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## 3 charged with aggravated robbery

### Herald Staff Report

Three Big Spring residents are in custody and charged with aggravated robbery after a alert police officer spied the vehicle in which they were traveling and executed a traffic stop. Arrested were 21-year-old Eufe-

mio Ortiz, a black male; 25-year-old Sunday Luna, a white male; and 28-year-old Ashley Luna, a white female. All three were booked into the county detention center.

According to police records, at 6:34 p.m. Thursday officers were informed of an apparent robbery at Boost Mobile, 406 E. Marcy. Officers learned that a black male

allegedly entered the business armed with a handgun and robbed two employees. Witnesses told officers the suspect was seen entering a maroon Buick which was missing a door molding on the rear driver's side door.

"Officer Mike Calley observed

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Ortiz



Sunday Luna



Ashley Luna



HERALD photo/Brian McCormak

Two 18-wheelers crashed on Interstate 20 near the Big Spring Refinery Thursday. No injury updates were available this morning on the three individuals transported to medical facilities.

## 18-wheelers hit cab-to-cab along Interstate 20 Thursday

### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Three people suffered injuries during a collision of two 18-wheeler trucks near the Big Spring Refinery Thursday afternoon.

Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded to the 4500 block of Interstate 20 in front of the refinery at approximately 5:45 p.m., according to a news release from Sgt. Tony Everett, Big Spring Police Department public information officer.

Everett said an initial investigation revealed the two

18-wheelers were traveling in opposite directions on the interstate when the east-bound truck, a 2013 Volvo tractor trailer driven by 41-year-old Kenny Alexander, jackknifed and crossed the median, striking a 2012 International Transtar driven by Victor Arrelano.

"The impact was not head-on, but was cab-to-cab," Everett said.

Both Alexander and Arrelano were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, as was 63-year-old John Marshall, who was asleep in the rear portion of

Arrelano's cab at the time of the accident. Alexander was later transferred to a Lubbock hospital.

No injury updates were available on the three men as of this morning.

The interstate was partially closed for several hours as a result of the accident, Everett said.

"It is unknown at this point what caused the jackknife," he said.

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

## Volunteers needed for lake clean up

### Herald Staff Report

The Comanche Warrior Triathlon is coming soon. But first, like any time "company" comes, there's a bit of cleaning up to do.

Volunteers are needed this Saturday to pick up litter at Comanche Trail Lake, as part of Love Our Lake and

the Keep Texas Waterways Clean programs.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is conducting the effort, which takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center.

"Keep Big Spring Beautiful is committed to keeping the Comanche Trail Lake clean, not only to protect and restore it for us, and future generations, but to get the lake area cleaned for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon," said Teresa Darden, KBSB secretary.

The triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7.

Club President Jan Hansen

said the clean up "is a great way for people to show pride in their community" and "a fun time outdoors with friends and family."

Organizers are hoping more than 100 people will participate in the event.

H-E-B will provide breakfast and prizes have been donated from Sonic and Taco Villa.

"This is one of the ways we can get ready to put our best foot forward for the triathletes when they arrive," said Darden.

For more information on the clean up, contact Hansen at 432-263-2616.

## 11 indicted by grand jury

*Aggravated assault, forgery, theft, DWI among charges*

### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Eleven people, including a Big Spring man charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, were indicted during Thursday's session of the Howard County Grand Jury.

Luis Alejandro Ramos, 24, currently in custody at the county jail, faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the aggravated assault indictments. Those charges stem from two separate incidents which occurred earlier this

year in Big Spring.

In the first incident, Ramos is charged with wounding two people with a single shotgun blast during an altercation that occurred in north Big Spring on May 18. Then, on June 20, he allegedly assaulted a man with a box cutter during an incident at the Scottish Inn Motel on 1202 E. Third St.

If convicted of the charges, Ramos could be sentenced to between 2 and 20 years in

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## Fire engulfs residence in Sand Springs area

### Herald Staff Report

A residence on Hooser Road in Sand Springs suffered extensive fire damage Thursday afternoon, although there were no reports of injuries.

Six firefighting units — one from Big Spring and five Howard County volunteer trucks — battled the blaze, which was reported at about 5 p.m., BSHD Fire Marshal Carl Condray said.

When units arrived on the scene, they found the residence engulfed in flames, Condray added.

County volunteer fire chief Tommy Sullivan said the blaze was contained about 90 minutes after units arrived, although firefighters remained on scene until almost midnight.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, Sullivan added.

## 'Last Chance' set Sunday

### Herald Staff Report

Howard College Big Spring campus will be hosting a "Last Chance" registration for those who still want to get registered for fall classes.

Staff from every department will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday to help students work through each step and get registered.

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Coahoma's Savannah Neff passes the ball during a match against Wellman-Union earlier in the season. The Bulldogettes are competing in the Crane Tournament over the weekend, while the Lady Steers of Big Spring are on the road at the Granbury Tournament.

## Ryan Braun finally admits drug use in 2011

(AP) — Ryan Braun finally said it: He took performance-enhancing drugs.

A month after suddenly abandoning his claims of innocence and accepting a 65-game suspension from Major League Baseball, the Milwaukee Brewers slugger admitted he took a cream and a lozenge containing banned substances while rehabilitating an injury during his 2011 NL MVP season.

In a statement released by the Brewers on Thursday night, Braun took responsibility for his actions. He also apologized to many people, including the sample collector he castigated after an arbitrator overturned the outfielder's suspension from a 2011 positive test. "I have no one to blame but myself. I know that over the last year and a half I made some serious mistakes, both in the information I failed to share during my arbitration hearing and the comments I made to the press afterwards," Braun said. "I have disappointed the people closest to me."

Still, his lengthy act of self-reproach was miss-



ing several key details. Among them: The five-time All-Star doesn't say who gave him the PEDs or where they came from; he doesn't reveal the banned substance in the products; he doesn't say if he knew the cream and lozenge were tainted at the time he took them.

For now, the apology will have to do.

"To me, it doesn't really matter what they say. Let's lay down the penalties and move on," San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

On July 22, Braun agreed to a suspension resulting from Major League Baseball's investigation of the now-closed Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic, which was accused of providing banned substances to players.

At that time he acknowledged only that he made "mistakes," leaving people, including Brewers owner Mark Attanasio, wanting more.

He laid out his story Thursday: "Here is what happened," the statement says.

Still tied to Milwaukee for at least seven more years and \$117 million, Braun also sent a separate letter of apology to Brewers fans.

Braun was the first of 14 players disciplined this year as a result of the Biogenesis probe. Twelve accepted 50-game penalties, including a trio of All-Stars: Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz, Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta and San Diego shortstop Everth Cabrera.

Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez is appealing his 211-game penalty, assessed for violations of the drug program and labor contract.

In his initial meeting with MLB investigators to discuss Biogenesis, Braun declined to answer questions. But in the statement, he said he initiated a second

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## Bulldogs improved in Ozona scrimmage

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Hungry. That's how the young Bulldogs appeared at Thursday's scrimmage against Ozona at the Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium, at which CHS marched up and down the field during its set of snaps with a solid rushing attack.

Junior quarterback Braxton Iden showed he was adept at commanding Head Coach Trey Gardner's run-based, Wing-T offense.

Gardner has expressed concerns about his team's lack of experience, but said his team was "drastically" improved from its first scrimmage against Jim Ned.

"It was night and day," Gardner said. "We made some strides, but we still have a lot of things we need to work on."

He was particularly pleased with the offensive line, which allowed holes to open and the running game to be successful.

"We're hoping to see more of the same," Ritchey said. "These guys will have a lot more speed everywhere, at every position. We're glad. We need that. We need to see how well we execute against that kind of offense. It will be completely different."

Ritchey is still making decisions as to who will populate the back-

field.

"Of course, we have Jahari (Vanover), he's experienced. We are looking at Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander. Both of them have done a good job. I think Preston just needs more reps. It's tough to play at this level, especially as a freshman. We expect mistakes and we can live with them as long as he gets better.

"Defensively, I think there's a couple linebacker positions being looked at. Pretty much every position is being looked at at this point. Our goal is to make sure we have the best team on the field we can next week."

Forsan will travel to Big Lake for a scrimmage against Reagan County today. The Buffs will take the field against the Owls at 7 p.m.

FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips expects a physical outing against Reagan County.

"We're working mostly on our execution," Phillips said. "We are trying to get our basics down. Reagan County will be a physical team. It will be good to have a physical test against a team like that before the season starts."

Like the other Howard County schools, Phillips is still trying kids out for different positions, but in 1A Forsan, he describes it as a year-long process.

"We're in a unique situation," Phillips explained. "We're a small school. There's always competition for every position. Just because a guy is starting a position in Week One, doesn't mean he'll be there in Week Five."

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

## Cowboys' stadium will host richest one-day rodeo

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The richest one-day rodeo will be held at the home of the Dallas Cowboys, with \$2 million in prize money up for grabs.

The AMERICAN event Thursday will showcase the world's top 10 contestants after

the PBR World Finals and WNFR. Other participants will be determined by five qualifying events for each rodeo event in the weeks before the March 2 competition.

The purse is \$2 million, with each event paying \$100,000 for first place and \$25,000 for

second. Qualifiers will be entitled to share in a \$1 million side pot.

One of the event's organizers is Randy Bernard.

He was head of Professional Bull Riders when a bracket-style competition of top riders debuted at the stadium in 2010.

## SEC coaches drop Manziel to preseason Second Team

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Southeastern Conference coaches apparently don't think Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel is the league's best quarterback.

The coaches rated the Texas A&M quarterback as the preseason second-team selection on the teams released by the league on Thursday. Georgia's Aaron Murray was the first-team choice while Alabama's AJ McCarron received third-team honors.

Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman last season, but allegations that he received payment for autographs could threaten his eligibility.

Manziel's lawyer has said he believes the quarterback will play in Texas A&M's season opener against Rice on Aug. 31 even if an NCAA investigation isn't finished, but that decision could ultimately be the Aggies'.

The cloud over his eligibility might have had something to do with Manziel's downgrade. He was the first-team pick by league media before those allegations surfaced.

All three quarterbacks put up big

stats, but Manziel had an unprecedented season in the SEC, even one-upping 2010 Heisman winner Cam Newton of Auburn. He led the league with 1,410 rushing yards and 21 touchdowns and also passed for 3,706 yards and 26 scores.

Manziel is the first player in NCAA history to surpass 5,000 total yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a single season.

Murray also has put up impressive numbers.

He is the first quarterback in SEC history to have 3,000 passing yards in three straight seasons, throwing for a school-record 3,893 yards and 36 touchdowns last season while being intercepted 10 times.

Murray already holds the school career marks for touchdown passes with 95 and touchdowns responsible for (104).

McCarron led the nation in passing efficiency with 30 touchdown passes and just three interceptions.

Alabama led the way with five first-team picks and 16 selections overall.

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### Sports Calendar

TODAY

#### Football

- Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring, scrimmage, 7 p.m. (junior varsity at 6 p.m.).
- Forsan at Reagan County, scrimmage, 7 p.m. (junior varsity at 6 p.m.).

#### Volleyball

- Big Spring at Granbury Tournament, Game One vs. Mansfield Summit, 9:15 a.m.
- Coahoma at Crane Tournament, brackets TBA.





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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Mercury hops on home**

Following the sun, Mercury, the fleet-footed messenger of the gods, hops on home to Virgo. The transits bode well for savvy solutions and workable plans. Tenacity and diligence are Virgo's prized ethics. Albert Einstein, whose natal Uranus was in Virgo, modestly claimed: "It's not that I'm so smart; it's just that I stay with problems longer." **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Polite niceties are important and cannot be skipped. They can, however, be presented out of order. Say the



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thing that sparks the most interest first, and people will remember you and your message fondly.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll get the chance to develop an interest that is unusual or so outside of your main focus that you can't see how it could possibly help you reach a goal — and yet it will.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You accept the various personality differences that make up your social landscape. You don't expect people to behave in the way that you prefer or can predict. These habits allow you to have a complaint-free existence today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's another one of those days to hold some of your stories back. It will help you tune in to others and listen more carefully. You'll glean valuable information from the nuances of how people are talking.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though you like to see the evidence that people love you, you find it embarrassing at times, too. You can't control the flow of attention coming at you, but you'll deflect it well today if it's unwanted.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Regardless of how important you are to the team (and you are very

important), you may not be treated as an individual now. You won't mind, though, as you feel the surge of power that comes from being a part of something.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For someone to appreciate what you do, he or she will have to experience it. This is one reason to delegate a job to someone who is not really qualified to do it, but who nonetheless should have the experience of trying.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Big ideas that are not presented with the fanfare they deserve will go unrecognized in a sea of mediocrity. Don't let this happen to you. Present your idea in the kind of light that will make it shine.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be doling out work, so be sure to fit each job to the appropriate person. Hint: People who can't organize their own thoughts won't be able to organize others.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll come face to face with many sides of human nature today: friendly, impatient, concerned, frustrated, confused and more. The best part of your day will involve helping people into a better state of

mind.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because there is so much competing for your attention, you'll appreciate people who can simply state a need or tell you exactly what to do. Those people will also be your gateway to good fortune.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There are consequences to every action, but some take much, much longer to realize. You will now experience the result of something you did many years ago.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 23). You'll follow intuitive nudges into a sweet deal in the next 10 weeks. This could start a new career. A virtual friend will become an actual friend in September. December brings a welcome change in your family. January is your shot at the big leagues. March shows renovations to your home or image. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 27, 26, 1 and 9.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Right now, you're both picky and feeling flush, so you're willing to pay more for an experience that suits your taste. **TAURUS:** You want to know that a loved one wants you for who you are and not for what you

can do for him or her. **GEMINI:** You'll be given an opportunity because you've done so well with a previous one. **CANCER:** Drama is a turnoff to you. Red flags send you running in the opposite direction. **LEO:** It's good to take a break from people sometimes, even the people you love the most. **VIRGO:** A loved one asks for your true opinion. Tread carefully, though, because this could be a trap. **LIBRA:** You'll be lucky when you go where you're most likely to be the most fascinating person in the room. **SCORPIO:** In the interest of self-preservation, avoid the person who always asks too much of you. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll be surprised by who can connect you with interesting singles. **CAPRICORN:** People really can make each other happy. You'll get the proof. **AQUARIUS:** In matters of the heart, complexity will be a plus. **PISCES:** It won't be so easy to get someone to understand your situation and the way you see it, but one of your thoughtful attempts will be successful.

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# Rangers scoring more runs without suspended Nelson Cruz

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Not surprisingly, the Texas Rangers have hit fewer home runs without suspended All-Star slugger Nelson Cruz in their lineup.

Yet, the AL West leaders are somehow scoring more runs and are 12-3 without him.

"I think the reason

for that is we've been able to get loose on the base paths," manager Ron Washington said. "We've been able to do a lot of things that's just been presented to us."

Speedy center fielder Leonys Martin was moved to the leadoff spot only a few days before the Rangers lost

Cruz for the rest of the regular season. That put Ian Kinsler third in the batting order, with Elvis Andrus in between them.

Texas also has since acquired right fielder Alex Rios, a player who hit homers and stole bases for the Chicago White Sox.

"Missing Nellie obviously hurts, but our lineup's clicking right now," Kinsler said. "We've got a lot of guys that set things up and it's working out for us."

The Rangers have scored an MLB-best 6.3 runs per game since Aug. 5, the day Cruz was among 13 players disciplined by Major League Baseball after its drug investigation into the Biogenesis clinic in Florida.

While they've hit half as many homers a game as they had with Cruz,

they've stolen twice as many bases.

"They're using their skill sets to put them in the best position to be successful," said Houston manager Bo Porter, whose team was swept in a three-game series at Texas this week. "There's no weak links up and down their lineup."

Andrus (34 stolen bases), Rios (30) and Martin (27) are all among the top eight in the AL in stolen bases.

Texas (74-53) is a season-high 21 games over .500 with a 2½ -game division lead over Oakland. After their third of six consecutive scheduled Thursdays off, the Rangers play 12 of 15 games on the road, starting with three games at the White Sox this weekend.

When the Rangers lost Cruz for the rest

of the regular season, they were averaging 4.6 runs with 1.2 homers per game. They have hit eight homers since (.533 per game) with 1.2 stolen bases per game, up from 0.65 before that.

Even when taking a pair of high-scoring victories out of the equation, Texas still has nearly five runs a game.

There was a 15-3 win Saturday over Seattle, the highest-scoring game without a homer in the 20 seasons of Rangers Ballpark. A five-run inning off Felix Hernandez included Jurickson Profar scoring on a suicide squeeze bunt by Martin.

Two nights later against Houston, the Rangers had the highest-scoring inning in the majors this season. All nine players scored in their 11-run third that started with Mar-

tin's bunt for the first of seven hits — six singles and a double. Texas again had 15 runs without a homer until A.J. Pierzynski connected in the seventh of a 16-5 victory.

"That's how you can become consistent," Washington said. "If guys can just keep going up there, putting the ball in play and finding holes and getting base hits."

That's not to say the Rangers don't miss Cruz.

"I think if Nelson was in the lineup, the same thing would have happened, I really do," Washington said. "It might be more because he probably would have produced some of those runs. But I think the way things set up and got going, the game presented that to us and we rose to the occasion."

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LSU and Georgia both had eight make one of the teams, while Florida and Tennessee had

seven each.

Murray and McCarron might have better supporting casts among the skill positions, at least according to the coaches picks.

Georgia tailback Todd Gurley and tight end Arthur Lynch are both first-teamers.

So are Crimson Tide tailback T.J. Yeldon and wide receiver Amari Cooper.

Jake Matthews, who protects Manziel's blind side at left tackle, also made the first team.

Defensively, South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney as

a first-team pick. Alabama linebacker C.J. Mosley and safety HaHa Clinton-Dix were also among those selected.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players. And the SEC didn't release the ballots or vote totals.

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session with MLB during which he admitted his guilt and began discussing a penalty.

"After my interview with MLB in late June of this year, I came to the realization that it was time to come to grips with the truth," Braun said. "I was never presented with baseball's evidence against me, but I didn't need to be, because I knew what I had done."

Braun's urine tested positive for elevated testosterone from a sample collected on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, after Milwaukee's NL division series opener against Arizona. The drug collector, Dino Laurenzi Jr., stored the samples from Braun and two other players at home

and dropped them off at a Federal Express office on Monday, rather than send them immediately, as specified in baseball's drug collection rules.

The players' association argued that the specimen was handled improperly, and arbitrator Shyam Das overturned the discipline on Feb. 23 last year.

During a news conference the following day on the field at Milwaukee's spring training stadium in Phoenix, Braun proclaimed he had been vindicated and questioned Laurenzi's methods. A week later Braun's lawyer criticized Laurenzi when the collector defended himself.

"I have no one to blame but myself. I know that over the last year and a half I made some serious mistakes, both in the information I failed to share during

my arbitration hearing and the comments I made to the press afterwards," Braun said. "I have disappointed the people closest to me — the ones who fought for me because they truly believed me all along. I kept the truth from everyone. For a long time, I was in denial and convinced myself that I had not done anything wrong."

After he accepted his suspension — 50 games for the drug infraction and 15 games for his conduct at the time of the grievance — Braun was heavily criticized by players around the major leagues.

"I thought this whole thing has been despicable on his part," Detroit pitcher Max Scherzer said then. "When he did get caught, he never came clean. He tried to question the ability of the collector when he was caught red-handed. So that's why the whole Braun situation, there is so much player outrage toward him."

Braun hopes this is a step in the right direction.

"I also understand that I will now have to work very, very hard to begin to earn back people's trust and support. I am dedicated to making amends and to earning back the trust of my teammates, the fans, the entire Brewers' organization, my sponsors, advisors and from MLB," Braun said. "I am hopeful that I can earn back the trust from those who I have disappointed and those who are willing to give me the opportunity."

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7	1	9	6	3	5	4	2	8
4	2	5	8	9	7	3	1	6
8	3	7	1	2	4	6	9	5
5	4	1	9	7	6	8	3	2
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