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'Game-changer'

Community Foundation to receive millions of dollars

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Thanks to a donation which will bring millions of dollars into its coffers, the Big Spring Community Foundation's future just took a turn for the brighter.
 President Drew Mouton


announced this week the foundation has been named beneficiary of a trust fund established by the A.K. Guthrie estate. The fund is expected to bring between \$15 million and \$20 million to the foundation during the next 20 years
 BSCF was formed as a way

to channel money in the form of charitable donations, scholarships and grants to deserving individuals and organizations in Howard County and the surrounding area, but the Guthrie estate donation has pushed the organization into an entirely new level of possi-

bilities, Mouton said.
 "This is a game-changer," he said. "As of today, we are going to be a much more relevant part of this community."
 Mouton's statement is backed up by a look at the foundation's balance sheet —

since he received word of the donation, BSCF has received \$1.8 million from the trust fund, effectively doubling the foundation's assets. And much more is to come.
 Money from trust fund will
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Big Spring firefighter Justin Wolf addresses a group of Goliad Elementary kindergarteners during a National Fire Prevention Week demonstration at the school Thursday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Orthopedic surgeon joins staff at SMMC

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center Orthopedic Department has announced the arrival of Orthopedic Surgeon Darrell Franks M.D.



Dr. Franks joins the FMC family after 20 years of private practice in Lubbock.

Dr. Franks graduated from Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock, Texas. He completed residency in orthopedic surgery at Texas Tech. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Lub-

bock-Crosby-Garza County Medical Society and the American Trauma Society.



Additionally, Dr. Franks has joined the Family Medical Center Orthopedic Department. He is currently accepting new patients. His focus is aimed at not only providing full-time care for the residents of Howard County, but also surrounding areas when it comes to the area of orthopaedics. He treats fractures, sports injuries, hand injuries, arthritis and more. He also performs total knee replacements.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Franks to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center/Family Medical Center

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Commissioners to visit with law firm regarding transportation grant fund

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will take the first steps toward participating in a state-run infrastructure grant program when they hold their regular meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday on the third floor of the county courthouse.

In September, commissioners voted to set aside \$150,000 for legal and administrative fees to participate in the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. The grant program was established by the Texas Legislature to help counties whose road infrastructure had been adversely affected by the recent oil boom.

Howard County Judge Mark Barr said 200 Texas counties, including Howard, are eligible to apply for the grants, which will be administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

As a first step in the process, commissioners will meet with attorneys from the firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLC to begin the legal process of applying for the program, Barr said.

"Our attorneys are coming to explain how the program will work," he said. "And, if the commissioners so choose, we'll hire the firm to do the necessary legal work."

Exactly how much money Howard County would be eligible to receive depends on a points system that takes into account heavy oilfield-related commercial traffic, the number of well completions within the county and how much the county pays in severance taxes, among other factors. The more points a county accrues, the more money it is eligible to receive.

Also, Barr noted, it is possible that not all of the 200 targeted counties will decide to participate in the program, which could increase the availability of grant money.

Regardless, however, Barr said any grant money the county receives would be welcome.

"It would definitely help

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Obituaries

Martha Pearl Cooley Miller



Martha Pearl Cooley Miller, age 76, passed away Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, after a long illness. Pearl was born in Anson, Jones County, Texas, Feb. 22, 1937, to Earl Leo and Izora Mae (Moore) Cooley. She was the only girl of four children, with two older brothers: Charles Stanford and Joe Earl, and one younger brother, Burl Leo, all of whom survive her.

When she was a little girl, the family relocated from Anson to Dawson County, Texas, where her father raised dry-land cotton. There, she attended school in O'Donnell where she graduated high school in 1954. That was the year she made the acquaintance of her future husband, Edward Eugene Miller, of Tahoka, Texas. In September, with their two best friends, they drove across the state line to Oklahoma, and were married in Hollis, Harmon County.

Their first child, Gary Edward, was born a year later, followed in 1959 by Jeana Ruth and in 1967 by Gregory Lee. Pearl and Ed raised Gary and Jeana in Tahoka until the early 1960s, when they relocated to Big Spring, Texas, where Greg was born. There they were owners of an oilfield electric service company and in the mid-1970s, they started an agricultural transport company. Pearl helped manage the business and did the book-keeping for both companies and the ranch until this year, when her illness made it impossible to do so.

Pearl is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Ed; her children, Gary and his wife Paula of Midland, Jeana Newman of Chapel Hill and Greg and his wife Tanya, also of Midland. She is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Stevens Funeral Home, 400 W. Pecan Street, Coleman, Texas. There will be a visitation at First Baptist Church in Tahoka, 1701 Avenue K, Tahoka, Texas, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14. The service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka, Texas. Services in Tahoka are under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes.

Please sign her on-line guestbook at www.living-memorials.com

"To everything there is a season, and a time under Heaven."

Paid obituary

Brenda Canada



Brenda Canada, 68, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be scheduled at later date.

Brenda was born Oct. 17, 1944, in Alexander City, Ala., and came to Texas in 1985.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Lord of Lubbock; four granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren;

and two brothers, Little Ray Henry and Jimmy Dale Henry, both of Montgomery, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gurtis and Irene (Hayes) Henry; two sisters, Helen Henry and Sheila Henry; two brothers, James Henry and Big Ray Henry; and one great-grandson.

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

Charles D. Herring Jr.

Charles D. Herring, Jr., 96, of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Esther Haggard

Esther Haggard, 94, of Stanton, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Raymond Roberts

Raymond Roberts, 78, of Garden City died Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James 'Fats' Johnson

James "Fats" Johnson, 68, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Police blotter

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

- ANTWONE DWAYNE WHITE, 22, of 1501 Lincoln Avenue B, was arrested Friday on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration and fail to appear.

- MARCUS LYNN SMITH, 33, of 1603 Lincoln Avenue, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, prohibited weapons – knuckles – in a weapons free zone, expired registration, fail to appear – two counts and four warrants from another agency.

- BOBBY R.V. CHURCHWELL JR., 55, of 1501 Lincoln Avenue B, was arrested Friday on a warrant for sex offenders duty to register with previous conviction.

- EDUARDO GALLARDO, 27, of 1606 Canary, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.

- KRISTOPHER ERIC GARCIA, 30, of 1210 Wood, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.

- CHANDRA CHALET CARPENTER, 25, of 1518 Tucson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- JOSE LUJAN ALVAREZ, 50, of 434 Dallas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALLAN RAY WARD, 41, of 1409 Mt. Vernon Ave., was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.

- CASEY WAYNE REID, 31, of 1713 Purdue, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1800 and 2400 blocks of Gregg, the 500 block of East FM 700 and the 400 block of Lancaster.

- THEFT was reported at the 1900 block of South Gregg, the 1600 block of State and the 1600 block of Lark.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon Avenue.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 3200 block of Auburn Avenue.

Take Note

- Howard County's Tracey Menges is seeking donations to help pay for surgery after breaking her ankle in two places during a home accident. The 35-year-old single mother has sought help from a number of sources, but is unable to get the help she needs. She is employed (but not long enough to qualify for insurance) and renting a home, though with her current expenses she is having trouble paying the rent. If you'd like to help Tracey, an account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union under Tracey Menges No. 761663 - savings B.

- The Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center is the featured Dine Out Days sponsor this week. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2014 campaign to support the 17 member agencies. To be a Dine Out Day sponsor or to find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

- Flu season is on its way and veterans are encouraged to get their annual flu vaccination. West Texas VA Health Care System will provide flu shots from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the Outpatient Clinic lobby through Oct. 18. Veterans are encouraged to bring their VA identification card with them to receive their vaccination. If you have questions, contact your primary care team or you may call 264-4824 for assistance.

- New affordable health insurance options are available. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants to help you understand the new marketplace. Come to one of our presentations in the Senior Circle Room at SMMC: Oct. 24 for Sr. Circle & Healthy Woman members; or one of our community presentations Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m. at YMCA or Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699 or 268-4721.

- Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team is hosting a Halloween Carnival in the Malone and Hogan Clinic parking lot. The carnival will take place Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Church News

First Baptist Church of Gail

Come hear David Crain of New Life Ministries Oct. 13-16 at 6 each evening at the First Baptist Church of Gail.

Correction

The Big Spring Herald misidentified the man accepting a plaque for South Plains Implement's Agri-Business of the Year Award as Scotty Johnson. The man pictured was actually Brian Snodgrass.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 10/13	Mon 10/14	Tue 10/15
76/66	83/65	78/55
Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. High 76F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM
Sunset: 7:15 PM	Sunset: 7:14 PM	Sunset: 7:13 PM

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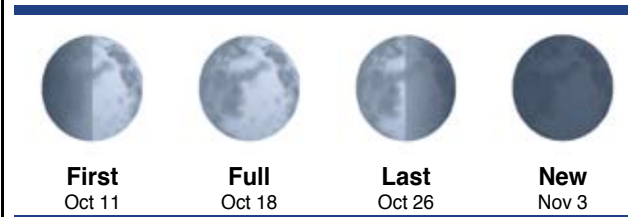
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	76	66	t-storm	Kingsville	90	72	t-storm
Amarillo	69	58	t-storm	Livingston	84	67	t-storm
Austin	80	69	t-storm	Lubbock	82	66	t-storm
Beaumont	84	69	t-storm	Lubbock	73	61	t-storm
Brownsville	89	73	t-storm	Lufkin	83	69	t-storm
Brownwood	79	68	t-storm	Midland	75	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	87	75	t-storm	Raymondville	91	71	t-storm
Corsicana	79	67	t-storm	Rosenberg	85	70	t-storm
Dallas	80	68	t-storm	San Antonio	79	71	t-storm
Del Rio	81	72	t-storm	San Marcos	81	69	t-storm
El Paso	85	63	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	66	t-storm
Fort Stockton	81	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	75	65	t-storm
Gainesville	78	65	t-storm	Tyler	83	68	t-storm
Greenville	81	65	t-storm	Weatherford	78	66	t-storm
Houston	84	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	80	65	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	59	mst sunny	Minneapolis	62	44	sunny
Boston	61	43	mst sunny	New York	67	54	pt sunny
Chicago	67	45	sunny	Phoenix	83	60	sunny
Dallas	80	68	t-storm	San Francisco	66	54	sunny
Denver	64	43	mst sunny	Seattle	54	43	rain
Houston	84	71	t-storm	St. Louis	75	50	sunny
Los Angeles	75	56	sunny	Washington, DC	68	59	rain
Miami	86	69	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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Sun 10/13	Mon 10/14	Tue 10/15
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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin
At left, Big Spring EMS assist a victim at a wreck involving a motorcycle and a black Ford Mustang early Saturday near the TA Truck Stop on North Highway 87. No further information about the cause of the wreck or any injuries that may have occurred were available at press time.

► Support Groups

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30

p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For convenient access, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

MILLIONS FRANKS

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be invested and proceeds from that portfolio will serve to permanently endow all manner of foundation endeavors, Mouton said.

"We have not actually sought out grant applications in the past, because we haven't had the money to do so," he said. "Now, we certainly want people to start thinking about the foundation if they need grant money ... The decision the Guthrie family made to make this sort of contribution to the community may be the most significant thing I've seen since I've been here. This will be an incredible benefit to the community."

Persons interested in submitting grant requests to the foundation can contact Mouton by mail at P.O. Box 2007, Big Spring, Texas 79721, by e-mail at drew@moutonlaw.com or by phone at 432-263-7676.

group. He will be providing a much-needed service here in the community," says Larry Rodgers, CEO at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "Not only are we excited to be welcoming Dr. Franks, but he is also excited about being able to become a part of the community and his patient's lives."

Dr. Franks will maintain office hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. His office is located at 1501 W. Eleventh Place, Suite 101. He is currently accepting new patients. For more information, call 432-268-4800.

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Patricia Howell, 55, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vivian Kerr, 53, of died Wednesday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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with our roads," Barr said in September. "If we could get \$1 million or \$2 million in grant money, that would go a long way toward fixing some of the roads in our county."

In other business Tuesday, commissioners will consider:

• The county's nominee to the Howard County Tax Appraisal District board of directors.

• Renewal of an agreement between Howard and Midland counties concerning a breath alcohol testing program.

• County holidays for 2014.

• A resolution on the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

• Civil fees for 2014.

• Action on setting a school zone speed limit on Nichols Road.

• An executive session in which the following topics will be discussed:

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I have written about Reid Bunger before. He is a high school classmate of mine who had an outstanding career as an opera singer.

He performed in major opera houses in the world, including the ones in Tokyo and Sydney.

Reid lived in Vienna for 20 years and sang all over Europe.

When I sat in front of Reid at a high school assembly and the audience sang the national anthem, I didn't have to look behind me to see who was singing. His voice literally shook the walls of the auditorium.

When he sang the Star Spangled Banner at a Rangers game, the microphone malfunctioned but he continued singing and the audience heard him.

Reid is not only a student of opera. He knows most of the words to country western songs and amazes his fellow classmates at class reunions. He is an accomplished storyteller.

When he was studying music at TCU, the university had an

annual ranch week. “People did all sorts of nutty things,” says Reid. “They dressed like cowboys, they walked around carrying guns. Every once in a while you'd hear a shoot-out inside a building when someone pulled a gun on somebody. Bang. Bang. “Of course they used blanks. I was packing, too. I had a .22 caliber five-shot pistol in my holster, loaded with blanks.”

Reid sang with two or three church choirs in Fort Worth. On Friday night of ranch week, he was having a big time with his friends when suddenly he realized he was supposed to be at Temple Beth-El, a synagogue where he sang in the choir for Friday night services.

He drove like mad to get there and arrived just as the service was starting.

Because he was in such a hurry, he didn't have time to change clothes. Or take off his holster with his fully loaded pistol inside it.

“I still had this gun on me,” he says. “I never thought about the gun, didn't give it a second's worth of thought. We had a Jewish man, Dr. Peters, who was a good friend to all of us in the choir. He liked to come up and sit between the tenor and the

bass and sing along with us. He was great. No problem at all. He just enjoyed it. He usually sat right at my shoulder.

“We were in the middle of singing a song and I'm feeling something down on my hip. I looked down and saw this gun leaving the holster. Dr. Peters had the gun in his hand. My mind went blank. And before I could do anything I'm seeing this man cock the hammer back and pull the trigger.

Bang! It was inside the sanctuary and the sound of that gun going off was very loud. I looked at Dr. Peters and his eyes were as big as paper plates.

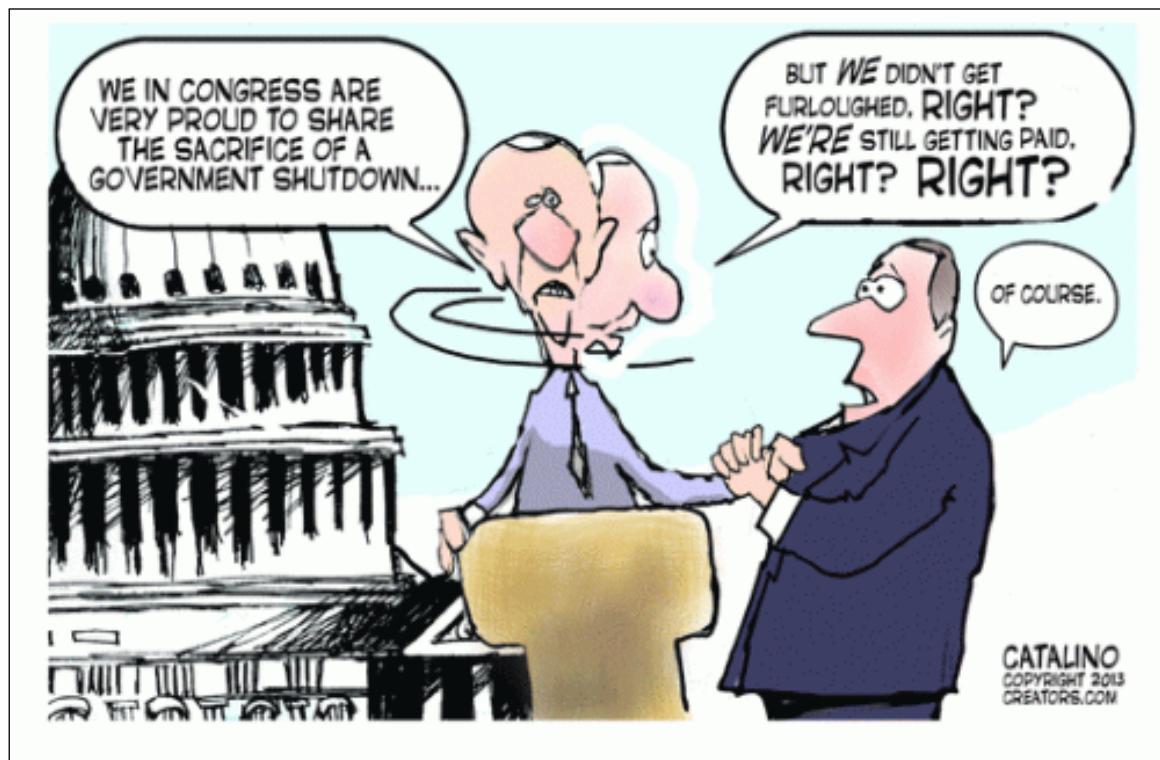
“We did our best to keep singing and at the conclusion of the song, Rabbi Schur continued with the service as usual. When it ended, the Rabbi came up to the choir loft and he said, ‘you know, there was a big noise early in the service. Do you have any idea what that was?’

“I looked right at him and said, ‘door slam.’”

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If dilemmas had horns

If dilemmas really had horns — lodged precisely between the two points — one could better understand my Uncle Mort. That's where my 101-year-old kin abides mostly, with a built-in gyroscope guiding him toward the left horn at times and the right one at others.

He claims this location as the one they'll carry him off from. He wants to be remembered as a man with opinions extracted from deepest pools of thinking, alternated with those dredged quickly from the shallows.

“If I toiled for a newspaper, they'd probably put me in charge of the editorial page,” I've heard him say. “That would put the newspapers straightway on the trail to an editorial policy known for the publications' ‘but on the other hand’ stances.”

When Mort calls, I listen. Actually, that's my only option, since he clatters away without pauses on topics from the closest hither to the farthest yon. “Hmmm-mm,” or sometimes, “You don't say,” are the only expressions I can cram in. (Remember, Mort talks at 250 words per minute, with gusts to 300.)

Recently, he called to discuss diseases, one in particular — fibromyalgia. He doesn't think he's come down with a case of it, but he wants to know more about it.

His specificity surprised me, since he's so rarely ill and passes his infrequent physical exams with colors flying in the breeze. With him and the dilemma business, doctors are on one horn

and his self-prescribed herbal treatments on the other.

“I'm thinking fibromyalgia is on the rise,” Mort said. “I'm always getting emails with warning signs about it,” he added.

He claims the emails have prompted no orders for pills offering quick relief. However, he's glad to know about the signs, anyway.

“It gives me something to talk about at the domino table, and when I get my next physical exam, I like to point to some disease the doctor may want to check me for,” he concluded. “Besides that, I enjoy saying a long word that rolls off the tongue so easily and gives my friends one more thing to Google,” he chuckled.

His reference to fibromyalgia got me thinking about our Sunday school class. To start each session, the most of us snack — and often get seconds — of brunch-like foods not allowed in our homes.

But hey, can't we get off the straight and narrow once weekly at the Lord's House? Let's just justify it as being “soul food,” or, in Sunday vernacular, “food for the soul.”

Jesus' biblical words often underscore the importance of eating, saying, “And after they ate”....

The next quarter-hour includes the rat-a-tat-tat conversation of small talk that finally gives way to prayer topics for, uh, the “sick and infirm.”

Finally, there's delayed reverence as names are called of those facing health issues.

Unless travails are super-serious and already known to others, some members choose to keep conditions to themselves. Revealing “hitches in git-alongs”

can invite comments from the peanut gallery that fall short of sensitivity.

A while back, our friend Lynn Thrash told about a problem believed to be temporary following cataract surgery. He's seeing double.

Uh oh. Admission of it threw the doors for derision wide open. Even with thousands of comedians out of work, some of our guys are determined to audition for comic roles, even with no openings in sight.

One warned that if Lynn sees two bridges while driving, he should be sure to cross on the real one. And another, a golfing hack, opined that such double vision would be handy on the links. “You could always play your best ball,” he advised.

Claiming so much to be right with their world — their football world, anyway — are clergy whose unabashed allegiance lies with Baylor University. (Parsons with long memories admit that they've not always had such warm feelings toward the Bears in October.)

One preacher with accouterments all green and gold, crows regularly about BU leading the nation in scoring. He announced that henceforth, he will preach one minute for each point the Bears score the previous week.

Those 70-point averages in mind, a deacon countered, “Go ahead if you must, pastor, but if you do, most of us will leave at the half.”

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, that we have bread on our table.

Amen

Patterson wants 4 states out of US

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — He's famous for never leaving home without a .22-caliber Magnum tucked in his boot. But if things ever really got dicey, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson says his first move would actually be for the lesser-known .380 he keeps in his waistband.

"It's like a smoke detector: You don't turn it on just for when you think you might get a fire," Patterson said during an interview with The Associated Press, showing off the pistols he carries everywhere. "It's like putting your billfold in your pocket. You either carry or you don't."

Patterson is hoping his penchant for packing heat can bolster him in the crowded, four-way Republican primary for Texas lieutenant governor. He's one of three top candidates trying to prove he's more conservative than incumbent David Dewhurst, even suggesting in a



slightly joking manner that rather than Texas seceding, the U.S. would be better off if four liberal states — California, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut — were kicked out of the union.

"I'm in favor of expulsion," he said. "New York, California, and there's some good people in New York and California, but their legislatures aren't representing them."

Patterson is known for his quick wit — but not everyone finds him funny. While serving in the state Senate in 1995,

he authored a concealed handgun law to allow Texans to take their firearms more places than nearly anywhere else in America. When a colleague proposed an amend-

ment barring weapons in the Capitol in case someone wanted to shoot at lawmakers, Patterson responded: "I don't know about you, but I'm going to return fire."

Though he's been land commissioner since 2003, the gun law remains his signature achievement.

"There's 580,000 concealed handgun license-holders in Texas," said Patterson, a retired, 24-year U.S. Marine Corps veteran. "I can win this race on that issue alone."

He may have to. A millionaire energy mogul, Dewhurst has been lieutenant governor

since 2003. Looking to unseat him with Patterson are Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and state Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston radio talk show host who founded

the state Legislature's Tea Party Caucus.

Dewhurst was the favorite to succeed the retiring Kay Bailey Hutchison during last year's Republican U.S. Senate primary, but was upset by then little-known former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, who convinced conservative grass-roots activists that Dewhurst was too moderate.

Now Patterson, Staples and Patrick are all attempting to energize the far right against Dewhurst. Patterson has his trademark pistols, Staples emphasizes his work protect-

ing ranchers on the Texas-Mexico border from drug smugglers, while Patrick has heralded his expansion of charter schools statewide as head of the Senate Education Committee.

"In a crowded field, you've got to stand apart," said Matthew Eschbaugh-Soha, a political science professor at the University of North Texas. But that only works to a point — especially since Patterson acknowledges all of his opponents are staunch Second Amendment defenders too.

The lieutenant governor oversees the flow of legislation in the state Senate. By contrast, Patterson said the office he's giving up is so low-profile that Texans often tell him

they can't vote for him because they don't live in his district — even though he represents the entire state.

Land commissioner is now best known as the post being sought by George P. Bush, the latest in his political-dynasty family to have his name appear on a Texas ballot.

Patterson has sparked outcry in some circles by complaining that federal endangered species laws are more about restricting energy companies than protecting the planet.

"Why is it that we created a law that imposes a burden to

protect every single species?" he asked. "I'm not suggesting that we just go wanton, without any regard for animals and plants and the environment. But it gets to the point of absurdity."

The frenzy to sway conservatives was on display this week, when Patrick released a television ad claiming he was the only lieutenant governor hopeful who opposes existing state law allowing the children of people who entered the U.S. illegally to pay in-state tuition at Texas universities if they graduated from high school in Texas. Patterson called Patrick a lair, saying he's long advocated for the 2001 law's repeal.

Patterson says he's the only candidate who can protect traditional Texas values as more people move here to take advantage of a state economy flush with new jobs.

"We want to preserve, protect, defend, advance those things we are rightly proud of," he said.

Then he went a step further, suggesting booting California, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut from the U.S.

"I get lots of questions all the time, 'Well, we should secede.' I say, 'No, I've got a better idea. Instead of secession, I'm a proponent of expulsion,'" he said. "I want to kick about four states out of this union."

Patterson eventually conceded: "This is a little tongue in cheek."

"But nonetheless," he continued, "just think about how different our country would be if New York and California weren't the tail wagging the dog. And those other states? It's not America."

West Texas attorney, wife revive town's heritage

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Abilene Reporter-News
COLORADO CITY, Texas (AP) — There are two schools of thought when it comes to guessing the original second-floor occupants of an old West Texas livery stable.

"It depends on what company you happen to be in," said Ty Wood, clearing his throat and then chuckling. "It was either a boardinghouse or a brothel."

Made of mud bricks from the Colorado River, this wasn't just any old barn. Built by buffalo hunter J. Wright Mooar in 1884, Ty and his wife Amie have owned it and a slightly newer building next door at 249 Walnut St. for about seven years. Before their purchase, the building's last incarnation was as a hardware store where Amie started her first job as a clerk when she was 15.

Sometime later, it was also where Ty proposed to her. Standing on a creaky wooden staircase, he said when he knelt down to pop the question, a flock of pigeons burst into the air.

"I told Amie, 'Well, they're not doves, but at least you know what you're getting into,'" he recalled with a laugh.

Before tackling the restoration of the old livery stable, however, they took on the newer building. Built in the early 1900s, it now hosts a home health care business and his law office.

Starting any restoration project is a challenge but the older a building, the bigger the task can be.

"This was our first project together, we spent two-and-a-half years, evenings and weekends, down here carpentering," Ty told the Abilene Reporter-News. "For better or worse, we did every bit of the carpentry work in here."

Replacing sections of the stamped tin ceiling made for delicate work but not because of the frailty of the surviving original pieces.

"The old pieces are strong. You can almost walk on them without bending them. But the new ones, you drop them and they're just ruined," Ty said, adding they were the thickness of a soda can. "Really hard to work with, we're glad we didn't have to buy too many."

The walls needed work, too. Textured with swirls and slight depressions, the original plan was to replace them with something smoother. But digging into them turned into a lesson on construction practices in the Old West.

"When we started chipping on everything, big old clumps of horse hair, tails and manes, started falling out," Ty said. "This stuff was horsehair stucco. They used that for tensile strength, like you'd use fiberglass now."

These days, the two are putting their efforts to bringing the old stable into modern use. Amie, who majored in anthropology at Texas Tech, used to hold archaeology camps when she was the director of the Heart of West Texas Museum. Peeling back the layers of wood, glass and stucco which covered the livery stable was a sedimentary trip through all the different styles of what people thought a building should look like during the 20th century.

A good example was the roof. As the old one was stripped away, they learned that nothing went to waste when it came to building materials, especially signs.

"One of the planks was an old billboard that said, 'Saves Lives.' We don't know what saved lives, but I ended up prying that off the roof before they put the new one on," Amie said. "So something saves lives and now we have a piece of that."

They kept a collection of whatever artifact that showed up, like horseshoes or old medicine bottles. Ty pointed out that each original plank nailed in the ceiling or a wall is held in by hand-forged nails.

"No two are alike," he said.

The couple was laughing one day looking over old deeds. In Mooar's time and for some years afterward, Colorado City was booming and land values reflected

that.

"Some of those lots that were over here on this side of town would go for \$10,000 a lot in 1880," he said. "Now you can buy those for like \$500."

That's some serious depreciation even without taking into account inflation. But change is in the wind for Colorado City.

"It's really a fun time right now in Colorado City," Ty said. "It's one of the first times — in a long time — where you can justify the expense of these projects as something that has the potential not to just be altruistic, but to be profitable."

Along Interstate 20, Ty described the price of land as having gone from \$500 to \$50,000 an acre thanks to interest in the Cline Shale. The couple's plan for the stable is to turn the bottom into office space and upstairs into lofts.

"Anybody can build a new building, but all these buildings have their own story," Ty said. "The reason you buy it, is because it has a great story behind it."

The livery stable is a link to the story of the Old West.

"These guys were at the battle of Adobe Walls, they were at Fort Griffin. If there was something that was

associated with this part of the world, they were at the middle of it," he said.

When the roof starts to go on these old buildings, Amie said that meant there might only be 10 or 15 years left before the structure is too far gone for repair.

"This was an intimidating project, 8,000 square feet of needing-something-done," Ty admitted. "But we always knew we were going to do something special with this."

"Instead of it being lost, it's something that 100 years from now someone can come inside and it will still be telling those stories."



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3 shots, 3 kills?

SEALs rescue in 2009 not so tidy

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON — After U.S. Navy SEAL snipers conducted a dramatic rescue in 2009 that freed a cargo ship captain being held by pirates, \$30,000 disappeared from a lifeboat, triggering an investigation that questioned the integrity of the commandos.

And military officials, who had said that just three shots were fired, soon learned that number was actually much higher in the killing of the pirates in the now-famous operation.

Those are among the messy details missing from previous accounts of the famous raid, including a new Hollywood version released Friday starring Tom Hanks.

On April 8, 2009, four armed Somali pirates scurried up the side of a large cargo ship, the Maersk Alabama, and took Capt. Richard Phillips and his crew hostage. In a failed attempt to get the pirates to leave, Phillips gave them \$30,000 from the ship safe. The pirates eventually abandoned the Maersk, jumping into a lifeboat and taking the cash and Phillips at gunpoint.

The USS Bainbridge, a destroyer that had responded to the hijacking, gave chase as the pirates headed toward the Somali coast. Days

later, a team of SEALs parachuted into the Indian Ocean and boarded the Bainbridge. During the crisis, the Navy persuaded the pirates to let the Bainbridge tow their lifeboat and then tricked the fourth pirate into coming aboard the Bainbridge.

As the Bainbridge reeled in the lifeboat for a better shot, the SEALs took up positions on the back of the warship and trained their sights on the three pirates.

On April 12, a gun unexpectedly went off inside the lifeboat, and the SEAL snipers opened fire. Seconds later, one or possibly two SEALs descended the tow rope and boarded the lifeboat, quickly shooting the pirates — one of whom was still alive. Former SEAL Matt Bissonnette recounted the episode in his memoir "No Easy Day." Bissonnette was deployed aboard the adjacent USS Boxer, an amphibious assault ship, when the rescue took place.

"Entering the life raft, they quickly and methodically re-engaged each pirate, making sure there was no more threat," Bissonnette recalled. "They found Phillips tied up in the corner unhurt."

In an interview, Phillips said he didn't see the SEALs firing inside the 25-foot lifeboat. But he said one of the pirates closest to him

was "gasping" and in a "death rattle." The young pirate had two serious chest wounds, he said. He didn't see the other two pirates at the other end of the lifeboat.

"There were clearly not three shots fired. They were riddled with bullets."

Attorney Philip L. Weinstein, who represented the surviving pirate later prosecuted in federal court, said his legal team had an expert examine photographs the government provided of the dead Somalis. The expert estimated about 19 rounds had been fired into the bodies, Weinstein said.

"There were clearly not three shots fired," Weinstein said. "They were riddled with bullets."

Under the Geneva Conventions, an enemy combatant who has been injured so severely that he no longer can fight is supposed to be protected and medically treated even as he is taken into custody. Scott L. Silliman, a professor at Duke University Law School and an expert

on wartime legal doctrine, said he believes the SEALs did nothing wrong. He said the SEALs had to make the assumption that the Somalis were armed and a continuing threat. In other words, they were still combatants.

"I think it is pretty clear under the military's rules of engagement that if the SEAL believed he still faced a threat against him, he was authorized to use lethal force," he said. "I think it was an appropriate use of force under these circumstances."

The \$30,000 was never recovered. As part of the investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, SEALs were polygraphed, according to former and current law enforcement and military officials who spoke under the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk about the case. It's not clear if all the SEALs who responded to the hijacking were polygraphed.

Nobody was exempt from questioning. Investigators interviewed Capt. Frank J. Michael, who was the executive officer of the Boxer and among the highest-ranking Navy personnel to enter the lifeboat after Phillips had been saved, a former U.S. official said.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Courtney L. Hillson declined to discuss SEAL tactics



Courtesy photo

Tom Hanks (center) plays the captain of a ship hijacked by Somali pirates in "Captain Phillips."

or specifics of the case but said: "The case was ultimately closed without evidence of wrongdoing."

Weinstein said his client, who pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nearly 34 years, had no idea who took the money, and he didn't think the pirates threw it overboard. Weinstein said there were plenty of people who had access to the lifeboat after the shooting stopped. He said the crime scene was "contaminated." According to Phillips' account of the kidnapping, the money could have easily been concealed in a small bag or someone's pockets.

In his book, Phillips writes that while he had been held hostage on the lifeboat, a pirate took the money out of a bag and began dividing up into piles. There were "two stacks of hundreds, one of fifties, then twenties, fives, and tens ... I never saw the money again. Later, when they gave me a sack to lean against, I felt the stacks of money inside, but I never spotted the cash out in the open again."

Kevin Speers, a spokesman for Maersk Line Ltd., said the missing money remains a mystery: "We simply don't know."

In the new film "Captain Phillips," viewers shouldn't look to the movie for the complete story. It doesn't depict the aftermath inside the lifeboat or the criminal investigation that followed.

Director Paul Greengrass said the movie wasn't intended to tackle every twist and turn, but hews to the truth.

Greengrass said he was aware of the shooting that took place inside the lifeboat and grappled with how much bloodshed to depict. In the end, he made narrative judgments, including that the final violence wasn't necessary. The result was the same: Phillips was saved, and the pirates were killed.

And what happened to the money didn't concern him.

"Movies are not journalism," Greengrass said. "Movies are not history."

Van Gogh's artistic 'repetitions' featured in DC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vincent van Gogh's various versions of some of his well-known paintings are featured in the first major exhibit of his artwork in Washington in 15 years at The Phillips Collection.

"Van Gogh Repetitions" opens Saturday to examine some of the artist's familiar paintings, looking at how he repeated certain compositions during his 10-year career. It was organized with the Cleveland Museum of Art, which will host the exhibit in March.

The new exhibit is a bright spot for museum visitors in the midst of a massive shutdown of Washington's federally funded museums and attractions. It's the

result of an eight-year collaboration with curators in Cleveland and will be on view in Washington until Jan. 26.

Phillips Collection Director Dorothy Kosinski said much of van Gogh's legacy and accomplishments are often distorted or forgotten.

"We think of his mental illness, we think of the anguish and rapidity of his working method," Kosinski said. "And what this exhibition does in a very, very thoughtful way is to force us to look deeply, in a sense to perch on his shoulder in the studio, in the fields to follow his process, and to see how deliberate he was."

It's a project that is "both sexy and has

brains," she said, because it will draw visitors but also teach them how to look at pictures.

Curators brought together more than 30 paintings and works on paper, following van Gogh's career in the Netherlands and in France.

They began with van Gogh's 1889 paintings "The Large Plane Trees," held by the Cleveland Museum of Art, and "The Road Menders," which belongs to the Phillips. These are the first two versions of a composition van Gogh sought to perfect. They are usually displayed separately but now hang side by side, showing how van Gogh developed the scene's trees, human figures and other details.

Another featured repetition includes van Gogh's series of portraits of "The Postman Joseph Roulin" in Arles, France.

Roulin was a friend and drinking companion to van Gogh. After Roulin's third child was born, van Gogh remarked that his friend was "aglow," and he wanted to paint a portrait of the proud father.

He went on to make six paintings and three drawings of his friend.

The portraits have rarely, if ever, been shown together, curators said. They are usually displayed individually by museums in New

York, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

During the period when he was painting the postman, van Gogh sliced off part of his ear in 1888 and was hospitalized. Roulin visited van Gogh in the hospital and took him on walks. One painting was likely intended as a gift for the loyal friend, curators said.

Van Gogh experimented with different colors and backgrounds as he painted his postman friend in uniform.

"Many artists repeat themselves. Many artists do a work on site and come back to the

studio to revise it, refine it, strengthen the composition ... but we learn a great deal about van Gogh from looking at how he did this," said curator Eliza Rathbone.

Van Gogh was interested in transforming his portrait into something more universal, she said. In his paintings, he used color to express harmonies and emotions in ways that give viewers of his work a "felt response," Rathbone said.

"What we see really," Rathbone said, "is an artist who is turning the corner into the 20th century and lays the groundwork for great artists like Matisse."

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Where to find JFK history 50 years after his death

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Three cities loom large in the life and death of John F. Kennedy: Washington, D.C., where he was president and senator; Dallas, where he died; and Boston, where he was born.

With the 50th anniversary of his Nov. 22, 1963 assassination at hand, all three offer places where you can learn more about him or honor his legacy.

Here's a list of museums, monuments, historic sites and events in those cities and a few others around the country. (Note several sites are affected by the federal government shutdown.)

BOSTON AREA

Tour: A walking tour of downtown Boston looks at JFK as an emerging politician in the context of his Irish immigrant ancestors and family political connections, with stops at the JFK statue on the Boston State House lawn; the Union Oyster House, where he often dined in an upstairs booth; the Parker House hotel, where he proposed to Jacqueline Bouvier, and Faneuil Hall, where he gave his last speech in the 1960 campaign. The \$12 tour meets Wednesday-Saturday, 11:30 a.m., Boston Common Visitor Center, 139 Tremont St., <http://www.kennedytour.com>.

Presidential Library and Museum: The I.M. Pei-designed museum houses permanent displays on the campaign trail, Kennedy's family and the first lady, along with special exhibits on the Cuban missile crisis and Jackie's White House years, <http://www.jfklibrary.org/> (temporarily closed by shutdown).

Birthplace: Kennedy, one of nine children, was born at 83 Beals St., in Brookline, a Boston suburb, in 1917. The house is a National Park site, <http://www.nps.gov/jofi> (temporarily closed by shutdown).

Hyannis: In the 1920s, JFK's father Joseph bought a waterfront vacation home for his family in Hyannis Port on Cape Cod, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from Boston. Other family members including JFK bought property nearby.

A seasonal cruise operates through Oct. 27 offering views of the Kennedy Compound from the water, <http://www.hylineharborcruise.com>. The privately operated JFK Hyannis Museum, open through November, has an exhibit on his last visits to the Cape, <http://jfkhyannismuseum.org>.

DALLAS AREA

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza: Kennedy's assassin Lee Harvey Oswald fired at the president's motorcade from a window on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. The site is now the Sixth Floor Museum.

The privately operated museum has exhibits about the assassination and is hosting a series of talks by individuals connected to the events of that day, including authors of several new books; 411 Elm St., <http://www.jfk.org>.

Memorial ceremony: On Nov. 22, church bells will toll citywide at 12:25 p.m., followed by a moment of silence at 12:30 p.m., the time of the shooting.

Events in Dealey Plaza will include Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough reading JFK speeches, a performance by the U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club, a military flyover and prayers. Public viewing screens will be set up around the city to broadcast the event for members of the public who were not among the 5,000 lucky enough to get tickets, <http://50thhonoringjohnfkennedy.com/>.



Associated Press photo

Remembering JFK, 50 years later.

Other local sites connected to the assassination: Love Field airport (where JFK landed in Dallas and where Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president to replace him); Parkland Hospital (where Kennedy was taken and where Oswald died after being shot by Jack Ruby); and a marker in the Oak Cliff neighborhood at 10th and Patton streets where Oswald shot a police officer, J.D. Tippit.

A 99-cent app, "JFK in Dallas 50," offers an interactive map of Dallas, video and images related to the shooting, <https://itunes.apple.com/app/jfk-in-dallas-50/id694762432?mt=8>.

Dallas LOVE Project: Dallas was branded the "City of Hate" after the killing. Some 30,000 works of art reflecting on Dallas as a city of love are going up around town this fall to mark the anniversary, <http://dallasloveproject.is/>.

JFK Tribute: This sculpture of Kennedy in Fort Worth marks the spot where JFK spoke the morning of Nov. 22 to crowds gathered outside his hotel, now the Fort Worth Hilton, <http://www.jfktribute.com/>.

Amon Carter Museum of American Art: Through Jan. 12, the museum hosts "Hotel Texas: An Art Exhibition for the President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy," which includes a Picasso and other works of art that were originally loaned by local collectors for a display in the hotel suite where the Kennedys spent the night before his assassination, <http://www.cartermuseum.org/>.

University of Texas at Arlington Libraries: An exhibit of 80 photos shows JFK and the first lady during their visit to Fort Worth, just before he arrived in Dallas, <http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2013/08/JFK-FWST-exhibit.php>.

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Arlington National Cemetery (Virginia): Kennedy's gravesite is marked with an eternal flame, in accordance with his widow's wishes, <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/VisitorInformation/MonumentMemorials/JFK.aspx> (open despite shutdown).

Newseum: Through Jan. 5, this privately operated museum hosts three exhibits related to JFK: "Creating Camelot," family photos; "Three Shots Were Fired," including arti-

facts like the Zapruder movie camera, which captured the shooting on film; and "A Thousand Days," a short documentary about JFK's 1,000-day administration, <http://newseum.org/exhibits-and-theaters/temporary-exhibits/jfk/>. On Nov. 22, the Newseum hosts a "JFK Remembrance Day" including discussions and a three-hour rebroadcast of CBS News' live coverage of the assassination.

An evening program, "Eyewitness to History: The JFK Assassination 50 Years Later," is scheduled for Nov. 20.

Smithsonian's National Museum of American History: Items related to the Kennedys can be found in exhibits on presidential elections and first ladies' inaugural gowns, <http://americanhistory.si.edu/> (temporarily closed by shutdown).

ELSEWHERE

Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich.: The museum houses the limousine Kennedy was riding in when

he was shot. A lecture series about JFK and the assassination is scheduled for Nov. 18-22, <http://www.thehenryford.org/research/kennedyLimo.aspx> and <http://www.thehenryford.org/jfkremembered>.

Dartmouth College's Baker-Berry Library, in Hanover, N.H.: Through Dec. 20, "The Grassy Knoll Revisited: On the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of JFK," offers artifacts connected to the assassination, along with a digital forensic analysis of a photo of Oswald holding a rifle and Marxist newspapers, <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~library/exhibits/bakerberry/index.html>.

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh: "Passing the Torch" is a symposium featuring experts on the assassination, including investigators, a physician who attended Kennedy, and an appearance by Oliver Stone, director of the film "JFK," Oct. 17-19, <http://www.duq.edu/jfk>.

AN OPEN LETTER TO GOD AND THE TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

A couple of weeks ago, Trinity Baptist Church was able to pay off its multi-million dollar mortgage on our new facilities. The mortgage was scheduled to be paid off in 5 years, and yet it was paid off in 4+ years. As the pastor of this good church, I want to use this means to publicly thank the ones who were responsible. First,

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Our God is so good to us. In fact, according to James 1:17, every good thing we have "is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." Time and again, over these past several years, I have seen Him do miraculous things for our church financially. Eph. 3:20 says "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..." I have been privileged to see just how true that verse is. So I want to say, with all of my heart, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

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Every pastor is proud of his people, and that is certainly true concerning me. Your commitment to give, even though you often had to sacrifice to do it, is why God has done this wonderful thing for us. I can not tell you how much I love you, and how proud I am of you. My prayer is that, soon, our new auditorium will be filled and that it will be a place where many precious souls come to Christ.

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► News in brief

U.S. nuclear force now hit with alleged top-level misbehavior

WASHINGTON (AP) — First it was bad attitudes among young officers in nuclear missile launch centers. Now it's alleged bad behavior by two of the nuclear arsenal's top commanders.

Together, the missteps spell trouble for a nuclear force doubted by some for its relevance, defended by others as vital to national security and now compelled to explain how the firing of key commanders this week should not shake public confidence.

The Air Force on Friday fired Maj. Gen. Michael Carey, who was in charge of its nuclear missiles. Two days earlier the Navy sacked Vice Adm. Tim Giardina, the second-in-command at U.S. Strategic Command, which writes the military's nuclear war plans and would transmit launch orders should the nation ever go to nuclear war.

In an Associated Press interview Friday, the nation's most senior nuclear commander, Air Force Gen. Robert Kehler, said he told his bosses, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and the Joint Chiefs chairman, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, that despite the two "unfortunate behavioral incidents," the nuclear force is stable.

"I still have 100 percent confidence that the nation's nuclear deterrent force is safe, secure and effective," Kehler said from his Strategic Command headquarters in Nebraska.

Plan developing among bipartisan Senate group would reopen government and raise debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — With talks having stalled between the White House and House Republicans, a bipartisan group in the Senate is polishing a measure that would reopen the government and prevent a first-ever default on the country's bills.

The negotiations in the Senate come as the chamber meets in a rare Saturday session to vote on a Democratic measure to lift the government's borrowing cap through the end of next year. Republicans are poised to reject it amid talks among the group of rank-and-file senators — talks monitored with the full attention of Senate leaders.

The bipartisan group's focus is on a proposal by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and others that would pair a six-month plan to keep the government open with an increase in the government's borrowing limit through January.

House Republicans, meanwhile, are slated to meet Saturday morning to get an update from their leaders as matters come to a head.

President Barack Obama on Friday privately turned away a House plan to link the reopening of the government — and a companion measure to temporarily increase the government's borrowing cap — to concessions on the budget.

Wind, rain, seawater pound India as cyclone roars toward coast

BHUBANESHWAR, India (AP) — Strong winds and heavy rains pounded India's eastern coastline Saturday, as hundreds of thousands of people took shelter from a massive, powerful cyclone that was expected to reach land in a few hours.

The skies were dark — almost black — at mid-morning in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Orissa state and about 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the coast. Roaring winds made palm trees sway wildly, and to the south, seawater was pushing inland.

By Friday evening, some 600,000 people had been moved to higher ground or shelters in Orissa, which is expected to bear the brunt of the cyclone, said Surya Narayan Patro, the state's top disaster management official.

About 12 hours before Cyclone Phailin's expected landfall, meteorologists held out hope that it might hit while in a temporary weakened state. But no matter what, it was forecast to be large and deadly. Satellite images showed the cyclone filling nearly the entire Bay of Bengal, an area larger than France.

"A storm this large can't peter out that fast," said Ryan Maue, a meteorologist at Weather Bell, a private U.S. weather firm. "There's nothing to stop it at this point."

Arizona, some other states agree to U.S. government offer on reopening shuttered national parks

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Arizona officials say tourists should be able to return to Grand Canyon National Park Saturday after the state along with several counterparts agreed to a federal government plan.

But the Obama administration's OK to reopen parks closed by the government shutdown came with a big caveat: States must foot the bill with money they likely won't see again.

So far, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Arizona and New York have agreed. Governors in other states were trying to gauge what would be the bigger economic hit — paying to keep the parks operating or losing the tourist money that flows when the scenic attractions are open.

South Dakota and several corporate donors worked out a deal with the National Park Service to reopen Mount Rushmore beginning Monday. Gov. Dennis Daugaard said it will cost \$15,200 a day to pay the federal government to run the landmark in the Black Hills.

He said he wired four days' worth of the donations on Friday.

U.S. officials say progress made in Afghan talks over allowing American troops to stay past 2014

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry extended talks on Saturday with Afghan President Hamid Karzai over the contentious security deal to allow American troops to remain in the country after the NATO-led military mission ends next year.

Talks on a bilateral security agreement that the United States wants by the end of October were extended by at least two hours and a spokesman for Karzai's office said they would go on until the early afternoon.

U.S. officials said some progress had been made but it was unclear if that was the reason for the continued talks. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the negotiations.

Kerry's unannounced overnight visit to Kabul comes as talks foundered over issues of Afghan sovereignty despite a year of negotiations. Discussions have repeatedly stalled in recent weeks over Karzai's demand for American guarantees against future foreign intervention from countries like Pakistan, and U.S. demands for any post-2014 residual force to be able to conduct counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations.

The situation deteriorated in the past week following a series of angry comments from

Karzai that the United States and NATO were repeatedly violating Afghanistan's sovereignty and inflicting suffering on its people.

Israeli 'plug' and 'socket' TV ads critics demand clarity on sexuality

JERUSALEM (AP) — The goal was merely to promote clean energy in Israel — but television ads starring a pair of male puppets called "plug" and "socket" have instead unleashed a debate about gay pride.

The puppets, named Sheka and Teka in Hebrew, have appeared in ads for the state-owned Israel Electric Corp. for more than a decade. Israelis have long playfully questioned whether they might be gay. But the arrival of a baby puppet in the new campaign set off fresh speculation about their sexual orientation.

The ads highlight a striking paradox of the Holy Land: Although religion holds great sway and there is no civil marriage, gays have gained a widespread acceptance that is increasingly noted around the world. Gay activists demand the ad characters, who have a close but ambiguous relationship, officially come out of the closet.

Some gay rights advocates accuse the company of being intentionally ambiguous about their sexuality in a cynical publicity ploy.



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Oh, so close

BSHS rally falls just short against Wylie

By JONATHAN MARSHALL

Special to the Herald

ABILENE — The scene and plot seemed all too familiar for Big Spring Friday night as they visited Wylie for its District 4-3A opener.

Much like 2012, Big Spring dropped their game against the Bulldogs, this time by a 37-35 score. But, perhaps this time around felt different.

The Steers trailed the Bulldogs 21-0 in the second quarter but rallied to score 35 points between the second and fourth quarters, outscoring Wylie 15-0 in the final period alone.

Big Spring had a chance to get the win in the closing seconds, but Devin Roberson's 42-yard field goal attempt missed wide left with 49 seconds remaining.

"Just like we heard in our pep rally today, you can't measure heart," Big Spring Head Coach Philip Ritchey said. "We might have been smaller, out-numbered but our kids showed a lot of heart tonight. Being down like we were down and to come back like we did, it speaks volumes for our kids and our coaching staff."

"We work hard just like Wylie does," Ritchey added. "They've got a great team. Coach Sandifer. They do things right. It was a great football game. (It's) a gut-wrenching loss for us. We felt like we had it but just flew wide left."

Quarterback Tobyn Tannehill was his explosive dual threat self, throwing for 291 yards and rushing for 160. The junior had four touchdowns total, with two each coming off passes and rushes.

Wide receiver Tate Kennedy was on the receiving end of those two passes and led both teams with nine catches for 100 yards.

Wylie looked strong on the game's open-



Photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Above, Big Spring's Chris Lindem (44) upends an Abilene Wylie ball carrier during action from their game Friday night in Abilene. Below, BSHS quarterback Tobyn Tannehill scores on a touchdown run.

ing drive. The Bulldogs compiled four first downs before Tye Calhoun scored on a 2-yard run. Their lead would quickly increase to 14-0 after a Blake Frampton 4-yard pass to Baylen Baker.

The Steers saw themselves down 21-0 following a 5-yard Hayden Lewis touchdown run. The score was made possible after Tannehill was picked off by Ryan Daniell.

Big Spring got on the board thanks to a 1-yard run from Hunter Hill. The momentum still was slow to turn, however, with Wylie scoring on its next possession. Following 1 Frampton to Logan Gilliam 33-yard connection, Big Spring gave up a safety on the ensuing kickoff, making it 30-7.

However, the half ended on a 13-0 run from the Steers. Tannehill started it off with an 81-yard run off a read option. He then connected with Kennedy on a 13-yard pass to make it 30-20

at halftime.

Big Spring trailed 37-20 entering the fourth where the Steers were able to deny the Wylie offense any further production in addition to putting up 15 unanswered points of their own.

Tannehill scored on a 18-yard run and was followed up by a 25-yard field goal from Roberson. Kennedy got his second touchdown pass of the game off a 4-yard pass from Tannehill. The Steers went for two-point conversions on both fourth quarter touchdowns (and one in the second).

With the score 37-35, Wylie was forced to punt and Big Spring faced 84 yards of grass on the way to a possible win. They got a big play with Kennedy and Roberson hooking up on a hook and lateral with Roberson taking the ball 56 yards deep into Bulldogs territory.

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Self, Buffaloes race past Haskell, 35-6



Courtesy photo/Shawn McVicar

Forsan tailback Kolby Self (24) runs past a Haskell defender during their District 4-1A football game Friday night in Forsan.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — What the Forsan Buffaloes lacked in quantity, they made up for in quality Friday night.

The Buffs, who suited up only 19 players, opened District 4-1A play in fine fashion Friday, taking a 35-6 victory over the Haskell Indians at Buffaloes Stadium.

Forsan (3-4) was in control throughout the contest — the Buffaloes led 14-0 after one quarter and 27-0 at intermission.

Considering that his team has been battling injuries for the past several weeks and were coming off a tough stretch of losses against Class 2A teams, Friday's result was a welcome change of pace for FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips.

"We needed this," Phillips said. "With all the injuries we've been dealing with, it was good to be able to come out and establish the running game. The secondary played well, also. Haskell likes to spread

the field and get guys into open space, but our coverage was good all night. It was just a good overall effort."

Three starters returned to action after missing considerable time this season, which definitely helped. Another factor not to be overlooked was that the Buffs were finally playing a team from a similarly sized school after several weeks of playing teams from larger schools.

"We finally played against a Class 1A team," Phillips said. "We were able to match up much better, size-wise, than we've been able to the past few weeks."

Spearheading the Buffs' ground game was tailback Kolby Self, who accounted for more than 200 yards in offense Friday — he gained 188 yards on 17 carries (an impressive 11.06 per-carry average) and caught a pass for 27 additional yards.

"He's another one of our guys who hasn't been really healthy

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Coahoma's Shanen Warneke waits for play to resume against Stanton Friday night.

Stanton rallies past Bulldogs

Earns 16-14 win in district opener for both teams

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

STANTON — The game just ended a little too late for the Coahoma Bulldogs Friday night.

The 'Dogs raced out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead against the Stanton Buffalos, only to watch as Stanton rallied for 16 unanswered points to take a 16-14 victory Friday night in Stanton.

It was all Coahoma in the early going.

Brandon Coker opened the scoring six minutes into the first quarter when he collected a 7-yard scoring pass from Braxton Iden. Iden then pushed Coahoma's lead to 14-0 with a 44-yard touchdown run with 14 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, that was the extent of their scoring for the evening,

and Stanton began slowly chipping away at the Coahoma lead.

Stanton quarterback K.J. Glaspie put the Buffs on the board in the second quarter, hooking up with Drew Snellgrove on a 37-yard scoring pass to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 14-7 at intermission.

The lone scoring of the third quarter came on a Stanton field goal to bring the Buffalos to within 14-10, and that's how the score remained until late in the fourth quarter, when SHS mounted the eventual winning drive, which culminated in Estevan Chavez crossing the goal line to give Stanton a 16-14 edge.

Coahoma wasn't finished, however — the Bulldogs moved the ball to inside the Stanton 10-yard-line late in the game, but a pair of penalties pushed them back and their

final play ended just short of the first down marker.

"I thought the kids played hard and well enough to win," CHS Coach Trey Gardner said. "We just had a few unfortunate events occur at untimely occasions."

The Bulldogs (1-5 overall, 0-1 in district play) were led by Iden, who had 115 rushing yards and the scoring pass, and Kyler Franks, who gained 102 yards on 14 carries.

Stat-wise, the game was as even as the final score indicated — Stanton out-gained Coahoma by just 13 total yards.

The Bulldogs return to action Friday when they host Sonora. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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Cards open NLCS with 3-2 victory

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Everything Carlos Beltran does looks effortless. St. Louis Cardinals teammates joke that it's like he's from another world.

"It's like you've got to put a mirror under his nose to check if he's breathing, he's so calm, cool and relaxed," lead-off man Matt Carpenter said after Beltran delivered another big October performance in a 3-2, 13-inning victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday night.

"It's like jazz music is playing in his head. He's just so even-keel, nothing gets to him."

Beltran hit a tying, two-run double in the third inning. Then he took charge on defense, calling center fielder Jon Jay off the ball be-

fore throwing out a runner at the plate from shallow right field in the 10th to keep it even.

"I felt I was going to have a better angle so I called for the ball about five or six times," Beltran said. "And Jon Jay was able to hear me and leave it up to me."

Well past midnight at Busch Stadium, but with most of a sellout crowd still waiting expectantly, Beltran singled into the right-field corner with one out against Kenley Jansen to finish a game that took 4 hours, 47 minutes.

Neither team had much time to exhale before Game 2 Saturday afternoon, scheduled to start 14½ hours after Daniel Descalso crossed the plate. It features a marquee pitch-

ing matchup — major league ERA leader Clayton Kershaw vs. Cardinals rookie Michael Wacha, who's flirted with no-hitters his last two starts.

"If the rest of this series is like this game," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said, "it should be a pretty good one."

Beltran has 16 home runs, 12 doubles and 34 RBIs in 40 career postseason games, and is hitting .345. He's also scored 42 runs and stolen 11 bases while with the Astros, Mets and Cardinals.

The eight-time All-Star is hoping this year ends with his first trip to the World Series.

It was the longest postseason game for the Dodgers since the 1916

World Series, when Babe Ruth pitched all 14 innings to lead the Boston Red Sox past Brooklyn.

This one also tied for the longest series opener in postseason history, according to STATS. Boston and Cleveland played 13 innings in their 1995 AL division series, with the Indians winning 5-4.

Descalso had a pinch-hit single with one out in the 13th off rookie Chris Withrow, and Matt Carpenter walked. Jansen, usually the Dodgers' closer, relieved and Beltran won it with his hit on a 3-1 count.

The Cardinals are unbeaten in extra-inning postseason games since dropping the opener of the 1946 World Series to Boston.

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By Steve Becker

The One and Only Chance

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ K 5 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ K Q 9
♣ J 10 6 3

WEST
♠ 10 7 3
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ J 10 7 6 4
♣ 4

EAST
♠ Q J 6
♥ A 10 9 6 5
♦ A 8 2
♣ K 7

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8 4
♥ K
♦ 5 3
♣ A Q 9 8 5 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1♥ 2♣ Pass 2NT
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣
Pass 5♣

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Assume you get to five clubs on the bidding shown and West leads a heart. East wins with the ace, felling your king, and returns a heart. What is your best chance for the contract?

The outlook is certainly not promising. In addition to the heart already lost, it seems likely that you'll have to lose a spade and a dia-

mond. True, you might also lose a trump trick, but you should discount that possibility because East is almost sure to have the king of clubs for his opening bid.

Despite this dim outlook, though, you should try to visualize a lie of the opposing cards that might give you a chance for the contract. It can't be right to just give up without a fight.

This brings you to the conclusion that while there is practically no chance of West holding the ace of diamonds, there is a chance of his holding the J-10 of that suit.

Accordingly, you discard a spade on the heart queen at trick two and lead the jack of clubs from dummy. When the jack wins, you continue with a trump to the ace and then lead a diamond toward the K-Q-9.

After West follows low, you insert the nine, hoping it will force East's ace. Luckily, this long shot comes through, and you later discard a spade on one of dummy's diamonds to make your game.

Note that even if dummy's nine loses to the ten or jack, you still go down only one. A second diamond lead later will force out the ace, allowing you to avoid a spade loser.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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lately," Phillips said. "He's still not 100 per-

cent, but he was close to it (Friday). He's got very good speed and one of our goals every game is to get him on the edge of the defense and get him in open space and we were able to do that last night."

Phillips also had praise for his defense, which blanked Haskell's spread offense until the Indians scored a meaningless touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

"They played great,"

Phillips said of his defensive charges. "Haskell tries to spread you out and they throw the ball 60-70 percent of the time, which really puts pressure on you in the open field. But our guys did a good job of open-field tackling and pass coverage Friday."

The Buffaloes are idle next Friday, a welcome respite to a team still battling the injury bug, before returning to action Oct. 25 at Stamford.

STEERS

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The offense stalled, however, leaving Roberson with a chance to win the game with the 42-yard field goal. The Steers were out of timeouts after the miss and Wylie kneeled the rest of the way.

"This year, we came back and had a chance to win the game," Ritchey said. "Last year we didn't. We played hard last year too. We played a good game. Kids made plays tonight. It's just a heart breaking lost."

Wylie's Hayden Lewis led the Bulldogs with 144 yards on 25 carries.

Big Spring, 4-2, hosts Snyder next Friday. Ritchey said he thinks his team is stronger mentally and will be able to bounce back from Friday's loss as a tough district awaits.

"This is a tough one to have to overcome," he said of the loss. "No doubt about it. To be that close and lose it like that. Snyder is a good team we don't need to be in an 0-2 hole. We've gotta come out on our home field and play like we know we can play and I think it will be alright."

Sudoku Answer on Page 3A

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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On the run

Above, Forsan's Jesse Cervantes tries to elude a Haskell tackler during the Buffaloes' 35-6 victory Friday night in Forsan. At left, Big Spring's Hunter Hill steps into the end zone at the end of a scoring run against Abilene Wylie Friday. Wylie edged the Steers, 37-35.

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Courtesy photo/Kim Ware
Sands' Aaron Ragle carries the ball during the Mustangs' 56-42 victory over Klondike Friday night.

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Thorndale 28, Weimar 22
Three Rivers 36, Yorktown 6
Valley Mills 28, Jewett Leon 18
Valley View 37, Chico 20
White Deer 59, Higgins 14
Windthorst 20, Archer City 19
Wink 36, Van Horn 7
Wolfe City 40, Honey Grove 20
Woodsboro 46, Runge 7

Blanket 48, Rising Star 14
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Buckholts 59, Prairie Lea 0
Cherokee 64, Lohn 13
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Create a Fun and Flavorful FALL GATHERING

FAMILY FEATURES

Autumn brings colorful foliage and perfect weather for entertaining indoors and out. As you plan your fall gatherings, consider stopping by your local farmers market to pick up all the ingredients necessary for preparing a savory home cooked feast that's sure to please any crowd. See how local inspiration and fresh ingredients led celebrity Chef Tim Love to create his most recent recipes.

Every fall, Chef Love takes inspiration from the end of summer harvest to create unique dishes, like his latest recipe for Balsamic Turkey Meatloaf with Balsamic Mayonnaise. Ripe fall vegetables are the inspiration for his Grilled Chicken Thighs with Sweet Potato-Balsamic Salad and his Grilled Brussels Sprouts with Balsamic Mayonnaise. All three recipes include Hellmann's® Creamy Balsamic Mayonnaise Dressing, which combines the rich, great taste of Hellmann's® that you love with a touch of sweet, aged balsamic vinegar.

Whether you're hosting a casual evening with friends or having the whole family over for a relaxing Sunday afternoon, these simple recipes are perfect for any occasion. Pair the dishes with clean table decor and your favorite refreshing beverages for an easy evening of entertaining. Carry a traditional theme throughout the table by using mismatched plates, cutlery and glasses. Tie napkins and cutlery together with twine, and then tuck in a little bouquet of fresh herbs from the garden to add a dash of color and homegrown goodness.

For a daytime gathering, take the dining table outside to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and final weeks of grilling season. Lay out a blanket for the kids to picnic, and add a few games to keep them entertained. Savor the season by enjoying delicious meals and lasting memories in the company of your loved ones. For more recipes, visit www.Hellmanns.com.

Grilled Chicken Thighs with Sweet Potato-Balsamic Salad

A Chef Tim Love recipe

Serves 4

Grilled chicken thighs:

- 4 chicken thighs, skin removed
- Peanut oil
- 2 tablespoons Tim Love Poultry Rub (or your favorite poultry rub)

Sweet potato-balsamic salad:

- 2 cups large dice sweet potatoes
- 3 strips cooked bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup julienned onion
- 1/2 cup minced red pepper
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Creamy Balsamic Mayonnaise Dressing
- Salt and pepper

Preheat grill to 400°F. Rub thighs with peanut oil and poultry rub. Place thighs on grill and close lid for 5 minutes. Open grill lid and flip chicken. Close lid and let cook for five more minutes until chicken is done (168°F).

Meanwhile, poach sweet potato in salted water for 5 minutes. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Season with salt and pepper.



Grilled Brussels Sprouts with Balsamic Mayonnaise

A Chef Tim Love recipe

Serves 4

- 20 Brussels sprouts
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 red chile, minced
- 1/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Creamy Balsamic Mayonnaise Dressing

Preheat grill to medium high. Fill large saucepan half full of water and bring to a boil. Add Brussels sprouts and simmer for 4 minutes. Make water bath of half ice and water. Place sprouts in bath to cool quickly.

Cut in half lengthwise. Oil sprout halves. Season with salt and pepper. Grill for 1 minute each side. Top with minced chile. Serve with mayonnaise.

Balsamic Turkey Meatloaf

A Chef Tim Love recipe

Serves 6

- 1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 white onion, diced
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Creamy Balsamic Mayonnaise Dressing
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato juice
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix all ingredients, place in loaf pan and bake for 1 hour.



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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Tye Baker

K'Leigh Marae Fowler and Jeremy Tye Baker were married Saturday Oct. 5, 2013, at Moss Creek Ranch near Big Spring, Texas. An elegant, vintage country reception with refreshments and dancing followed.

The ceremony was officiated by Rick Cunningham, minister at 14th and Main Street Church of Christ.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the 14th and Main Street Church of Christ.

Given in marriage and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless empire waist tulle gown

with crisscross rushing across the bodice. She carried a bridal bouquet of Queen Anne's lace, Free Spirit novelty roses, cream spray roses, white hydrangeas tipped in gold and bronze, cream-colored coffee beans, seeded eucalyptus, studded with turquoise beads wrapped in burlap and lace.

The wedding party included maid of honor, Paige Jackson and flower girls, Haylie and Hadlee Cooper, nieces of the bride, and Karly and Landry Baker, nieces of the groom.

The best man was Dustin Baker, brother of the groom. The groom's attendants were his toddler twin nephews, Cade and Cooper Baker along with Hunter Tindol, nephew of the bride.

Ushers were Tyler Fowler and Mason Moore, brothers of the bride. Kylie Gee and Sarah Herrod, friends of the bride, greeted guests on arrival.

The bride and groom travelled from the reception in their granddaddy Ted's Rolls Royce. Parents of the bride are Joe and Cindy Fowler and Brian and Karen Moore.

Parents of the groom are Jerry and Carlon Baker. The bride's grandparents in attendance were Ted and Bell Fowler, James and Billie Proctor and Mona Moore.

The groom's grandparents in attendance were Doyle and Caroline Hobbs.

After a wedding trip to the Dallas area, the couple made their home in San Angelo along with their Labrador retriever, Riggins.

Jordin Erin Chesworth and Richard Lee Crawford, both of Big Spring, Texas, were united in marriage Saturday, March 9, 2013, at College Baptist Church, Big Spring, Texas.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Calvary Callendar of First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring, Texas. The sand ceremony was officiated by Gary Phillips, family friend of the bride. Music for the ceremony was provided by soloist Amanda Kleeb and accompanied by Jeff Kleeb.

The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Candy Chesworth of Big Spring. Jordan's grandparents are the late Stephen and Maxine Forshee and the late James and Sylvia Chesworth. The groom is the son of Jerry and Sonya Crawford of Coahoma, Texas.

Ricky is the grandson of Carl Crawford and the late Sarah Crawford and Charles Garrett and the late Beaton Garrett.

Sydney Leatham, friend of the bride registered guests as they entered the church. Brian Chesworth, cousin of the bride, Jesse Metcalf, Jaylan Everett and Fabian Serrano, all friends of the groom, escorted guests to their seats.

The front of the church was centered with a large free-standing wooden cross and flanked on each side were vases of peacock feathers and greenery. The church pews were marked with silk peacocks sitting upon blue tulle bows and peacock feathers.

The bride was escorted to the groom by her dad.

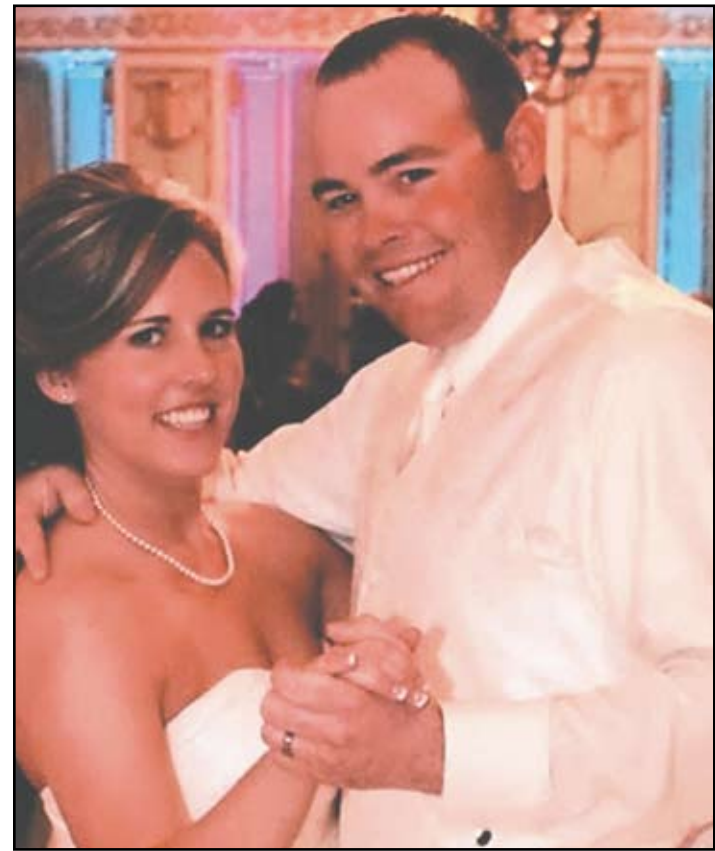
The bride wore a strapless floor-length ivory gown that was scattered with seed pearls and swarovski crystals. Jordan's chapel-length veil completed her ensemble. The veil also was scattered with seed pearls and swarovski crystals.

Matron of honor was Lauren Barber, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Krista Braxton, Nicole Woodard, both cousins of the bride, Traci Brookings, sister of the groom and Brandi McClenney, Tina Nikkila and Sarah Taylor, all friends of the bride. The attendants all wore short, strapless, Malibu-colored dresses.

Flower girls were Lainie Brookings, niece of the groom, Kayla Smith, cousin of the bride and Addison Woodard, cousin of the bride.

Banner bearers were Travis Smith, cousin of the bride and Raider Stokes. Ring bearers were Slim and Chunk Lewis, nephews of the groom.

Best man was Rusty Crawford, twin brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Eric Barber, Monty Brook-



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Crawford

ings, Nate Campbell, Raul Garcia, Randall Hipp and Chance O'Daniel.

The reception along with dinner and dancing were held at the historic Hotel Settles. The bride's cake was a six-tiered confection covered in ivory buttercream frosting with each tier being a different flavor.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake shaped as a baseball field depicting the Texas Rangers. Strawberries decorated as baseballs surrounded the cake.

Family friends, Donna Mansfield and Rhonda Simpson served at the groom's table.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Papa Chon's restaurant on Friday evening. Following a honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple made their home in Big Spring.

Club News

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association will meet for the regular monthly meeting on Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

September was the 59th anniversary of the organization of the BSAA.

The program this month will be presented by Linda Rupard Irving who will demonstrate new techniques using acrylic paints that she learned in a recent workshop.

The BSAA meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in the Fine Arts are cordially invited to attend.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

America Recycles Day is Nov. 16. We are excited to be hosting the area training session at the Dora Roberts Convention Center Nov. 12 from 9:39 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. KBSB's next meeting date is Nov. 4.

To submit a suggestion for Life! or Living magazine contact the Herald at 263-7331



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Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, apricot halves, biscuit and honey and milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue brisket on a bun, potato salad, Ranch style beans, cucumber and tomato salad, peaches and milk.

Thursday: Boneless chicken breast, new potatoes, pea salad, yellow cake with frosting, rolls and milk.

Friday: Catfish and tartar sauce, corn on the cob, okra and tomatoes, hushpuppies, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: NO

SCHOOL

Tuesday: Breakfast, apple or cherry strudel, string cheese, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, crispy tacos or southwest chicken casserole, tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, apple sauce and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast club sandwich, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak, roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry waffle, turkey sausage, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, spaghetti or breaded pork chop, breadsticks, garden salad, green beans, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese wrap or hot dog, sweet potato tots,

cucumber dippers, fresh fruit cup, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Breakfast, apple or cherry strudel, string cheese, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, crispy tacos or southwest chicken casserole, tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, apple sauce and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast club sandwich, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak, roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

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Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese wrap or hot dog, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit cup, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Breakfast, apple or cherry strudel, string cheese, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, crispy tacos or southwest chicken casserole, tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, apple sauce and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast club sandwich, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak, roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry waffle, turkey sausage,

assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, spaghetti or breaded pork chop, breadsticks, garden salad, green beans, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese wrap or hot dog, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit cup, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal variety, blueberry muffin, juice and milk. Lunch, corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple pineapple delight.

Tuesday: Breakfast, chicken n biscuit, juice and milk. Lunch, beefy queso, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles and lime sherbet cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake and sausage on a

stick, potatoes, juice and milk. Lunch, beef and bean burrito, salsa, oven fries, fresh veggie cup and fruity gelatin.

Thursday: Breakfast, sunrise sandwich, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, bread sticks and a chocolate chip cookie.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast taco, juice and milk. Lunch, pizza choice, crunchy broccoli, salad, seasoned corn and fresh fruit bowl.

New Hope Christian School

Monday: Breakfast, biscuits and gravy, pineapples and milk. Snack, Goldfish and fruit mix. Lunch, Salisbury steak and brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cereal, apple juice and milk. Snack, vanilla wafers and orange smiles. Lunch, chili mac, peas and carrots, peaches and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, waffles and apple sticks. Snack, granola bar and milk. Lunch, baked chicken, Ranch style beans, mixed veggies and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, pineapples and milk. Snack, fruit bar and pears. Lunch, grilled cheese and ham sandwich, apricots and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, English muffin, Mandarin oranges and milk. Snack, veggie sticks and Ritz crackers. Lunch, spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, mixed fruit, garlic bread and milk.

Abandoned Philly prison adds screams for Halloween

PHILADELPHIA (AP) An abandoned prison would seem creepy enough around Halloween. Now add blood-curdling screams and gruesome characters who can reach out and grab you.

That's the formula for "Terror Behind the Walls," the signature scarefest at historic Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, which is billed as the nation's largest haunted house outside an amusement park and staged for several weeks each fall at one of the city's most unusual tourist sites.

With its castle-like walls and decaying cellblocks, the deserted complex already conveys a particularly menacing air.

What better place for gory scenes and sinister sound effects?

"The building is abandoned, and it's beautiful, and it's eerie, and it was built to intimidate," said Sean Kelley, director of public programming. "People travel from all over the country to come here for

Halloween."

As daring souls slink and cringe their way through the decaying property, deranged prisoners accost them for stepping on the wrong turf; overwhelmed guards scream for help; infirm patients howl in pain under the care of disturbed doctors.

In a psychedelic 3-D room, what looks like a wall ... is not.

For the easily frightened, there has always been some measure of comfort knowing that the actors are not allowed to actually touch them.

Yet this year, the bravest visitors can opt for a glow-in-the-dark necklace that indicates their willingness to interact with performers.

City resident Raj Kumar, who wore the so-called zombie bait, said he got squirted with water while his wife was pulled through a secret tunnel.

"It's much more nerve-racking once you have the (necklace) on and you know people are sneaking up on you," Kumar said.

Eastern State Penitentiary was an architectural marvel when it opened in 1829, boasting indoor plumbing and heat even before the White House. Gangster Al Capone was among the most famous inmates before the prison closed in 1971. The site decayed for years before tours began in 1994.

"Terror Behind the Walls," which started 22 years ago, draws more than a thousand people on many nights. Proceeds provide about

60 percent of the annual budget for the property, which is now a National Historic Landmark.

Amy Hollaman, the show's creative director, said planning goes on year-round and sets are built months in advance.

And each evening just before dark, about 130 performers converge on a makeup and costume room to be turned into gruesome characters.

Actress Jude Feingold, who has regularly performed Shakespeare, was happy to play an ax murderer on one recent night.

Now in her fourth season at Eastern State, Feingold said she returns each year because of the great cast and crew and for the satisfaction of scaring big, tough guys in baseball caps.

"I think it has a really good spirit," she said.

Speaking of which: Are there really ghosts at Eastern State?

Prison officials say people who study the paranormal believe the site is one of the most haunted places in the U.S.

Hollaman once heard a series of unnerving, unexplained noises while working late a few years ago.

Petrified and unable to speak, she left immediately.

"Thousands of people ... have lived and worked here. There's been a lot of intense experiences inside this building," Hollaman said. "It's hard to imagine that they haven't left a trace."

Vests Save K-9s Lives

A German Shepherd named Kilo was shot multiple times during a gun battle in Florida between police and a man suspected of shooting at officers earlier in the night.

Fortunately for Kilo, he was wearing a protective vest, which saved his life. Unfortunately, thousands of other K-9s officers across the country perform their duties without proper protective wear, putting them in harm's way.

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Police forces in most major cities use police dogs to track criminals, sniff out illegal materials, search buildings, and do other jobs human police officers can't do as well as a dog can.

Additionally, their sense of smell is tens of thousands of times more sensitive than that of humans, making them ideal for their duties.

Beyond their sense of smell, successful police dogs have exceptional intelligence and strength.

Most police dogs are male, and are frequently left unneutered so that they maintain their natural aggression. This aggression must be kept in check

with thorough and rigorous training.

The most popular breeds used as police dogs are German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherds, and occasionally mixes of these breeds.

Other breeds used include Bloodhounds for detection and scent work, and Labrador Retrievers for narcotics and explosives detection.

"Police K-9 units provide an invaluable service to their community and deserve the same kind of protection as their human counterparts," said Sandy Marcal, founder of Vested Interest in K-9s, Inc. "Thanks to PetArmor®, many more police dogs will be protected from harm while they protect their neighborhoods and towns."

For more information on PetArmor® product offerings, visit www.petarmor.com Additional information on Vested Interest in K-9s, Inc. can be found on their website, www.vik9s.org

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Marcy House recently held a free banana split ice cream social, with the centerpiece being a 50-foot banana split.

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Ice cream!

Marcy House residents and visitors devour 50-foot split during social

Special to the Herald

Marcy House, a senior living community by Assisted Living Concepts, LLC, held a free banana split ice cream social Tuesday.

"It was such a great turnout! Our residents really enjoy special events and we couldn't have asked for better

support from the community," said Linda Ashford, wellness director at Marcy House.

It is estimated more than 100 people showed up to help eat a 50-foot banana split.

Five 10-foot rain gutters were filled with vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream, along with bananas,

crushed pineapple, whipped cream topping, chocolate syrup and cherries.

Marcy House, located just west of Marcy Elementary, promotes independence and individuality, while providing seniors with extra assistance in their daily routine.

"Residents enjoy the

freedom and advantages of living independently in an environment surrounded by friends and a caring staff," said Ashford.

Marcy House is located at 2301 Wasson Road.

For more information about Marcy House or to schedule a tour, contact Emily Sellers at 432-268-9041.

EDC reps attend confab

Special to the Herald

Representatives from Big Spring Economic Development Corp. attended the 16th Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance in Amarillo which drew participants from across the United States and beyond.

Big Spring is a cross-through for the Ports to Plains Corridor; this is reason for the Highway 87 reliever route, on which construction will begin in January 2014. This bypass will alleviate heavy truck traffic and wear and tear on downtown roads.

More than 200 people attended the conference, which was focused on transportation along a corridor extending from Laredo to the U.S.-Canada border. Congress designated the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor as a federal high-priority corridor in 1998.

Conference registrants included people from Alberta, Canada, Canadian Consulate at Dallas, Mexico, as well as participants from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana.

The conference session began with a keynote speech by Texas Transportation Commissioner



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members gather for a ribbon cutting at Sun Laundrymat, 1510 Lancaster in Big Spring. The owner is Greg Birrell.

Be aware of breast cancer, 'pink-washing'

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I'm glad to know there's a month set aside for that. There aren't many of us who haven't been touched in some way by the disease.

Many businesses are marketing "pink" products and services to support breast cancer-related charity groups and organizations. Unfortunately, you can't always be sure your money is going to the right place. A "pink ribbon" is no guarantee.

Every year, scammers find ways to take advantage of our good intentions during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month — a prac-



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It doesn't necessarily mean buying a product will benefit breast cancer research or charities. It could mean the company donates to breast cancer programs, even if contributions aren't tied to the product bearing the ribbon.

tice known as "pinkwashing." Better Business Bureau advises consumers to research pink product claims before making a purchase.

The widely-recognized pink ribbon symbol is not regulated by an agency.

You may need to research the claims in order to know how the company's donation will benefit the cause.

In some cases, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of a pink ribbon product will go to support breast cancer programs, but there maybe a cap on their maximum donation. Once the maximum amount has been met, the company may keep selling the product with the pink ribbon without letting customers know that no additional funds will be donated to breast cancer organizations.

Many companies sell pink products where a portion of the sale price goes directly to the charity the business is

supporting. While the majority of these efforts are trustworthy, consumers should take the following steps to double check their efforts will go where they are needed:

Ask questions. Find out what percentage of the sale price will be donated.

Research the business. Learn more about the business you're purchasing from by checking their BBB Business Review at bbb.org.

Consider a direct donation. Find a charity you trust at bbb.org/charity and make a donation directly. If you donate online, be sure to print the confirmation page for your records — many donations are tax-deductible.

Market 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.



So much for the post-government "shutdown" pullback in the stock market. And in hindsight, all of it happened before the actual shutdown went into effect at midnight on Monday. Like the other corrections earlier this year, it came and went pretty fast. At least so far.

That is a disappointment, in this strategist's opinion, because any short-term uncertainty based on government funding concerns that causes the stock market to lose ground is an opportunity to put sideline funds to work.

But the market is usually quick to recognize and process the probabilities of any given situation. Not that the market guesses right every time, but it is usually good at handicapping the potential outcomes.

While that trip you had planned this week to visit Yellowstone may be a bust, essential services like the military will be up and running with nary a blip on the screen. Most people will not even notice that certain federal offices are shuttered. Just don't expect a quick turnaround on your passport renewal.

And you have to wonder about the upcoming debt ceiling debate. Will Congress choose to not raise the debt ceiling? Is the United States of America going to default on its debt by not paying bondholders their interest when due? We think you already know the answer.

While we suppose one could argue that either of these events is within the realm of possibility, we believe the probability of one or both actually occurring is about as close to zero as you can get. In our opinion, the debt ceiling will be raised and the United States will not default on its debt.

We think the stock market can move ahead over the next 12-to-15 months in a modest growth/modest inflation environment. In other words, stocks can do reasonably well in the same type of economic environment we have been living with for the last four years — as long as valuations are not stretched. And in our opinion, valuations are reasonable.

The next two months should be interesting. Not only will Congress haggle over the debt ceiling, budgets and deficit spending, but the president will likely nominate someone to take Ben Bernanke's spot as Federal Reserve chairman.

While we do not expect much market turmoil over the next Fed chief's nomination, we do anticipate increased volatility over the next eight weeks or so as Congress battles over debt and deficit issues and begins to posture and position for next year's mid-term elections.

Will some investors take the bait? Will they give the rest of us a potential gift by pushing the stock market lower due to uncertainties stemming from the debt ceiling debate? Will they fall for the politically induced panic over the possibility that our nation's financial standing in the world and credit worthiness are in jeopardy? Will opportunity knock?

We certainly hope so.

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County Court Decisions
State of Texas vs Mary Berry, probated judgment, theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check, \$100 fine, 180 days in jail and \$376 court costs.
State of Texas vs Stephen Kyle Gay, revocation of probation and imposition of sentence, accident

involving damage to vehicle greater than or equal to \$200, \$1,500 fine, \$378 court costs and 120 days in jail.
State of Texas vs Wayne Gary Ellett Jr., probated judgment driving while intoxicated, \$493 court costs, \$750 fine and 180 days in jail.
State of Texas vs Stephen Kyle Gay, judgment and sentence driving while intoxicated 2nd offense, \$500 fine, \$475.10 court costs and 120 days in jail.
State of Texas vs Kimberly Marie Castillo, judgment and sentence theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500, \$266 fine, \$232 court costs and no jail time.
State of Texas vs Ryan Anthony Gonzales, probated judgment possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, \$342 court costs, \$750 fine and 180 days in jail.

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Grantee: Texas Co. Title Inc.
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Date: July 16, 2013

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Grantor: Carol and Joyce Choate
Grantee: CK Parker Farms, LLC
Property: E/2 of sec 25, blk 35, T-1-N, T&P RR Co., Survey, Martin County
Date: July 1, 2013
Grantor: Robert L. Austin and Stacy D. Austin
Grantee: Crystal Schneider
Property: Lot 15, S/8', lot 16, blk 3, Kentwood Addition, Big Spring

Wells Fargo's profit up 13 percent; revenue slips

(AP) — Third-quarter profit for Wells Fargo & Co., the biggest U.S. mortgage lender, jumped 13 percent as a decline in revenue from mortgage lending was offset by reduced expenses and fewer soured loans.
THE RESULTS: Net income increased to \$5.6 billion in the July-September period from \$4.9 billion a year earlier. On a per-share basis, earnings were 99 cents, beating the 97 cents forecast by Wall Street.
Third-quarter revenue dipped to \$20.5 billion from \$21.2 billion, com-

ing in below the analysts' forecast of \$21.1 billion.
The bank's stock edged down 1 cent to close at \$41.40.
HOW IT HAPPENED: Interest rates on U.S. mortgages rose sharply in the spring and summer.
That had a negative impact on Wells Fargo's mortgage business.
The San Francisco-based bank controls nearly a third of the U.S. mortgage market. Much of its lending business has been coming from mortgage refinancing, which was reduced by

the spike in interest rates.
Wells Fargo funded \$80 billion worth of mortgages in the third quarter, down from \$139 billion a year earlier.
Fewer bad loans in an improving housing market cut Wells Fargo's lending losses to \$975 million from \$2.4 billion in the third quarter of 2012.

The bank reduced expenses to \$12.1 billion, down \$153 million from the second quarter. The savings were mainly due to reduced employee bonuses and legal costs.
WHAT'S NEXT? The bank had said back in July that higher interest rates would impact its mortgage business. Now, Wells Fargo says it will be in a strong po-

sition with its variety of businesses to weather the economy's move to higher interest rates. Strong revenue growth is coming from credit cards, personal credit management and retirement services, the bank says.
Wells Fargo is the fourth-largest U.S. bank by assets. It became more diversified when

it took over the teetering Wachovia in the depths of the financial crisis in 2008, Wells Fargo Chief Financial Officer Tim Sloan noted Friday.
SHUTDOWN AND DEFAULT THREAT: One concern is the impact the ongoing government shutdown could have on consumer confidence, Sloan said in a telephone interview.

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Jeff Moseley, followed by sessions on border security and efficiency at the U.S.-Canada border, trucking issues, renewable energy opportunities and connecting Ports-to-Plains to Mexico's west coast.
Economist Ray Perryman delivered the second day's keynote address and gave an update on the economy across the nation.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance consists of three major U.S. highway groups: Texas-based Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, Nebraska-based Heartland Expressway and North Dakota-based Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association.
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Utah reopening national parks, others eye options

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Obama administration's willingness to reopen national parks shuttered by the government shutdown came with a big caveat: States must foot the bill with money they likely won't see again.

So far, only Utah has jumped at the deal. Governors in other states were trying to gauge what would be the bigger economic hit — paying to keep the parks operating or losing the tourist money that flows when the scenic attractions are open.

In New York, state and federal officials were discussing the possible reopening of the Statue of Liberty, while Arizona officials weighed whether to pay the federal government to reopen Grand Canyon National Park.

In Utah, federal workers rushed to reopen five national parks for 10 days after the state sent \$1.65 million to the U.S. government with the hope of saving its lucrative tourist season.

Zion National Park superintendent Jock Whitworth said staff members began opening gates and removing barriers and expected to have the park fully operational Saturday.

"This is a practical and temporary solution that will lessen the pain for some businesses and communities in Utah during this shutdown," Interior Department Secretary Sally Jewell said in a statement.

It was welcome news for beleaguered shop owners in the small town of Springdale adjacent to Zion.

Hotels have been vacant and retail and rental shops have seen sales plummet during the shutdown.

"It's going to be awesome," said Jenna Milligan of Zion Outfitters, an outdoor gear rental shop. "A lot of businesses have suffered severely because of the government. I just hope it does stay open through autumn."

Just over 400 national parks, recreation areas and monuments — including such icons as the Grand Canyon and Yosemite — have been closed since Oct. 1 because of the partial government shutdown.

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees have been furloughed, and lawmakers from both parties have complained that the closures have wreaked havoc on communities that depend on tourism.

Officials in some states were not happy about paying to have the parks reopened.

In Arizona, Republican Gov. Jan Brewer balked at spending about \$112,000 a day for a full reopening of the Grand Canyon. She said a partial reopening would be much cheaper while allowing tourists to visit and businesses to benefit.

"The daily cost difference is enormous, especially without assuranc-

es that Arizona will be reimbursed," said Andrew Wilder, a spokesman for Brewer.

At this time of year, the Grand Canyon draws about 18,000 people a day who pump an estimated \$1 million a day into the local economy.

The town of Tusayan, just outside the South Rim entrance, and area businesses have pledged \$400,000 to help reopen the canyon, but Wilder said it was unclear if the Interior Department could accept private funds.

Interior Department spokesman Blake Adroff said the government does not plan to reimburse states that pay to reopen parks.

In Utah, Herbert estimated the economic impact of the federal government shutdown on his state at \$100 million.

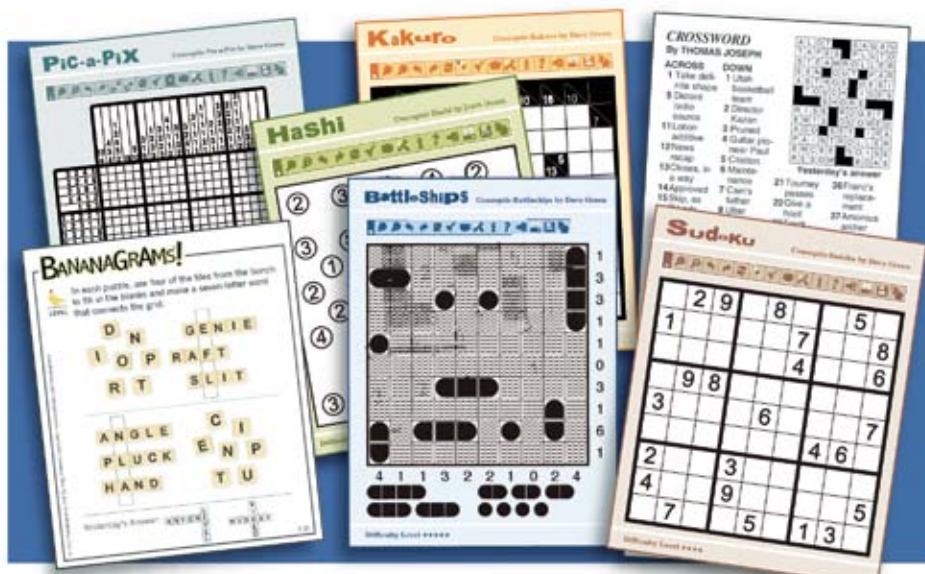
In South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard, a Republican, was considering the federal government's offer but wants to see how much it would cost. Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, was in discussions with Interior Department officials.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval said his state can't afford the cost of reopening parks when it is already facing critical funding decisions on dozens of programs.

In Wyoming, Gov. Matt Mead's office said the state would not pay to reopen two heavily visited national parks or Devil's Tower national monument.

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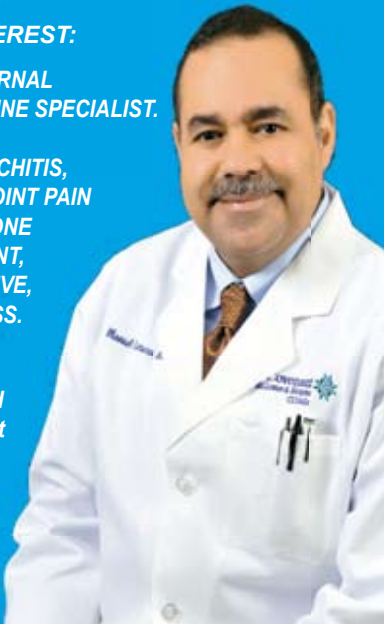
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