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# Road use fee moving along

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Further movement toward establishing a road use fee and finding a new justice of the peace will top the agenda when Howard County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Commissioners will review a recent opinion from the Texas Attorney General's office that gives a green light — for the most part — to plans to charge a fee to oil field company trucks which use county roads. That money would be used to help pay for needed repairs to the deteriorating roads.  
 "The A.G.'s office pretty

much said we can do it, as long as it's at a reasonable price," Howard County Judge Mark Barr said. "It's a very broad opinion, so we'll spend a lot of time trying to figure out just what a 'reasonable' fee is."  
 The court recently gave the go-ahead for the county to begin charging for permits — deemed road use agreements

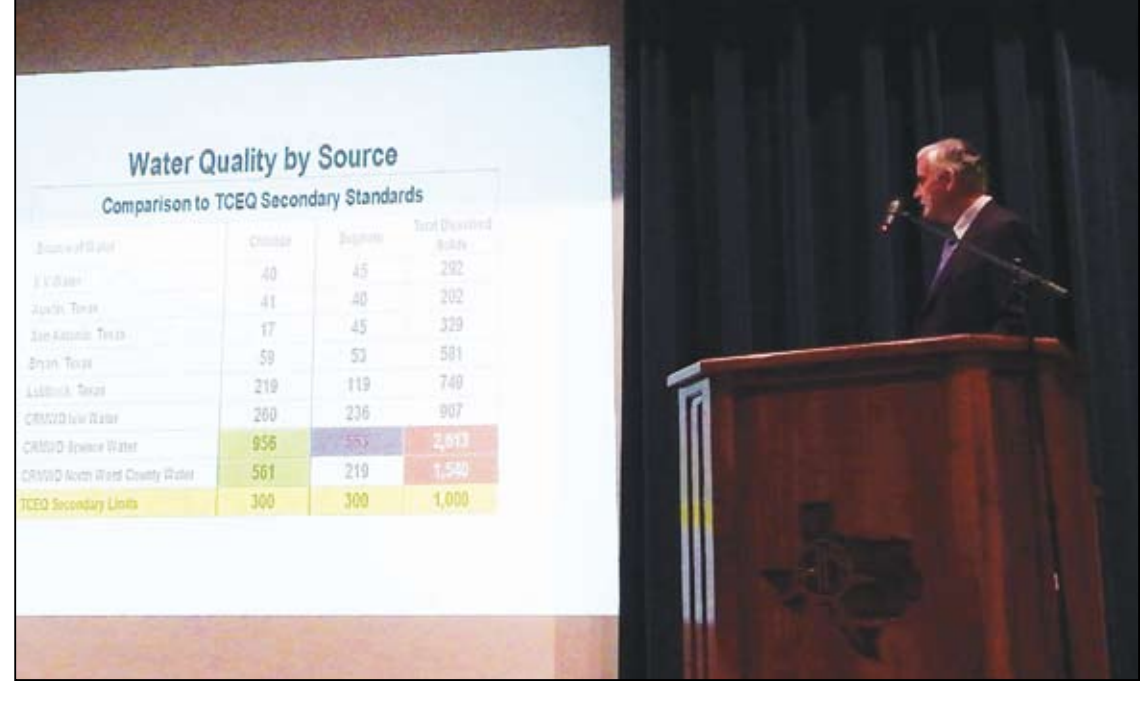
— that will have the companies using the roadways paying at least a portion of the overall bill to repair them.  
 "The road use agreement calls for all new access entrances which intersect county roads for commercial purposes — except agricultural related industries — are requested to apply with the county for a permit before

the entrance is built," Barr said. "The construction of the entrances must conform with county road and bridge requirements and a fee of \$4,500 shall be paid by the applicant at the time the permit is issued."  
 Barr said the road use agreements also includes permits  
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# Company wants to pipe water to CRMWD cities

**By ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Water and oil don't mix. But with the current oil boom, companies in the business of supplying water to the masses are making a concerted effort to do so, even if it's only metaphorically.  
 John Littlejohn, owner and chief scientist (PhD from Harvard University in Geological Sciences) and executive head of and founder of V.V. Water Company, LLC, held a public meeting Thursday to propose building a pipeline that would supply West Texas with artesian spring water from the Edwards aquifer.  
 The proposal entails building a pipeline from Val Verde County to Midland and its surrounding towns — including Big Spring — through to Snyder. According to their mission

statement, this proposal would bring volumes of water greater than 150,000 acres per foot per year or (roughly) 48 billion gallons from southern Valverde County to San Angelo where it can be distributed across most of the cities and towns of West Texas using the present infrastructure.  
 "The price for this water is less than any other presently proposed plan and this water is of superior quality and is a self-renewing resource that is available regardless of drought conditions," Littlejohn said.  
 According to Wikipedia, "The Edwards Aquifer is one of the most prolific artesian aquifers in the world. Located on the eastern edge of Edwards



**John Littlejohn, owner of V.V. Water Company, wants to sell water to area communities using some Colorado Municipal Water District infrastructure.**  
 Plateau in the U.S. State of Texas, it discharges about 900,000 acre feet (1.1 km<sup>3</sup>) of water a year and directly serves about two million people."  
 Implementation of the 160-mile pipeline, including planning, ordering materials, transportation, etc., would take 3 to 3.5 years, according to the business owner. The pipeline would work in concurrence with existing infrastructure currently in place and coordinated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.  
 Upon delivery of the artesian water to be used for drinking and bathing, water provided by CRMWD would  
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# HC selects San Angelo campus executive dean

**CINDY SMITH**  
 Special to the Herald  
 SAN ANGELO — Howard College is taking the first step in moving forward after the retirement of LeAnne Byrd and has selected Jamie Rainey as the new executive dean

for the San Angelo campus.  
 Rainey, who will be taking the position effective immediately, is no stranger to Howard College as she has served as the

Workforce Training Division director since 2007.  
 "We are very excited to have Jamie accept this position," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College. "Her skills and experience both at the college as well as within the community will be

valuable assets as she takes on this new role."  
 Rainey, a San Angelo Central High School and Angelo State University graduate, has been heavily involved in the development of Howard College partnerships with regional business and in-

dustry as well as other educational entities including Angelo State University. She currently serves on the San Angelo Community Medical Center Board, the San Angelo Industries Board and the Rio  
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Rainey

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# Project planning on Forsan ISD agenda

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 FORSAN — Advance planning for upcoming construction projects will dominate Monday's Forsan Independent School District trustee meeting, set to begin at 7 p.m. In the administration wing board room.  
 Actual construction on the majority of of the \$23 million in projects approved by FISSD

voters in May likely won't start until November at the earliest, but district officials will have a lot of work to accomplish in the run-up to groundbreaking.  
 Projects approved by voters include a new \$14 million elementary school and extensive renovations at the secondary campus.  
 "There's a whole series of phases we have to go through before we start construction

and we're just getting to the end of Phase One," FISSD Superintendent Randy Johnson said.  
 Monday, trustees will meet with architects and the project construction manager to approve a basic layout of the new elementary, which will be located in an area immediately southwest of the secondary campus.  
 Once that layout is approved, the pre-planning

will begin in earnest, as administrators begin a multi-month process of approving final construction details before construction crews take over.  
 Johnson said the original idea was for construction on the new campus to begin in November, but said that date may be pushed back a month or so.  
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for new oil and gas wells, with vertical wells requiring a fee of \$7,500 and horizontal wells requiring a fee of \$20,000.

"No permit is required if the sole entrance of the lease where the well is located is not accessed from a county road," Barr said. "The idea behind this road use agreement is to place a portion of the fiscal burden on the companies and corporations which are using the roads and causing a large amount of the damage, instead of county taxpayers having to bear the entire burden.

"These oil and transport companies are the ones benefitting from the boom and it only seems fair they shoulder some of the repair costs associated with the tremendous increase in truck

traffic. Of course, these agreements won't even come close to generating fees equal to the costs, but it will certainly help."

Also Monday, commissioners will hold a closed meeting to interview candidates to replace longtime Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs. Dobbs, who has held the position since 1990, told the court earlier this year he will retire effective Dec. 31.

Barr said five candidates for the post will be interviewed.

In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

- Personnel matters.
- Budget workshop.
- Appointment of election judges.
- Invoices and purchase requests.

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be for industrial use.

The water in the aquifer is, "...endlessly rechargeable and only requires 1.5 inches of rain per year," according to Littlejohn. "The water would be piped in and would be as good as the reverse osmosis water available at local kiosks found at convenience stores or at individual kiosks."

The scientist/business owner related that the people of Big Spring have two water bills, "...the one they get from the city and the one they get by filling up gallon jugs or are buying by the case."

"V.V. Water Company would provide drinkable tap water for West Texas for the next 30 years at

its present need," said Littlejohn, who added the price of the water would be \$3.80 per 1000 gallons for 60,000 feet per year delivered to West Texas via the Colorado River Municipal Water District terminus in San Angelo.

"We are asking the cities involved to take our proposal to their city attorneys and city councils," explained Littlejohn.

The potential conflict with the CRMWD which currently supplies water to Big Spring, Snyder, Midland was dispelled by Littlejohn. "We want to work with the cities and CRMWD. We believe in working with the infrastructure and people of the cities."

According to Littlejohn, an attempt to present their proposal to CRMWD was made, but

was met with resistance. "(CRMWD's) response was, 'It will rain and we don't need your water. We are in the lake water business and the cities will just have to do with less.'"

John Grant, general manager of CRMWD, disputed the alleged conflict inferred by Littlejohn stating, "We have requested a proposal from V.V. Water Company, but we haven't received one. We are not just sitting on the sidelines saying, 'It's going to rain and everything's going to be OK.'"

Grant explained that CRMWD has been approached by several companies with similar proposals. "We've been approached by several companies from east and west of Big Spring," said Grant, who reiterated that CRMWD is will-

ing to consider a proposal, but before a decision can be made, all aspects of a company's plan has to be carefully considered to determine what is within the best interests of West Texas.

The issue of cost was also allayed with Littlejohn assuring those present that V.V. Water Company would finance production and that payment to the company would not occur, "Until the first 1000 gallons is delivered. Until then municipal bonds will finance production." An executive overview on the company's website states, "West Texas has some of the richest oil shale exploratory targets in the U.S. And great sums are being expended in pursuit of these riches and expenditures are anticipated to greatly increase

over the ensuing years. The most critical item need for this exploration effort is water for fracturing. In the pursuit of water, the oil exploration groups can and commonly do pay many times what consumers find acceptable, thereby creating the possibility of great conflict unless a new and large source of water is obtained. V.V. Water looks forward to being an integral part in mitigating this problem in partnership with the people and leaders in West Texas."

Littlejohn closed by saying, "You will have tremendous growth and we want to be here with you."

A resolution from V.V. Water Company to the San Angelo City Council reads that San Angelo should instruct its attorney to finaliz-

a draft contract for the purchase and sale of water from the company, and express a vote of "no confidence" in the management of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. On Tuesday, the San Angelo City Council elected to table any action until more research could be conducted.

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331 or email life@bigspringherald.com

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Concho Manor Board.

She has also served two terms on the San Angelo City Council and was a past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as vice chairman of the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board.

Rainey is heavily in-

involved in volunteerism within the community as evidenced by her work with Priority One, United Way, Forward San Angelo Campaign and Angelo State University Alumni Association.

Prior to coming to Howard College, Rainey's previous work experience included 30 years in the private sector. Her time with West

Texas Utilities / American Electric Power was spent as a southwest region manager for community service and as a southwest and southern division manager. She also worked as a community affairs vice president with Shannon Health System.

"Jamie knows the history and culture of this campus and region very well and has been

instrumental in many of the projects and endeavors that have been a huge part of our growth," added Sparks. "I am very confident that through the combination of her work and community involvement experience, she will be a strong leader for our campus and community partners."

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Although the school district won't formally receive the bond money until Aug. 14, some work has already been

accomplished. Johnson said new internet wiring and wireless hubs were installed at the secondary campus this summer.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- An agreement for the

purchase of attendance credits.

• Teacher appraisals for the 2013-2014 school year.

• Teacher housing.

• Student code of conduct.

• The proposed budget and tax rate for 2013-

2014.

• A contract for legal services.

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• Donations are needed for Rene Hinojos and Deborah Pearce, who lost everything in a fire. Donations can be made to account 6705393395 at BBVA Compas Bank, 1500 Gregg St., Big Spring. Make checks payable to Shannon Galan in care of Hinojos/Pearce.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is accepting applications for its fall semester classes through the final week in August. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

• Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call Amanda Dufor at 432-268-4842 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

• 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.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• 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. 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. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. 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 Negrón at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a

year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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It has not been mowed this year and the yard is a jungle. Bushes have grown over the windows, the swimming pool is full of green water, which is a harbor for mosquitoes.

Yes, he can be forced to mow, but only after he is reminded time and time again, year after year.

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## Briefs

### Dallas high school teacher arrested

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas high school teacher has been arrested on charges related to an alleged sexual relationship with one of her students.

Lesley Ann Sharp, a 24-year-old English teacher at Hillcrest High School, was arrested Thursday and released on bond from the Collin County Jail on Friday.

The Dallas Morning News reports Sharp was arrested on charges including an improper relationship between educator and student, possession or promotion of child pornography, tampering with physical evidence and perjury.

Dallas Independent School District spokesman Jon Dahlander said Friday Sharp was placed on leave pending the outcome of the criminal case.

It was not known if Sharp had an attorney. Her mother, Rhonda Sharp, said the family had no comment.

Police documented thousands of text messages, some including explicit photos, they exchanged.

### Dallas man fatally shot after fight

DALLAS (AP) — Police say a Dallas man has been charged with murder in the fatal shooting of a 27-year-old man after an apparent fist fight.

Dallas Police say 23-year-old Kenneth Collins shot Tommie Stevenson after a dispute over some kind of transaction escalated to a fist fight and then the shooting Friday night.

Stevenson was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. After a search of the area, police found Collins with the help of witness descriptions.

Collins was being held Saturday in the jail.

### \$100K fine against top

#### Texas judge lowered to \$25K

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Ethics Commission has agreed to reduce a record \$100,000 fine it levied against the state's top criminal court judge to \$25,000 as part of a settlement with her.

The commission approved the settlement with Judge Sharon Keller on Thursday in a 7-0 vote, the Houston Chronicle reported. It fined her \$100,000 in April 2010 after finding that she did not report a total of at least \$3.8 million in earnings and property on two annual financial statements. The fine was the largest in the commission's history.

Under the settlement, which was revealed Friday, Keller will pay \$25,000 to resolve repeated violations of the section of state law that governs personal financial disclosures for elected officials.

Keller, who has been the presiding judge of the state's highest criminal court since 2000, has said the omissions were unintentional and she has since amended the financial statements. She appealed the commission's fine to a Travis County District Court.

A copy of the settlement and court documents show the deal was hashed out in the last couple of months, the newspaper reported. According to a court filing, the ethics commission asked State District Judge Orlinda Naranjo in late May to take the case to trial. Keller and Jim Clancy, chair of the ethics commission, ended up signing the settlement in late June.

The deal still requires Naranjo's final approval. Keller would have to pay the \$25,000 within 30 days after the deal is finalized.

"Judge Keller is very pleased that she was able to reach an agreement with the ethics commission to have the matter resolved and have the case dismissed," Keller's lawyer, Joseph Nixon said.

The \$25,000 fine still ranks as one of the highest levied by the commission to date. The largest was a \$75,000 fine imposed in 2009 against Harris County Commissioner Jerry Eversole, followed by a \$29,000 fine given to Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht in 2008.

### Trooper who conducted cavity search reinstated

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety reinstated a state trooper on Friday that it fired for conducting a roadside cavity search during a traffic stop for speeding.

DPS Director Steve McCraw said he was rehiring Trooper Jennie Bui after a grand jury chose not to indict her for the incident in Brazoria County that has triggered a lawsuit by the two women involved.

"It was determined that the relatively inexperienced trooper was directed by a more senior trooper to conduct the inappropriate search," McCraw said in a statement issued late Friday afternoon. "While the actions of Trooper Bui constitute misconduct, I believe her actions are mitigated such that she should not be terminated from the agency."

McCraw said she will be suspended for 60 days and undergo additional training. He added that he was requiring all state police officers to refamiliarize themselves with the department policy on strip searches and body cavity searches.

A dash-cam video showed Bui's supervisor Nathaniel Turner ordering her to internally probe two women on the side of the road in a search for contraband. Turner had stopped them for speeding and said he could smell marijuana in their car. The video shows one of the women wincing as Bui conducted the search.

"Trooper Turner's conduct was unacceptable, and violated DPS policy and was outside any authorized training provided to Trooper Turner by DPS," McCraw said. "DPS holds its employees to the highest standards, and we will continue to take immediate action in any instance of misconduct to ensure our employees are held accountable."

The women filed a federal lawsuit against DPS and the troopers for the unlawful invasion of their privacy.

### 'Gentle giant' at odds with Bowser's violent past

DALLAS (AP) — Erbie Lee Bowser taught special education students and started a nonprofit that would provide clothing, tutoring and food for children. He entertained Dallas Mavericks' fans with a goofy dance troupe. Friends and family members described him as a "gentle giant."

But the Texas man with an imposing 6-foot-7, 335-pound figure had a violent history, as court documents showed he'd threatened to kill his estranged wife and her sons.

Bowser, 44, has been charged in this week's Dallas-area shootings that killed four people and wounded four others. He was being held Friday on a combined \$3 million in bonds, and has at times refused to talk with detectives.

Erbie and Zina Bowser had begun divorce proceedings in 2011, when court documents show Erbie Bowser made threats against Zina, telling her that if she tried to take any of their belongings, "I will bury you." Zina Bowser said he took a pocketknife from a drawer, opened it and said, "Call the police and I will execute your kids," documents show.

After that, a Dallas judge granted a protective or-

der, banning Erbie Bowser from coming within 200 yards of his estranged wife and her children. The judge wrote in his report: "Family violence has occurred and is likely to occur in the future."

Bowser is now charged with four counts of capital murder — two in Dallas and two in DeSoto — as well as two counts of aggravated assault in Dallas.

Bowser's aunt, Billie Fulmer, told the Dallas Morning News, "It's not like Erbie to do this."

"Something pushed him over the edge and I don't know what it was," Fulmer told the newspaper. "He must have snapped."

About 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, police received a call from a Dallas residence. There, they found two women who were fatally shot — Bowser's girlfriend Toya Smith, 43, and her 17-year-old daughter Tasmia Allen — as well as two wounded boys, Smith's 14-year-old son and 17-year-old family friend Dasmine Mitchell.

Mitchell identified Bowser as the lone shooter from a lineup of suspect photos, according to an arrest affidavit released Friday.

Police say not long after the first shooting, Bowser traveled to the Dallas suburb of DeSoto and shot and killed Zina Bowser, 47, and her daughter, 28-year-old Neima Williams. Two boys, ages 11 and 13, were wounded.

DeSoto police spokesman Ron Smith said Friday they don't plan on releasing any new information at this time.

### Houston woman pleads guilty to slapping horse

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman accused of slapping a police officer's horse in the face has been sentenced to four days in jail after entering a guilty plea.

The Houston Chronicle reports that 48-year-old Diane Harvey pleaded guilty Friday to interfering with a police service animal.

Police say that Tuesday, Harvey was intoxicated and sitting next to a large cup of beer when a mounted officer on patrol told her to pour out the beer. But she then began to drink it.

Police spokeswoman Jodi Silva says that when the officer told her she would be arrested for public intoxication, she became angry and started to walk away. Silva says when the officer moved his horse to block her path, she slapped the horse.

### Arrest warrant issued in Tyler mother's slaying

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Police are searching for a 20-year-old man after issuing an arrest warrant for him in the death of a mother caught in gang cross-fire last week while at East Texas park with her 3-year-old son.

Tyler police said Friday that an arrest warrant for murder has been issued for Rakheem Goldstein of Tyler. A judge has set his bond at \$1 million.

Twenty-year-old Briana Raquel Young of Tyler was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot July 30. Her son was not hurt in the gunfire at P.T. Cole Park.

Police have said about 30 people were in the park when the shooting started. Police, who were told that gunfire erupted from within the park and from a nearby vehicle, are still searching for additional suspects.

### Davis promises decision on governor race by Labor Day

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic Texas Sen. Wendy Davis said Friday she'll decide whether to run for governor by Labor Day, but wants to first make sure there's a "real path" for a Democrat to win a Republican stronghold state before committing to a campaign.

The Fort Worth lawmaker acknowledged that many supporters were encouraging her to make a bid to become Texas' first Democratic governor since 1994.

"When you make a decision this big, you want to make sure there's a real path. You don't want to be foolhardy, particularly when you are going to have to ask people to invest a tremendous amount of money, energy and resources into helping you," Davis said after addressing the annual luncheon of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

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# Steers counting on experience in 2013

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

To sum up the 2013 Steers' strong point in a word, Big Spring Head Football Coach Phillip Ritchey said it's "experience".

With All-State selection and multifaceted senior Devin Roberson coming back to work on offense, defense and special teams, quarterback Tobyn Tannehill — who contributed 21 touchdowns in 2012 — returning after a valuable year of varsity experience and a slew of other veteran starters to rely on, Ritchey believes this is the year to break the playoff drought and hopefully, make

a postseason run.

"That's our strength — experience," Ritchey said. "It seems like the last few years, we've been saying 'we're young', but now these guys have been playing for two, three years and we've got a veteran team. We don't have to say we're young anymore. But with that comes higher expectations. We expect them to play better. They've seen it, they've done it — we should be a better football team."

There won't be many changes in playing style this year, according to Ritchey. A few new looks to keep defenses off guard will be utilized, but with Tannehill's diversity

offering options at QB and a cadre of talented receivers to go to, Steer fans can expect to see a healthy ration of passing plays to rushing.

"Number One, we want to run the ball well," Ritchey explained. "But we want to be able to throw the ball equally as well. We want to be pretty balanced. A lot of our pass plays, (Tannehill) ends up a run.

There may have been a pass play called, but he ends up running. Sometimes it may look like we're a little unbalanced, but we strive to be balanced now. Sometimes you get in a game and you're going to go with what's working and you're going to

stick with that. We have the personnel to be a balanced team. That puts the bind on the defense to cover both the run and the pass."

Tate Kennedy, a 6'3" senior who made huge contributions down the field last year, the speedy Ryan Lopez and Roberson — a threat anywhere on the gridiron — are just some of the weapons at Tannehill's disposal.

Replacing hard-charging running back Michael Oliva will be difficult, but the run game will be bolstered by speed this season.

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Tate Kennedy



Shaiem Menefield



Devin Roberson



Aric Rutledge

## Local basketball players evaluated by college scouts at 'Hidden Gems' event

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Female high school basketball players from the Crossroads area hoping to take their game to the collegiate level underwent evaluations from nationally recognized scouts at the Hidden Gems Individual Basketball Showcase at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Friday and Saturday.

The showcase, according to coordinator Roy Green, is to provide exposure to college scouts that the small town athletes may otherwise not receive.

"I'm from Big Spring," Green said. "I didn't forget where I came from. I wouldn't be where I am at if it weren't for some of the folks at Howard College and Big Spring High School.

Big Spring is a great city, there are a lot of advantages to living there, but one of the disadvantages is recruiters don't always go to the smaller schools. This is an exposure event. We have three guys — Joseph Dean, Dan Olson and Randy Evans — who are some of the top recruiters coming to personally evaluate the girls. They want to help them take their career to the college level. There's not a lot of people doing that in this area."

Dean, who represents the scouting service Premier Basketball, believes these events are valuable for a prospective college ball player.

"What we do is travel across the country, evaluate kids and share that

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

Participants warm up prior to the start of the Hidden Gems Individual Basketball Showcase at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Saturday. Local female high school basketball players attended the event in hopes of polishing their skills and perhaps even get noticed by a college scout.

## Rangers rally late, top Astros 9-5

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers got hits from seven of their nine starters on Friday night, to the delight of manager Ron Washington.

"That's when we're at our best, when we get hits from everybody," Washington said.

Leony's Martin hit a two-run double in a four-run eighth inning, and the Rangers used the balanced attack to rally and tie a season high with their fifth straight victory, 9-5 over the Houston Astros.

Houston led by one entering the eighth before Adrian Beltre tied it with an RBI single off Josh Zeid (0-1). Wesley Wright's two-out, bases-loaded walk of Jurickson Profar put the Rangers on top. Martin then belted a line drive to right field to score two and make it 7-4.

"Since we're playing so aggressively, that lead that they had didn't mean a lot to us," Martin

said. "I think we're playing good baseball right now."

The Rangers have rebounded from a stretch where they lost 12 of 15 games to win 10 of their last 11 and move into a tie with Oakland for first place in the AL West.

Matt Garza (2-1) yielded seven hits and four runs with eight strikeouts in seven innings.

"Great team win," Garza said. "I stayed long enough in there to let the boys come back and pick it up. Sometimes you give up four and you get a win."

The Astros used five pitchers in the eighth inning alone, but it didn't help relieve their bullpen woes. Houston's relievers have given up the lead six times in the last 13 games and have blown six saves in that span.

"I personally feel sorry for our starters, but they are not going to show it because they are good teammates," manager Bo Porter

said. Jason Castro doubled and homered, and Brandon Barnes added a home run for the Astros, who lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Houston loaded the bases in the eighth inning, but came away empty-handed when Neal Cotts struck out pinch-hitter Marc Krauss to end the inning. He earned his first save.

Joey Butler had his first career hits on a pair of doubles for Texas in his first major league start.

"I'm real happy," Washington said in summing up the night. "The key is what's happening up and down the lineup. Tonight it was a big walk by Joey Butler, another big walk by Profar; it was a battle by Martin against a lefty to deliver."

Butler's second double came with one out in the seventh

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## Raiders beat Cowboys 19-17 in exhibition game

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Sean Lee made an immediate impact in his return to the field for the Dallas Cowboys defense.

Lee's sack on the opening drive forced a turnover that led to a Dallas score before special teams blunders doomed the Cowboys in a 19-17 preseason loss to the Oakland Raiders on Friday night.

"He's just around the football a lot," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's a very instinctive guy. He studies so hard, but I just think he has a feel and a nose for the football."

Lee flattened Matt Flynn on a delayed blitz for

a sack fumble in his first game back from a toe injury that sidelined him for the final 10 games a year ago.

The Cowboys are counting on Lee's return to help a revamped defense under new coordinator Monte Kiffin rebound from a disappointing end to the 2012 season.

After forcing just 16 turnovers under fired coordinator Rob Ryan last year, the Cowboys have been very opportunistic so far this preseason by forcing four turnovers. In the first two games, including J.J. Wilcox's end zone interception against Terrelle Pryor.

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inning. Profar's RBI single got Texas within 4-3 before Houston starter Erik Bedard ended his night by striking out Martin.

Ian Kinsler walked to start the eighth and stole second base. The Rangers tied it at 4-all with Beltre's RBI single to shallow center field which chased Zeid.

Josh Fields intentionally walked pinch-hitter David Murphy with two outs before walking Butler to load the bases and bring on Wright.

Things looked good for the Astros early. Castro's 445-foot homer to the second deck in right field to start the second put Houston up 1-0.

Singles by Kinsler and A. J. Pierzynski sandwiched around a walk by Beltre loaded the bases in the fourth in-

ning. A sacrifice fly by Jeff Baker tied it at 1 before a sacrifice bunt sent Beltre home to put Texas up 2-1.

Garza had retired six in a row before L.J. Hoes doubled to start Houston's fourth. A double by Jose Altuve sent Hoes home to make it 2-all.

Castro's 31st double, which bounced off the wall in left-center, scored Altuve to put Houston up 3-2. Barnes homered to start the fifth for a

two-run lead.

Bedard allowed seven hits and three runs in 6 2-3 innings and is winless since June 26.

Houston's inexperience was painfully evident in the ninth inning, when Pierzynski bunted and rookie pitcher Jorge De Leon scooped up the ball and looked at Kinsler on third before throwing to first.

As soon as De Leon looked away, Kinsler dashed home ahead of the throw.

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information with college coaches," Dean explained. "There are some really good players (in Big Spring), we look forward to sharing information about these players. It's really, really important for them to come out for skill development — to be able to learn skills from our coaches — then at the same time, from an exposure standpoint, not every kid is a top 10 kid in the nation, but we feel like there's a

place for every kid at the college level. It's just a matter of them getting out, working on their game and getting exposure. I've seen a lot of success at these types of events. College coaches are always looking for kids."

According to Green, some players have been signed immediately as a result of his showcases in the past.

"I went to a similar event called Premier Basketball," Green said. "This kid out of El Paso had flown under the radar. She was six-foot-one

and she could play. She ended up signing with New Mexico State University — a Division I school. College coaches are looking size, speed, ability, academic quality — there are a lot of traits needed to play for most college teams. These events help the participants learn where they fit in and what they need to work on to play college ball."

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Max Pappajohn at linebacker and other notables such as Diamond Bailey certainly leaves a gap, but Ritchey is

confident that the defense will be staunch once again.

"We can replace them," Ritchey continued. "They may be different types of players — we had some really good kids. It will be hard to find a better middle

linebacker than Max Pappajohn, but we will have to find somebody to fill that spot. That's one of the biggest questions on defense. We have seven starters returning, we've got at least nine seniors starting

on defense. Again, that young word is out the window. We expect big things from the defense, too. All four secondary guys are returning starters, our linebacker Tyler Wigington started all ten games — we're very experienced. Our defense is older than our offense."

Big Spring's 5-5 record last season doesn't look terrible on paper, but after a sizzling pre-district romp in which the Steers went 5-0, they failed to put together a District 4-3A win. It was a bittersweet season for Ritchey. He broke a 12-game losing streak in dramatic fashion with a 49-0 rout over Fort Stockton in the season opener, then went on to manhandle most other teams until they welcomed state-ranked Wylie in Week Six. The Steers played a respectable game against the Bulldogs, but the wheels came off the subsequent

week on the road against Snyder.

"It's real simple, we have to win district games," Ritchey said in a no-nonsense manner. "Those are the ones that count. It doesn't really matter how you do in pre-district, as we found out. If it did, we'd be world champions. Nobody did better in pre-district than we did. We couldn't have done any better.

"We got into district, we started off with the best team and played a really good game, minus the first quarter. We lost a tough game, but the next one was a killer. We made some critical mistakes against Snyder and gave them, in my opinion, three easy scores and we didn't get one. We faced some adversity, maybe for the first time all year and we really didn't handle it well. We felt good coming out of the Wylie game because we played

well, but coming out of the Snyder game, even though yardage wise and everything else we looked like we played well, we just gave the game away and never recovered from that. That's one of the keys: this year, we have to finish games, we have to finish our season. We just have to finish and know it's not all going to be good and we have to handle the good with the bad."

The hurdles cleared last season should provide the Steers with a taste of what's to come. If the maturity and ability to shake off a bad play or bad quarter is there, Big Spring could be the dark horse in a tough district full of competitive, tradition-rich squads.

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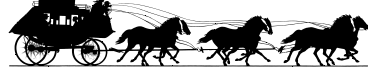
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## Adopt-A-Hydrant Winners Announced

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Judging took place Aug. 3, and cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

Winning entries in the adult division are: First place, Susan Holbert-Lester, \$300; second place and \$200 – the Watkins family; and third place and \$100 – the DeLeon family.

Winning entries in the children's division were awarded \$50 each and are: First place – Delilah O'Hara; second place – Christopher Chavez; and third place – Jasiah Flores.

For the most hydrants painted, a \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart was awarded to Lana Anguiano and Emily Flores.

The event was sponsored by Frontier Logistics and the Big Spring Fire Department.

The winning entries can be viewed at 1801 Donley, the corner of Purdue and Kentucky, the corner of Father Delaney and North Bell, the corner of Birdwell and Kentucky, the corner of Warren and Connelly and the corner of Northwest Fifth and San Antonio.

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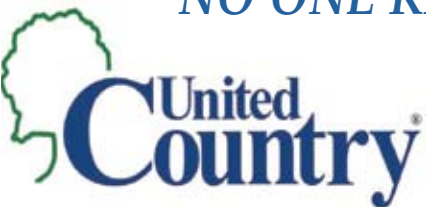
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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ted and Eula Bell Fowler of Coahoma, James and Billie Proctor of Big Spring, the late George and Mona Moore of Big Spring and the late Ivan and the late Viola Stephenson of Plainview, Texas.

The groom is the grandson of the late Ira J. Baker of Artesia, N.M. and Nancy Lewis of Las Vegas, Nev., along with Doyle and Caroline Hobbs of Big Spring, Texas.

K'Leigh graduated from Coahoma High School and attended Howard College where she graduated with an Associate of Science degree.

She is employed at Southside Veterinary Clinic.

Tye graduated from Forsan High School and will graduate from Angelo State University in December, 2013, with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in GeoSciences.

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## Energy Watch



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So far, so good. Two of the major goals of the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing (QE) efforts has been to drive stock prices and home prices higher. Chairman Ben Bernanke has told us this multiple times over the past couple of years. The S&P 500 is very close to the recent record high. Housing prices are up more than 12 percent over the last year.

So now that stocks have rallied and housing prices have jumped higher, what does the Fed want next? The Fed Chairman has also given us the answer to that question. The U.S. central bank wants the "wealth effect" to kick in and boost consumer sentiment and, ultimately, spending. That has been easier said than done in this sub-par recovery.

The wealth effect is based on a very simple concept. When Americans see the value of their stock portfolios and home values rise, their net worth grows. As their net worth grows, these beneficiaries of friendly markets feel they have more money to spend and are more prone to do so. In theory, discretionary spending on items such as vacations, furniture and cars rises along with these consumer's wealth. And remember, the American economy is driven by consumer spending. In addition, much of the domestic consumer discretionary spending is concentrated at the higher end of the income spectrum. These consumers tend to hold more of their wealth in equities and own more expensive homes.

But consumer discretionary spending, while moving in a positive direction since the depths of the recent financial crisis, has not advanced at a pace that has pushed economic growth ahead at an acceptable rate. Businesses have also been, to a large extent, hesitant to invest capital in plant and equipment. Some segments of the domestic economy, like vehicle sales, have been strong but many areas are not. Housing demand has also been a positive contributor to the economy over the last two years.

But be careful what you wish for. While it is good to see the S&P 500 Index gaining ground and reaching record highs, the nearly 25 percent advance from last November's lows happened fast. Certainly the Fed does not want to see stocks running this hard to the upside every six or seven months. And housing? It probably is not desirable in the Fed's mind to see home prices up 12 percent or more every year. In some areas of the country, prices are up 20 percent over the last 12 months and most of the buying has been by investors. Our central bankers may be starting to be concerned that stock and housing prices are moving ahead too quickly.

The traditional wealth effect levers the Fed is attempting to pull have been slow to respond in this recovery. Consumer spending growth has been modest at best. However, we do look for further gains in housing and the stock market over the coming 18 months as the economy and confidence slowly improve. Low interest rates and the Fed's easy money policies have put the wind at the back of stocks and housing. The Fed has attained their goal of raising the values of these two asset classes. Time and patience are now needed as more confident consumers increase their spending.

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## So. Plains Cotton abandonment expected to be about 40 percent

**ROBERT BURNS**  
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COLLEGE STATION — The official survey numbers haven't been released yet, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert estimates South Plains cotton abandonment will be about 40 percent.

"It's hard to tell, as we're all over the board here, but that's what I'm hoping will be the most," said Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension Service cotton specialist, Lubbock.

Only a couple of months ago, it was looking much worse, Kelley said. Like most of Texas, the region had a cooler-than-normal spring and late freezes, while remaining locked in the stranglehold of drought. There was also hail, high winds and blowing sand that knocked out fields.

Many dryland and re-plantings of hailed-out or blown-out fields were late, bumping right up against the crop insurance plant-

ing deadlines.

Kelley noted there hasn't been anything resembling "typical" for years, but typical abandonment rates are about 25 percent. And in the last few years, a larger percentage of cotton is being planted dryland, which usually has a higher abandonment rate. Currently, about 53 to 57 percent of the region's cotton is dryland, he said.

So an abandonment of 40 percent, given all the adverse weather, doesn't seem too bad, he said.

Complicating predictions are the fields of late-planted or replanted cotton.

"We typically start seeing a white flower out here in early July, and it was around the 15th before we started seeing white flowers."

Some flowering has been much later than that, which puts it in risk of not maturing before the average date of the first frost in the South Plains on Oct. 31, ac-

ording to Kelley. A freeze before maturity can drastically hurt yields and quality.

But Kelley was hopeful, he said, that as daytime temperatures become more moderate, and the nights become cooler, the outlook for a fairly good crop will improve.

"We do have a good fruit set, and if we have some help from Mother Nature to get these plants firing on all cylinders, then we still have the chance to make good yields," he said.

The region — again typically — produces about 60 to 65 percent of the state's cotton. This year, there were 3.7 million acres planted in the South Plains, according to Kelley.

More information on the current Texas drought and wild-fire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

## Controlling brush helps save water supply

STANTON, Texas — Many of us drive by these every day. They sit in the pastures covered in thorns and their branches twist up and out in every direction. The infamous mesquite tree of West Texas can be seen as iconic for dry, arid climates or as a nuisance invading the land.

Throughout history, mesquite trees have always been known for absorbing high quantities of water. According to an article from Scenic Hills Nursery, it is estimated that mesquite, cactus and cedar species consume about 10 million acre-feet of water every year, which is two-thirds of what



Texas residents consume. The article also states a mesquite plant consumes 20 gallons of water per day.

The total number of water consumed by invasive brush can add up quickly, especially

in severely dry conditions. Being in a continual drought for two, going on three, years, has brought water supply concern to the forefront of many peoples' minds. Invasive brush can add to the already depleting

Ogallala Aquifer's decline, which really affects all of us.

In fact, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board has developed a State Brush Control Plan to manage invasive brush species like mesquite and salt cedar. Keeping high water using brush species managed and under control is a key focus of the state's plan.

As this region still faces severe drought conditions, it has never been more critical to manage water resources in every type of consumption. For more information regarding water conservation and the Ogallala Aquifer, visit [www.pbuwcd.com](http://www.pbuwcd.com).



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31 Epic beginning
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35 Tapered end
41 Overwhelmed by
42 Cross
43 First watch on the moon
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# Wedding



## Mr. and Mrs. Adams

March 23, 2013

Kendal Layne Adams of Big Spring and Casey Barham of Archer City exchanged vows March 23, 2013, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Kendal is the daughter of Ricky and Patti Adams of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Sonya Swindell of Big Spring.

She is a speech-language pathologist at United Regional Hospital.

Casey is the son of Charlie and Deniese Barham and the grandson of Joyce Barham and Donna Williams. He is a petroleum engineer.

Maid of honor was Haley Lefever of Big Spring. Bridesmaids were Brennan Bailey, Christi Jones and Heather Vassar, all of Big Spring and Alyssa Campbell and Kalli Donaway, both of Abilene.

Best man was Riley Barham of Archer City. Groomsmen were Ty Robertson and Caleb Truette, both of Archer City and Justin Swinhoe and Jordan Teel, both of Wichita Falls, Texas. Ushers were Kyle Campbell of Wylie, Shelby Lefever, Landon Adkins and Kyle Piercefield, all of Big Spring.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Jamaica.

## STATE HOSPITAL INTERACTION DAY



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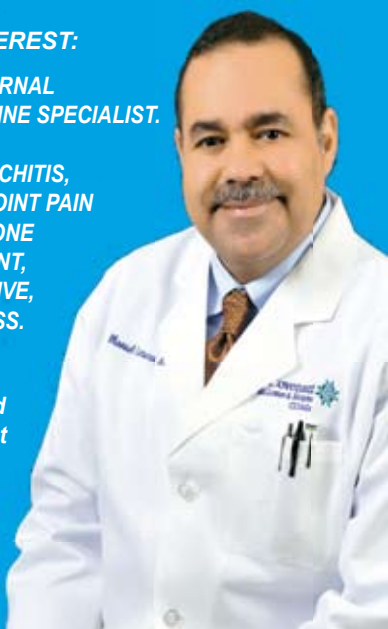
**Big Spring State Hospital Peer Support Specialist Sherry Darden returns a beach ball during the hospital's recent Laua Social Interaction Day in the hospital's gymnasium. Once a month, employees in the Activity Therapies Department host a Social Interaction Day featuring several activities and refreshments that involves the entire staff and all 200 patients. The event gives the entire Big Spring State Hospital community a chance to interact with each other outside of class and day-to-day activities. During the recent Laua, patients played beach ball volleyball, bowling for pineapples and competed in a hula hoop contest. The next Social Interaction Day will be an 80s Bash on Aug. 28. The Volunteer Services Council provides funding for Social Interaction Day and raises money for the patients through sales at The Chalet Resale Shop and fund-raisers such as Cars, Stars and Handlebars.**

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