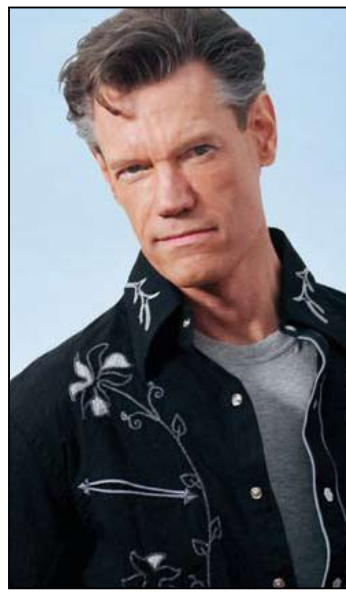
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Hospital officials say country music star Randy Travis remains in critical condition and has been under heavy sedation since surgery following a stroke.

The 54-year-old singer has been hospitalized since Sunday after suffering congestive heart failure due to a viral illness.

Travis suffered the stroke Wednesday night at The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano and doctors performed surgery to relieve pressure on his brain.

A hospital statement says the "Three Wooden Crosses" singer is resting comfortably and that his family continues to ask for prayers and support.

The Grammy Award-winning singer has been surrounded by family and friends while in the hospital and received a visit Thursday from George Jones' widow, Nancy, who played music for her late husband's longtime friend.



### Airport resumes flights after threat

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The main airport in Lubbock has reopened after a man told employees he was carrying explosives in his luggage.

An official with the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport says flights resumed Friday. That's after a bomb threat closed the airport for a couple hours Thursday.

Lubbock police say Klaus Scholz told an airport worker to carefully handle his luggage because it was carrying C-4, an explosive that requires a detonator. Authorities say airport police arrested the 51-year-old man and the airport was shut down.

Lubbock aviation director James Loomis says in-

vestigators examined the man's luggage but found no explosives.

Scholz is charged with making a terrorist threat and was released Friday after he posted a \$50,000 bond.

### 2nd guilty plea in mail fraud at Lubbock hospital

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A San Antonio man has pleaded guilty to a mail fraud charge in connection with a scheme that cost University Medical Center in Lubbock almost \$700,000.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports 40-year-old Rodolfo Reyes "Rudy" Mata told a federal judge Friday that he conspired with a hospital vice president, Robert Gregory Bruce, to submit false bills to the hospital between June 2007 and December 2011.

Bruce, 46, resigned in December 2011 when an internal audit uncovered the losses. He pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud last month.

Bruce and Mata each face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Sentencing dates for each man have not been set.

### Report: Gov. Perry says he plans trip to Israel

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry may be dropping hints that he'll make a second run for the White House, although his announcement is not expected until later this year.

The Washington Times reports that the Republican said he plans to visit Israel in October "to bring together Arabs, Christian and Jews in an educational forum." Some political analysts say traveling to Israel is expected of conservative presidential hopefuls looking to establish foreign policy credentials and to get support from conservative Christians.

A Perry spokesman, Rich Parsons, told The Associated Press on Friday that the governor has indicated he plans to travel to Israel, and details will be announced "at the appropriate time." He declined further comment.

Perry, the longest-serving governor in Texas history and in the U.S., announced earlier this week that he won't seek a fourth full term next year. He has said he will announce later this year whether he will run for president in 2016. His previous bid for the GOP presidential nomination fizzled in 2011.

Perry did not mention his political future when he spoke Friday at the Texas American Legion's annual convention in Irving, a Dallas suburb.

"You may have heard earlier this week that I announced that I wasn't running for re-election. That means that in 18 months I'm going to be done being the governor of Texas, but I'm happy to report I'm going to be a legionnaire for life," Perry said to roaring applause.

Perry, after graduating from Texas A&M University, joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1972-77.

He told the group that the state has been helping veterans by enacting several laws, including one law granting a total property tax exemption to the widow of a soldier killed in action.

### Rio Grande River patrols draw gunfire from Mexico

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety says its agents have been attacked by unknown assailants along different but undisclosed points of the South Texas border with Mexico.

A DPS statement Friday says Texas Rangers responded Thursday to a "shots fired" call by the U.S. Border Patrol on the Rio Grande River. Upon arrival, the Rangers found the federal agents ducking inside their boat and pointing their weapons toward the Mexican side of the river. The Rangers fired tear gas, and the alleged attackers promptly

dispersed.

In another incident Thursday, a DPS boat intercepted a raft containing 1,100 pounds of marijuana. A Texas Rangers boat dispatched to assist was fired upon before reaching the scene. Agents returned fire and the assailants left. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

### Young girl driving when SUV went into water, killing 5

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 14-year-old girl was behind the wheel of an SUV that plunged into a South Texas port basin, killing her mother, three siblings and a man, authorities say.

The girl, who has not been yet identified by authorities, was the sole survivor of the accident and was released from a Brownsville hospital shortly after being rescued from the water Thursday.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the girl to drive the SUV off a dockyard into the water of the basin at the Port of Brownsville, but Lucio says no foul play is suspected.

The accident happened in an area of the port known as Shrimp Basin, where shrimping boats dock.

Port of Brownsville police Chief Carlos Garcia said the girl told him that her mother and siblings were in the car. "It was just the basic information. She was in shock when I talked to her," Garcia said.

Divers worked Thursday afternoon to recover the SUV, a Mercury Mountaineer. The vehicle had to be hoisted up from the water with cranes.

Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio identified those killed in the accident as 29-year-old Juana Edith Alvarez; her children, 10-year-old Jesse Lee Alvarez, 7-year-old Emily R. Espino and 4-year-old Joe Alvarez; and 56-year-old shrimp boat captain Juan Pablo Morales. Lucio said apparently the family was on its way to drop off Morales at his work in a shrimping boat.

### TCU journalism school chief says he'll retire

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Christian University will begin searching for a new director of its Schieffer School of Journalism after John Lumpkin's retirement.

Lumpkin announced in an email to students on Friday that he would retire when his contract expires next spring. The 67-year-old longtime journalist came to TCU in 2009 after a long career at The Associated Press. In his email, he said he had always planned to leave the position after five years.

Lumpkin was the AP's longtime Texas chief of bureau before becoming a vice president. Under his direction, the Schieffer School built a multimillion-dollar expansion and renovation to house modern production technology and a high-definition television news studio.

TCU hopes to choose a new director by November.

### 'Electrical issue' sparked fire

ORCHARD, Texas (AP) — County officials west of Houston say an "electrical issue" is the cause of a house fire that killed three women from the same family.

Investigators in Fort Bend County said Friday they're continuing to inspect the ruins of the home where 55-year-old Joyce Carrington was killed along with her mother, 80-year-old Dorothy Carrington, and her aunt, 90-year-old Goldie Wells. Carrington was the caregiver for the two older women and for three children who escaped unharmed Thursday.

Carrington and the oldest child, a 17-year-old, ushered the younger children out of the house in the rural town of Orchard before Carrington went back inside for her mother and aunt.

The area lacks hydrants so water had to be fetched to the scene in tanker trucks.

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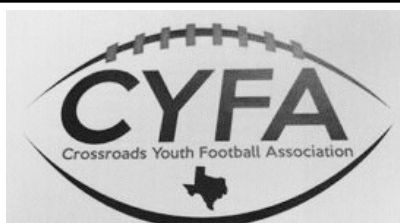
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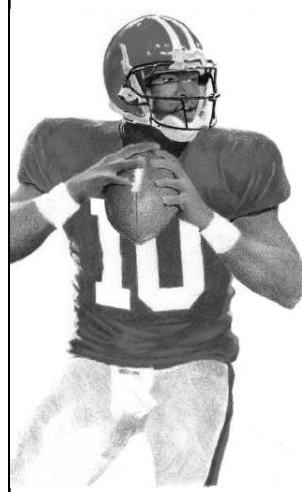
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# Lady Mavs take 3rd at PrimeTime tourney



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The AAU Lady Mavs recently placed third in the PrimeTime tournament in Lewisville. The Lady Mavs are coached by Dathan Jones and are comprised of area basketball players, including several Big Spring girls. Pictured is Jones holding the third place trophy and players (in no particular order): Jackie Castillo, Shawntee Lacy, Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Shaunte Anderson, Sydney Patterson, Martha Lewis, Savannah Hewety, Clayell Davenport, Autumn Minter and Diamonique Mayes. The Lady Mavs were led in the final game by Vanderbilt, who scored 17 points in a 36-29 win for a top three finish.

## Fall sports briefs

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

For student-athletes participating in fall sports, it's a big month. Girls planning to play volleyball have the option to attend volleyball camps, while the Steer football players need to be fitted for their gear before two-a-day practices begin Aug. 5. For Big Spring fans, season tickets are now on sale.

— Late entries are still being accepted to Jessica Weynand's Coahoma volleyball camp. Weynand, the head coach who will guide the Bulldogettes in their inaugural volleyball season is hosting the two-camp, which is open to girls in grades 1-9.

Grades 6-9 (\$40) will attend Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., while grades 1-5 (\$30) will be at camp July 23-24, from 9 a.m. until noon.

To reserve a spot, call Weynand at 979-251-1902.

— Big Spring Athletics will be holding its summer volleyball camp at the Big Spring Junior High gym beginning July 29. Grades 3-6 will attend from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., while grades

7-9 will participate from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per student. T-shirts are available for \$10 extra. Call the ATC at 264-3662 for more information.

— Equipment fittings for Big Spring football players will be held July 29-Aug. 1, at the athletic training center.

— Athletes in grades 7, 9 and 11 will be required to have a physical performed in order to participate in fall sports programs. For more information, contact BSHS Head Athletic Trainer Jim Campbell at 264-3647.

— Two-a-day football practices are slated to begin Aug. 5. All applicable paperwork must be completed at that time.

— Season tickets to Big Spring Steer football games will be sold at the ATC July 23 until Aug. 8, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Each ticket will cost \$20. The final day to purchase season tickets is Aug. 22. For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

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**Big Spring quarterback Tobyn Tannehill (12) runs with the ball during a game last season. Two-a-day football practices are set to begin Aug. 5. Equipment fittings and physicals must be completed prior to then.**



## Grimm injured in Rangers' 7-2 loss to Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — With yet another Texas pitcher now dealing with an injury, Rangers manager Ron Washington is ready for the All-Star break.

"We need to get to the break, give everyone a break, and get it together," he said.

Rookie right-hander Justin Grimm gave up seven runs in the first two innings and

eventually left in the fourth with a sore right forearm, and the Rangers went on to lose to the Detroit Tigers 7-2 on Friday night. Jhonny Peralta's two-run double highlighted a five-run first inning for the Tigers.

Texas recently put Yu Darvish on the disabled list with a bad back. Four starters from the Rangers' season-

opening rotation are currently on the DL.

Now Grimm's health is uncertain.

"Have I seen anything like this? No," said catcher A.J. Pierzynski, who homered and had three hits for Texas. "Our guys are dropping like flies."

Grimm allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Just when he appeared to be settling in finally, he had to come out of the game in the fourth.

Texas scored twice in the fourth on a solo homer by Pierzynski and an RBI single by Jurickson Profar.

But the Rangers left the bases loaded that inning and never got a better chance to get back in the game.

Detroit was coming off a heated 6-3 loss to the Chicago White Sox in which reliever Luke Putkonen and manager Jim Leyland were ejected amid a bench-clearing altercation in the sixth inning.

Leyland was more than ready to move on Friday, and the Tigers wasted little time delighting the home crowd.

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## MAKE LONG-TERM CARE PLANS BEFORE THEY ARE NEEDED

### Staying In Charge

An important part of long-term care planning is outlining how you would like things to be handled. Expressing preferences clearly about how any declines in ADLs should be handled, what financial resources are available, and who should provide needed care is a good way to retain control. All adults over age 18 should execute legal documents that appoint one or more individuals to make health care and financial decisions for them in the event they become unable to make decisions for themselves. Adults who lose the ability to make decisions before executing these documents must have the court system appoint someone to make decisions for them. An attorney can also prepare an advance care directive, which is a set of written instructions detailing what medical care you want or do not want.

### Housing

Those who would prefer to stay at home for as long as possible should make a plan to do so, and consider making modifications as needed. Home modifications are often intended to allow maximum

self-care, and to help avoid a fall. Avoiding a fall can help delay or avoid the need for long-term care. Typical modifications include widening doorways, adding wheelchair ramps, improving lighting, mounting stairway chair lifts, installing medical alert systems and adding handrails or safety grips. An important consideration for anyone planning to stay home is to ensure the bathroom can be used safely. Ideally, your residence should maximize your ability to continue performing ADLs, and help you avoid a fall.

### Primary Care

Maintaining a good relationship with a primary care physician is key. Regular check-ups can lead to early diagnosis of any physical, mental or emotional decline. Be honest and open about symptoms, daily habits or changes in appetite. Be sure to have the primary care physician review all medications. Ongoing medication management is an important part of staying healthy and avoiding a fall.

### Family Care

Unpaid family members are the most common source of long-term care help. But, they may not

be able to provide all the care you need, or be there every hour of the day. If you intend to rely on family members for long-term care services be sure to involve them in your long-term care planning. Make sure they are willing and able to be caregivers for you.

### Paid Care

As part of your long-term care plan, look into caregiving services in your area, including in-home care providers and elder daycare centers. Find out about elder shuttles, meals on wheels and other low-cost services offered in your community. Several types of housing come with support services for people who cannot fully take care of themselves due to aging and/or disability.

- Public housing is available for low-to-moderate income elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Assisted living homes are group living settings that offer housing in addition to assistance with ADLs and other services, such as meals. Generally, they do not provide medical care.

- Continuing care retirement communities provide a range of housing options, including independent living units, assisted living and nursing homes, all on the same campus.

- Nursing facilities, or nursing homes, are the most service-intensive housing option, providing skilled nursing services and therapies as needed.

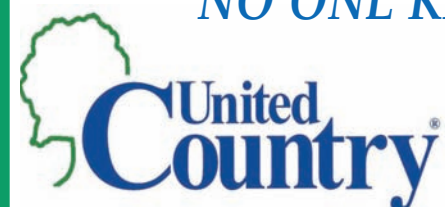
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Having your long-term care plan squared away and clear, so there are no misunderstandings or second-guessing, can be the greatest gift you can give to your loved ones, and yourself.

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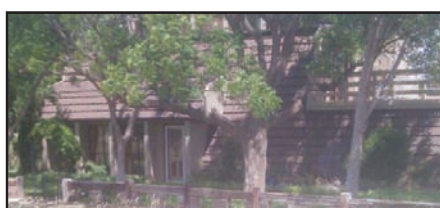
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### Gilbert and Roberts

Rikki Gilbert and Casey Roberts, both of Coahoma will exchange wedding vows Aug. 17, 2013 at The Hardware Store and Courtyard.

Rikki is the daughter of Kevin and Debbie Gilbert of Coahoma.

She is a 2013 graduate of Coahoma High School and is attending Howard College. She is employed by Basa Resources, Inc.

Casey is the son of Troy and Jamie Roberts of Coahoma.

He is a 2011 graduate of Coahoma High School. He is employed by JW Water Well Service, Inc.

### Islas and Sanchez

Jon Cedric Islas and Amanda Lucy Sanchez, along with their daughter, Amelia Sara Islas, would like to announce their engagement.

Jon is the son of Denny and Sandra Islas of Garland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mary Martinez of Abilene, Texas and the late Joe Anthony Lopez and Valentin and Inez Islas of Coahoma, Texas. Amanda is the daughter of Henry and Patsy Sanchez of Big Spring, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Saragosa Ochoa of Big Spring, Texas and the late Lucy Ochoa and Josephine Sanchez of Midland, Texas and the late Felix Sanchez.

Amanda is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School. She received her associate degree in 2004 from Howard College and was a 2008 graduate from the University of the Permian Basin, where she earned her bachelor's degree.

Jon is a 2004 graduate of Naaman Forest High School, Garland Texas and a 2009 graduate of ITT Technical Institute with an associate degree of applied science in computer networking. In 2012 he graduated from the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy.

They are planning a September wedding.



## Military

Air Force Airman Lloyd T. Holsenbeck graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Holsenbeck is the son of Donald and Karie Holsenbeck of Baylor Boulevard, Big Spring.

He is a 2011 graduate of Big Spring High School.

## Births

Tanner Lee Williams, a boy, was born July 1, 2013, at 7:29 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Erin Richey and Christopher Williams of Big Spring.

Maternal grandparents are Angie Digby and Shane Skaggs. Paternal grandparents are Barbara Brovant and Russel Williams. Tanner was welcomed home by his siblings, Dylan and Emily Cloud.

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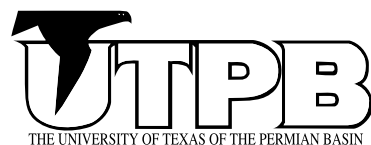
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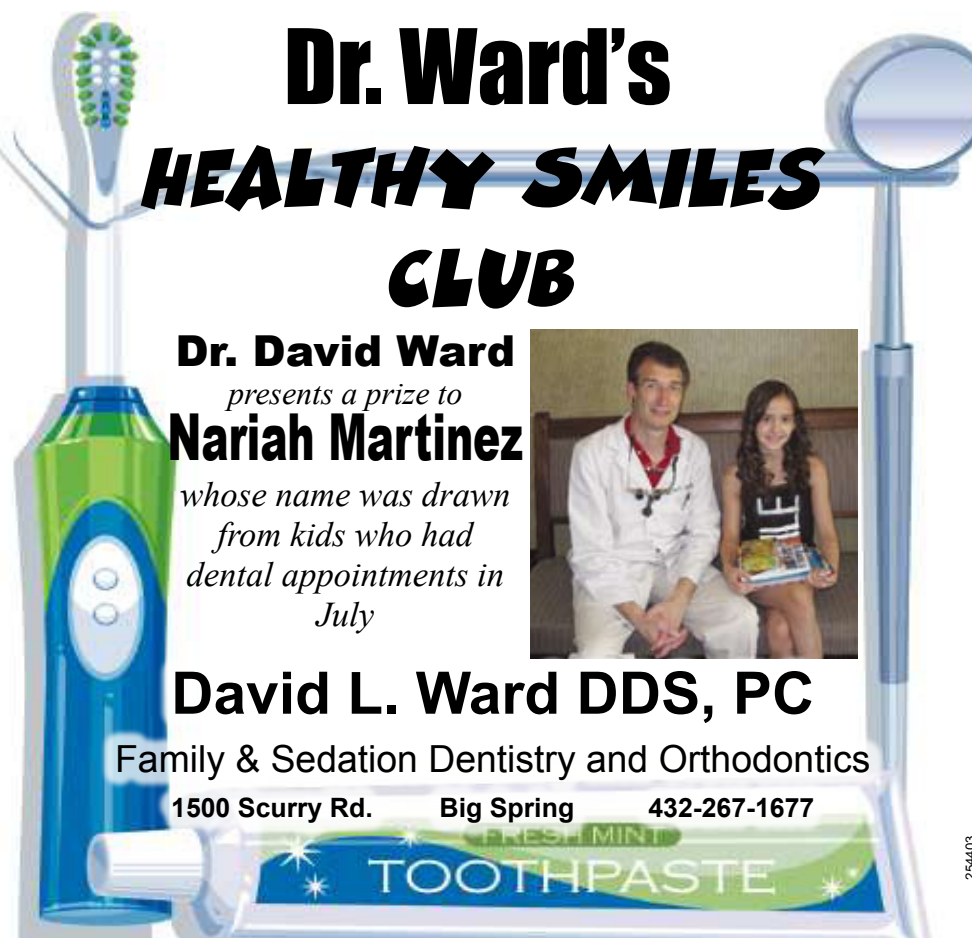
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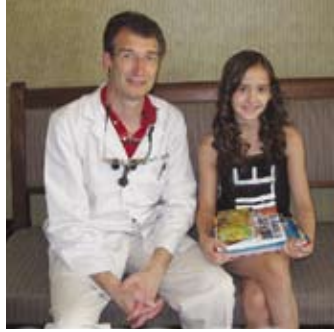
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# Gladdens close 53-year chapter

*First Baptist Church to host send off for Big Spring couple*

**Special to the Herald**

L.K. (Clag) and Helen Gladden will close a 53-year-long chapter in their lives on August 1 when they leave Big Spring for their new home in League City, Texas.

The Chapel Class of the First Baptist Church invites the community to join them for a sendoff party Friday, July 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. in

the First Baptist Church Parlor.

The Gladdens arrived in Big Spring in 1960, eager to start work and build a presence in the community.

L.K. was employed by Cosden Chemical Company (now Alon) until 1985, when he took on a second career as an eighth-grade math teacher at Runnels Junior High, from which he retired in 1997.

Helen was employed by the Big Spring Independent School district first as a classroom teacher and then, for the majority of her career, as Curriculum Director for BSISD, a position from which she retired in 1998.

In their retirement, the Gladdens have enjoyed hosting Big Spring friends; traveling with friends from Louisiana College, where

they first met; helping with church fellowships; and participating in the Midland Ballroom Dance Club.

With the ever-present Sweetie, the Gladdens will join their son, Dr. Samuel Gladden, for a new phase in their lives in League City, where Samuel serves as Associate Dean for the School of Human Sciences and Humanities at the University

of Houston-Clear Lake.

They look forward to hosting friends in their new home and to seeing more of their Louisiana-based family.

The Gladdens will always remember their years in Big Spring as among the very happiest in their lives, and they are grateful to all who have been part of their half-century-plus in West Texas.

## Menu

Big Spring Senior Center  
Monday: Hamburger steak and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, chocolate pudding, rolls and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken strips and gravy,

mashed potatoes, green peas and pearl onions, lime gelatin and pineapple, biscuit with honey packet,

Wednesday: Ham, butter beans, spinach, cantaloupe, cornbread and milk.

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Robin Waddill receives the Psychiatric Nursing Assistant of the Year Award Wednesday from Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Superintendent Lorie Dunnam. Presenting the award with Dunnam are Jocelyn Carrillo, RN, nurse manager; Jan Rios, RN, assistant chief nurse executive; and Stormy Ward, RN, MSN, chief nurse executive.

## Waddill named psychiatric nursing assistant of the year

By VALERIE AVERY  
Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Hospital named Robin Waddill as the hospital's Psychiatric Nursing Assistant of the Year during a Wednesday afternoon awards ceremony in the hospital's Allred Building Auditorium.

The 15-year veteran was one of 10 psychiatric nursing assistants considered for the award. Nominees are suggested by their peers and voted on by past award recipients and nurse managers.

Waddill currently serves as shift team leader in admissions,

where she assists new patients. She has worked on the psychiatric and intellectual disabilities unit, but most recently served in transportation until her recent promotion.

"I just love the patients and I love the people," Waddill said, following the surprise announcement.

"To see the patients improve and do better, and to know that you had a hand in their improvement, just makes you feel good."

Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Superintendent Lorie Dunnam in naming Waddill as the award recipient said Waddill

always has a smile on her face.

"She brings a patient-friendly, kind attitude wherever she goes," Dunnam read from Waddill's nomination form. "She knows her job, and she does her job well. She is always willing to help others. She is always professional."

"Robin always is willing to stay over to help with coverage; she also comes in on her days off or works extra shifts when needed. She always is willing to help out other departments and even clerical staff when she is available."

Psychiatric nursing aides pro-

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## Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.

With "everyone" waiting for a pullback and the stock market finally cooperating, the only question is, did you act? Did you pull the trigger and put a portion of sidelined money to work? Did you execute at least part of your plan? Or did you step back and hesitate because Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke made you nervous with his hints that the U.S. central bank might start to reduce the pace of quantitative easing? (big, big emphasis on "might")

Hesitation is an investor's worst enemy, especially when you have devised a well thought out plan. Our recommendation has been to formulate a plan, pick specific securities you want to buy when the market corrects, and then act when an opportunity arises. Especially under current circumstances when investors' fears may be overblown as to what the Fed might do.

Rest assured, the Fed is not going to try to slow the economy. In our opinion, the U.S. central bank is going to maintain a very easy monetary policy for a long time. Numerous Fed officials have voiced concerns that inflation is near levels they consider too low. And remember, the only thing central bankers fear more than high inflation is deflation. Why? Because the last thing they want to see happen is for consumers to not buy something today because they believe it will cost less tomorrow. That, in a nutshell, is Japan's story for the last 20-plus years since their real estate bubble burst in 1991. Inflation in much of the world, including the United States, is now falling.

The American economy grew just 1.8 percent in the first quarter after pushing ahead by a dismal 0.4 percent in the final quarter of 2012. The domestic economy has averaged approximately 3 percent growth over the longer term. In addition, the unemployment rate remains well above the longer term average and millions are working part-time but desire full time jobs. This hardly seems an environment that would justify taking your foot off the monetary accelerator.

The stock market has bounced back modestly but valuations remain attractive. Is it too late to get on board? We do not think so. Considering that, based on our work, we believe there is a good chance the S&P 500 will be trading approximately 16 percent higher than current levels by the end of next year. Economic growth this year will likely be near 2.5 percent. If that is the case, putting a portion of sidelined money to work is a good strategy.

We believe some of the best sectors to invest right now are ones that have lagged on a year-to-date basis; Information Technology and Materials. These sectors have succumbed to fears that business investment will remain sub-par and the emerging world's economies will slow further. In our opinion, business capital spending is set to rebound modestly and emerging world growth is likely to improve as we move into 2014.

We believe investors need a plan to take advantage of what is stacking up to be a higher volatility atmosphere over the coming months. Determine what you want to buy and where the holes are in your equity portfolio. Be sure to have a plan. Because when the opportunities present themselves in coming months, as we believe they will, you've got to move.

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## 30 YEARS AND COUNTING



HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin  
Four Wal-Mart employees celebrated 30 years with the company and were presented with commemorative plaques to mark the occasion. Pictured from left to right are: Yvonne Ramirez-Goodner, Michele Hurrington and Carol Morehead. Not shown is Denise Ferrell.

## Rainwater harvesting workshops planned in Garden City, Andrews

Special to the Herald

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer Far West Texas homeowners two venues to brush up on their rainwater harvesting knowledge this month.

The first Rainwater Harvesting Workshop will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17 at the Glasscock County Community Center in Garden City.

The second workshop is a joint effort between the AgriLife Extension offices in Andrews and Gaines counties. It's set for 5:45-8:30 p.m. July 18 at the AgriLife Extension office in Andrews at 851E. Broadway St. RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in An-

draws County at 432-524-1421 as seating is limited.

Individual registration is \$20 at each workshops and is due upon arrival.

Billy Kniffen, AgriLife Extension water resource specialist, emeritus at Menard, will be the key speaker at both workshops. The two programs have the same agenda.

Kniffen will present an overview of rainwater harvesting and cover uses in the home landscape, flower beds, for wildlife use and as a drinking water source. He will also demonstrate how to make a rainwater barrel.

"We don't get a lot of rainfall out here in West Texas, but

with the right setup, it doesn't take much to collect a substantial amount of water," said Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent in Andrews County. "The typical 1,800 square foot house can harvest over a 1,000 gallons of water from each inch of rain that falls on its roof and out here every drop counts, so it's sure something to consider."

For more information on the Glasscock County meeting, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, r-royall@tamu.edu. For the Andrews County meeting, contact Blanek at 432-524-1421, j-blanek@tamu.edu





# Tradition and temptation as Amish debate fracking

BALTIC, Ohio (AP) — In parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania where horse-drawn buggies clip-clop at the pace of a bygone era, Amish communities are debating a new temptation — the large cash royalties that can come with the boom in oil and gas drilling.

In some ways, Amish attitudes toward hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, are as different from the outside world as their clothes and traditions. Instead of worries about air and water pollution, they're focusing on people's souls.

"Amish are no different than anybody else. The power of big money can bring spiritual corruption," said Jerry Schlabach, an Amish resident of Berlin, Ohio. "If we can keep our values and adhere to biblical principle, then it can be a very positive thing," he said.

Reuben Troyer, who recently signed a drilling lease for his 140-acre farm just east of the market town of New Bedford, Ohio, said he feels comfortable with the process itself.

"I guess I feel they know what they're doing, and they'll take care of themselves," Troyer said.

The stakes can be huge. While oil and gas wells have been common in parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania for more than 100 years, they typically didn't lead to huge pay-

ments to landowners. But over the past few years, hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, has led to bigger wells that can generate hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of dollars in royalties for a property holder.

During fracking, large volumes of water, along with sand and hazardous chemicals, are injected underground to break rock apart and free the oil and gas. The process has led to a boom in energy production in many states, but also concerns about air and water pollution.

Along the narrow bending roads of Amish country in Ohio and Pennsylvania, many families are sitting atop valuable deposits of oil and natural gas locked in the Utica and Marcellus Shale rock formations. They tend to view the wells as a part of life and look forward to the added income a lease can bring.

Local leaders in Ohio say nearly every farmer in the region has an old oil well, so it was no surprise when energy companies came knocking to drill bigger, more lucrative shale wells.

About 45 percent of the nation's Amish population is concentrated in Ohio and Pennsylvania, with 63,000 in each state out of a total of 280,000 nationwide. The Amish trace their roots to the Protestant Reformation and restrict interactions

with the modern world and technology. They dress plainly, don't hold political office and are conscientious objectors during wars.

Historian Donald B. Kraybill said that some Amish accept drilling partly because they "have a strong sense of God's creation," and that includes oil and natural gas.

"If they can find ways to capitalize on the resources under the ground, they don't see a problem with that," he said.

To the Amish, Schlabach said, "the world was created for the benefit of man. And nature, as we see it, is made to be used as long as it's kept in proper perspective."

For Susan Mast, an Amish wife and mother, the issue hit close to home last summer, when an energy company purchased land adjacent to their quiet, well-manicured Ohio farm near the village of Baltic and began fracking.

"It's not as noisy as we thought it would be," said Mast, who has seven children. The well, on land owned by her parents, is in production now, but she said the drilling phase didn't bother the youngsters.

"They enjoyed watching what was going on," she said.

But there are some practical concerns about all the industrial activity that comes with the

recent shale drilling.

"I'm not excited about it, with all the traffic, with all the horses," said Melvin Yoder, who owns a 58-acre farm in central Ohio.

Kraybill noted that rules vary widely among Amish communities, but that there is "considerable concern" among church leaders that drilling money could create huge income disparities within the same community.

The concerns over the effects of fracking extend to other energy sources, too.

In New Wilmington, Pa., several Amish men and women said their community doesn't permit solar panels, though some people are signing gas leases.

Kraybill, co-author of the new book "The Amish," said he wasn't surprised to hear that traditional communities like New Wilmington have concerns over solar power since the Amish "are reticent to display things or have public displays of the technology" and are cautious about electricity.

Sam Stoltzfus, an Amish farmer in Gordonville, Pa., said that there was some resistance at first to solar power there, but that it's widely used now. On the issue of gas drilling leases, Stoltzfus said outsiders often overlook some important facts about the Amish life-



Julie Smyth photo  
Traditional Amish communities in Ohio and Pennsylvania are debating the benefits and perils of oil and gas fracking.

style.

"It doesn't matter where you go in America, if a farmer doesn't have some sort of subsidy, he is not going to be able to survive," Stoltzfus said, adding that a gas drilling boom in Danville, about two hours north, helped the Amish communities there by generating considerable carpentry and repair work.

And the Amish value work for more than the income it brings, Schlabach said.

"Human beings are by nature lazy. Free money basically equals free time," he said. "Idleness is the devil's workshop."

Still, Schlabach hopes that strong Amish family and church traditions will enable people to use fracking wealth wisely,

perhaps even to help start new communities in other states.

"Use it to help others rather than consuming it on yourself," Schlabach said. "Life doesn't consist of your possessions. Possessions are nothing, and it is what you do for other people that lasts."

But whether the fracking boom helps or hurts the Amish is up to the community itself, he said, since it's just another chapter in an ongoing struggle to maintain their beliefs in a modern world.

"The inflow of all the money is going to really expose the spiritual level of the community," Schlabach said. "If it does corrupt in a big way, then we know we have drifted spiritually."

# New car too pricey? Used car prices are dropping

DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Is that new set of wheels out of your price range? Used cars have gotten more affordable, especially if you're looking for a small car or a hybrid.

Used car prices have been falling since 2011, and they're expected to decline gradually for the remainder of this year. That's good news for those joining or re-entering the workforce, or anyone else who might find a payment on a new car too steep.

There is some volatility. Prices for used cars are typically higher at the start of the year, when dealers buy cars at auctions in advance of the spring selling season. They decline as the year goes on. The price of a 3-year-old car fell 4 percent between April and June, estimates Alex Gutierrez of car-pricing company Kelley Blue Book.

Used-car dealers get many of their cars from auctions run by companies like Manheim, a division of Cox Enterprises of Atlanta. The average price for a used car at auction was \$11,031 in June, down 6 percent from its peak in May 2011, Manheim reported this week. The 2011 peak was the highest price Manheim had seen since 1995, when it began collecting data.

At Manheim-run auctions, banks

and auto company financing operations sell cars that have come back after leases expire. Rental car companies and car dealers also sell cars there. Dealers buy the cars, mark them up and sell them for a profit.

Auction values also help set prices for individuals who want to sell their cars at the market rate.

In 2009, new vehicle sales fell to a 30-year low of 10.4 million. Two years later, used cars were in short supply and prices got so high that it made sense for consumers to buy new.

Things have turned around. New car sales picked up starting in 2010 and now there are far more used cars in the pipeline. Buyers shopping for a 3-year-old used car can expect to pay 25 or 30 percent less than the manufacturer's suggested retail price for a current new model.

The average retail price of a used car fell by \$1,000 per car in the last half of 2012. Gutierrez expects a similar decline in the second half of this year. Keep in mind that used car prices vary widely based on the age of the car and the miles it has been driven.

The price declines will be gradual. While more inventory is helping to lower prices, demand is rising as more people get jobs and need vehicles for work.

Gutierrez estimates that a 3-year-old

car cost an average \$19,000 in June. By comparison, a new car averaged \$31,663 last month. That's up \$307 — or around 1 percent — from April.

Used cars are big business. Every year around 40 million are sold in the U.S., compared with 14 or 15 million new cars.

If you're looking for a used car, check prices online and then decide whether you want to go through a dealer or through an individual. Private sellers will often give you a better deal, but dealerships offer certified pre-owned cars that have gone through inspections and may offer better warranties.

Here's what you can expect to pay right now for 2010 model-year vehicles, according to Kelley Blue Book:

**SMALL CARS:** Prices on the smallest and most fuel-efficient used vehicles fell rapidly between April and June as gas prices moderated and car-makers enticed buyers with deals on new models. The price of a 2010 Toyota Prius fell 15 percent over the last three months, from \$18,600 to \$15,800. Prices of small cars like the Honda Civic and Ford Focus are down 8.5 percent. The average price of a 3-year-old small car was \$13,000 in June.

**MIDSIZE CARS:** The value of midsize cars like the Toyota Camry and Hyundai Sonata have been hurt by the arrival of several new or redesigned models that hit the market in the last year, including the Ford Fusion, Honda Accord and Nissan Altima. Prices for used midsize cars are down 6.9 percent to \$14,503.

**LUXURY CARS:** Luxury cars held steady, with used-car prices falling just 1 percent to \$28,692. But Gutierrez expects a steeper drop in July, when luxury vehicle values tend to fall as owners anticipate new models coming in the fall.

**SMALL AND MIDSIZE SUVs:** Prices of hot-selling midsize SUVs like the Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ford Explorer are down just 4 percent, to an average of \$20,581. Small SUVs like the Ford Escape and Honda CR-V are down 7 percent to an average of \$17,548.

**TRUCKS:** Pickup trucks are in demand, as small businesses replace older trucks. Prices for used full-size pickups like the Chevrolet Silverado stayed flat between April and June, at \$21,854. Prices of small pickups like the Toyota Tacoma are down 1 percent to \$17,119.

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**Libra lunar shift**

The early day will be about handling the practical matters and details that will make life run more smoothly later in the week. What quickly becomes apparent as the moon shifts from Virgo to Libra is that our ease of life is largely determined by how well we are getting along with our nearest and dearest. Tend to relationships tonight.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

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To: All known and Unknown Heirs of Lynda L. Proffitt

Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being **Monday June 17th, 2013**, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 05/14/2012 in the entitled cause OCVEN LOAN SERVICING LLC AS SERVICING AGENT FOR U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR SALOMAN BROTHERS MORTGAGE SECURITIES VII, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 1998-NC3 vs. DANIEL BLAKE PROFFITT AND LYNDAL. PROFFITT AND THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LYNDAL. PROFFITT, DECEASED

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC as servicing Agent For US Bank N.A., as Trustee For Salmon Brothers Mortgage Securities VII, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates Series 1998-NC3 vs. Daniel Blake Proffitt and Lynda L. Proffitt and the Known and Unknown Heirs of Lynda L. Proffitt, Deceased Re: 707 West 18th Street Big Spring, Texas 79720 is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit cause number 48499.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 3rd day of May, 2013.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY Given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Michael Eugene Masters, Deceased, were issued on July 2, 2013 in Cause No. P-144177, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to Charla Dawn Masters, Independent Administratrix.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

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working for you. This evening, you'll be made aware of how rapidly life is changing for someone you know.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Stick up for your friends, especially when their nearest and dearest share less than complimentary information. Familial love can be complicated. Take everyone's opinion with a grain of salt, even your own.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The problem you deal with day in and day out is not only your problem; it's shared by thousands of others. All you have to do is reach out a bit, and you'll find the support you need.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're all for letting people get to know the real you, as long as the real you is more or less appropriate for the situation. Today's success rides on your ability to choose the most

effective version of who you really are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may not be a daredevil exactly, but you're a chance taker in areas of life that do not involve the possibility of bodily harm. You'll astound with the impulsive and bold move you make today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are like Hercules battling the lion today. It seems like an unfair match, but you'll dominate and win in the end. If your victory doesn't happen quickly, take heart: It took Hercules 30 days.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When chasing old dreams feels tired (if not, heaven forbid, desperate), it's time to invigorate your daily life by dreaming anew. If you're going to chase something, make sure it's fresh excitement.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). "What could possibly go wrong?" is a dangerous question. The answers that spring to mind probably won't occur. The answers that don't spring to mind will show up in real time to keep things interesting.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Amazing things are accomplished in the name of fun and games. If you're not having fun, you'll accomplish approximately half as much. A change of schedule will bring a change of heart.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The same people who are extremely shy are usually highly sensitive and thoughtful — and worth taking the time to get to know. Break the ice with that person who can't break it alone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't be afraid to leverage your relationships. You took the time to build them, so why not utilize them? Your friends would love to help you, especially if it's something fairly easy for them to do.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 14). A cosmic boost to your confidence has

you sailing into this new era with a posse of new friends. August hands you a career choice. The end of August brings a lifestyle improvement. Your loyalty will be tested in September.

You'll make an auspicious trade. November launches an ambitious quest. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 24, 38 and 14.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The planetary tides shift. Uranus goes retrograde, and later, Mercury counters by going direct. When Uranus goes retrograde, fewer surprises and fast changes are forecasted (quite different from what is expected when Mercury goes retrograde). When Mercury goes direct on Saturday, followed by a grand trine of Mars, Saturn and Neptune, it's like a fivefold whammy of peace, quiet, stillness, stability and thoughtfulness.

Next week will not be nearly so quiet, so take advantage of this serene spell. It's the final full week of the sun's journey through healing Cancer and a chance for some important soul searching.

The importance of soul-fortifying activities is not to be overlooked. Music, sports, art, social communion, family — do whatever feeds you on multiple levels. It's often the seemingly superfluous activities that lift spirits and make memories. Give and accept the gift of nonsense, humor, giggles and silliness. Forget about coming across well. The harder a person tries to make a good impression the worse the impression will likely be. Loosen up and relax, and bonds are formed without effort.

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32 It's e. of South Sudan  
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*Editor's Note: Maj. Johnny Helm was one of four veterans hailed from Coahoma who were honored in the annual Freedom Parade earlier this month. His background information was unavailable at the time.*

## Maj. Johnny Helm

Maj. Johnny Helm is a retired USAF pilot who was raised in Coahoma, the son of Robert and Faye Helm.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He had assignments at Chanute AFB, Ill.; Moody AFB, Ga.; Laughlin AFB, Texas; Travis AFB, Ca.; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Dover AFB, Del.; Altus AFB, Okla.; and Lackland AFB, Texas.



The command pilot has flown the T-3, T-37, T-1A, C-5, C-21 and MC-12. He has more than 600 combat flying hours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal and the Air Force Commendations Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

He currently lives in San Antonio with his wife Phouy (Pooy) and daughter Elizabeth and works in aircraft simulator development.

## Report: Forest trails poorly maintained

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Shane Krogen has no trouble finding retirees willing to spend a week in the wilderness grubbing out rocks and swinging a pick or shovel to bring a hiking trail back up to national standards.

The hard part is getting the U.S. Forest Service to come up with a few thousand dollars to buy the volunteers a T-shirt and feed them well, which is all it takes to keep them coming back for more.

"The Forest Service will fund us when they can, if they've got the dollars," said Krogen, executive director of the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew in Clovis, Calif. "It's just a matter of their budgets being cut drastically."

A government watchdog agency has found that hiking trails on national forests suffer from a \$314 million backlog in maintenance, with only a quarter of the 158,000 miles of trails meeting national quality standards.

"The Forest Service has more miles of trail than it has been able to maintain, resulting in a persistent maintenance backlog with a range of negative effects," said

the report from the Government Accountability Office.

Annual funding has lagged far behind the need. In 2012, for example, trails needed \$523.7 million for maintenance, operations and capital improvements, according to the report, yet received only \$81.9 million. The gap in 2006 was similar, with \$509.1 million in need, but only \$74.2 million in funding.

The report adds that the Forest Service relies heavily on volunteers to maintain trails, but does not take full advantage of them. While the Forest Service manual sets a goal of using volunteers, the agency has not established that as an expectation of trails managers, and training on working with volunteers is limited.

In 2012, the equivalent of 667 volunteers working fulltime did \$26 million worth of work, the report said. The volunteer effort was equivalent to the 667 full-time Forest Service employees working on trails.

Forest Service Chief Thomas L. Tidwell said in his formal response to the report that the agency agrees with the GAO's conclusions.

# Fighting obesity 1 recipe at a time

(AP) — For years, cookbook writer Sally Sampson had wanted to write for children. No one was interested.

But by 2010, the time was right. Alarm over rising rates of childhood obesity was reaching new heights, as was awareness of the importance of cooking and eating real foods, not just for children, but for whole families and communities. Sampson seized the moment, launching ChopChop, a cooking magazine for children.

And in the three years since, she has transformed a simple idea — that getting children cooking is good for them — into an award-winning quarterly.

The concept is straightforward — the magazine portrays real children eating real food that they can cook themselves with little or no help from an adult. The recipes are nutritious, ethnically diverse

and inexpensive. Most of its circulation comes from free distribution by doctors during well child visits. It also is available by subscription, and in Spanish.

The idea is that children who know how to cook and feed themselves will not have to rely on fast food and processed meals. And that families who cook and eat together have healthier lifestyles overall.

Since its launch, ChopChop — which is based in Watertown, Mass. — has become an industry darling. Renowned physicians stack its board of directors. The magazine relies on sponsorship, not advertisements, and receives its largest chunk of funding from footwear company New Balance, which has given more than \$1 million. And in May the James Beard Foundation named ChopChop "publication of the year."

And this year, Samp-

son returns to her cookbook roots. Sporting more than 100 recipes, "ChopChop: The Kids' Guide to Cooking Real Food with Your Family," will be published in August.

"This is like a magnet for kids," says Barry Zuckerman, professor of pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine and a member of Sampson's board of directors. Zuckerman says that 20 years ago he saw maybe two obese children a week in his practice. Today, he sees two to four a day. A founder of Reach Out and Read, a 24-year-old

program that promotes literacy by giving books to children during doctor's visits, Zuckerman responded immediately to Sampson's model.

"Advice is cheap," he says. "Giving a one- or two-minute lecture about healthy foods is nice, but when we give ChopChop it really amplifies the message in a way that words just don't."

Nothing in Sampson's public background would suggest that she was a nut for children's health. Many of her cookbooks tackled single subjects, including party dips.

## Sudoku Answer on Page 11B

# 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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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Dutch Treat

West dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ K 5  
♥ 9 3  
♦ Q J 10 8 6  
♣ Q J 9 2  
WEST  
♠ 4 2  
♥ 8 6 2  
♦ 9 7 5 4 2  
♣ A 5 4  
EAST  
♠ Q J 8 7  
♥ K J  
♦ A K  
♣ K 10 8 7 6

SOUTH  
♠ A 10 9 6 3  
♥ A Q 10 7 5 4  
♦ 3  
♣ 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass 1♣ 2♠  
Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥  
Pass 2NT Pass 3♥  
Pass 3NT Pass 4♥

Opening lead — two of hearts.  
The play of most hands follows a predictable course, since the participants usually do exactly what would reasonably be expected of them. But every once in a while a player performs a feat that is far beyond the normal expectancy, and it is always a pleasure to report such an occurrence.

This deal occurred in a match between Holland and Great Britain, the Dutch pair arriving at four hearts

on the bidding shown. Aware that declarer had indicated length in both majors by his bidding, West (Jonathan Cansino) found by far the best opening lead of a trump.

Declarer won East's king with the ace, cashed the K-A of spades and ruffed a spade with dummy's nine as Cansino discarded a club. South then played the queen of diamonds from dummy, won by East with the king to produce this position:

North  
♠ J 10 8 6  
♦ Q J 9 2  
West  
♥ 8 6  
♦ 9 7 5 4  
♣ A 5  
East  
♠ Q  
♥ J  
♦ A  
♣ K 10 8 7 6

South  
♠ 10 9  
♥ Q 10 7 5 4  
♦ 3  
♣ 3

East cashed his queen of spades at this point, and on the trick Cansino discarded his ace of clubs! This brilliant discard left declarer without recourse. When East next cashed the king of clubs — the defenders' third trick — and then continued with a club, Cansino's eight of hearts became the setting trick, regardless of whether declarer ruffed high or low. Cansino had done him in with a veritable master stroke.

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# Wholesale prices up by 0.8 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A big jump in gasoline prices pushed wholesale inflation up in June by the largest amount in nine months. But underlying inflation showed only a modest gain.

Wholesale prices rose 0.8 percent in June compared with May when prices had risen 0.5 percent, the Labor Department reported Friday. It was the biggest gain since a 1 percent jump in September and was driven by a 7.2 percent surge in gasoline prices.

Outside of the volatile energy and food sectors, core inflation was up just 0.2 percent in June.

Core prices have risen 1.7 percent over the past 12 months. Aside from sharp swings in gas prices, inflation has increased very slowly over the past year, giving the Federal Reserve the room to keep interest rates low to boost the economy.

The government's Producer Price Index measures inflation before it reaches the consumer.

Consumer prices have been rising at a modest rate as well. Over the 12 months ending in May, consumer prices outside of food and energy were up just 1.7 percent. That's below the Fed's 2 percent target for inflation.

For June, energy prices at the wholesale level were up 2.9 percent, reflecting the big jump in gas prices.

Food costs rose 0.2 percent in June, a moderation after a larger 0.6 percent May increase in food that had been driven in part by a surge in the price of eggs. For June, egg prices retreated, falling 26.8 percent, the biggest one-month drop in seven years.

The wholesale price of passenger cars rose 0.8 percent in June, the biggest increase since November 2011, but most other categories showed moderation.

Total wholesale prices were up 2.5 percent in June compared to a year ago.

The combination of modest economic growth and high unemployment has kept wages from rising quickly. That's made it harder for retailers and other firms to raise prices.

At its meeting in June, the Fed said it plans to keep the short-term interest rate it controls at a record low near zero until the unemployment rate falls below 6.5 percent, provided inflation remains under control. Unemployment is 7.6 percent.

The Fed also said it would continue purchasing \$85 billion in mortgage and Treasury bonds each month.

# It's back to negotiating table after student loan plan fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — The defeat of a student loan bill in the Senate on Wednesday clears the way for fresh negotiations to restore lower rates, but lawmakers are racing the clock before millions of students return to campus next month to find borrowing terms twice as high as when school let out.

Republicans and a few Democrats blocked a White House-backed proposal that would have restored 3.4 percent interest rates on subsidized Stafford loans for one more year. The failed stopgap measure was designed to give lawmakers time to take up comprehensive college affordability legislation and dodge 6.8 percent interest rates on new loans.

Without congressional action in the coming weeks, the increase could mean an extra \$2,600 for an average student returning to campus this fall, according to Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

"Let's just extend this for one year. I don't think that's too much to ask," said Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

It proved too much for a bipartisan group of lawmakers, led by Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va.

They favored a compromise now and joined with Republicans in using a procedural roadblock to stop the one-year patch.

"This plan merely kicks the can down the road for 12 more months," said Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., who worked with Manchin and Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, on a deal that linked interest rates to financial markets. "We're going to vote on a 3.4 percent extension, kicking the can down the road and not finding a solution."

The Senate vote was 51-49, nine votes short of the 60 votes needed to move forward.

The Republican-favored plan that Manchin helped to write was not considered for a vote in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Without serious negotiations between the parties and without an agreement within a fractured Democratic caucus, students would face higher costs when they begin repaying their loans after graduation. Lawmakers pledged to return to negotiations to avert that, and aides were gauging what was possible given the narrow window before Congress breaks again for the August recess.

"Today our nation's students once again wait in vain for relief," said

Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M. "They expected more of us and I share their disappointment."

"Today, we failed. And our nation's students pay the cost of that failure," he added after the vote.

The failure to win a one-year approval, combined with little interest in such a deal in the Republican-led House, meant that unless Congress tries again, students could be borrowing money for fall courses at a rate leaders in both parties called unacceptably high.

Officials said Wednesday's vote would not be the final word on student loans and that it would nudge members from both parties back to the negotiating table. Even those who favored an extension said they were not inflexible.

Harkin, for instance, said he was not wedded to 3.4 percent interest rates forever and was open to a different approach, as long as profits from student lending weren't used as a way to pay down the nation's deficit.

A Harkin ally said compromise is possible if Republicans are willing to yield as well.

The administration said the vote would not inevitably consign students to higher rates.

"I wish we would have got this done before July 1 but I remain very optimistic that we're going to get to a better place for students," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said.

"We're going to get it done sooner than later," he told reporters at a department event about summer reading.

Interest rates on student loans doubled to 6.8 percent July 1 because Congress didn't act. After Wednesday's vote, the political sparring continued.

"Today's vote is just another example of how

out-of-touch Republicans in Congress are with the struggles of everyday American families," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

Rep. John Kline, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, similarly blamed Democrats.

"Right now, millions of students trying to prepare for college and apply for financial aid are facing higher interest rates — all because a cadre of Senate Democrats is completely unwilling to compromise," said Kline, R-Minn.

The rate increase does not affect many students right away. Loan documents generally are signed just before students return to campus, and few students returned to school over the July Fourth holiday. Existing loans were not affected, either.

During last year's presidential campaign, lawmakers from both parties voted to keep interest rates on subsidized Stafford loans at 3.4 percent.

Yet this year, without a presidential election looming, the issue seemed to fizzle and the July 1 deadline passed without action.

The White House and most Democratic senators favored keeping the rates at 3.4 percent for now and including an overhaul of federal student loans in the Higher Education Act rewrite lawmakers expect to take up this fall.

The House has passed legislation that links interest rates to financial markets. House Republicans were opposed to a one-year extension, meaning the Senate vote might not have fared well with them.

"Republicans acted to protect students from higher interest rates and make college more affordable, yet Senate Democratic leaders let student loan interest rates double without passing any legislation to address the issue," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said after the vote.

The leader of one young adult advocacy group was more direct.

"The White House and Congress seem to be competing with each other over who can screw over students worse," said Evan Feinberg.



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