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240 months

Big Spring man sentenced following child porn plea

Special to the Herald

ABILENE, Texas — Aaron Charles Lustfeldt, 27, of Big Spring was sentenced Wednesday to

> 240 months in federal prison, following his guilty plea in June to one count of receipt of child pornography. Handing down the

sentence was U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis, and announced by U.S. Attorney Sarah R. Saldaña of the Northern District of

According to documents filed in the case, the Big Spring Police Department was dispatched to Comanche Trail Park on Feb. 1, regarding a male exposing himself to children

in the play area. Officers located

Lustfeldt, who admitted being in the park, but denied doing anything inappropriate, stating that he was not supposed to be at the park because he was a registered sex offender.

Later, as part of their investigation, officers located images of child pornography on his cell phone, and Lustfeldt eventually admitted that he had received and downloaded images from the Internet onto his cell phone.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and

Led by U.S. Attorney's Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section,

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Friday is final opportunity to vote early in Nov. 5 election

Herald Staff Report

Lustfeldt

Friday provides the final opportunity to vote early in the Nov. 5 Texas constitutional amendments

Polls — located in the Howard County Courthouse's election office — will open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Those choosing to cast a vote Friday or on Nov. 5 will be required to show photo identification, officials

Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

- Texas driver's license.
- · Texas Election Identifica-

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tion Certificate (issued by Department of Public Safety). Texas personal identification

- card (issued by DPS).
- Texas concealed handgun license.
- U.S. military ID card containing
- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph.
- U.S. Passport.

the person's photograph.

Below is a list of proposed constitional amendents placed on ballots for this election.

Proposition 1

(HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Queen of Hearts, aka Melissa Martinez, a member of management at Rocky's, was taking orders from the public this morning. Many area mer-

Groups, stores hope to ensure safe treating

Herald Staff Report

Below is a list of supervised "safe stops" children can enjoy on Thursday, Oct. 31. • Hangar 25 Air Museum, 5-8 p.m.

- Spring Creek Fellowship, Harvest
- Event, 5-7 p.m. at Spring Town Plaza. Free games and food. Monster Mash Festival and Trunk
- or Treat, St. Thomas Hall, 605 N. Main, 5-9 p.m., music and treats, games and prizes, 18-foot centipede, sponsored by the North Side Movement. Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 6
- Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road,

- Holy Trinity Catholic Church Youth,1009 Hearne St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team Halloween Carnival, Malone and Hogan Clinic parking lot, 5:30-8:30 p.m. This fundraiser will include various booths, train rides and a concesion stand.
- Turner Hall, women's dorm on the Howard College campus, 6-8 p.m.
- Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, 2805 Lynn, 6-8 p.m. • Paul's Custom PCs, 1911 Scurry
- (formerly on Ent Drive), 6 p.m. to midnight, trick or treating, lights, decorations, fun.

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Chopper hoists people in Texas high-water rescues AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Emergency Warren Hassinger added that the in-Evacuations were ordered along flood-

personnel in helicopters and boats have rescued people stranded in vehicles and stuck in trees during storm-related flooding in Central Texas. A spokesman for Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services said a

helicopter hoisted four people to safety.

dividuals were trapped in a rural area near Buda. He had no immediate additional details. EMS boats were used for rescues in the Austin area. Austin Energy said about

6,400 customers lost electricity from

storms since Wednesday night.

ed creeks in nearby San Marcos and Wimberley, Schools in Wimberley, San Marcos and Lockhart closed today. Flash flooding warnings covered Travis, Falls, Comal, Hays, Freestone, Lime-

stone, Anderson, Bastrop, Caldwell and Lee counties.



Inside The Spring Town Plaza

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am- 6:00 pm











Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and

- CARLOS GUILLERMO DIAZ, 24, of 600 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public
- DAHLIA ANN RIVAS, 40, of 1302 Michael, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and fail to ap-
- ROBERT COLEMAN HUNT, 48, of 4265 North FM 26, Ackerly, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- TIMMY WAYNE ROGERS, 34, of 3006 Sherman Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 26, of 2001 North Salem Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana greater than or equal to 2
- JOSEPH RAY OLIVAS, 2001 North Salem Road, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for possession of prohibited weapons and terroristic threat to place or person in fear of serious bodily injury.
 - BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at

• New affordable health insurance options are

available. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants

to help you understand the new marketplace. Come

to our community presentation Monday, 5:30 p.m.

at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699

• Cowboys Steakhouse is the featured Dine Out

Days sponsor Oct. 28–Nov. 3. 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.

The other sponsors for this year has been KC Steak-

house, Red Mesa, Yellow Rose Café, Casa Blanca,

Settle's Grill and Papa Chons. To be a Dine Out Day

sponsor or find out how to contribute to the cam-

 Spring of Siloam and the Northside Community Center will be having an indoor garage and bake

sale to benefit United Way of Big Spring and Howard County from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at 1208 Fra-

• Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions is honoring International Credit Union Day by holding a food

drive for Isaiah 58. International Credit Union Day

was on Oct. 17, and this year's theme was "Credit

Unions Unite For Good: A Better Way." The com-

munity is encouraged to bring non-perishable food

items to any one of the local credit unions by Nov. 15 to help make this food drive a success. The col-

· Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team is hosting a Halloween Carnival in the Malone and Hogan

Clinic parking lot. The carnival will take place to-

day from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The event will in-

clude the following booths: fishing, football throw,

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent

community-based program serving victims of all

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crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic vio-

lence. Victim Services advocates are available 24

hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis in-

tervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can

commit to 30-hour training, an interview process

background check and attend training. We need

you. Volunteer training dates for October will be announced soon. For more infornation, call Linda

• Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christ-

mas for the Troops project is needing addresses

for deployed military personnel. All addresses can

be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring,

Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptamilitaryhero@

sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard

County hero and all of their buddies receive a little

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Re-

lations office is accepting donations of magazines.

They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need

of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers

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lection will be delivered to Isaiah 58 on Nov. 18.

paign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

or 268-4721.

the 2000 block of Salem Road.

 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 800 block of West Fourth Street.

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROBERT COLEMAN HUNT II was booked by BSPD on judgment and sentence for driving while intoxicated second offense.
- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS was booked by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2
- DAHLIA ANN RIVAS was booked by HCSO on charges of unregistered motor vehicle, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsi-
- JOSEPH RAY OLIVAS was booked by HCSO on a charge of possession of a prohibited weapon and terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious
- TIMMY WAYNE ROGERS was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

for the children in the community who have been Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.
- You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m.
- A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.
- deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get cake walk, bean bag toss, ring toss, train rides, a help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
 - Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
 - do City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks
 - (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-

The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

Take Note

abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.,
- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colora-
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation HOPE is now.

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75/48 Partly cloudy skies. High around 75F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.	78/47 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	75/50 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.						
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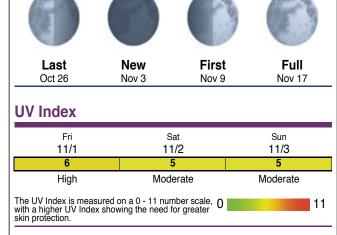
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	74	50	sunny	Kingsville	89	62	t-storm
Amarillo	67	38	sunny	Livingston	78	49	t-storm
Austin	81	50	t-storm	Longview	77	50	t-storm
Beaumont	78	55	t-storm	Lubbock	70	41	sunny
Brownsville	88	71	t-storm	Lufkin	78	50	t-storm
Brownwood	77	49	pt sunny	Midland	74	50	pt sunn
Corpus Christi	84	63	t-storm	Raymondville	91	67	t-storm
Corsicana	76	50	t-storm	Rosenberg	78	55	t-storm
Dallas	76	51	t-storm	San Antonio	83	49	t-storm
Del Rio	82	54	t-storm	San Marcos	82	50	t-storm
El Paso	68	46	sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	50	t-storm
Fort Stockton	75	50	pt sunny	Sweetwater	75	48	pt sunn
Gainesville	71	48	t-storm	Tyler	78	51	t-storm
Greenville	74	47	t-storm	Weatherford	73	48	t-storm
Houston	78	55	t-storm	Wichita Falls	70	48	t-storm

National Cities

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City	Hi	Lo Cond.	City	Hi	Lo Cond.					
Atlanta	75	64 cloudy	Minneapolis	46	38 rain					
Boston	63	59 cloudy	New York	68	63 cloudy					
Chicago	63	43 rain	Phoenix	75	51 sunny					
Dallas	76	51 t-storm	San Francisco	70	52 sunny					
Denver	56	36 sunny	Seattle	53	47 rain					
Houston	78	55 t-storm	St. Louis	68	47 rain					
Los Angeles	77	54 sunny	Washington, DC	76	67 cloudy					
Miami	85	75 pt sunn	у							

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Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals, who sexually exploit children, and identify and rescue victims.

The case was investigated by U.S. Im-

migration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Big Spring Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Cunningham, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lubbock, Texas, prosecuted.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and nonparticipating 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.

Support Groups

- 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.

VOTE

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homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as fol-"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition 2 (HJR79)HJR 79 proposes a constitu-

tional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as fol-"The constitutional lows: amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the mar homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviv-

ing spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option for home-rule municipalities to fill shortterm vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maxiket value of the residence to implement the state water County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valu-

Gifts and Interiors;

K.C. Steakhouse; My

Favorite Place; Scenic

Mountain Medical Cen-

ter; Spring Town Plaza

ation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Jessie M. Nelson, 94, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

SAFE

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- Parkview Nursing and Rehab, 3200 Parkway.
- Christian First Church, Trunk and Treat, 911 Goliad, 6-7 p.m. Co-sponsored by St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- Forsan Baptist Church, Forsan, Trunk of Treats, 6-7 p.m. Treats and games for children. First Church of the
- Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Trunk or Treat, 6-8 p.m. in the parking lot. Hillcrest Baptist
- Church, 2000 W. FM 700, Trunk or Treat, 6-8 p.m. in the parking lot. Bring your camera and take your photo with the pumpkin cut out. Free Bibles.
- Fall Festival, 705 W. FM 700, 6-8 p.m., Family Life Center. Food and games. Donations of canned goods appreci-

First Baptist Church,

ated. No scary or revealing costumes, please.

- First United Methodist Church, Fourth and
- Temple Baptist Church, Trunk Treat, 6-8 p.m., 400 E. 11th Place, bean bag toss, duck pond, fishing booth, ring toss and cake walk.
- Full Gospel Fellowship, 309 South Benton St., 7 p.m.
- Adventure The Club of SouthWest Institute for the Deaf is hosting their second Haunted House from 8 until midnight. Cost is \$10 for "Scared Out of Your Mind" and \$5 for "Casper's Haunted House." Partial proceeds donated to Toys for Tots.

Also, some businesses will be handing out treats. They include Just Peachy Cafe,5-8 p.m.; both Sonic locations beginning at 6 p.m.; H-E-B Grocery Store, 2000 Gregg, 5-8 p.m. hot dogs,

soft drinks and H-E-Buddy; Bowl-A-Rama; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 4-6 p.m.; Buckeasy's; Cowboy's Steakhouse; Compass

Hospice; Family Medical Center; Sequia Tubp.m.;

Dragon China Buffet 1300 Gregg 268-8888 **1.00** Off Per Adult

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Opinion

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Our View

Halloween: The perfect holiday

[•]alloween used to be my favorite holiday. But not any more. I have come to my senses over the past few years and reallacksquare ize that it is sinful and promotes fear and violence among our youth. Dressing up as zombies and vampires or Jason from "Friday the 13th" is bad enough, but the other day I saw an ad that had a baby dressed as a sunflower.

On another website, I was witness to a young couple dressed as Cinderella and Prince Charming. Obviously, the innocence portrayed by these seemingly harmless costumes is a devious ploy hiding the seething evil this insidious holiday actually is.

ANDREIA MEDLIN

Obviously I'm joking.

Halloween for me holds more happy memories than Christmas, which comes in third on my list with Thanksgiving being a close second. As a child dressing up as a ghost

or a cat and going trick or treating with my brothers who were usually dressed as a superhero — Spider Man and Batman were favorites was more fun for me than opening presents on Christmas morning.

Going house to house wasn't all it was about, either. Sure, it was fun getting candy, but the memories of lively banter

between me and my brothers was the joy Halloween gave us.

I believe that we choose costumes that reflect our personalities. I liked cats because they are juxtapositions of themselves. Beautiful and elegant in appearance, but in reality they can be clever and

Haunted houses were always a favorite of mine and still are, although these days we would have to travel out of town to visit one.

Not so much for my brothers. My oldest brother would reluctantly go along with me bravely following a step behind me through the darkened rooms and corridors adorned with spider webs and rubber bats dangling from wires anticipating who knows what was around the next corner. But the youngest one would wait outside for us and we would bring him the treats we were given as a reward for allowing the ghouls to try to scare us half to death.

None of it was ever real to me, but I did love the adventurous spirit of the attractions. I guess most people grow out of such childish notions, but even after I was married and had a child of my own I would wear a costume when we took our son trick or treating.

And for several years my loving and very patient husband would make the trip to Dallas where we would visit Thrillvania, a Halloween amusement park complete with haunted mansion and a midway with all my favorite fall treats.

For us kids, going out on Halloween was about enjoying the spirit of the season, but if my Dad went with us trick or treating became a quest to bring home every last piece of candy there was to be had in the entire city of Big Spring.

We would drive all over town until our bags were too heavy to carry and we were exhausted. Once we were home, Dad — with the excuse of weeding out the "unsafe candy" $-\,$ would eat anything that the wrapper showed any semblance of being allegedly tampered with. It was usually him that did the tampering.

Despite all the horror tales of needles and poison, he survived taste testing our candy to make sure it was safe for us to eat and proved to me that not everything you hear about in the media is true or at least it has been greatly exaggerated.

Halloween has become the most popular holiday second only to Christmas with good reason. It's a chance to have fun as a family without the pressures of buying gifts with the potential of disappointing someone.

In retrospect, Halloween has provided more happy memories for me than any other holiday and I will continue to dress up and go trick or treating for as long as I have a child I can take along to provide an excuse.

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Is there a way out of here?

ccording to a recent Fox News poll, 73 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the direction of the country, up 20 points from 2012. Americans

sense that there's a lot going wrong in our nation, but most don't have a clue about the true nature of our problem. If they had a clue, most would have little stomach for what would be necessary to arrest our national decline. Let's look at it. Between two-



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thirds and three-quarters of federal spending, in contravention of the U.S. Constitution, can be described as Congress taking the earnings or property of one American to give to another, to whom it does not belong. You say, "Williams, what do you mean?" Congress has no resources of its very own. Moreover, there's no Santa Claus or tooth fairy who gives it resources. The fact that Congress has no resources of its very own forces us to recognize that the only way Congress can give one American one dollar is to first — through intimidation, threats and coercion — confiscate that dollar from some other American through the tax code.

If any American did privately what Congress does publicly, he'd be condemned as an ordinary thief. Taking what belongs to one American to give to anoth-

er is theft, and the receiver is a recipient of stolen property. Most Americans would suffer considerable anguish and cognitive dissonance seeing themselves as recipients of stolen property, so congressional theft has to be euphemized and given a respectable name. That respectable name is "entitlement." Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the condition of having a right to have, do, or get something." For example, I am entitled to walk into the house that I own. I am entitled to drive the car that I own. The challenging question is whether I am also entitled to what you or some other American owns.

Let's look at a few of these entitlements. More than 40 percent of federal spending is for entitlements for the elderly in the forms of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, housing and other assistance programs.

The Office of Management

and Budget calculates that total entitlement spending comes to about 62 percent of federal spending. Military spending totals 19 percent of federal spending. By the way, putting those two figures into historical perspective demonstrates the success we've had becoming a handout nation. In 1962, military expenditures were almost 50 percent of the federal budget, and entitlement spending was a mere 31 percent. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that entitlement spending will consume all federal tax revenue by 2048.

Entitlement spending is not the only form of legalized theft. The Department of Agriculture gives

billions of dollars to farmers. The departments of Energy and Commerce give billions of dollars and subsidized loans to corporations. In fact, every Cabinet-level department in Washington is in charge of handing out at least one kind of subsidy or special privilege. Most federal non-defense "discretionary spending" by Congress is for handouts.

Despite the fact that today's increasing levels of federal government spending are unsustainable, there is little evidence that Americans have the willingness to do anything about it. Any politician who'd even talk about significantly reining in unsustainable entitlement spending would be run out of town. Any politician telling the American people they must pay higher taxes to support handout spending, instead of concealing spending through deficits and running up the national debt and inflation, would also be run out of town. Can you imagine what the American people would do to a presidential candidate who'd declare, as James Madison did in a 1794 speech to the House of Representatives, "Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government"?

If we are to be able to avoid ultimate collapse, it's going to take a moral reawakening and renewed constitutional respect — not by politicians but by the American people. The prospect of that happening may be whistlin' "Dixie."

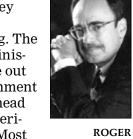
Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Will GOP pass up Hispanic lifeline?

othing in Washington is ever about what it is about. Health care, keep-

ing violent weapons away from violent people and putting 11 million undocumented workers on a path to citizenship are about none of

these things. Instead, they are all about scorekeeping. The Obama administration came out of the government shutdown ahead with the American people. Most people blamed the Republicans in the House for the shutdown for the



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simple reason that Republicans in the House were to blame for the shutdown.

Which means the Republicans must get a few points back — if not with the nation as a whole, then at least with their own death wish lobby, those extreme right-wingers who are far more committed to ideology than to country.

Health care? Repeal it, or defund it, or make it small enough to drown in a bedpan. ("I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub," conservative activist Grover Norquist famously once

Deadly weapons in the hands of deadly people? Conservative Republicans don't want new laws. Gun massacres are a mental health problem, they say. Which means those many, many countries that have fewer gun deaths per capita than we do must have much saner people than we do.

Immigration reform with a path to citizenship for those people who are now forced to live "in the shadows" (a term first used, as near as I can determine, by Ronald Reagan, when he granted amnesty to 2.9 million undocumented workers in 1986)? Forget about it.

But immigration reform should be different. Sheer political expediency would, in normal times, motivate Republicans to back immigration reform as a way to attract Hispanic voters.

Recent presidential voting trends have not been good for Republicans. In 2004, George W. Bush got 44 percent of the Hispanic vote. In 2008, John McCain got 31 percent. And in 2012, Mitt Romney got 27 percent.

But given that, why should Republicans back a measure that would create 11 million new voters, about three-quarters of whom could be expected to vote Democratic?

A number of reasons, first and foremost of which is that they have little choice. McCain said in April: "I believe if we pass (immigration reform) legislation, it won't gain us a single Hispanic vote, but what it will do is put us on a playing field where we can compete. Right now, we can't compete."

Secondly, the immigration reform bill already passed by the Senate would not transform undocumented workers into voting citizens overnight. Instead, it would place them on an arduous 13-year path that includes fees, fines, back taxes and rigorous background checks.

Thirdly, and this should be the big one, the Republican Party has a real opportunity to reach out to Hispanic voters and persuade them to vote Republican.

A study commissioned after the Republicans lost the popular vote in the presidential election of 2000 revealed that though black voters largely retain their loyalty to the Democratic Party as they move up the socio-economic ladder, Hispanic voters

Hispanic voters, the study found, were far more susceptible to switching to the Republican Party as they became wealthier and more suburban. Further, some Hispanics today are a better fit with the Republican Party on social issues, such as gay marriage and abortion, than they are with the Democrats.

At the very worst, making an attempt to woo Hispanics by passing immigration reform would put Republicans "on the playing field," as McCain noted, and at best, Hispanics could supply Republicans with a vital element in a new, winning national coalition.

As Steve Coll writes this week in The New Yorker: "As recently as 2007, when the Bush Administration almost passed (an

immigration reform) bill, it still seemed possible that a modernizing Republican Party might build a formidable political coalition of Latinos, evangelicals, disaffected Catholic Democrats. high-tech entrepreneurs, libertarians, social and educational reformers, and eclectic indepen-

dents." So what happened? The Repub lican Party instead became the captive of so-called "movement conservatives," who placed ideological purity above coalition building.

Coll quotes Geoffrey Kabaservice, writing in "Rule and Ruin," as saying movement conservatives have "succeeded in silencing, co-opting, repelling or expelling nearly every competing strain of Republicanism from the party."

Logically, Republicans in the House would want to pass immigration reform because it would be good for the Republi-

can Party. It also would be good for immigrants, and more importantly. it would be good for the United

States. But all that has become beside the point.

Republican obstructionists in the House don't want to pass immigration reform, because they don't want to give a victory to President Barack Obama, who has made passage before the end of this year a major goal.

Not all Republicans are pleased with the obstructionists, however. As The New York Times recently noted, "an unusual coalition of business executives, prominent conservatives and evangelical leaders" is lobbying this week for Republicans to pass immigration reform.

But there is the problem of time. The House will work just 18 days between now and the end of the year.

A humorist once said that doing nothing is very difficult because you can't take a break from it.

That humorist never lived in Washington.

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To bee? Hobbyist hives require time, money

NEW YORK (AP) — There's no shortage of buzz about beekeeping these days.

From environmentalists worried about disappearing colonies to foodies seeking locally sourced liquid gold, lots of new beekeepers are itching to roll down their sleeves.

With cities like New York lifting beekeeping bans, and with a wealth of new books, online videos and meet-up groups, learning the basics is easier than ever.

But as a hobbyist beekeeper myself, who once moved a hive full of bees from Washington, D.C., to New York during a career change, I can also tell you that the sweet rewards of homemade honey don't come without some sticky practical challenges.

One of those, of course. is facing the bees themselves.

"You can learn 99 percent of beekeeping on YouTube, but you need to know that when you're actually there and you're digging into a box filled with 50.000 stinging insects, that you're good with that,"

said Chase Emmons, managing partner and apiary director at Brooklyn Grange, a rooftop farm in New York that offers some hands-on training at its hives.

Whether you're creating a small business or just planning to enjoy your own honey, here are some realistic pointers on the money, space and neighborly grace required of a beekeeper.

LOCATION, LOCATION, **LOCATION**

Where you keep your bees is an important part of how to keep them. A sunny, out-ofthe-way spot with good drainage is best. Scope out a location that won't trip up unsuspecting neighbors, curious pets or repairmen.

Your hive should also be convenient for frequent inspections. Remember you'll be carrying equipment and removing heavy boxes of honey at harvest time. If you have to scale a ricketv roof ladder to see your bees, you might be tempted to neglect your duties.

Make sure your land-



lord is on board and beekeeping is legal in your city. Then take some time to sell the idea to your neighbors. Emmons recommends coming armed with a few jars of honey to sweeten the deal.

"The last thing you need is unhappy neighbors," he said. "You can catch more flies with honey."

NOT JUST A WALK IN THE PARK

The good news is you don't have to hire a bee sitter when you leave town on vacation. Once the hive is up and running, the bees are quite self-sufficient in their daily needs. But swarms, as well as extracting honey, will require some time and even some hard, physical work over the course of the year. A deep hive chamber

full of honey can weigh as much as 90 pounds, and actively managing your hive will require lifting and maneuvering those bulky boxes. You'll also be suiting up in heavy clothing and working in the hot sun.

As a new beekeeper, you should make time to attend a class or meet-up group on top of your bee yard work. You might even meet a potential partner to help you shoulder the load.

HONEY MONEY

Before you take gold out of your hive, you'll have to put some in. It might cost you around \$400 to get set with wooden hive equipment, tools and the bees themselves, though much of your equipment can be used for several years before being replaced. Shop around before

ordering, and appraise deluxe, all-in-one kits carefully. They may be easier than buying equipment a la carte but they often include supplies you don't really need. If you're handy, you'll also find ample specs online for building some of your own equipment.

When it comes to purchasing, there's strength in numbers. Joining a bee group is a good way to get in on cheaper bulk orders or shipping discounts. swap used equipment and pass the hat on big purchases, like pricey honey extracting equipment.

SCRATCHING THE ITCH Using good practices

and inspecting the hive

you best.

right.

at appropriate times can go a long way toward minimizing stings. But they will happen from time to time.

Assuming you don't have a severe allergy to apitoxin, the venom in honey-bee stings, the worst you'll have to endure is some local pain, itching and swelling that's treatable with over-the-counter medi-

cine. If you're afraid of bee stings, remember it's OK to go heavy on the protective clothing if it encourages you to visit the hive, especially while you're getting used to handling the bees. Don't let beekeeper machismo intimidate you into doing hive inspections in a T-shirt if

In general, be flexible to trying a different approach if yours isn't working.

it makes vou nervous.

"When you have 10 beekeepers in a room, you're going to have 12 opinions. Humans have been doing it for 10,000 years and there are really strong opinions," Emmons said. "Go with what you're comfortable with."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 31). The year fea-

tures new passions and desires. You may grow in

distinctly different ways from a partner, but this

only serves to connect you more deeply. Reinvest

the spoils of a lucrative December into some April

business. Let tasteful people advise your lifestyle

upgrade in January. February's ceremony will be

beautiful. Leo and Virgo people adore you. Your

MERCURY RETROGRADE TIP NO. 5: Fight

People have a tendency to fight about silly things

when Mercury is retrograde, but mature individu-

als know that a fight about driving or dishwashing

is seldom really about driving or dishwashing.

Mercury in Scorpio lends an opportunity akin to

an X-ray photograph. If you care to look, you can

see the inside workings of an argument and find

Asking a direct question such as "Why are you so

mad?" is not usually the best way to find the

answer. It's too confrontational, and the other per-

son may not even really know where the anger is

coming from, especially not in the heat of the

moment. A more effective way is to drop the argu-

ment and get some distance on the matter. Once

everyone has calmed down, take some private time

to sort out what's happened. Try to take yourself,

your needs and your ego out of the picture and

view the scene from an objective place. Imagine

that you're high on a mountain and looking down

on things from a perch in the clouds. What might

the other person be feeling? What needs are being met and not met in the situation? Solutions are

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Actress and pop star

Willow Smith is now half of the duo Melodic

Chaotic, with DJ Fabrega. This Scorpio, who was

born from an objective, cool-headed place.

lucky numbers are: 5, 23, 25, 16 and 50.

out what it's really about.

Monster Mash of Mars and Pluto

Cosmic harmony rules this Halloween as Mars and Pluto sing "Monster Mash." A lucky trine involving these planets combines with the cooperative vibration of the Libra moon to

help people join together in fun and mutual benefit. It's an excellent night for young love, too. Ask good questions to get to know the person behind the mask. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll

find yourself in a situation that brings out your feisty side again. If you didn't know better, you'd say someone is trying to egg you on! Aries people who dress up will be stunning in a costume that highlights the warrior spirit.

excuse you needed to get glamorous and over-thetop. If you don't do it by dressing up, you'll do it with the daring attitude that goes with today's good mood. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's in you to be

adventurous and wild -- and also restrained and discerning. Much depends on which twin you listen to: the mischievous one or the reasonable one. Tonight, a costume that reflects your sense of humor is favored. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Celebrate your moon

ruler by being a frighteningly fun part of the Halloween festivities. Like the moon, you're always changing. You might even wear more than one costume today!

The So-Called Guessing Game

By Steve Becker

and take a finesse against East at

trick five, or whether to take a trump

finesse at trick four by leading low to

Declarer "guessed" right when

he played a low heart to the ten, which won. He continued with the

king, led a club to the ace and cashed

the ace of trumps, on which East

showed out. South then ran his clubs, and it didn't matter when West

ruffed, because that would be the last

Had declarer instead led a heart to the king and then finessed against

East, he would have gone down at least one after West returned a fourth

Now let's suppose East had held

the Q-8-5-2 of trumps instead of

West. In that case, East would have

won dummy's ten with the queen,

but he would not have been able to

prevent South from scoring 10 tricks

since a spade return could be ruffed

by dummy's king, leaving declarer

In effect, declarer's decision to

take the trump finesse against West

was a safety play catering to every possible 4-2 or 3-3 division of the

trumps. It was not so much a ques-

tion of guessing which defender had

the queen; it was more a question of

guaranteeing the contract against any

normal division of the cards.

trick for the defense.

round of spades.

with the A-J-9.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

Contrac

North dealer.

WEST

♦J1095

The bidding:

Opening lead -

to the right decision.

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

North

1 NT

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ AK983

SOUTH

South

jack of spades.

There is much more to the art of

guessing two-way finesses correctly

than meets the eye. The best players

seem to have a knack for guessing

right far more often than might nor-

mally be expected, but in many cases

it's not just plain luck that leads them

Consider this deal where the play

started with three rounds of spades.

Declarer ruffed the third spade and

was faced with the question of

whether to lead a trump to the king

West

Pass

Pass

♥ Ř 10



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unfailing, which is good because you'll have to

you'll be a hit in a choice that's outrageous and/or out of this world. swings to you, you'll be ready for it -- not rehearsed

exactly, but life has prepared you to shine! If you dress up, your natural artistry will shine as a pop star or a famous actor.

tume will put you in touch with your wild side. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be required to communicate with someone who either figuratively or actually doesn't speak the same language. Tonight, dressing up as something very

your beliefs about the afterlife, you may really feel like your ancestors are with you or are trying to communicate something important to you. If you dress up, you'll be a hit as an eerie ghost.

life isn't lost on you. The day is marked by a nostalgia that carries into the night. If you dress up, consider wearing something that represents a childhood fantasy. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll enjoy thinking

about all that has gone on in your life and times and how different it is from any era before you. If you dress up, historical or retro costumes will suit

lomorrow's Horoscope **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in an affectionate

mood, and you'll touch people with your words if it's not appropriate to touch them with a hug. If dressing up, you'll be a hit as the superhero you are most like or the villain you are most unlike. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your moral compass is

guide someone who is directionless. If dressing up, LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When the spotlight

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a lot you want to pursue, and you're not sure what to do first. Rest assured, a person can't have too many interests. If you dress up tonight, an animal cos-

large or very small will enhance your perspective. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Regardless of

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The sweetness of

Sudoku Answer on Page 10A

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3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or

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born into media royalty, has a wide-open astrological chart that is well rounded with planets in water, fire, earth and air signs. Her natal Mars in Virgo indicates a smart and hard worker with the potential to be enormously successful in many different pursuits, show business-related or not.

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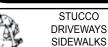
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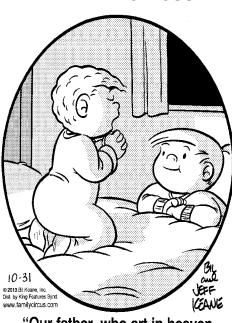


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Red Sox down Cards, claim World Series championship

BOSTON (AP) — More than an hour after the final out, players lingered on the field and fans stood by their seats, cheering, singing and applauding.

A celebration nearly a century in the making was unfolding at the old ballpark, a long-awaited moment generations of New Englanders had never been able

Turmoil to triumph. Worst to first. A clincher at Fenway

David Ortiz and the Boston Red Sox, baseball's bearded wonders, capped their remarkable turnaround by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-1 in Game 6 on Wednesday night to win their third World Series championship in 10 seasons.

When it was over, Ortiz took a microphone on the field and addressed the city, just as he did a week after the marathon bombings last April.

"This is for you, Boston. You guys deserve it," the Series MVP said. "We've been through a lot this year and this is for all of you and all those families who struggled."

And the Red Sox didn't even have to fly the trophy home. For the first time since Babe Ruth's team back in 1918, Boston won the title at Fenway.

The 101-year-old stadium, oldest in the majors, was jammed with 38,447 singing, shouting fans anticipating a party that had been building for more than nine decades.

"Maybe they won't have to go

another 95 years," said John Farrell, a champion in his first season as Boston's manager.

Shane Victorino, symbolic of these resilient Sox, returned from a stiff back and got Boston rolling with a three-run double off the Green Monster against rookie sensation Michael Wa-

Pumped with emotion, Victorino pounded his chest with both fists three times.

John Lackey became the first pitcher to start and win a Series clincher for two different teams, allowing one run over 6 2-3 innings 11 years after his Game 7 victory as an Angels rookie in

With fans roaring on every pitch and cameras flashing, Koji Uehara struck out Matt Carpenter for the final out. The Japanese pitcher jumped into the arms of catcher David Ross while Red Sox players rushed from the dugout and bullpen as the Boston theme "Dirty Water" played on the public-address

There wasn't the "Cowboy Up!" comeback charm of "The Idiots" from 2004, who swept St. Louis to end an 86-year title drought.

cy of the 2007 team that swept This time, they were Boston Strong — playing for a city shak-

There wasn't that cool efficien-

en by tragedy. "I don't think we put Boston on our back. I think we jumped on

their back," Jonny Gomes said. "They wouldn't let us quit."

After a late-season collapse in 2011, the embarrassing revelations of a fried chicken-and-beer clubhouse culture that contributed to the ouster of manager Terry Francona, and the daily tumult of Bobby Valentine's oneyear flop, these Red Sox grew on

Just like the long whiskers on the players' faces, starting with Gomes' scruffy spring training

"As soon as we went to Fort Myers, the movie's already been written," Gomes said. "All we had to do was press play, and this is what happened.'

The only player remaining from the 2004 champs, Ortiz had himself a Ruthian World Series. He batted .688 (11 for 16) with two homers, six RBIs and eight walks — including four in the finale — for a .760 on-base percentage in 25 plate appearances. the second-highest in Series his-

Even slumping Stephen Drew delivered a big hit in Game 6, sending Wacha's first pitch of the fourth into the right-center bullpen for a 4-0 lead. By the time the inning was over, RBI singles by Mike Napoli and Victorino had made it 6-0, and the Red Sox were on their way.

"Hey, I missed two games. It's time to shine," Victorino said.

All over New England, from Connecticut's Housatonic River up to the Aroostook in Maine, Boston's eighth championship can be remembered for beard-yanking bonding.

More study urged on concussions in young athletes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is peewee football too early to wonder about concussions? Maybe not: A major report says far too little is known about the risks in youth sports, especially for athletes who suit up before high school.

And it's not just a question for football. The Institute of Medicine found no one knows how often the youngest athletes suffer concussions or which sports have the highest rates. Nor is it clear if better headgear ever will help.

The IOM and National Research Council on Wednesday called for a national system to track sports-related concussions and start answering those questions.

Despite a decade of increasing awareness of the seriousness of concussions, the panel found young athletes still face a "culture of resistance" to reporting the injury and staying on the sidelines until it's healed.

"Concussion is an injury that needs to be taken seriously. If an athlete has a torn ACL on the field, you don't expect him to tape it up and play," said IOM chairman committee

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But the panel found evidence, including testimony from a player accused by teammates of wimping out, that athletic programs' attention to concussions varies.

Reports of sports concussions are on the rise, amid headlines about former professional players who suffered long-term impairment after repeated blows. Recent guidelines make clear that anyone suspected of having a concussion should be taken out of play immediately and not allowed back until cleared by a trained professional.

Although millions of U.S. children and teens play school or community sports, it's not clear how many suffer concussions, in part because many go undiagnosed.

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Ellis, Nowitzki lead Mavs past Hawks

DALLAS(AP) - TheMonta Ellis-Dirk Nowitzki tag team looked strong opening

Ellis started his Dallas career with 32 points, Nowitzki scored 24 and the Mavericks spoiled Budenholzer's coaching debut with a 118-109 victory over the Atlanta Hawks Wednesday night.

The Mavericks went 7 of 8 from 3-point range in the fourth quarter to pull away, including two in a row from Nowitzki followed by one from Ellis for a 118-102 lead with 1:18 remaining.

"The way he played in the second half was fantastic," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said of Ellis, who was an elite scorer at Golden State before his shooting percentages dropped off the past two seasons. "He played a terrific game. Dirk played a terrific

Jeff Teague led Atlanta with 24 in Budenholzer's first game, which came against a familiar opponent since he was a longtime assistant to Gregg Popovich in San Antonio.

game as well."

"Give Dallas a lot of credit," Budenholzer said. "They played really well for long stretches. A lot longer than our

stretches." Ellis, who signed a three-year deal as a free agent, joined the Mavericks with questions about his efficiency on

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offense. He answered those concerns for one night at least, going 11 of 17 from the field with eight assists. The only downside was seven turnovers, and Dallas had 20 as a team.

"Coach showed me some clips about how teams were playing me," Ellis said. "When I would get in the lane, I was more looking for a pass. I wanted to be one, two dribbles and put it up. Then if they played me, I could cross over and get the ball to somebody else."

Nowitzki finished 8 of 14, including 4 of 6 from beyond the arc, after missing last year's opener and the next 26 games following right knee surgery.

The early moments of the second half offered a glimpse of how these two scorers will feed off each other. Nowitzki opened the scoring with a jumper off an assist from Ellis in the pick-and-roll, then Ellis came around a Nowitzki pick for a 20-footer.

The next Dallas bucket was a jumper from Ellis, with an assist from Nowitzki.

"Monta is sensational in those pick-and-rolls coming off looking aggressive to score or if he doesn't have it he's finding the open shooters and that was fantastic," Nowitzki said.

The Mavericks opened with a win over an Eastern Conference playoff qualifier from last season after they missed the postseason in the West for the first time since Nowitzki's second season in 2000.

Until Nowitzki and Ellis put it away, the Hawks stayed close in their first game without Josh Smith, who went to Detroit in free agency.

Teague had nine assists, and Paul Millsap finished with 20 points on 9-of-15 shooting operating inside. DeMarre Carroll had 14, and Al Horford scored 11.

Jose Calderon, Ellis' new backcourt mate and another of the nine new faces in Dallas, struggled until the fourth quarter, when his first field goal was a 3-pointer that answered one on the other end by Carroll to put Dallas up 107-97.

Calderon had points and a game-high 11 assists, including one on an alley-oop dunk by Vince Carter that started a 17-2 run to put Dallas ahead 84-72 late in the third quarter.

Carter, who had 21 points, added a 3-pointer from several feet behind the arc later in the run to extend his streak to 26 games with at least one from long range dating to last season.

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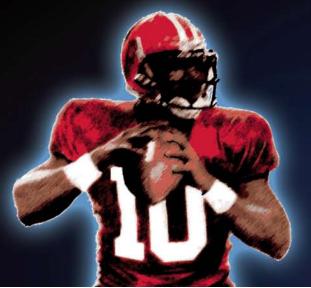
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Steers try to avoid trap



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Big Spring's Ronnie Bell wraps up Sweetwater quarterback Kaegan Jeffrey for a sack during last week's 65-42 win over the Mustangs on the road. The Steers (6-2) will try to extend their win streak to three district games as they travel to Greenwood on Friday.

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Trying to avoid a trap. That's what's on Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey's mind — and after repeated reinforcement -Ritchey hopes it's on the minds of his players, too, as they prepare to travel to Greenwood for a game the Steers (6-2) should have no problem winning.

The Rangers have struggled at 2-6, while the Steers have won five of their last six games. Ritchey's challenge has been to keep his squad focused. Like last week's opponent, Sweetwater, Greenwood has shown the ability to put points on the board. With a long-awaited postseason berth almost in sight, the last thing Big Spring needs at this juncture is a momentumkilling loss. Ritchey has spent almost a week trying to convey that notion to his team.

"We talked about it as soon as the game ended last Friday and we'll talk about it again today," Ritchey said. "(Greenwood) plays hard. If we don't prepare, we could look silly and we could easily lose the game."

Win-loss records aren't always the best indicators of a team's potential. Greenwood runs a spread with a lot of running options and can strike quickly with short passes. And the Rangers have something to play for, as they aren't mathematically eliminated from the playoffs yet.

"They run a spread," Ritchey

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Bulldogs hope to bite Owls, break skid

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Has CHS Head Coach Trey Gardner lost his mind? With a 1-7 record and two games to go, he's still talking about the playoffs.

But there may be method behind Gardner's madness. It's been a rough year, as any Bulldog fan can attest, and morale is as important as ever. Aside from that, Coahoma still has a chance to break into the postseason. Of course it will need some help and a strong finish to do so. If Gardner and his team can harness some youthful energy and play as well as they have during games against foes such as Stanton — which the Bulldogs led for more than three quarters it may not be such a stretch after all.

"People might say it's crazy and they ask if I've lost my mind, but we think we've got a real good chance if we can come out and play as well as we have the past three outings and get on them early like we did against Stanton," he explained. "We're not mathematically eliminated. If we can beat Reagan County and Reagan County beats Stanton, we're in."

Reagan County (2-6) is a good matchup for CHS. According to Gardner, the Owls run a Wing-T similar to Coahoma's offensive preference, but instead of a power running game where the chains are moved by rushing up the middle, RC prefers to use misdirection.

If the Bulldogs can pull off the win at home,

it opens up new possibilities.

"It's a longshot for sure," Gardner said of his team's chances of keeping the season going. "It would be great to get the younger guys an extra game and for our seniors — we don't have anyone going to play college ball it's another chance to get on the field."

Gardner is confident his squad has the ability to beat the Owls, but it will depend on the mental state of his players.

"It's a matter of how we respond," he explained. "Are these guys going to hang their heads and give up or will they come out and play as well as they have the last three outings? We've been across from better opponents than this. There's definitely some importantly, consistent defense.



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Coahoma's Brandon Coker (4) carries the ball during last week's 34-6 loss to Crane. The Bulldogs (1-7) will try to capture their second win of the season as they host Reagan County (2-6) on Friday.

guys who still want to get after it." So mental preparedness is the key,

but it must also be supplemented by what has become Coahoma's offensive strength — the running game. And perhaps more

"If we can move the ball the way we have and play defense the way we have during stretches, we'll be fine," Gardner added.

Earning a win Friday is almost mandatory if the young Bulldogs are as serious about entering the postseason as Gardner. It will likely be exponentially tougher the final week on the road against Crane.

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Buffs to face undefeated Anson

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

FORSAN — Two years ago, when the UIL realignment took place, Forsan dropped from 2A to 1A. They were also somehow dropped into an even more competitive district.

But the Buffaloes (3-5) are used to coping with adversity. FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips prefers his team to be battle-hardened by the time division play begins. This season, Forsan opened against

rival Coahoma, then had a date with Plains and came out of the frays 2-0. That's when the trouble started. A combination of injuries to key players and a sharp uptick in competition led to a four-game losing streak. But three of those outings were against 2A schools.

Haskell breathed much-needed life into Buffalo Country, but it was shortlived. Forsan was pounded by defending Class A champion Stamford last week by a score of 47-7, despite being healthy again for the first time in more than a month.

Now, the Buffs must find a way to topple a team which has quickly risen in the ranks — Anson — which has yet to lose a game this season. But at the 1A level, most coaches

can't rotate fresh bodies the way larger schools can and anything can happen. A quarterback can go down. a defense can tire out — Forsan is never to be counted out, but in order to get a win against the Tigers, it will take a lot of heart.

But if last week's affair with Stamford proved anything, it's that the anyone. After being outscored 40-0 in the first half, Forsan settled down and held the Bulldogs to seven in the sec-

Phillips admits his team played Stamford's second string for some of the time, but to shut down such a dangerous offense after starting in a massive hole was an accomplishment.

Phillips hopes to avoid a similar start this week.

"We made some mistakes early," he remarked of the Stamford game. "They didn't have to move the ball too far on any of their touchdowns. We gave them a short field. And maybe we were a little nervous. That's our focus this week — to come out and play from the first snap."

The biggest advantage FHS had in the second half wasn't relief from look, according to Phillips.

"They came out (of halftime) with a new attitude," he said. "The effort was much better. Once they realized they could play with those guys, they settled down and made a much better effort."

That same effort will surely be needed this week if FHS wants to nab its second District 4-1A victory. But even if the Buffaloes record a

loss, its playoff hopes won't be dashed unless they lose in the final week against Winters. A win against the Blizzards would

guarantee a postseason appearance, thanks to being fortuitously placed in a five-team district.

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HERALD photo/ **Shaun McVicars** Forsan's Covan **Davidson** tries to prolong a run during last week's 47-7 loss to defending champion Stamford. Next up for the Buffs (3-5) will be undefeated **Anson (8-0)** which FHS will host Friday.

Crossroads gridiron roundup

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LENORAH Grady defeated O'Donnell 56-12 to improve its season record to 5-3. With the playoffs right around the corner, Grady has to stop Borden County (3-5), which it will host Friday. With its only district loss coming at the hands of Garden City, Grady can lock up a postseason berth with a win.

GARDEN CITY — It's beginning to feel like 2009 again in Glasscock County. Or 2010. Take your pick, the Bearkats were state champions both

Now 7-1, Garden City will almost certainly improve to eight wins as they prepare for a road trip to winless Fort Davis. Head Coach Matt Odom has his team headed in the right direction, but will a relatively soft overall schedule prove to be a problem when

the playoffs roll around? That's a question likely on the minds of Garden City fans as the season winds down.

STANTON — The Buffaloes have turned in a solid year so far. Stanton (5-3) does have a huge challenge ahead of it Friday, as the 7-1 Sonora Broncos come to town.

Last week, The Buffs lost to another powerful district foe in Alpine by a score of 41-17. A win over one of the division's top teams would go a long way toward making a case for Stanton's legitimacy.

ACKERLY — It shouldn't take much of a struggle for Sands (6-2) to upend Dawson (0-8) on Friday, especially on its own turf, but the Mustangs did suffer its most lopsided defeat of the season last week in a 99-54 loss to Loop.

Sands will try to get back on the winning track as they prepare for a postseason run.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton/to purchase prints visit www.claxtonphotography.com Big Spring senior football players and cheerleaders pose for a photo after the Steers defeated Sweetwater 65-42 last week at the Mustang Bowl. BSHS will face Greenwood on Friday. The final game of the regular season will be held at Memorial Stadium on Nov. 8.

NCAA restructuring moves to steering committee

(AP) — There is no suggestion within the NCAA of blowing things up and even the idea of splitting off the bigmoney BCS schools into their own division gets little traction.

But the leadership of the governing body for collegiate athletics has to become "more nimble, more strategic, appropriately representative," said Nathan Hatch, chair of the NCAA's board of directors.

"I do think it's a very important (time)," Hatch, the president at Wake Forest, said Wednesday after a twoday meeting on restructuring. "I do think there's some frustration with the current governance model, and there are inherent tensions between big schools and small schools and how representation is done. There is a sense the board, for a variety of in smaller matters, legislative issues, and not high-level strategy.

want it nimble and you want it stra-

tegic so you can't have it too large," Hatch added. "So it may not be that we can have every constituent on the board. But one thing ... the board needs to find is a mechanism to be actively engaged with student-athletes, athletic directors, faculty groups, students, commissioners — the full range of constituents that comprise college athletics."

After getting input from nine different groups, including athletic directors, faculty, coaches' associations and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the board on Wednesday agreed on several key points:

— A more transparent, faster and simple governance process is needed.

School presidents would continue to lead the division, with the board focusing more on overall strategy and reasons, has been too much involved $\,\,$ vision and less on day-to-day opera-

– While there is a wish to main-"When you try to craft a board, you tain a single Division I, some schools should have the leeway to decide how best to support their athletes financially — a way to resolve the so-called stipend debate.

A seven-member committee established in August to oversee restructuring will now draft proposals, which will be presented to the full membership at the NCAA convention Jan. 15-18 in San Diego. Hatch said he hopes there will be a final plan by spring.

"If you look at where we were in the spring and where we are now, there's a lot more commonality now than there was six months ago because of these discussions," said Morgan Burke, Purdue's athletic director and the president of the 1A Athletic Directors' Association. "We still have a lot of work to do. Governance is a tricky thing whether it be in Washington, whether it be in Indy, whether it be in the U.N. If you go too fast, you can fracture this whole thing."

The NCAA, and President Mark Emmert in particular, have been the subject of harsh criticism for more than a vear, from their handling of scandals at Penn State and Miami to the payfor-play debate. The governing body is also facing lawsuits by former players over licensing that could cost millions. The most powerful conference commissioners have been among the most vocal critics and, with a lucrative new playoff system beginning next year, there were fears the largest – and richest — schools could break

But the sentiment was quite the opposite as the various groups gathered in Indianapolis to discuss ways to restructure the NCAA, Hatch said.

"We haven't foreclosed any option. But I would say that there was a general agreement among the many people I talked to, and among the board itself, that we will try to stay together as a single division," Hatch said.

But athletic directors do want to have more of a say, particularly when it comes to policies that shape college

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said. "They are a bit like Sweetwater, but they run the ball out of it more. They have a lot of options. They can still make the playoffs if they win their last two. We can make it by winning or if someone else loses, but we want to keep it in our hands and go out there get it done by winning.'

The key to victory, according to Ritchey will be to contain the Rangers' running game and make defensive stops when necessary.

"It will be important for us to stop them from running the ball," he said. "We need to score points, put some pressure on their defense and keep the pressure off our defense. If we can do that, everything

should be fine." A Steer win would ensure a playoff appearance regardless of the outcome of the final outing against Monahans next week. A loss and the Steers could have to beat Monahans to get

But finally, Ritchey has all the pieces in place. His roster boasts an abundance of talent and experience. Freshman Preston Alexander is an example of the former. Alexander rushed for more than 150 yards against Sweetwater and found the end zone three times, adding a knockout punch to the already explosive Steer offense.

"Preston is very gifted," Ritchey said of the running back. "He's very talented for any football player, but especially for how young he is. He has done a great job running the ball and he's also a good block-

But the latter — the experience allowed the talent to

blossom. "The offensive line has a lot to do with Preston's success, as well as the entire offense's success," he added. "They play hard every game."

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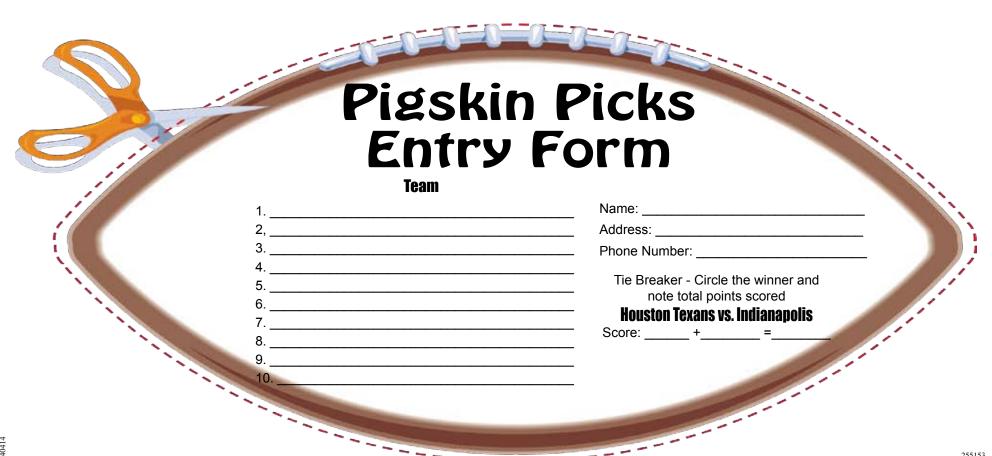


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United Way of Big Spring and Howard County

Contact Information:

215 W. Third St.

Big Spring, Texas 79720 432-267-5201 uway@bigspringtx.com www.unitedwaybshc.org facebook: United Way of Big Spring and Howard County

Service Area:

Big Spring, Howard and surrounding counties.

Mission:

Bringing together a united appeal for support of community accepted, voluntary health, developmental and welfare organizations and agencies that provide human service to the citizens of Howard County and shall distribute the funds raised in any fundraiser among those member agencies.

Services:

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County helps fund 17-member agencies. They are: American Red Cross West Texas Chapter; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CWJC, Spring of Siloam; CASA of West Texas; Council on Aging/Mobile Meals; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain Corp.; Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Howard



County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Permian Basin Regional

Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club; Victim Services; Westside Community Day Care Center; and YMCA of Big Spring.

Events

Our major fundraising is conducted throughout the community during the months of September through November each year. During the campaign we have an Annual Kick-Off with a silent auction of wonderful items donated by area business, The West Texas Ball Storm and our Annual Empty Bowls Event. We also have a golf tournament each spring.

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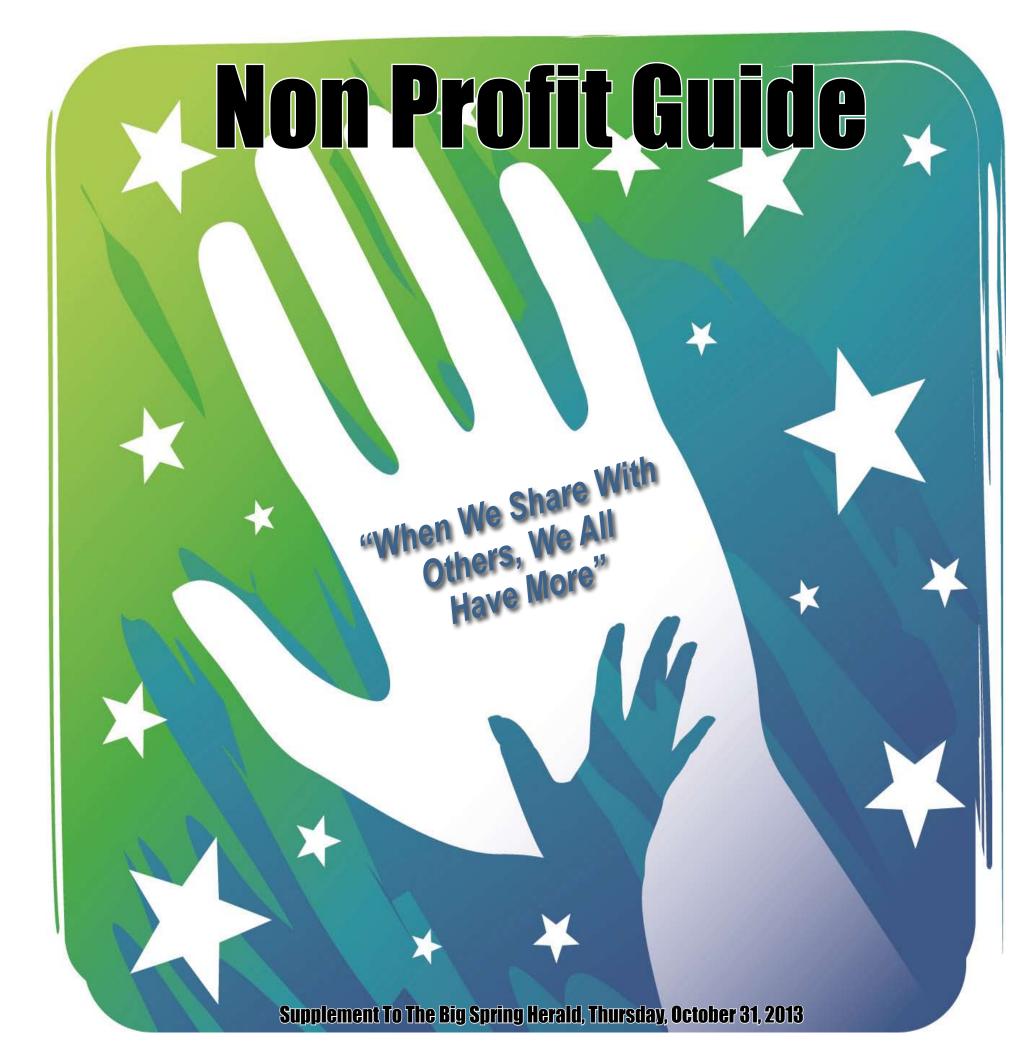


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HOWARD COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES CHAPLAINS CORP



To reach a ES Chaplain, contact the Law Enforcement dispatch at 264-2244 or 264-2550, any law officer, firefighter or most churches.

Service Area:

Big Spring and Howard County

Board Members:

Mike Averette, Paul Miller, Dale Walker, board president, Carl Condray and Dee Highly.

Services:

Emergency Services Chaplain Corp Services mission is to serve those who serve.

The ES Chaplain Corp performs counseling, limited financial aid for food and motels, small children's comfort aid, bus tickets, gasoline and to give comfort in the face of tragedy.

The Chaplain Program began as an innovative approach to meeting several needs in our community and county. Chaplains of all faiths work with law enforcement and fire personnel on a professional level by making themselves immediately available as trained and caring professionals who can assist in times of loss, confusion, depression, or grief to people in crisis situations. The Chaplains provide this service not only to the citizens, but also to all department employees and their families as well. The Chaplain Program is administered through the offices of the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Howard County Sheriff. The chaplain must be ordained or commissioned and must attend a basic Chaplain's Training Academy. Chaplains are ordained/licensed clergy and trained laity who are available to serve public safety departments, Victims Services, Scenic Mountain Medical Center personnel, and the families and citizens of Big Spring and Howard County. They are called on to attend to various physical, spiritual and other related duties as assigned.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES COUNCIL

Service Area:

58 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Board Members and Staff:

Jamey Stegall is director of community relations. Board members are: Stacy Barr, chairman; Steve Smith, vice chairman; Suzanne Markwell, treasurer; Jobeth Corwin, secretary; Doris Huibregtse, past chairman; Ruth Nanny: Tommy Corwin: Betty Lee: Lucy Griffith: Noel Hoff: Cyneather Woodruff; Lyndel Moody; Brenda Bodine; Ann Duncan; Lane Bond and Lee Emerson.

Mission Statement:

To enhance the lives of Big Spring State Hospital patients by providing personalized goods and services and by raising community awareness of



Services:

Volunteers provide birthday cakes, Christmas gifts, cookies, funding for the hospital's animal assisted therapy program, Internet Café, recreation activities and several other programs and services to the enhance the lives of the patients. Some of the most recent major projects funded by the VSC are the Family Visitation Center, a \$340,000 project completed in 2012, and the purchase of a \$82,654 vehicle in 2013 for patient transportation.

Fundraisers:

Cars Stars & Handlebars is held the last Saturday in April

Purpose:

Chalet Resale Shop is a second hand resale shop run completely through BSSH volunteers. Hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Donations received 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact Information:

- Community Relations Office 1901 N Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX 79720, 432-
- Chalet Resale Shop 115 E. Second St., Big Spring, 79720, 432-268-0528
- www.facebook.coom/pages/The-Chalet/127414830670020?ref=hl
- www.facebook.com/pages/Cars-Stars-and-Handlebars/36024230075844?ref=hl

Heritage Museum

Contact Information:

510 Scurry St., Big Spring, TX 79720, 432-267-8244, heritagemus@gmail.com, www.heritagebigspring.com

Service Area:

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Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding counties in West Texas

Board Members:

vice president; Janell Davis, second vice presi- and education of the area's citizens. dent; Katie Grimes; treasurer; Mary Lane Reynolds, secretary.

Staff Members:

Nancy Raney, director; and Tammy Schrecengost, curator.

Mission:

To collect and preserve items of cultural and historical significance to Big Spring and West Jane Jones, president, Robert H. Moore III, first Texas and to use those items for the research

Shann Parchman, executive direcsource for information and referral

Services:

To provide educational and multicultural programs that benefit the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding area.

Events:

Legends & Legacies, Breakfast with Santa, Parade Watch, special exhibitions and book sign-

VICTIM SERVICES

Contact Information:

Hours: Victims services provides 24 hour, 7 day a week, 365 days a year service. Call 432-263-3312.

Service Area:

Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Mitchell, Borden and Dawson counties

Staff Members:

tor; Linda Calvio, assistant direc-services. tor; Renee Burleson, victim service coordinator.

Mission Statement:

To provide crisis intervention and continuing support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and violent crime as well as their families. To act as a community re-

Services:

Victim Services focuses on providing the necessary assistance and direct quality service to all crime vic- **SANE program:** tims in order to sped their recovery from their victimization and to assist them throughout the medical, legal and criminal justice process.

edies available to the victim. The services provided the necessary assistance to speed recovery and assist the victim in the criminal justice process.

Big Spring, Howard County law en-

forcement, along with seven other counties are active participants for our Sexual Assault Nurse Examin-Services include: crisis interven- er (SANE) program. This program tion to provide emotional support is provided to adults and children of and guidance to the victim, justice sexual assault at Scenic Mountain support/advocacy which assists and Medical Center. The program prosupports the victim throughout the vides four registered nurses who legal and criminal justice process; have training to provide care to sexemergency financial assistance; ual assault survivors, competency emergency legal advocacy; assis- in conducting a forensic exam to tance in preparing applications for include evaluation for evidence colprotective orders; assistance in fillection, have the expertise to proing Crime Victims Compensation vide effective courtroom testimony given to every eligible victim and and show compassion and sensitivsecuring her/his rights and remitty to survivors of sexual assault.





432-263-7441

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BIG SPRING SYMPHONY GUILD



Contact Information:

Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

Also on Facebook at Big Spring Symphony Assn. & Guild

Area Served:

The Big Spring Symphony from Howard and surrounding counties. Advertising for concerts is conducted in Midland and Odessa as well as Snyder, Colorado City and other near-by

Board Members:

Suzanne Markwell, president; Pauline Nelson, vice-president;

Wanda Gamble, secretary; Del- for the concert programs, delivma Hickam; treasurer; and Eulaine McIntosh, publicity.

Mission:

The Big Spring Symphony Guild's mission is to provide a broad scope of public support for Guild draws its membership the Big Spring Symphony as it relates to concerts and to foster an increase in appreciation for symphonic music in the communitv.

Services:

The Big Spring Symphony Guild provides after-concert receptions, sells ads to businesses

ers posters to businesses to promote concerts, organizes and holds several educational projects during the year, sponsors scholarships for promising music students in the area, supports the BS Symphony financially by holding several fundraisers during the year, and helps the Big Spring Symphony Association with other duties as requested.

Fundraising:

Dressed to a Tea. Quacker Challenge (with BS Rotary and Isaiah

Education: Nutcracker in a Nutshell, Instrument Petting Zoo

BIG Spring Symphony Association

Contact Information:

The Big Spring Symphony office 808 Scurry Street Big Spring, Texas 79720 Telephone: 264-7223

Service Area:

The Big Spring Symphony Association draws from areas within a 50 mile radius of Big Spring. We advertise as far away as Lubbock, Lamesa, Snyder, Colorado City, Stanton, Midland/Odessa and San Angelo.

Staff Members:

The only paid staff member is the music director/conductor and the various musicians who perform.

Mission:

To offer the best quality of music that our community enjoys. The Symphony is to make all types of music available to all ages.



1512 S. Gregg Big Spring, TX 432-263-1931

Events:

The Big Spring Symphony performs for the concert season four concerts a year. Tickets are available at several outlets and at the door the day of performance.



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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Contact Information:

DAV National website is WWW.DAV.ORG. Locally, contact Service Officer George Williams, at 432-264-4825 for claims and appeals on service connected injuries. For other inquiries, contact Ed Meiser, Cmdr. at 432-263-5163 or edgar_ meiser@msn.com.

Service Area:

The Disabled American Veterans Organization is dedicated to "Fulfilling Our Promises to the Men and Women Who Served." O'Neal-Kunkle DAV

Chapter No. 47 of Big Spring answers to the needs of veterans in the Big Spring area, which also includes — when called upon — Colorado City, Snyder, Lamesa, Stanton, Garden City and San Angelo.

DAV Chapter No. 47 Officers:

Ed Meiser, Commander; Mike Tarpley, Senior Vice Commander.; John Pilgrim, Junior Vice Commander: Glen Holley, Adi/Treasurer: David Leonard, Chaplain; Clarance Hartfield, Judge Advocate; and George Wil-

liams, Service Officer.

Services:

Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government.

Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically. Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government.

Extending DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local chapters. Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

Fundraisers:

DAV depends solely on fundraisers and donations for service to veterans and their families in our area of service. We do conduct an annual (sometimes bi-annual) Forget-Me-Not drive which is solely for service to veterans in need of assistance. We gladly accept donations at any time, and may be mailed to: Disabled American Veterans, 2405 Carleton Dr., Big Spring, TX 79720.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION



Contact Information:

Facebook downtownbigspring2013;email downtownbigspring2013@yahoo.com

Service Area:

Big Spring and Howard Coun-

Board Members:

Christy Brorman, president; Ramon Holguin, vice president; Debbie Ruppard, secretary; Bill

Cole, treasurer, Angela Griffin; secretary; and alternates, Anissa Lerma.

Mission Statement:

Serving our community by recognizing that Big Spring's future prosperity depends on our enabling our residents and encouraging and welcoming our visitors to become important participants in a vibrant downtown

Downtown Revitalization Association Vision:

To support our downtown business area both physically, beautifying the area, and financially, by hosting events that bring residents and visitors to town. To promote Big Spring as a tourist destination which offers a variety of cultural and fun activities.

With the goal of creating a dynamic downtown Big Spring, explore the development of partnerships with like-minded local organizations.

Services performed:

Christmas on Main Street; Christmas for the Troops, Trunk or Treat; Feed the Soul Christmas concert, Funtastic Fourth Festival

Major Events:

Funtastic Fourth Festival, Christmas on Main, Christmas for the Troops, Feed the Soul; Truck or Treat.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays - 5:00 pm Sundays - 8:30 am 11:00 am

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COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF WEST TEXAS

Location:

1611 W. Texas Ave. Midland, Texas 79701

P.O. Box 688 Big Spring, Texas 79721

www.casawtx.org facebook



Service Area:

Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Midland, Andrews, Gaines and Dawson counties.

Mission Statement:

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing, permanen

Board of Directors for 2013-2014:

Retha Fortenberry, board president; Hector (Rocky) Valdes Jr, vice president; Wm. Craig Tinslar, treasurer; Angela Staples, secretary; Joseph Campbell; Amme Cole; Lindsay Dickson; Leah Doty; Kris Mabry; Isaac Miramontes and Leslie (Nick) Scott.

Advisory Baord:

Cassandra Cheek, Clark Lea, Reba Beam, Paula Fasken, Abigail W. Sikes, Charles Spence and Cliff Voake.

Services:

CASA of West Texas recruits and trains community volunteers to advocate through the legal system for the best interest of children that are in foster care due to abuse and/or neglect.

Fundraisers:

Annual Golf Tournament.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries of Big Spring

Location:

1209 Wright St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone 432-267-5321

Contact Information:

Mona Lue Tonn, 432-263-0544 or 432-270-0160 or Gena Ray, 432-213-0522

Service Area:

Big Spring and surrounding areas

Staff Members:

Mona Lue Tonn, pastor; Gena Ray, assistant pastor; Manuel Chavarria, caretaker

Mission Statement:



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Services:

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Major Events:

Giveaways five or six times a year which includes clothes, shoes, coats, furniture, appliances and household goods.

Christmas Giveaway; Toys and clothes for needy children. Last year, Spring Tabernacle gave approximately 300 kids four to five presents each and a stocking stuffer bag.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Contact information:

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9601 Wright Drive, P.O. Box 60310, Midland, Texas 79711, 432-563-2267, www.RedCross.org/ Tx/Midland, Facebook UN: American Red Cross of the Permian Basin Area Chapter Service Area:

The American Red Cross, Permian Basin Area Chapter, serves almost 500,000 people in 20 counties: Andrews, Borden, Brewster, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

Staff Members:

Stephanie Murphree, executive director; Tonya Hancock, preparedness health and training specialist; and a disaster services program manager

Board of Directors:

John Alvarez, board chair; Tasa Richardson, vice-chair: Jefferson Cox, member: Melinda Day, member; Mark Dettman, member; Noah Fishman, advisory member; Janet Hughes, Linda Ingram and Michele Shelton.

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Mission Statement:

Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Services:

It is our duty to carry out our mission while meeting the needs of our community in Disaster Services, Health and Safety Services and Services to the Armed Forces.

Disaster Services:

Meet people's needs during emergencies and times of disaster. Train individuals to ensure there are adequate volunteers to respond to both contained and large-scale disasters.

Armed Forces:

Provide emergency communication for U.S. service members and their families, assist in requesting emergency leave, provide referrals and offer financial assistance.

Preparedness, Healthy and Safety Services:

Community:

Provide training and information in First Aid, CPR, AED, lifeguarding and other skills so community members can lead safer, healthier lives.

KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL

Contact Information:

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is located at 215 W 3rd St, Big Spring, TX 79720. Phone: 432-264-6032. Website listing is www.keepbigspringbeautiful.org or follow us on facebook. Spring. info@bigspringtx.com. Meeting dates are at noon on the first Monday of each month in the Howard College Cactus Room

Service Area:

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is dedicated to serving the 19.5 square miles of Rolling Plains, Plateaus and High Plains that make up Big **Board Members:**

KBSB Board is made up of volunteers and voted upon by the mem-

ber body. Board members are Jan Heart, Big Spring. Hansen, president; Gloria McDonald, vice-president; Teresa Darden, vice-president; Debbie Wegman, treasurer.

Mission:

To empower Big Spring Citizens through education, to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment.

Services:

Our goal is to educate our citizens **Events:** ing up to its motto of Big Sky, Big along with many others.

Committees:

Community Leadership, Public Awareness, Education, Beautification & Community Improvement. Litter Prevention & Clean-up, Solid Waste Management, Littler Law & Enforcement and of course since KBSB is non-profit and funded only by membership dues, KBSB also has a Fundraising committee.

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HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Contact information:

Howard County Humane Society is located at 5710 IH 20 West, which is on the north service road of Interstate 20 on the west side of Big Spring and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 432-267-7832.

Service Area:

The Humane Society serves Big Spring and the surrounding areas. We are a no-kill shelter for lost, abandoned, abused and unwanted animals and take in dogs and cats as long as there is space available.

Staff members:

Jo Stone, coordinator; and animal caretakers are Diane Williams, Shana Brasel, Debra White, Lisa Hodges and Caitlin Boren.

Service:

The Howard County Humane Society is dedicated to ensuring the animals in our care have a better life, the best care and we attempt to place them a forever home. We are also dedicated to providing education to the youth to encouraging them to show kindness and compassion for all living creatures.

We provide a program to assist owners with pet needs including veterinarian care, emergency care, pet food and spay and neutering procedures. Qualifications for the program are based on income and age. For more information, call the Humane Society at at 267-7832.

Fees

Adoption fees include all shots and to spay or neuter the animals. Adoption fee for dogs are \$65 and for cats is \$40.



Isaiah 58



Contact information:

809 Scurry (across from the St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

Monday: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 263-4758.; Mail: P.O. Box 1103, Big Spring, TX 79720

Service Area:

Howard County

Board Members:

Ken McIntosh, Hollis McCright, Joe Mc-

Cright, Bob Rainwater, Marla Rainwater, Paul Smith, Pat Smith, Erma Dunne, June Waters and Jaycee Marsch.

Mission Statement:

To demonstrate the love of Jesus as we feed hungry families in Howard County.

Services:

We provide food and we also counsel.

Major Events:

Duck Races as United Way fundraiser.



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BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact Information:

215 W. 3rd, Big Spring, TX 79720 – 432-263-7641 www.bigspringchamber.com Facebook – Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce – Like us please!

Service Area:

The cities of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan

Staff Members:

Debbye ValVerde, IOM, executive director; and Nancy Davenport, executive assistant.

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BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL

Bov Scouts of America

Board:

Jim Clements, president: Jan Foresyth.

past president; Mark Morgan, treasurer; Bruce Schooler, president elect; Manny Negron, business development; Debbie Wegman, cultural/tourism; Bruce Schooler, membership; Lisa Brooks, governmental; Malinda Flenniken, Mike Knowles, Jerry Duenes, Raul Benavides, Jonna Morgan and Mike Thomas.

Mission Statement:

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to advance the civic, economic, cultural and social betterment and interests of its members and the people of Howard County.

Ex-Officio: Mark Barr, Howard County; Gloria McDonald, retirement;

cobs, CISD; Randy Johnson, FISD; Terry Wegman, BSEDC; Andy Welch,

VAMC; Sylvia Miramontes, workforce; and Larry McLellan, city of Big

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College; Chris Wigington, BSISD; Amy Ja-

Services:

Promote member businesses and commerce in the area and help to promote community events through our calendar of events. Being a Chamber member is about being a part of a community. It's not what the Chamber is going to do for you, it's what are you and the chamber going to do together to make the community a better place.

Major Events:

The annual Chamber banquet held in January or early February; the Health Fair in April; Job Fair in April or May; Agricultural Appreciation Day held in October; Toy Drive; and Business Promotional Events. Any and all events are open to the public.

Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America

Contact Information:

Big Spring Center 610 Scurry Street 432-263-3407 www.buffalotrailbsa. org

Council Office 1101 West Tx Ave Midland, Tx 79701 432-570-7601

Service Area:

Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Staff members:

David Chapman, scout executive and CEO; Matt Vercher, district director; Brian Sweeney, Lone Star District executive; Marcus Fernandez, district chair; and Perry Heupel, district commissioner.

Misson:

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Services:

The Boys Scouts of America provides a program for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness.

Major fund-raising events:

Friends of scouting, pop-corn fundraising, yearly events for scouts.



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Salvation Army of Howard County

Contact Person:

Lt. Missy Romack 432-267-8239

Service Area: Howard County.

Board Members:

Corps Officers Lt. Jeremiah and Missy Romack,
Gary Blount, Lisa Dimidjian, Denise Smith, Skip
Burcham, Josh Hamby,
Danelle Castillo, Joe
Stocks, Loyd Mashburn,
Richard Wright, Carl Condray and Jim Mills.



Mission:

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Services:

The Salvation Army of Howard County is pleased to provide spiritual and social services to the residents of Howard County. This location features a Boys

& Girls Club, Homeless Shelter, Family Thrift

Store, Food Pantry, Emergency Financial Assistance, Disaster Relief, Christmas Assisitance, Summer Heat Relief, Worship Programs, Community Feeding Programs, and Youth Programs.

Location:

The Salvation Army is located at 811 West Fifth St. Street, Big Spring Texas, 79720.

Major Events:

Boys & Girls Club fundraiser, Christmas Red Kettle Program, Fall Festival, Tools for School, Angel Tree, Summer Block Party, Christmas and Thanksgiving community dinner, VBS, Summer Day Camp, and After School Program.

MOBILE MEALS

Service Area:

Big Spring

Director:

Macaria Cantu

Mission:

To provide nourishing meals to the elderly, homebound and convalescing citizens of Big Spring, striving to improve the quality of life for those it serves.

Purpose:

To provide a well-balanced and nutritious meal to homebound elderly in Big Spring, five days a week.

Contact Information:

HCCA/Mobile Meals, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring, TX 79721, 432-263-4016



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North Side Community Center



Contact Information:

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Service Area:

Howard County

Board Members:

Sylvia Miramontes, president; Carol Green, vice president, Anna Trevino, secretary, Dr. Ann Tubb, treasurer; Shane Seaton, member; Tommy

Welch, member.

Staff:

Linda Sepulveda, director; Virginia Natividad, administrative assistant.

Mission Statement:

Northside Community Center is committed to meeting the needs of Big Spring and Howard County's less fortunate citizens. The center will provide guidance for individuals and families, assist in establishing career goals, provide educational guidance and assistance, assist in time management and preparation of financial budgets, will use community resources leading to an enhanced and improved quality of life for both family and individuals.

Service:

Assistance to qualifying individuals and families with utilities, rent, medication, work shoes and clothes. GED tests, books, scrubs, etc., Texas IDs, driver's license, birth certificates within Texas.

Events:

We partner with Spring of Siloam for a garage and bake sale. The money benefits United Way of Howard County and Big Spring. We are one of the agencies which receives allocations from the United Way.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM

Service Area:

Big Spring and Howard County.

Board of Directors:

Bruce Schooler, president; Gloria McDonald, vice president; Jo Ann Staulcup, secretary; Deanna Burnett, treasurer; Myron Gwin, Jan Forsyth, Clarance Hartfield Jr., Jerry Worthy, Vaughn Martin, Col. Jerry Grimes, Devoun Robles and Jim Depauw.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Hangar Air Museum 25 is to educate the public through the collection, preservation and exhibition of the history of the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base while honoring all veterans, past and present.

Services:

Hangar 25 Air Museum provides educational programming and historic preservation of objects and archives relating our mission.

Contact Information:

1911 Apron Dr., Big Spring, TX 79720, www.hangar25airmuseum.com Hangar 25 has a Facebook page.

Major fundraising events:

Silver Wings Ball, Memorial Day Celebration, Christmas at the Hangar.





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