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## Festival of Lights turns bright Sunday

### Herald Staff Report

There may be a few bulbs missing, but it's not likely that will dampen the spirits of those planning to drive through the Festival of Lights this Sunday.

The huge light show opens at 6 p.m. in Comanche Trail

Park and will continue nightly from 6 until 10 through Dec. 31. There is no admission fee but donations are accepted.

"Howard Stewart, our project manager, is working hard to get this done for opening night; however, because of the recent weather, it might not be 100 percent," said Pat

Simmons, who started the festival years ago.

Stewart has had help from the parks and streets crews, FCI trustees and trustees from the county corrections center under the direction of John Spence.

"We have the extra hands of faithful helpers which is real-

ly needed from Jim DePauw and Al Williams. Then, there are our various officers that without them this festival would hit some hard bumps and not run smoothly," said Simmons.

"We have 30 adopt-a-spot volunteers and hopefully all of those sites will be com-

pleted by Sunday night," said Simmons.

Numerous volunteers have agreed to serve as greeters and work in various areas.

"Volunteers are what makes the wheels turn and be successful," added Simmons.

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## Holiday weekend

### Saturday

- Parade Watch, Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

- Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, 5:30 p.m., 24th Street and Scurry.

- Christmas on Main Street, following the parade, Pocket Park located next to the Sparenberg Building on Main Street.

- Live Drive Through Nativity, First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

- The Nutcracker, Big Spring Symphony and the Midland Ballet, 8 p.m., Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

### Sunday

- Festival of Lights, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Comanche Trail Park (continues nightly through Dec. 31).

- Live Drive Through Nativity, First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Clockwise from top left: Sophie DeLeon, right, gets help in making her gingerbread cookie from Dianne Watson during Heritage Museum's annual Breakfast With Santa event Saturday morning. Above, the First Church of the Nazarene opened its annual Drive Through Nativity Friday night. Performances continue nightly through Sunday, beginning at 6:30. At left, Santa takes some time to greet a smaller member of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club Bykes for Tykes Toy Run before they began their trek to deliver toys and food to local needy families early Saturday. The Cossacks began their mission 22 years ago to deliver food and toys to local needy families.**

Photos by Steve Reagan, Tony Claxton and Andrea Medlin.



## Equipment bid on college agenda

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will tackle a number of issues Monday including matters held over from their November meeting which was canceled because of bad weather.

During Monday's meeting, trust-

ees are expected to take action on a bid to purchase a welding simulator. The monies for this piece of equipment were given to the college in October as part of grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to advance oil and gas vocational education in the area.

College President Dr. Cheryl

Sparks called the piece of equipment "unique."

"The students will be able to practice welding without all the sparks," she said in an earlier article. "The instructor can use a

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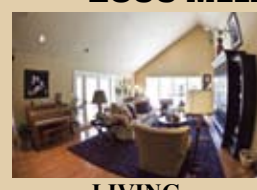
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# Obituaries

## Claude Hayden

Claude Hayden Roberts, 86, of Bangs, Texas, passed away Dec. 12, 2013, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas, under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Early, Texas. Pastor Daniel Vasquez of Victory Life Church in Brownwood, Texas, will be officiating.

Mr. Roberts is survived by two brothers, John Wayne Roberts and wife Wanda Roberts of Garden City, Texas. and David Roberts of Big Spring, Texas; one stepson, Kenneth Riley of Odessa; numerous nieces and nephews; and caregivers Frank and Elizabeth Vasquez of Bangs, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Haden and Elizabeth Roberts; his wife, Margaret Roberts; four sisters, Ethel Mae Roberts, Marie Wilder, Della Kinard and Dorothy Burks; and two brothers, Floyd Roberts and Raymond Roberts.

## Betty Jane Weaver

Betty Jane Weaver, formerly of Sand Springs, passed away Dec. 9 at the age of 91 after a lengthy illness.

She was a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Weaver) Hubbard of St. Leon, Ind.; two sons, Richard George Weaver of Eunice, La., and Robert Orin Weaver of Lubbock, Texas; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

## Donald Koerber

Donald Koerber, 71, of Big Spring, died Thursday in an Odessa Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born April 15, 1942, in Wichita, Kan., and married Aloma Kay Graves June 10, 1960, in Phoenix, Ariz. She preceded him in death Dec. 14, 2008.

He was a Christian.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Storie of McCamey, Texas, Shelley Burrow and husband, Mike of Big Spring and Brenda Tubb and husband, Brian of Big Spring; two sons, Don Koerber and Jim Koerber both of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Amy Koerber; and a son-in-law, John Storie.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-2121 or to the American Lung Association, 8150 Brookriver Dr., Suite S-102, Dallas, Texas, 75247.

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

## Margarita Ross

Margarita Ross, 86, of Big Spring, died Friday Dec. 13, 2013, at her residence. Vigil services will be Sunday 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be Monday 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish with Monsignor Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born to Polycarpia and Concepcion Carrillo Jan. 1, 1927, in Coahoma, Texas, and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Robert Ross Sept. 9, 1947, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

She is survived by her husband Robert Ross Sr. of Big Spring; one son Robert Ross Jr., and wife Patti of Grand Prairie, Texas; two daughters Irma Ross Chavez and husband Orlando Sr. of Big Spring and Yolanda Ross Murray and husband Les of The Colony, Texas; two brothers Liberato Carrillo of Big Spring and Florencio Carrillo of Portland, Ore.;

ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by one sister Socarro Mendoza; four brothers Epifanio, Concepcion, Leo and Dolores Carrillo.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

## Siarhara Rayne Callender

Siarhara Rayne Callender, infant daughter, of Jeanette and Tommy Callender, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2013. Private family services at a later date.

In addition to her parents, she was survived by one brother: Kenneth Callender of Big Spring; grandparents: Toni Paul of Big Spring and Sonia Kemper of Toronto, Kan.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

# Police blotter

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

- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 24, of 1500 Mesa, was arrested Friday on a warrant for driving without a safety belt.
- MICHAEL RENE ROBLES, 41, of 2610 Albrook, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for assault family violence.
- GREGORIO SILGUERO III, 34, of 204 Pintail Loop, San Marcos, Texas, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- MICHAEL DANIEL GARCIA, 41, of 1500 State Park Drive, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.
- THEFT was reported at the 1600 block of Jennings, the 800 block of East Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 300 block of Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 4900 block of Wasson, the 3700 block of Hatch and the 1600 block of Lincoln.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1700 block of Johnson.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1600 block of West FM 700.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of West 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- TRAUMA was reported at the 1600 block of Wren. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call was reported at the 800 block of West 15<sup>th</sup> Street. One patient transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported at mile marker 181 on North Service Road of Interstate Highway 20. Extinguished.

# Take Note




• A book signing for James Johnston's "Crossroads Canaan, A Texas Town in the Jazz Age," has been canceled for today due to flooding in the Heritage Museum from a burst pipe, museum officials said. The book signing will be rescheduled for sometime in January.

• Big Spring RSVP will celebrate the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service starting Dec. 5 through Jan. 20 by coordinating a local book drive benefiting the children of West, Texas. RSVP volunteers will collect new or gently used children's books at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Encompass Cares, a charity arm of Encompass Home Health, is collecting medical supplies and blankets for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. Drop off your donations at the Encompass Home Health Office at 1900 Gregg in Big Spring through Friday. For more information, contact Arminae Ward at 432-634-5488 or call the local Encompass Home Health at 432-264-0044.

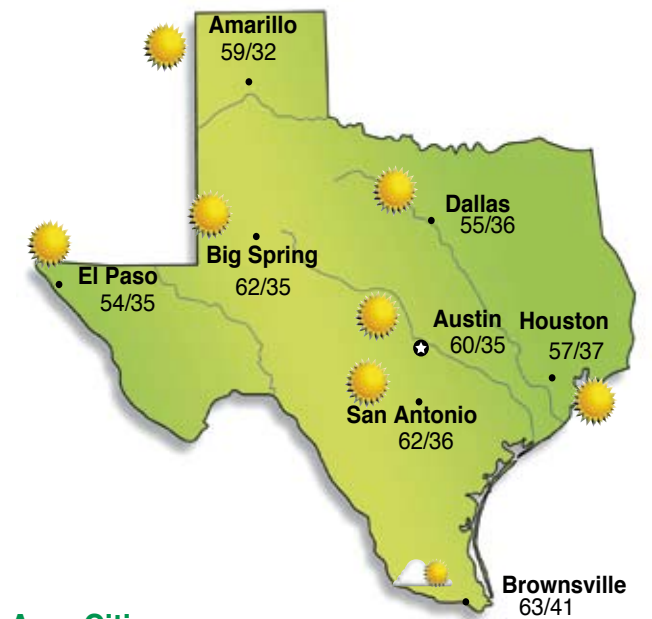
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 12/15	Mon 12/16	Tue 12/17
 <b>62/35</b> A mainly sunny sky. High 62F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	 <b>64/35</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	 <b>65/38</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	38	sunny	Kingsville	63	40	sunny
Amarillo	59	32	sunny	Livingston	54	32	sunny
Austin	60	35	sunny	Longview	53	35	sunny
Beaumont	55	36	mst sunny	Lubbock	61	30	sunny
Brownsville	63	41	pt sunny	Lufkin	55	33	sunny
Brownwood	61	36	sunny	Midland	60	35	sunny
Corpus Christi	60	41	sunny	Raymondville	62	39	pt sunny
Corsicana	55	35	sunny	Rosenberg	57	36	sunny
Dallas	55	36	sunny	San Antonio	62	36	sunny
Del Rio	62	36	sunny	San Marcos	61	35	sunny
El Paso	54	35	sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	36	sunny
Fort Stockton	61	36	sunny	Sweetwater	61	37	sunny
Gainesville	55	34	mst sunny	Tyler	53	35	sunny
Greenville	53	33	mst sunny	Weatherford	57	34	sunny
Houston	57	37	sunny	Wichita Falls	60	31	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	29	pt sunny	Minneapolis	6	2	sn shower
Boston	37	15	rain	New York	37	24	pt sunny
Chicago	16	5	pt sunny	Phoenix	68	47	sunny
Dallas	55	36	sunny	San Francisco	62	42	sunny
Denver	51	26	pt sunny	Seattle	47	43	cloudy
Houston	57	37	sunny	St. Louis	35	26	pt sunny
Los Angeles	73	50	sunny	Washington, DC	44	27	pt sunny
Miami	85	64	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 12/15	Mon 12/16	Tue 12/17
3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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• From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will feature Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts — gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

• Big Spring Professional Firefighters Honor Guard is giving away a Yeti Tundra 45-quart cooler, valued at \$330. For more information, call Lt. Jay Holt at 432-264-2315 or FF. Albert Cavazos at 806-559-6722.



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# Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big

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

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continu-

ing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
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- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

# Wet and icy conditions not enough to end drought

**Special to the Herald**

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District continues to monitor drought conditions for Howard and Martin counties.

Although the counties have seen a little moisture recently, the U.S. Drought Monitor and Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) maps from September through November still show both counties to be in severe drought.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District would like to remind everyone to continue to conserve water. The following are some tips on how to conserve water throughout the fall and winter months.

Tip 1 - Try watering plants sparingly throughout the early autumn, until the time your leaves fall. Watering plants sparingly in early autumn will allow them to transition more smoothly from the growing season into the dormant season.

Tip 2 - In late autumn, after trees have dropped their leaves, give both evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs a deep watering (1-2 inches)

Tip 3 - Avoid watering during any form of precipitation

Tip 4 - Use mulch around your plants and trees to maintain moisture

Tip 5 - This is a good time of year to stop using soaker hoses and put them away for the winter

For more ways to conserve water in and around your home, visit the Permian Basin UWCD website [www.pbuwc.com](http://www.pbuwc.com) or come by our office at 708 W. St. Peter in Stanton.

# COLLEGE

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student's simulation to instruct the individual on where they can improve while teaching other students at the

same time. This is a way to expand our welding training program." Trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room, located in the campus' Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. In other business, trustee will

• Hear project updates on the re-vamp of the dental hygiene program and San Angelo campus construction.

• Hear updates on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools report, which is the system where the

college receives its accreditation, and small class report.

Contact Lyndel Moody at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com) or 263-7331, ext. 234

# FESTIVAL

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Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the festival Sunday and Monday nights and again Dec. 21-23. In addition, carolers will perform on various dates, including the Big Spring High School Rhapsody group from 7

to 8 p.m. Sunday and the Cowboy Church Carolers from 7 to 8 Monday. Others include" Dec. 17, the Calvio Band from 7:30-9:30, Dec. 18, George Bancroft from 7-9, Dec. 19, BSHS Band from 7-9, Dec. 20, Cornerstone Church from 7-7:30, Dec. 22, Nazarene Church from 7-8.

Also, this will be the second year for the Christmas Geese Count — a "game" in which festival goers count the geese they see. The Hotel Settles will award

the winner a one-night stay for two. "Remember, the geese do not stay in one place. They move about," said Simmons. "This was a great attraction last year and we thank the Settles

for their donation." Count forms can be picked up at the greeter's booth. Enter the festival at the northmost entrance to the park along U.S. Highway 87.

# MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Siarhara Rayne Callender, infant, died Tuesday, December 11, 2013. Private family services at a later date.

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

# Artworks from twigs

## Benefit of doubt

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Tax dollars that fund the Economic Development Corp. belong to the citizens of Big Spring. We elect a council that appoints a board of directors to hire a director and establish policies and procedures for use of those dollars. I, for one, fully expect the board of directors to know where those tax funds are spent and to make sure they are spent appropriately. No one who is doing their job should object to a review of their work, in fact they should welcome it. A review gives the staff members a chance to look good to his or her bosses if they are doing a good job. If not, they hopefully get some input as to how to improve their performance.

I hope we get a handle on the spending and make sure it is to the benefit of the citizens of Big Spring. I certainly hope and pray that the employees of Economic Development are not spending more on coffee a month than many of our citizens have for groceries.

But let's give the past board members and current employees the benefit of the doubt for now, do a full review of the financial transactions and then we will know if the past board members and employees did their jobs right or not. Let the chips fall where they may.

G.C. "COTTON" MIZE  
BIG SPRING

## That's their job

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Well, I don't know exactly what happened at the EDC meeting Tuesday as I could not attend. I guess I will never know for sure because they will not allow the community to watch it live on Channel 17 (our public service TV channel). Why can't they hold those meetings in the council chambers at City Hall? Then we would know what happened and would not have to wonder if changes were made to the "video taped version."

But if what I have heard is true, I say it's about time. Let's look at the EDC expenses and see what we are paying for. If all spending is legitimate, great; if not, let's correct it and move forward. But to say the board members should not look at those expenditures and provide direction of staff is crazy. That's their job!

PONCHO NARBAIZ  
BIG SPRING

## Satan at meeting

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I attended the EDC meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013. I cannot believe how such Christian, professional people could be so cold and rude. People were making such rude comments about our new EDC board members.

The new members were appointed by the city council to monitor the EDC director, the businesses being attracted and to ensure the money received by the EDC is used appropriately.

These new members are committed and loyal to the EDC and the residents of this community as a whole.

I was informed that a prominent person of this community contacted some residents and asked them to attend the meeting because Terry Wegman and Teresa Darden could be fired. Those emails just got people worked up and you would think this prominent person would want nothing but peace in this community.

I would like to personally apologize to president Don Avant, vice president Nati Saldivar and board mem-

ber Frances Hobbs for the verbal abuse they had to endure. As the news media stated, most in attendance were there on behalf of Terry Wegman. I was there to support the three I previously mentioned. I also support Scott McKenzie because I know he is a good, honest Christian man.

At the end of the day, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ but we sure do not act like it.

As we all know, there are rules and regulations, policies and procedures in all we do. The EDC did not have those in place and there were other things that needed to be addressed. They were, and because of that, it has been corrected. It was supposed to be that simple but Satan was definitely at the meeting and brought out the worst in most of us.

As the ex board members know, this is a volunteer service provided with no pay. Thank you ex board members; your term has expired and we now have new board members. Times have changed. We are moving with the times and the EDC should have to abide by rules, regulations, policies and procedures like everyone else. They are not exempt.

I am very proud to see there is going to be changes for the better of the community and taxpayers. I feel it needs structure or abolishment. I know there will be more negative letters to the editor explaining that when the EDC was started back in the day and before these new members came everything was OK. First of all, we are not back in the day and as I stated earlier, they are here to make a difference.

We all need to accept change just like the cost of living has gone up, rent has gone up. No one gets anything for free. Therefore, that applies to the EDC as well.

NORMA GARCIA  
BIG SPRING

## Wake up, people

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I am 63 years old. I have lived in Big Spring 63 years. As far back as I can remember, there has been bickering, arguing, fighting in city government, school board, county government, police department, etc. in our town.

Our son graduated from Big Spring High School in 1988. He writes, "My memories growing up in Big Spring are awesome — my days at Washington Elementary, Runnels Junior High and Big Spring High School. The bad memories were of a friend's father who was railroaded out of town by city government and it concerned him of his friend's family embarrassment." Another friend writes, "My days in Big Spring all I remember is verbal fighting among the city leaders of Big Spring."

How pathetic! Is that what you want our children to take from Big Spring?

We must take advantage of the current economic boom to address today's needs along with an eye on the needs of Big Spring. There are so many opportunities to move forward.

Wake up, people. Let them do their job.

Discussing a phone bill and a coffee bill for two hours? Yeah, right!

JEANIE KNOCKE  
BIG SPRING

## EDC facts

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
To the citizens of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: You reside here.

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Janyz Frazier of Waco started doing art when she was 57 years old. "My sister came to visit me and she brought some papier-mâché, took a piece of it, laid it on the table and said, 'make something.' And all of a sudden there was a face and instantly my whole being caught fire and I knew this was my real passion. I believe there's not a human being in the world that does not have artistic talent. They just don't know it until something brings it out. And who you are will emerge when you get into the arts."



TUMBLEWEED  
SMITH

Her sister-in-law asked her to create an elephant. "It was so difficult to do and took forever. I was ready to throw it away many times. But it has become my most famous piece. It has been cast in bronze and is now being sold through The Safari Club."

She did a large bronze statue of a woman with a baby that is in Waco's Providence Hospital. "It's inside the new mother and

infant wing. It's three-quarters life-size, about five feet two. I made her because I wanted young mothers just walking into motherhood to realize the huge bond that forms between mother and child when a woman gives birth."

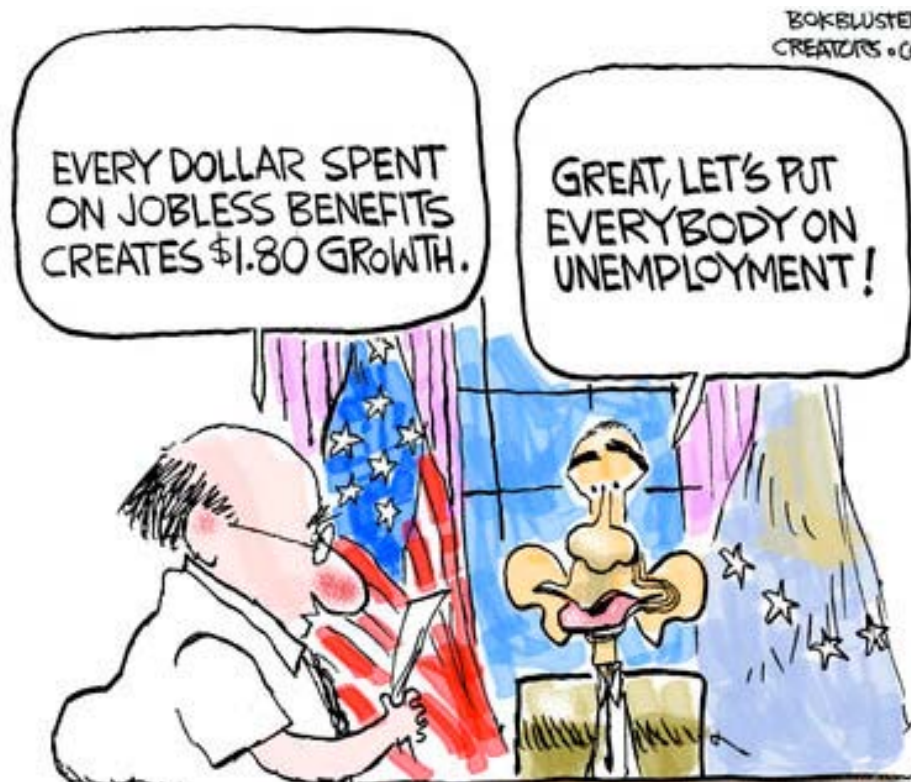
Janyz does lots of whimsical art. She makes things from twigs and calls her creations twigsters. "I was out walking with my husband one day and I saw this cottonwood twig on the ground and I told him it looked like somebody on ice skates. I took it home and made my first twigster. It was a Santa Claus on ice skates, skating along on a piece of bark that I made to look like ice. I made cowboy characters out of twigs and everybody loved them. They'd be sold before I could finish them. People would hear about them and come to my house to buy them. I gave a speech to a women's group once and had a twigster with me and before the meeting was over someone bought it. After that they were just buying them like hotcakes because they were fun. I love to laugh and find every way I can find to do it. The whole time I'm making these twigsters I'm laughing to myself."

Janyz and her husband

lived in the panhandle town of McLean for a while. "It was like being in a book. Everybody was a character. I liked that because it was real life with incredible depth. Watching the ranchers come in, all covered with mud and blood and torn up boots and hats really spoke to me about the energy of the place. I had to talk about it, had to sing about it." She composed music about whirling windmills on the prairie and played it for me on her piano. When I heard the music, I could imagine the fan blades on windmills turning in the wind. She has written both music and lyrics to songs about the west.

Janyz told me she wanted to make a piece of whimsical art for me and asked me to send her some tumbleweed twigs. My wife and I went out to a few country lanes and found some fine specimens. I put them in a box and shipped them to her. Can't wait to see my twigster.

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# On the road again...

For the longest time, Americans by the millions were pampered and charmed by airlines in general. One ad urged us to "fly the friendly skies." And we did, with pleasure.

The horrific 9-11 tragedy changed everything.

Suffice it to say that folks who formerly chose to fly when facing trips of 150 miles or more have upped the number greatly, say to a minimum of 300 miles.

Facing a 600-mile trip to New Orleans recently for the inaugural cruise of the Carnival Sunshine, we chose to drive. We "drank in" geography we'd not seen "up close" for several decades.

Instead of "pedal to metal" driving, we opted to cram "one day into four." After all, my spouse could help greatly — driving part of the time and pointing out missed turns when I was at the wheel.

With GPS turned off and no specific route in mind, we headed east on "roads less taken."

Average 150 or so miles daily — many of them barely above sea level — we smelled few roses, but aromas of Cajun food wafting from one-of-a-kind restaurants made up for it. And the stretch from Lafayette to Baton Rouge is home to a culture we mostly have heard jokes and stories about.

"Cajun Country" is the real deal, known for a work ethic to be envied and delectable menu items to be savored.

May it long include names

ending in "eaux" and dialects to spice up stories from the swamps.

Who would guess that Breaux Bridge, by any measure a small town, claims a tiny eating place with the world's best "po-boy" sandwiches and hamburgers? A local said so, and we found it to be true — for the burger, anyway.

We bragged on the burger as a dozen other diners nodded. "Do you bake your own buns?" I asked the Le Cafe owner.

"Oh, no, we get 'em from the bakery a block over," she answered. We made a stop at the bakery to buy pastries for the road, learning it has been operated continuously since 1888 by the Champagne family.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana's "other city," combines both old-time charm and upbeat progress to rival whatever city you'd care to name. Clearly, there's a "downtown renaissance."

IBM is constructing a building where 800 employees will work when it is soon completed. And Hilton recently built an inviting Hampton Inn and Suites. It overlooks the "Mighty Mississippi" and is the first new downtown hotel since the 1920s.

We mostly "poked around" the city, spending time at LSU, where they "love purple and live gold." It's where the sports magazine is called Tiger Rag, bumper stickers urge "Geaux Tigers" and LSU's mascot, Mike VI, pads around in sumptuous digs. An outlay of private funds totaling \$3 million provides a sprawling habitat for its lone occupant.

A "must" was a visit to George's, a tiny eatery said to offer the world's tastiest onion rings. We split the tiniest order

available; I took the smaller portion. The rings are to be dreamed of — and ordered again one day.

It is known for thousands of autographed \$1 bills adorning walls and ceilings, napkins swirled like those in fine restaurants and clever signs.

One reads: "Eat right, exercise regularly and die anyway...so enjoy!" Another says: "Save the humans."

Most important is another visit to Boudin's, proudly owned and operated by Lynn Boudin, a Cajun through and through. It's a "combo deal," housing a small grocery market and a rambling, bustling eatery. It has a small dance floor, and a few musicians playing only authentic Cajun music are there most nights.

Lynn has the kind of stubborn dedication to America we all should have. He works during most waking hours, clinging to the culture of his homeland with tenacity to be admired. He pointed out proudly that his restaurant has "zero neon." Unpretentious, it is what it is — a family place where music and sumptuous food honor a colorful culture.

We will return to Baton Rouge — sooner than later — to learn more about the nation's "sportsman's paradise." A big chapter was written by late Governor Earl Long who is well remembered for his, uh, politics. And politics may be the biggest sport of all.

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LETTERS

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You pay your property taxes, vote, go to church and participate in school and community affairs. You have knowledge of federal, state, county and city governments. If you were asked the question of why we have an organization called the Big Spring Economic Development Corp., located at 215 W. Third St., what would be your answer? Many of you would state you had no idea such a nonprofit organization existed.

Let me give you some facts.

The Texas Legislature saw the need to promote businesses in Texas and passed the Development Corporation Act of 1979. In 1989, the legislature amended the act by adding Section 4A corporations to be funded by the imposition of a local sales tax dedicated to economic development. That tax could be levied only after approval by the voters in a special election. Such an election was held in Big Spring in 1990 and voters elected to use the state sales tax for economic development purposes. At the time, it was known as the Moore Economical Development Board and the corporation was to receive one-half of 1 percent of the Section 4A sales tax. This corporation (now known as the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation) is a nonprofit organization.

At a recent meeting of the Big Spring EDC on Oct. 29, two new board members — Don Avant and Nati Saldivar — joined Frances

Hobbs, a recent appointee, Scott MacKenzie and Jim Depauw, both appointed by the city council two years ago. Avant and Saldivar replaced Dr. Keith Ledford and Justin Myers. At that meeting, Avant and Saldivar were elected president and vice president of the board, respectively, by identical 3-2 votes. Why did these two people assume these positions after two meetings? In the past, new members would not be considered for such positions because of a lack of knowledge of the Texas statutes and inexperience in the functions of the board. I was on the board in 1995 and was named president in my final year. Thankfully, by that time, I knew the purpose and laws governing the corporation. In 2004, I was again appointed to the EDC board (the city council makes appointments to this board and approves the minutes).

The mission of the board is to assist, stimulate and enhance economic development in Big Spring, subject to applicable state and federal laws, articles of incorporation and by-laws. This board handles a lot of money — net income after expenditures for September were reported at \$8.12 million.

As reported by the Big Spring Herald on Dec. 10, 2013, the special meeting called for Monday, Dec. 9, scheduled an executive session on personnel matters. When questioned, Avant stated it concerned policies and procedures. There are two people employed by the board — Terry Wegman and Teresa Darden. Executive sessions to don't have to be closed if the subject of the session chooses to

have it open to the public, an option Wegman chose to exercise.

It was obvious that Avant, Saldivar and Hobbs were attempting to fire Wegman and I am sure they already had his replacement in mind. Saldivar expressed concerns over cell phone expenses. Avant brought up expenses for proposed businesses. Hobbs expressed concern over the lack of specific policies and procedures and felt specific guidelines should be in place so there would be no "grey areas," and a motion was passed for Wegman to draw up a more formal list of corporation policies and procedures. What is more formal than Vernon's Texas Civil Statute, Title 83 Labor, Chapter 10 Economic Development, Article 5190.6, the articles of incorporation, by-laws and the Texas Attorney General's Economic Development Handbook of 2008?

At a time when we are looking at a rail infrastructure at the McMahon-Wrinkle Industrial Park and the 2014 construction of the Ports to Plains Truck Reliever Route, why is there a group of people trying to tear down what little we have? Just look to the future and pray that our "oil boom" will continue.

JOYCE CROOKER  
BIG SPRING

Money misspent?

TO THE EDITOR:  
The City Council has instigated a movement to incorporate two separate, rather

large areas into the city limits. This will require installing additional utility services such as water, sewer and sanitation. These services will not come cheap. I would like to know how they will be funded.

Also, if these water and sewer expansions are to be tied-in to existing systems in the immediate areas, will there be any detrimental effect on the households now using them?

We have had low water pressure since an event occurred in our area May 1 of this year. After several conversations with different city departments, we have come to the conclusion that what we now have is all we are going to see in the future. If additional water taps are in any way associated with our local system, what can we expect?

As everyone knows we are down to one trash pickup per week, but the rate was not lowered.

It appears to me that the Council has put the cart before the horse. The city should first take care of infrastructure problems affecting existing citizens before expanding in new areas.

Growth in a community is a fine thing, but it should be done responsibly.

Hopefully, no bond issue will be forthcoming to fund these projects. I have heard comments from many people that the community would not have the problems we now face if so much money had not been devoted to the water park, golf course, north side sports complex and

the downtown beautification project.

We do not want, nor need any additional tax increases.

Another item that has not been explained, although the question has been asked more than once:

What happened to the monies that years ago were set aside to be devoted to closing the existing and opening a new land fill site? The money was at one time there, but seems to have disappeared.

It has been an obvious fact for many years that a new land fill was necessary, but the city government has dragged its feet on accomplishing anything positive in that direction.

Would the Big Spring Herald assign someone the task of putting together an itemized list showing the number of individual bonds now being paid for by local taxpayers? It should include the reason for each, total amount of each, including interest, amount of monthly/yearly payments for each, and time of maturity. The list should include bonds issued by the city, county, local school district and Howard College. This would be a real community service.

I think a lot of people would be amazed at how much money the taxpayer already has as an obligation.

ARDIS McCASLAND JR.

Miserable Xmas

TO THE EDITOR:  
I wish to say that the person who made the complaint at the post office about the elderly lady for the Salvation Army is a real pathetic excuse for a human being. She did not ask anybody to put money in the kettle to help the less fortunate people.

And I hope they have a miserable xmas.

DONALD SCHEIBER  
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald apologizes for the smaller type size in LETTERS this weekend but would otherwise not have been able to get them all in.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ K 7 2  
♦ K J 10  
♣ Q J 10 8 3

WEST  
♠ Q 10 8 7 3  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ A K

EAST  
♠ 6 4 2  
♥ J 6 5 4  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ 7 4

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

The bidding:  
West 1♣ Pass East Pass South 1NT  
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — seven of spades.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever, and this hand — played by Doug Drury, inventor of the Drury convention — undoubtedly qualifies for such status.

West opened with one spade, and, after two passes, Drury bid one notrump. This was perfectly proper in the balancing position, where a notrump overall shows less strength than the 15 to 18 points normally associated with a direct one-notrump

overall.

North raised to three, and West led the seven of spades. Drury won with the nine and played a club. West took the king and made the excellent return of the queen of hearts. He was hoping to find partner with four or five hearts to the jack, and in that way stop the contract.

Drury could have assured himself of scoring a heart trick by covering the queen with the king — certainly the normal thing to do in the expectation that West had led the queen from the Q-J. But Drury's ESP was firing on all cylinders, and he confidently played the deuce from dummy.

Not only that, but when West continued with the three of hearts, Drury rose with the king, rejecting West's effort to convince him that he held the jack of hearts. Drury then led another club to West's ace, and West wisely cashed the ace of hearts to hold declarer to nine tricks.




West's defense was superb but unsuccessful. Had Drury covered the queen of hearts with the king or not played the king on the second heart lead, he would have gone down one, losing three hearts and two clubs.

It was a dynamic battle, well-fought on both sides, with Drury finally emerging triumphant.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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# Steers pick up second straight win in Andrews

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**Boys**  
ANDREWS — The Steers have won two straight at the Gym Bice Classic Tournament. Big Spring played its second game Friday and earned a 59-48 victory over Seminole.

The score is a bit deceiving, however, as the Steers traded leads with the Indians until the final minutes of the fourth quarter, when sharp shooting from the free throw line gave BSHS some cushion.

Tyler Bryan again led the Steers with 15 points, but Head Coach Ian Ritchey said it was team effort.

“It was a very well-rounded game,” he explained. “We controlled the tempo of the game. We slowed them down and took care of the basketball. It was good for us, because we would have the lead, then we had to play from behind. It was a one or two possession game until the very end.”

The win put the Steers in the championship game against Kermit Saturday. Results will be in Monday’s edition of the *Herald*.

“I think we match up well with Kermit,” Ritchey added. “I think we have the advantage on the outside. They run a full court press and play man-to-man. They are similar to Seminole.”

**ABERNATHY** — Forsan (4-2) split in its first two games at the Abernathy Tournament, but ran into a buzz saw when it drew the host — and No. 3 school in the state — Friday, losing to the Antelopes 60-35.

“(Abernathy) just had us outmatched height-wise,” said Head Coach Gary Huckabee. “They are ranked third in the state and they showed it.”

A loss to one of the state’s top teams is nothing to be ashamed of and Huckabee believes the Buffs have what it takes to have a successful season.

“I think we’re progressing really well,” he added. “The team is excited. They have worked hard and I am proud of the way have play together as a team.”

Matthew Mims scored 15 points, Kade Fannin registered 10 and J.T. Breyman added six in the loss.

Forsan played the Lubbock Titans

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Big Spring’s Charles Green is fouled while taking a shot during last week’s game against Lubbock Monterey. The Steers have won two games at the Gym Bice Classic Tournament in Andrews.

# Packers to start backup QB Flynn against Cowboys

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Flynn is the backup trying to keep Green Bay in playoff contention until the franchise quarterback returns.

If he fills in for Aaron Rodgers again Sunday at Dallas, the Packers will be using a formula that just worked pretty well against the Cowboys.

Dallas (7-6) is out of first place in the NFC East and in danger of losing control of its postseason fate because Chicago backup Josh McCown, filling in for Jay Cutler, had four touchdown passes and ran for another score in a 45-28 win Monday night.

The Packers (6-6-1) are still alive in the NFC North, a half-game behind the Bears and Detroit, after Flynn directed three second-half drives to points in a 22-21 comeback victory over Atlanta. It was Green Bay’s first win since Rodgers broke his left collarbone early in a loss to the Bears on Nov. 4.

“To have a win like that, hopefully it gives you a little momentum,” said Flynn, who made his second start after rejoining the Packers as a free agent following the Rodgers injury. “Hopefully it gives you an extra little bit of juice in your step at practice and helps you prepare a little bit better.”

The question all week was whether

Flynn was preparing as the starter. That’s never really been a question for him.

“It’s not fair to myself, my teammates or anyone else if I don’t prepare like I’m going to take the first snap Sunday,” Flynn said. “If they tell me Aaron’s playing today, tomorrow, whenever it is, that’s part of the job, that’s part of the gig.”

The job for the Cowboys is putting another brutal defensive game behind them. Dallas gave up a franchise-record 625 yards in a 49-17 loss at New Orleans before the bye week, and bounced back with consecutive wins to get two games over .500 for the first time this season.

Now the Cowboys must recover from allowing the Bears to score on their first eight possessions. They’re the fifth team to do that since 1991, and none of the previous four had a winning record. Three of those teams had five wins combined.

“We’ve just got to try our hardest to put it behind us ... because we’ve got a great team coming up that likes to chuck the ball around a lot,” safety Barry Church said. “As a member of the back end, we’ve just got to be focused on the task at hand, and that’s Green Bay.”

# Pressure mounting as Brown mulls decision

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Mack Brown saga at Texas continues — even without Nick Saban in the picture any more.

In a short, energetic speech at his team’s annual banquet, Brown acknowledged the “distractions” his team faced over rumors and reports that he would be resign or be fired after 16 seasons, but ended only with a plea for his team to “beat Oregon” in the Alamo Bowl.

Brown did not directly address the speculation swirling around his job, but news of Alabama’s new contract with Nick Saban, a coach some Texas officials hoped to lure to the Longhorns, rippled through the banquet minutes before Brown gave his speech.

Brown gave no in-

dications he plans to step down. His lively speech seemed to lift the somber tone of the banquet and he told new athletic director Steve Patterson that he’s looking forward to working with him.

Brown lingered long after the banquet was over to chat with recruits and their families.

Afterward, Brown told ESPN, “Everybody just needs to slow down. I have a good relationship with my bosses ... and I look forward to making the best decision (about my future).”

But what Brown and his bosses didn’t do was deliver any definitive closure to the question of whether he would be back.

Brown, Patterson and school President Bill Powers met Friday

afternoon, but Patterson declined comment when approached at the banquet.

“When we have something to announce, we’ll announce it,” Patterson told reporters

During his prepared remarks, Patterson said he’s “excited to be working with” Brown.

“Hopefully, we’ll be able to get together and work for many years to come,” Patterson said.

Powers, one of Brown’s biggest allies, also praised Brown and his wife.

“Mack and Sally, I’m so proud of you, the way you brought this team over obstacles,” Powers said. “You two are the very best. I’m proud to be your friend.”

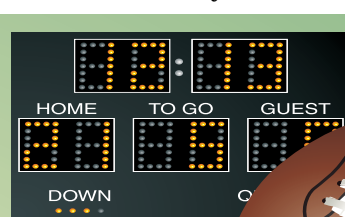
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A team spokesman said Brown and Powers would not comment after the banquet. In his remarks, Brown wanted to keep the focus on his players and their 8-4 season which will end in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30 against Oregon. "What we're here for is the football team," Brown said. What Texas knows is that it won't get Saban. Tide coach Nick Saban has been

identified as a target to potentially replace Brown, and several university regents and a former regent were involved in a meeting with Saban's agent last January to gauge his interest in coming to Texas. That door closed Friday night when Alabama announced it had reached "a long-term agreement" for Saban to remain with the Crimson Tide. Saban, who turned 62 on Oct. 31, has led the Tide to three national championships. No. 3 Alabama will play Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. The 62-year-old Brown earns about \$5.4 million and is under contract until 2020.

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Saturday. Results will be in Monday's Herald.

**Girls**  
**CRANE** — The Bulldogettes are now 5-5 after a 64-48 loss to New Way at the El Ave Shootout Friday. Coahoma won its first game against Odessa High's junior varsity 68-24. With two seniors — Kyla Clanton and Savannah Neff — back to lead fellow starters Julia Castilaw, Lauren Simer and Kaeli Yager, CHS Head Coach Paul Hartman expects to play well enough to earn a postseason berth. "We got just about everyone back from last year," he said. "I expect us to be competitive in our district and to be playing for a playoff spot. Savannah and Kyla are good leaders for the team. We're so far ahead of where we were last year, fundamentally. Now, we can focus on our Xs and Os. They

are confident." Hartman cited aggressive play from the guard position and a outside shooting as his squad's strengths. Shooting percentage, he said, is something he hopes will improve as the season unfolds. But it could be the Bulldogettes' defense which establishes itself as the strongest facet of their game. "We play good defense," Hartman added. "Out of our 10 opponents, we held all but two under 40 points." A game against a team to be determined took place Saturday. Results will be in Monday's Herald.

- Other scores:**
- Garden City (girls) def. Blackwell 71-9. Next vs. Water Valley, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
  - Grady (girls) def. Borden County 39-29. Next at Knlondike, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

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### Renters insurance safeguards families, assets

#### FAMILY FEATURES

There are many reasons people choose to rent over home ownership. Whether saving up for a dream home, you're having difficulty affording one or you simply enjoy commitment-free, hassle-free living, renting certainly has its perks. For those who choose to rent, having adequate protection is a must — and with advances in the industry, finding the right coverage is easier than ever.

#### Protecting your assets

For many looking to rent a home or apartment, the thought of renters insurance may seem less important with so many other things to think about. Though not all landlords require it, many do, and for good reason.

"Though you never hope you have to use it, insurance is so valuable to the protection of your family, your belongings, and, overall, your peace of mind," said Kathy McDonald, senior vice president at Assurant Specialty Property. "Many returning to the rental market will be pleased with how the insurance industry has evolved, which makes acquiring the best coverage easier than ever."

#### Advancements in the industry

The conveniences brought on by computers, tablets and smartphones have greatly improved the services insurance providers now offer. With easy-to-follow websites, apps and customer service chats, one can check the status of a claim 24 hours a day.

#### Keep a home inventory

To evaluate the amount of coverage you need — and assist if you ever need to file a claim — keeping a well-documented list of your possessions is important. A recent survey conducted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) stated 59 percent of consumers do not have a proper listing of their possessions in the event of a fire, robbery or other loss incident.

"All renters and homeowners should develop a home inventory," said McDonald. "Whether it's electronics, furnishings, collectibles, jewelry or clothing, families need to know what they own and how much it's worth."

#### Use tracking tools

Put down the pen and paper and get out your smartphone. Many new apps are available to properly keep track of every item in your home. Some even allow you to track every belonging room-to-room with bar codes, pictures, photos or scans of receipts and descriptions. This helpful tool also can create a back-up file — just in case.

#### Update your list

According to the survey, 59 percent of those who do have a list of their belongings admit they haven't updated the list within the past year. That can fail to account for many gifts and purchases throughout the year. Make a mental note to add to your list after each birthday, the holidays or other similar occasions.

#### Note valuable items

Make sure you get sufficient coverage for expensive belongings such as artwork or collectibles, which may be subject to policy limits. As many policies only cover \$1,000 for jewelry, you may need additional coverage, considering many jewelry items exceed that amount.

#### Consider everything has value

Many items have more value than you think. To better understand this, consider how much it would cost to replace every item in one load of laundry. Sometimes, it's the little items that add up. Jot down everything — clothing, shoes, kitchen gadgets and power tools.

In-depth information on renters insurance is available from providers. For information on renters insurance from Assurant, visit [www.renterssecurity.com](http://www.renterssecurity.com).



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## 5 things to look for in a rental property

Along with choosing the best renters insurance coverage to fit your needs, there are other things to consider. Before you sign your name on the line, make sure you take into account these five important items to look for when searching for that perfect apartment or rental home.

#### Affordability

Add up monthly rent, utilities and all other costs to ensure you can afford it with your current budget.

#### Safety

It's important to find out about crime occurring in the neighborhood in which you are interested. Contact the local police department for information and police reports on robberies and other crimes in the area. An evaluation of the property's safety is also essential, such as the lock features on doors and windows and working smoke detectors.

#### Environment

Make sure your fellow residents match your own lifestyle. For example, an older community is typically quieter, while an apartment complex with college students may involve some loud, late nights. Choose an area that fits your personality and your needs.

#### Amenities

Check out the features of the property and determine what is important for your family and lifestyle. Does the facility have a gym, an area for walking your dog or that porch you've always wanted? Keep these ideas in mind as you will likely be living here at least one year.

#### Appliances

One major deciding factor of rentals should be the appliances that are included with the unit. Ensure the stove, oven and refrigerator are all in working order. Other essential devices, such as air conditioning, heating, hot water heaters and, if applicable, washer and dryer units, should be tested beforehand.

#### Did you know?

Through the simple act of listening to the needs of their customers, insurance companies are finding real solutions to increase customer satisfaction. A recent survey conducted by Assurant Specialty Property revealed that many long-time renters didn't know they could transfer policies from one rental unit to another. Instead of beginning a new policy each time they move, the company advises these renters to simply update their address and they can keep the same policy.

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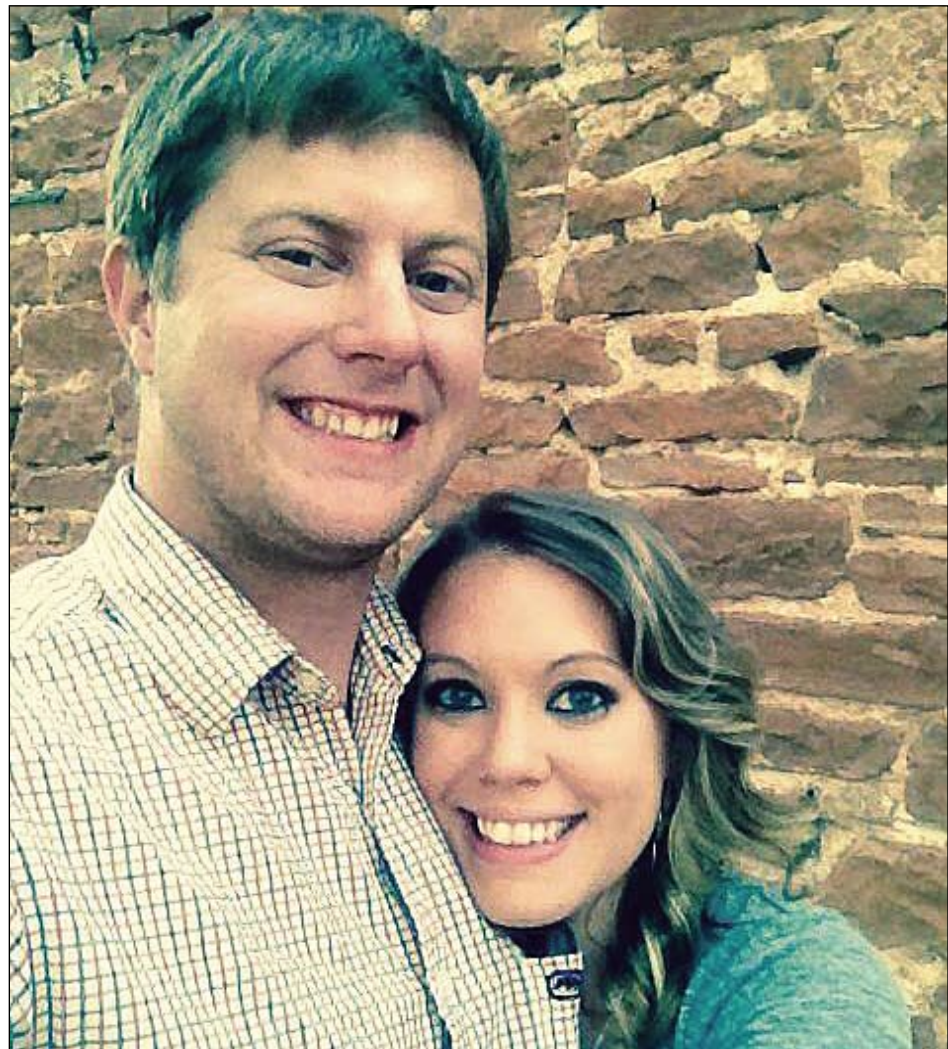
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Stephanie Gil and Morgan Lee Barron

Stephanie Gil and Morgan Lee Barron, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows at 5 p.m. Dec. 28, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma, located at 401 N. Main St.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School and is the daughter of Martha Patricia Gil. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Coahoma High School and is the son of Donna and Wayne Barron.



Ryan Foust and Keri Guthrie

Ryan Foust and Keri Guthrie, both of Big Spring, proudly announce their engagement to wed. Keri is the daughter of Bennie Green of Big Spring and Kim Green of Lamesa.

Both Ryan and Keri are members of College Baptist Church. Ryan is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School and Keri is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School.

# Menus

## Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, UBR cookie, strawberry yogurt, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, rib sandwich or chicken patty, potato rounds, ranch beans, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, chicken and waffle sticks, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Asian teriyaki chicken or pig in a blanket, brown rice, baby carrots, broccoli, pineapple chunks and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, sunrise sandwich, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Tex-Mex stack or toasted ham and cheese, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, Spanish rice, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, sausage biscuit with jelly, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, stuffed barbecue potato or chicken fajita salad, Texas toast, tortilla chips, baby carrots, peaches, holiday ice cream cup and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinn-

mon rolls, bacon, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, sack lunch. Early Release.

## Coahoma and Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancake on a stick, apple cinnamon muffin, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled apricots, fresh whole fruit and 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, Homestyle chicken patty with crême gravy, au gratin potatoes, black-eyed peas, seasoned green beans, blushing pears and whole grain roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, toasted English muffin with scrambled eggs and ham, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, pear halves, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, sweet and sour meatballs, whole grain steamed rice, Oriental blend vegetables, seasoned carrots and chilled tropical fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuit and sausage patty eggstravagant, tator tots, buttered toast, dry cereal

variety, cinnamon apple-sauce, fresh whole fruit and 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, Big Daddy Homestyle pizza, cheese and pepperoni, seasoned corn, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes and chilled Mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast on a bun (sausage, egg patty, cheese), waffles, sausage patty, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled strawberries, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice. Lunch, taco pie, Spanish rice, Santa Fe blend vegetables, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled peaches, jalapeno/salsa/sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, omelet colby skillet, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice.

## New Hope Christian School

Monday: Turkey and cheese sandwiches, tossed salad, sliced peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Chili mac,

green beans, pineapple tidbits, bread and milk.

Wednesday: Nacho grande, refried beans, buttered corn and milk.

Thursday: Mini corn-dogs, Pork n Beans, orange smiles, bread and milk.

Friday: Barbecue on a bun, French fries, vegetable sticks and milk.

## Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal, blueberry muffin, juice and milk. Lunch, pizza dippers with spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices (HS), pudding.

Tuesday: Breakfast, chicken and biscuit, juice and milk. Lunch, baked potato with ham and cheese, breadstick, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake and sausage on a stick, oven roasted potatoes, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll, apple-pineapple delight.

Thursday: Breakfast,

sunrise sandwich, juice and milk. Lunch, chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal and toast, juice and milk. Lunch, hamburger, garden salad, fresh vegetable cup, mixed fruit. Early Release!

## Senior Center

Monday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce/tomato/onion, pickles, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, strawberries and bananas and milk.

Tuesday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, tortilla chips/salsa, apple crisp and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower, ambrosia and milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie and milk.

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# Kids sell kisses door to door for charity



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**Clockwise from top: Mason and Madry Bagwell are hard at work packaging mistletoe to sell door to door to raise money for Food 2 Kids spearheaded by First United Methodist Church. At right: Scott McKenzie chooses a clutch of mistletoe. Bottom; Lane Bond hands Mason a check.**

**Special to the Herald**

After discovering mistletoe in the alley behind their great-grandmother, Dorothy Gilbreath's home, and learning about the custom of "kissing under the mistletoe," Mason Bagwell, 10 and Madry Bagwell, 7, decided to put the common West Texas tree parasite to good use.

They formed their own fundraising club which they called Kisses for Kids to help disadvantaged children by earning money to donate to

Food 2 Kids, a weekend food for school children project.

They collected the mistletoe, decorated batches of it with ribbon and red holly berries, packaged it in bags with handmade labels which said "Kisses for Kids" and went door to door with their grandmother,

Sue Bagwell, in tow selling the packaged mistletoe for \$2 each.

By the end of the day, they had collected \$66.37 from purchases and generous donations which



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Anytime Fitness, 2602 S. Gregg, commercial alteration/addition, val - \$200,000, fee - \$810; commercial electric, val - \$1,500, fee - \$273; commercial plumbing, val - \$2,000, fee - \$105.

Kerr Management Inc., 2523 Albrook, residential gas, val - \$500, fee - \$32.

Isabel Calderon, 408 Abrams, accessory building, val - \$5,000, fee - \$35.

Trail of Lights, 2800 Buffalo Trail, commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, #3 Whipkey Dr., commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, #4 Whipkey Dr., commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, #2 Whipkey Dr., commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, 2919 Whipkey Dr., commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, 3300 S. Gregg, commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, 2801 Wasson, commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, 804 Buffalo Trail, commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Trail of Lights, 3603 Buffalo trail, commercial electrical safety, val - 0, fee - 0.

Stephanie Rene Sledge, 2221 Lynn, residential plumbing, val - \$500, fee - \$32.

Kerr Management Inc., 2502 Gunter, residential electric, val \$500, fee - \$25.

Thomas Sanchez, 609 Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> St., residential mechanical, val - \$5,000, fee - \$45.

George Franklin, 2920 Melrose, roof and reroof, val - \$12,000, fee - \$70.

Myers & Smith Funeral Home, 301 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street, commercial roof and reroof, val - \$34,000, fee - \$180.

Wesley Moore Franklin, 1502 State Park Dr., roof and reroof, val - \$3,000, fee - \$25.

George J. Wright, 623 Ridglea, residential alteration/addition, val - \$1,500, fee - \$25.

Cruz Diaz, 701 Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Street, residential alteration/addition, val - \$5,000, fee - \$35.

Bakulbhai Patel, 1104 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, residential gas, val - \$1,000, fee - \$32.

Dazzling Décor, 1304 Scurry, curbcut, val - \$2,000, fee - \$25.

Chris Willingham, 1008 East Third St., commercial electrical safety, val - \$500, fee - \$25.

Helen Ann Decker, 804 Dallas, accessory building, val - \$1,000, fee - \$25.

M.L. Bertran Jr., 3903 Dixon, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.

Vickie Diane Wallis, 612 Highland, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.

Pierce Group LLC, 1503 Scurry 1/2, residential electric safety, val - 0, fee - \$50.

Pierce Group LLC, 1503 Scurry N, residential electric safety, val - 0, fee - \$50.

James Phelps, 1419 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, residential ZBA variance, val - \$50, fee - \$50.



**Michael Fangman, left, of the Big Spring Fire Department, is congratulated by Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan during Tuesday's city council meeting after being named the city's Star Employee of the Month.**

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## CSP registration due at NRCS offices by Jan. 17

### Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Through Jan. 17, 2014, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.

"Through the Conservation Stewardship Program, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are going the extra mile to conserve our nation's resources," NRCS Chief Jason Weller said. "Through their conservation actions, they are ensuring that their operations are more productive and sustainable over the long run."

The CSP is an important Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards with taking their level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide

valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.

Weller said the announcement is another example of USDA's comprehensive focus on promoting environmental conservation and strengthening the rural economy, and it is a reminder that a new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill is pivotal to continue these efforts. CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation.

The program emphasizes conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

Some popular enhancements used by

farmers and ranchers include:

- Using new nozzles that reduce the drift of pesticides, lowering input costs and making sure pesticides are used where they are most needed;
- Modifying water facilities to prevent bats and bird species from being trapped;
- Burning patches of land, mimicking prairie fires to enhance wildlife habitat; and
- Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management.

Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll in CSP through Jan. 17 to be eligible during the 2014 federal fiscal year.

While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods.

To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

## Market Watch



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



The stock market, until the last few trading sessions, continued to set new record highs on a regular, if not daily, basis. Momentum to the upside has been strong with only shallow intraday pullbacks that did not last long. Our work suggests the market will be higher still by the end of next year, but not by a significant amount.

In other words, next year is probably not going to offer anywhere near the returns we are likely to end with this year. From current levels, and assuming a 2 percent dividend for the S&P 500, total return (price appreciation plus dividend yield) will likely be in the 5 percent to 8 percent range based on our year-end target for 2014.

Not exactly the end of the world, but a far cry from this and the prior year. Certainly an 8 percent total return compounded annually over a long period of time would put a big smile on the face of just about any investor.

It appears the S&P 500 has a very good shot at closing out 2013 above our projected year-end target range. Stocks have piggy-backed on the less-than-stellar economic news reported over the last few months, as well as numerous comments by Janet Yellen, the likely next head of the Federal Reserve.

Remember, for much of the recent past, bad economic news was interpreted by the market to mean the Fed would not be hurrying to begin the process of reducing (or "tapering") the pace of its current quantitative easing (QE) program.

Ms. Yellen's comments and her history point toward a continuation of the Fed's easy money policies. And investors clearly really warm up to an easy Fed.

Try as we might, the Equity Strategy group has not been able to squeeze a higher year-end 2014 target range out of our analysis. However, it does appear there is room for valuations to move up slightly from current levels.

If looking on a price/earnings (P/E) basis, we see this ratio moving up toward or in line with the 16.5x historical average over the course of the next year from the current 15.8x level. Granted, not a big move, especially given the level of interest rates, but enough to help push the S&P 500 higher.

Indeed, much of the advance in the stock market this year can be attributed to investors pushing the P/E ratio higher.

This has been a very good year for the stock market. But the last few months have seen the market advance beyond what our work tells us is fair value at this point in time. The market will likely be higher one year from now, but recent market action has simply stolen returns from next year.

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## Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Pedro Rosendo Aguilar, 1502 Chickasaw, Big Spring

Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring

Marcus Joe Anderson, 3306 Auburn, Big Spring

Steve Antoine, 1425 East Sixth St. No. 19, Big Spring

Jose Manuel Avina, 1404 Nolan, Big Spring

Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 1372, Big Spring

Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock

Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring

Jennifer Leigh Black, 1405 E. Barton, Temple

William Riley Bounds, 1818

Corsicana, Dallas

Joe Ray Brown, 902 Hickory, Abilene

Donna Michelle Byerley, 535 LCR Space 1, Colorado City

Cassie Christine Cantu, 1101 E. 12th St., Big Spring

Roy DeWayne Carter, 5320 Wasson, Big Spring

Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir, Big Spring

Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring

Juan Antonio Cervantes, #3 ValVerde, Big Spring

Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring

Jessica Michelle Chavera, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. apt. 20, Big Spring

Tonya Renea Cogburn, 605 Dealy, Big Spring

Christoval Moren Corralez, 1105 N. Nolan, Big Spring

Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton

Steve Allan Crim, 8381 Petunia, San Angelo

Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave., Apt. 301, Lubbock

Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln. Apt. 1, Fort Worth

Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring

Teana Demeny-Roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring

Michael Angelo Dorado, 2202 William Rd., Big Spring

Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow

Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring

Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 302 Circle, Big Spring

John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo

Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring

Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave., Midland

Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa

Noel Garcia II, 107 Bluebonnet/1011 Stadium Ave., Big Spring

Pedro Garcia, 806 Johnson, Big Spring

Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring

Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton

Nicholas Gonzales, 5883 N. Grape Creek Rd., San Angelo

Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 538 Westover Rd. apt. 211, Big Spring

Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa

Carol Ashley Grant, 3220 Drexel, Big Spring

Stephen Gray, 106 Canyon, Big Spring

Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. 224 no. 1, Abilene

Robert Earl Green II, 2512 Fairchild, Big Spring

Charles E. Griffin, 108 CR 1250, Fairfield

James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta, Texas

Jessica Fay Grones, 2400 N. CR 1135, Midland

Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25<sup>th</sup> St., Snyder

Joe Guzman, 1313 Mesquite,



RECORDS

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Big Spring  
Kimberly Dee Hargrove, PO Box 1985, Big Spring  
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. Fourth St., Big Spring  
Danny Holt, 1632 I Ave., Anson  
April M. Horton, 1705 Charles St., Portsmouth, Ohio  
Bradley Ryan Horton, 601 Linda Ln., Big Spring  
Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.O. Box 873, Coahoma  
Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas No. 198, Odessa.  
Christopher Shawn Jones, 112 McDonald Rd., Big Spring  
Albert Leal, 2522 Albrook, Big Spring  
Richard Leos, 509 W. 8th St., Big Spring  
Jesse Paul Lopez, 1011 Scurry, Big Spring  
Robert Lee Lopez, 503 E. 18th, Big Spring  
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa  
Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland  
Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa  
Lee Allen Mathis, 101 Falcon Ln., Hillsboro  
Dustin Tyler McLeod, 108 Landon Dr., Llano  
Norman James McNeese, 1098 LCR 317, Colorado City  
Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto  
Yolanda Rachel Mier, 511 Nolan, Big Spring  
Eddie Glen Mills, 5142 PDQ Rd., Colorado City  
Chelsea Kristyne Millspaugh, 213 Circle, Big Spring  
Jacob Montoya, 1009 S. Kelly, Odessa  
Hector Morin, 2507 Chanute, Big Spring  
Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Courtney Place #108, Big Spring  
Melissa Chu-Lai Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring  
John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring  
Elisa Sanchez Ortiz, 1407 Virginia, Big Spring  
Christopher Eric Painter, 1503 S. Johnson, Big Spring

James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring  
Michael Lynn Perkins, 11601 CR 4164, Hermleigh  
Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth Apt. 107, Big Spring  
Taylor James Perry, 2105 Sydney Baker Apt. 228, Kerrville  
Austin Healey Petersen, 1 Haven for Hope, San Antonio  
Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th St., Big Spring  
Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake  
Martin Sosa Puga, 1614 Settles, Big Spring  
Randy Randolph, 2514 Albrook, Big Spring  
Shenna Leeann Reeves, 615 Gene Lee Rd., Mineral Wells  
Sheila Fay Richardson, 1707 Donley, Big Spring  
Liza Leigh Rios, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 30, Big Spring  
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter, Big Spring  
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker, Big Spring  
Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Miguel Andres Sanchez, 64 McCaleb Rd., Montgomery  
Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper Ave., Wilson  
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring  
Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana  
Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma  
Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring  
Alice C. Smithwick, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 48, Big Spring  
Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring  
Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring  
Shannon Keith Teel, 500 S. Oak St., Gail  
David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder  
Abram Heinrichs Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole  
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westober Rd. Apt. 133, Big Spring  
Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring  
Charles Watson, 804 West IH 20 Apt. 127, Big Spring  
Jacklynn Yvonne Watson, 1503 Tucson, Big Spring  
Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska  
Candida Lynn Whitehead,

3706 Connley, Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 28, Big Spring  
Byran Paul Williams, 1409 E. Main St., Round Rock  
Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring  
Jimmy Marmolejo Ybarra, 1315 Mesa, Big Spring  
James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring  
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair Bldg 12, Apt. 101, Midland

**District Court Filings**  
Sarah Gass vs Corey Gass – Divorce  
Porfirio Hernandez vs Georgina C. Martinez – Divorce  
Kenneth Johnson and wife, Mary Beth Johnson vs Feliz Quiroz dba Quiorz Construction of Midland, Texas – Accounts, notes and contracts.  
Claudia Cortez vs Moses Leo Cortez III – Divorce  
Edgar Moreno vs Alena Garibay Moreno – Divorce  
Cosden Federal Credit Union vs Hector D. Arrieta III – Accounts, notes and contracts.

**Marriage License**  
Terry Wayne Wetsel, 49, of Big Spring and Devin Lenae Tarpley, 43, Crane.

County Court Filings  
State of Texas vs Sonia Marissa Morin – Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence for criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500. \$255 fine, \$382 court costs and 90 days in jail.  
State of Texas vs Andy Quentin Hyden – Probated judgment for driving while intoxicated. \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$457.10 court costs.  
State of Texas vs Latasha Woodson – Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence for resisting arrest or transport. \$342 court costs, \$250 fine and 90 days in jail.  
State of Texas vs Mark Anthony Lopez – Judgment and sentence for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. \$342 court costs, \$250 fine and 90 days in jail.  
State of Texas vs Fernando K. Arriaga Jr. - Judgment and sen-

tence for driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension/without final resolution. No fine, \$287.10 court costs and 15 days in jail.

**Warranty Deeds with Vendors Liens**  
Grantor: Francisco T. Ramirez  
Grantee: Ruben Dominguez  
Property: W/80' of lots 7 and 8, blk 67, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 10, 2013

Grantor: HBC Leasing Co., Ltd, a Texas Limited partnership, acting by and through its general partner, Higginbotham GP, LLC, a Texas liability Co., Corby Bidle, Chief Operating Officer.  
Grantee: Kelly Chesworth and Jennifer Chesworth  
Property: Lots 2 and 3, blk 3, Canyon View Addition, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 11, 2013

Grantor: Randy Vaughn and Margie Vaughn  
Grantee: Matthew Jacob Stovall and Kaedy Elizabeth Stovall  
Property: N/2 of sec 17, bk 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Oct. 11, 2013

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.  
Grantee: Barcelona Apartments  
Property: SW/4 of sec 6, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Oct. 11, 2013

Grantor: Delmar Leland Hartin  
Grantee: Michael Cody Williams and Amanda Williams  
Property: NE/4 of sec 1, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Oct. 15, 2013

Grantor: Derek Osburn Construction Co.  
Grantee: Dustin Wylie  
Property: Lot 4, blk 2, Caroline Court Subdivision, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 16, 2013

Grantor: Lee George aka Leroy George and Janet George  
Grantee: HTX Enterprises LLC  
Property: Sec 32, blk 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, How-

ard County  
Date: Oct. 17, 2013

Grantor: Derek Osburn Construction Co.  
Grantee: Jason Mims and Mysti Mims  
Property: Lot 6, blk 2, Caroline Court Subdivision, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 18, 2013

Grantor: Sherry Tompkins Ingram and Gibby Ingram  
Grantee: Gary W. Rawls and Laura A. Rawls  
Property: NW/4 of sec 36, blk 31, T-2-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: Oct. 21, 2013

Grantor: Edward Eugene Jones and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust  
Grantee: Dallas Hall and Mia Hall  
Property: Lot 2, blk 5A, Central Park Addition, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 24, 2013

Grantor: Robert F. Desantis  
Grantee: Melanie Golding  
Property: Lot 2, blk 3, Central Park Addition, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 24, 2013

**Warranty Deeds**  
Grantor: Michael L. Seal  
Grantee: Linda Salgado  
Property: Lot 3, blk 4, Ridglea Terrace Addition, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 16, 2013

Grantor: Eileen Allensworth  
Grantee: Lee Harris  
Property: N/6' of lot 11, blk 19, McDowell Heights Addition, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 16, 2013

Grantor: Glenda Williams  
Grantee: Celeste Jones  
Property: Lot 9, blk 26, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 18, 2013

Grantor: Florine Randle Kemp  
Grantee: James H. Gibbs  
Property: Lot 2, blk 6, Banks Addition, Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 21, 2013

Grantor: Gaylord and Roxann Rich  
Grantee: Richard D. and Virginia Belew  
Property: NE/4 of sec 1, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County

Wholesale prices fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. wholesale prices dropped in November for the third consecutive month, pushed down again by cheaper gasoline and lower home heating oil costs.

The producer price index, which measures prices before they reach the consumer, declined 0.1 percent last month, the Labor Department said Friday. This comes after similar decreases in October and September.

Overall wholesale prices have risen just 0.7 percent in the past 12 months.

Excluding energy and food prices, so-called core wholesale prices increased 0.1 percent in November and 1.3 percent over the past 12 months.

"If you are worried about upside inflation risks, you need to look elsewhere," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Both consumer and wholesale inflation have been running extremely low in the past year. High unemployment and weak wage increases have made it difficult for businesses to raise prices.

Mild inflation has allowed the Federal Reserve more latitude to use its policies to try and stimulate growth.

PERMITS

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Jeffery A. Long, 1609 Osage, residential gas, val - \$500, fee - \$32.

Diana S. Bailey, 1105 East 2nd Street, residential plumbing, val - \$500, fee - \$32; residential gas, val - \$500, \$32.  
Carl Duke Reynolds, 2500 Albrook, residential alteration/addition, val - \$1, fee - 0.  
SN Properties LLC, 1316 East Third St., fence, val - \$10, 500,

fee - \$65.  
Chester L. Coffman, 2403 Runnels, residential plumbing, val - \$500, fee - \$32.  
Grass Roots Enterprises LL, 601 Scurry, residential gas, val - \$1,000, fee - \$32.  
Rick Cunningham, 2903 Go-liad, residential electric, val -

\$500, fee - \$25.  
Sandra Price Hale, 1707 Settles, residential plumbing, val - \$500, fee - \$32.  
Specs & Co., 2311 Scurry, commercial plumbing, val - \$700, fee - \$30.  
Eddie Mann, 614 Holbeert, residential ZBA variance, val - \$50, fee - \$50.  
Eddie Johnson, 1200 Lloyd, residential gas, val - \$500, fee - \$32.

Sonia Weaver Lusk, 406 S. Gregg, roof and reroof, val - \$4,200, fee - \$35.  
Sunni Shore Strickland, 1703 Yale, residential plumbing, val - \$2,000, fee - \$32.  
Morton Properties, 1406 E 14th St., residential plumbing, val - \$2,500, fee - \$32.  
Harris Lumber and Hardware, 1515 E FM 700, commercial alteration/addition, val - \$10,000, fee - \$60.  
Juan Flores, 1507 West 2nd Street, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.

residential gas, val - \$1,000, fee - \$32.  
MCBW Properties LTD, 2706 Monticello, residential gas, val - \$1,000, fee - \$32.  
Kerr Management Inc., 2623 Dow, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.  
Tommy F. Tilley, 2113 Warren, residential gas, val - \$500, fee - \$32.  
Michael Nairn, 1807 Nolan, residential electric, val - 0, fee - \$25.  
Roger DeWayne Cline, 3610 Dixon, residential plumbing, val - \$750, fee - \$30.  
Jose M. Pesina, 506 S. Bell St. 1/2, residential electric, val - 0, fee - 0.  
Dora Roberts Rehab, 306 W. Third Street, commercial mechanical HVAC, val - \$36, 862, fee - \$125.  
MCBW Properties Ltd., 2706 S. Monticello, roof and reroof, val - \$3,000, fee - \$25.  
Yolanda M. Bryant, 2110 Runnels, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.  
Carlos Restaurant and Bar, 308 Northwest Third St., signs ABCDE, val - \$2,500, fee - \$25.  
Harold Neagle, 1710 Austin, fence, val - \$1,500, fee - \$25.  
RTD Enterprises, 1316 E. Third Street, commercial electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.  
Marisa Rodriguez, 608 Drake, fence, val - \$1,000, fee - \$25.  
Kerri Hensley, 504 Benton, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.  
Manuel R. Lozano III, 2504 Chanute, residential electric, val - \$500, fee - \$25.

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# Chinese economy faces 'downward' pressure

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese leaders warned Friday that the world's second-largest economy faces "downward pressure" and called for boldness in carrying out promised reforms aimed at reviving slowing growth.

In a report issued after an annual planning meeting, the Communist Party cited an array of problems, possibly trying to stir urgency about carrying out sweeping reforms promised last month in a long-range development blueprint.

There was no immediate word on whether the meeting set a growth target for next year.

Investors and analysts were watching to see whether the party would cut its target from this year's 7.5 percent.

The statement cited a glut of unneeded production capacity in

some industries, environmental degradation and concerns about the quality of food and drugs.

"We must clearly recognize there is downward pressure on the economy," the statement said. "The thoughts should be bold and the steps should be firm in carrying out reforms and the people should have real benefits."

Chinese leaders are under pressure to overhaul a growth model based on exports and investment that has run out of steam after delivering three decades of rapid growth.

The plan last month promised China's more dynamic entrepreneurs a bigger role but said state industry would remain the core of the economy, a move some analysts warn could drag on growth.

Economic growth de-

clined over the past two years, hitting a two-decade low of 7.5 percent in the three months ending in June before rebounding to 7.8 percent in the latest quarter.

Analysts have warned growth might slow again in the current quarter or early 2014.

Last month's plan outlined changes intended to make industries more efficient and productive by injecting more competition.

That might threaten

politically favored state companies that benefit from cheap credit, land and other resources, prompting a backlash from their allies in the party for whom they provide revenues and jobs to reward supporters.

Few details of how that plan will be carried out have been announced as yet.

Friday's statement, carried on the website of state radio, said next year's top priority will

be protection of "national food security."

It said that would include improving farm production and food quality and safety.

It promised to increase supplies of affordable housing, to improve conditions for private investment and to strengthen environmental protection, but gave no details.

The statement said resolving multibillion-dollar debts owed by local governments will

be an "important task." The size of such debts, which the National Audit Office put last year at 10.7 trillion yuan (\$1.6 trillion), has prompted concern that state banks might be in trouble if borrowers default, analysts predict.

The statement said Beijing expects the global economy to recovery gradually next year.

But it said the world faces possible instability and that a new source for growth is unclear.

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## Nutrition for the holidays—a time to stuff your stockings, not your pet

The holiday season is one filled with gleeful celebrations among friends and family. Often, these celebrations entail large holiday meals, festive desserts and snacks, and enough leftovers for a month's worth of sandwiches.

While we try to be cautious of our own health and nutrition throughout the season, it is just as important that we care for our pet's nutrition as well — no matter how convincing Fido's "begging" face is for the chocolate cake in the center of the table.

While you're out grocery shopping for the perfect holiday meal is a good time to reevaluate the foods that you're feeding to your pet.

"Foods should be individualized for the pet, not chosen based on what one pet needs and then given to all of the other animals," says Dr. Debra Zoran, Associate Professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "The key is to feed a diet that is complete and balanced."

For cats and dogs, both wet and dry foods are perfectly acceptable. As long as you know what to look for, the decision of which to feed your pet should be based on which they prefer.

"Wet food has a high water content (about 80 percent water) and can also be high in protein and low in carbohydrates, all of which is good for cats," said Zoran. "Dry foods can be quite acceptable as long as they are high in protein (at least 40 percent), low in carbohydrates (less than 15 percent), and fed in meals, not by free choice on the part of the



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pet." Dry food for dogs is typically preferred due to its lower costs, especially when supplying food for larger dogs.

As for "all natural" or "diet" dog and cat foods, it is again most important that the food is balanced and has all of the necessary vitamins and minerals.

"All natural pet foods are like commercial wet or dry (processed) foods in that you can't always be sure whether they are a high quality, highly digestible product that is complete and balanced and if they will be a good choice for your pet. The same considerations exist for diet foods," said Zoran. "In general, diet foods are fine if they are high quality and fed in the proper amount. However, there is nothing magical about weight loss diets; if you feed them too much they will still gain weight or at least fail to lose weight."

Consulting with a veterinarian or a veterinary nutritionist is important if you are unsure about the quality of the food you are selecting.

While we have all fallen victim to those big puppy dog eyes or soft,

sweet meows from underneath the dinner table, it is vital that we are aware that some foods that can be incredibly detrimental to their health.

"Chocolate, grapes, raisins, and onions are examples of common foods people eat that can have disastrous consequences for pets, such as seizures, kidney failure, anemia," Zoran said.

"In general, it is best not to feed dogs or cats anything spicy, fatty, or not in their typical diet," says Zoran. "However, small pieces of cooked meat or a vegetable can be okay. For example, feeding a small piece (it should not be more than 10 percent of their total diet) of cooked chicken thigh with no bones or skin is completely fine and a reasonable treat."

When the first of the year rolls around, fitness centers become filled with people beginning their New Year's resolutions to get in better shape. But what about when our pets need to shed a little excess holiday weight to keep healthy?

"Just like with us, weight gain is a combination of genetics, metabolism, what we are eating, how much we are eating, and how much we are exercising," says Zoran. "Any of these can have a major effect on body weight, so it is important to feed your dog or cat good food, the right amount of it, and keep them active."

"The ideal situation is not to let your pet get overweight — you can help prevent this by weighing them often and then adjusting how much food they are eating up or down accordingly, and asking your veterinarian for help if you have questions or concerns."

This holiday season, just remember that most of the holiday treats we enjoy are not good for our pets, so to be sure that Fluffy and Fido enjoy the holiday celebrations as much as we do, it is best not to share our holiday food.

Instead, stuff their stockings with pet toys that will keep them active, thin, and healthy.

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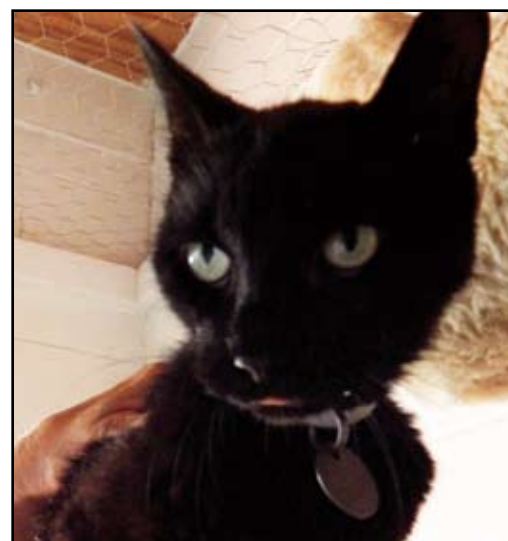
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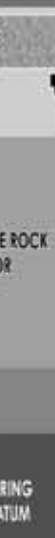
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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of SAM HARRISON KNIGHT, DECEASED were issued on the 3rd day of December, 2013 in CAUSE NO. P-14228 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to FLINT LEVI KNIGHT.  
 The residence of FLINT LEVI KNIGHT is 2705 Gold Court, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.  
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 You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday January 6th, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11/19/2013 in the entitled cause **49461**.  
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **MULBERRY PROPERTIES, LLC vs. LARRY FRIEDMAN** as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
 Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 20th day of November, 2013.  
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 #8082 December 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2013

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT**  
 SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORAIN, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.  
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 Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone 512)463-6792).  
 #8101 December 15, 2013

Legals

**CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**  
 Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the items listed below:  
 Date/Time:  
 Monday, December 30, 2013, at 2:00p.m.(C.S.T) for the following:  
 Proposal #14-016  
 City Hall and  
 Polly Mays Annex  
 Janitorial Services  
 Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposal and a general description of the proposal item(s).  
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your eyes are open to the problems of this time. One person who stands courageously on the side of what is good and right will be mightier than masses of apathetic wrongdoers. Will that one person be you?
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People will take your calls today, and not just your people, but people you'd like to talk with but haven't seriously considered calling until now...

limited by another. Sometimes you have to be a bit careless with love in order to keep it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If they are not careful, overachievers can defeat their own purposes and make average people feel like losers. That's why it's important to grow equally in modesty and achievement.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one is always the puppet master. We usually allow ourselves to be the puppets for at least part of the day. But unlike real puppets, we can cut the strings and walk away whenever we want.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As a rule, you are more motivated by dreams of what could be than by a list of what you already have achieved...

You're eager to start a new venture and wary of the debate and discussion that some seem to find necessary before moving forward. You know what's real: action.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may be asked to explain your choices or discuss the thinking behind them, but here's the bottom line: You'll be judged by what you get done. This doesn't frighten you. In fact, it pleases you.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 16). Those who impinge on your territory or challenge your methods will be surprised at the strength of your defenses. Because you protect yourself so well, you'll be given more to protect. Inspired actions earn top dollar in January. March brings cooperative efforts and family bonding. In June, legal matters favor you. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 2, 24 and 10.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The last week of the sun's journey through Sagittarius is an eventful one, and the major changes fall on the same days: Tuesday and Saturday.
Tuesday brings the full moon in trendsetting Gemini, marking a day that has record-breaking potential, especially in retail and any sector that features what's new and hot. On this same day, Uranus goes direct in Aries beginning a cycle of surprises. Uranus has been retrograde for five months, thus not in the usual revolutionary mood, but that will start to change in the weeks ahead. This distant planet

affects the larger picture of societies, governments and natural phenomena, but sooner or later what impacts on a global level will become personal.
On Saturday, the sun enters Capricorn, and we celebrate the winter solstice. Monuments around the world known and unknown will serve their annual purpose in commemorating this passage. One such monument is the prehistoric Newgrange, which is older than Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids and built to receive a flood of light with the rising sun on the winter solstice. Does your heart have a chamber such as this? Open up and let the love flood in on December 21st.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Charlie Cox is currently filming "Dracula Untold," a mix of vampire mythology and the true history of Prince Vlad. Sagittarian actors are especially drawn to projects that take them to other worlds and times, as Cox has shown in "Stardust," "Boardwalk Empire," "Casanova" and more. He was born when the sun, the moon, Uranus and Neptune were all in adventurous Sagittarius.
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 34 years. I love her dearly and would do anything for her.
When my wife was 8 years old, she was molested by her uncle (her maternal aunt's husband). She told me about this before we were married, and she made it clear that she never wanted her father to find out. She thought it would destroy him and ruin his relationship with his sister-in-law.

My father-in-law passed away suddenly 10 years ago. My wife told her mother and her two brothers about the molestation. Her mother confronted the uncle, as any parent would do. But he denied his guilt, and his wife threw her out of their home and said she never wanted to speak to her again. My mother-in-law and her sister have not spoken since then.

Three years ago, my not-so-wonderful mother-in-law accused my wife of lying, saying the molestation was my wife's fault and because of it she has lost the love of a sister. This made me very angry. I talked to my mother-in-law, but she refused to rescind her accusations toward my wife. My wife refuses to speak to her mother now. An additional problem is that my wife's younger brother, with whom she was always close, accuses her of holding a grudge, and he's giving her the silent treatment.

Is there any way to fix this mess? How could we possibly forgive my mother-in-law for the hurtful things she has said about my wife? — Pete

Dear Pete: It is reprehensible for your mother-in-law to blame your wife for the molestation. The fault lies squarely with the uncle, and the estrangement is because the aunt backed him up. Your mother-in-law misses her sister, and as she gets older, the loss is weighing on her. She took out her grief on your wife. The brother is simply contributing his part to the family proclivity for estrangement. If you want it to end, someone

has to take the first step toward forgiveness. If your mother-in-law is willing, family counseling could help with reconciliation.
Dear Annie: For the past few years at Christmas, my husband and I have donated to an animal shelter in our area instead of receiving or giving gifts. It makes our giving complete to give to others in need.
We generally celebrate Christmas with my stepdaughter and her family at their home a few hours away. We tell them in advance that we will be donating to an animal shelter and ask that they also consider it.

Last year, on Christmas Day, there were gifts from them to us under the tree. Meanwhile, we brought nothing and felt terrible. They don't seem to understand when we tell them the only gift we need is a donation to an animal shelter. Is there a way for us to feel more gracious about receiving their gifts when we brought nothing for them? Should we bring gifts this year? I realize they are giving us a "hint" to do so, but our hearts aren't in it. — Grinch in Arizona

Dear Grinch: They aren't giving you hints. You prefer donations, but they do not, and you don't get to tell them what to give you. Bring a card, preferably from the animal shelter, saying a donation has been made in their honor. That's your gift to them, and it's lovely. There's no reason to feel embarrassed.

Dear Annie: I am replying to "Frustrated," the gentleman who has been married for 27 years. I, too, have been married for 27 years. In the beginning, sex was white hot. After a while, it became pleasurable, but not the center of our relationship. Then I developed prostate cancer. We studied all of the options and chose prostatectomy. Now I can't "perform" anymore. But our marriage is much stronger. Count your blessings.
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Water holders
8 Lone Ranger collectibles
15 Mainly
16 Parental postscript
17 Hounds
18 Amityville, administratively
19 Read it every day in the paper
20 Least generous
22 \_ suit
23 Bound
25 French plural that's its singular English meaning spelled backwards
26 E-tail icon
27 Standing by
29 Series ender
30 Hallmark Channel talk show, 2012-13
31 Its score includes "At the Barricade"
33 Ergonomic book-holder brand
35 Take a break
37 Gary Cooper plays one in Mr. Deeds ...
38 Darwin was there in 1832
42 It includes the Uruguayan Savanna
46 With little affection
47 Cry of distress
49 Big name in nutrient applicators
50 Needle work
51 Strengthens, with "up"
53 Stradivari specialty

- 54 Source of Toothflix DVDs
55 Opposite of "willingly"
57 Yosemite Sam imperative
58 Word from the Latin for "weep bitterly"
60 Boxer's handler
62 Marketing software
63 Trapped
64 Don't gripe about
65 Taken out
DOWN
1 It's topped by the Statue of Freedom
2 Laughable
3 Low-tech servers
4 It was left in Genesis 19
5 Hoo-ha

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- 6 Emulate the Brownings
7 Julius Caesar setting
8 Masked African mammal
9 Faulty
10 Hit nonstop
11 Line-dance participant
12 Out of it
13 OPEC member
14 Not taken out
21 \_ cap
24 Fairy-tale stock characters
26 Food-coloring source
28 Crisp
30 Informal apology
32 Albuquerque BioPark, e.g.
34 Hip-hopper's greeting
36 Clue crew
38 Kremlin or Tower of London
39 Learned environment
40 Small splashing
41 It's unacceptable
43 Dealership on the Champs-Élysées
44 Contract detail
45 Burned
48 Burning
51 Wares on the UK's blackcircles.com
52 Hoo-ha
55 Accessory with aglets
56 Series ender
59 Forensic scientist's print source
61 "What \_ . . ."

Crossword grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting positions for clues.

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Answer to previous puzzle

Grid containing the answer to the previous puzzle: PLUG NACHO AJAR, OOZE ETHIC LOBE, RAIN FOREST TIED, EDSEL IRISAGENTS, ADA NERF, SOPHIE ICER ODD, ALLORNONE MARIIE, VIAL YKNOW SCAN, EVITARE RESILIENT, DENLIAR SASSES, FEES EEN, BLOSSOMED ASIDE, EELS BARGAINFOR, LIKE ARIES AFRO, LASS REEDS GYMS.



# Gift guide: Strong slate of iPad challengers

NEW YORK (AP) — Once upon a time, people who craved a tablet computer bought an iPad.

But Apple faces its strongest slate of challengers this holiday season, with several tablets besting the trend-setting iPad on price and features.

There are still plenty of reasons to get an iPad — either the full-size iPad Air starting at \$499 or the iPad Mini at \$399. Versions of both are available for \$100 less, but you get a slower device with a lower-resolution screen. The Air is lighter and thinner than previous full-size models, and it feels nice in your hands.

Whichever one you get for your loved one, the iPad offers this:

— An unmatched selection of high-quality apps, many of them adapted for the tablet's larger screen. Many apps for Android tablets are simply phone apps blown up, while the Windows app store has a smaller selection.

— A screen with a 4:3 aspect ratio. That's the standard size for photos and older television shows, and it displays more content when Web surfing with the tablet held horizontally. That said, the wider aspect ratio found on Android and Windows tablets are better for widescreen video.

— Great syncing with other Apple devices, if the recipient of your gift has any. When setting up an Apple TV streaming device, for instance, you can simply place your iPad near it and bypass screens of

prompts. Directions on the Mac's new Maps app can be sent to the iPad with two clicks. You can read and reply to iPhone texts from the iPad or a Mac.

But for a top-notch experience, you'll pay a top-notch price. That's where Android tablets come in.

You can get Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire HDX 8.9 for \$120 less than the iPad Air, at \$379. It's even lighter, by about 17 percent, though I couldn't feel much of a difference holding the two side by side. The Kindle's screen has a higher resolution, but the display measures just 8.9 inches diagonally compared with the Air's 9.7 inches.

For a smaller tablet, you can get a 7-inch Kindle Fire HDX or a 7-inch Google Nexus 7 for \$229, or \$170 less than the latest iPad Mini.

With the Mini, though, you get a larger screen, at 7.9 inches. LG Electronics' G Pad 8.3 offers an 8.3-inch screen for \$350, or about \$50 less than the Mini. Sync the G Pad with an Android phone to see who's calling on your tablet, though you still need the phone to answer it. You can read and reply to texts from the tablet, as long as they don't have photos or video attached. You're limited to one reply and can't initiate a text from the tablet, however. That's where iPads do better.

As for the Kindle, there's one important limitation. The Kindle runs a modified version of Android, and only a subset of Android apps works on it.

On the flip side, Amazon is alone in offering live tech support 24 hours a day, seven hours a week. Hit the "Mayday" button on an HDX, and a representative will appear in a video box within seconds. The representatives can only hear you and see what's on your screen.

They can help guide you by placing orange markers on your screen or taking control of your device completely. This feature makes the Kindle excellent for your tech-challenged loved ones. Just train them to call Mayday — rather than you — every time the device's volume needs adjusting.

Owners of Samsung phones might prefer a companion tablet, such as the \$550 Galaxy Note 10.1. Sporting a stylus and several note-taking features, the Note is good for those who handwrite a lot of notes. But beware: The tablet's text-recognition software makes plenty of mistakes.

Avid readers, meanwhile, might be drawn to an Arc tablet from e-book specialist Kobo. Prices range from \$150 to \$400 depending on screen size and quality. The home screen has quick access to books and recommendations. A reading mode blocks distractions such as notifications and sounds, while adjusting screen brightness. You can even turn Wi-Fi off completely in reading mode to avoid temptations to check email and Facebook.

Some Android tablets also address one of the iPad's major shortcom-

ings: It's not meant for sharing. The Nexus, the G Pad and the Arc tablets are among those that let you create multiple profiles. The Nexus also lets you restrict what kids can do under their profiles, though that feature is rudimentary. If you're shopping for

a kid, check out our review of kid-focused tablets at bit.ly/1bXjkoP.

Beyond Android, you have plenty of Windows tablets to choose from, all with multi-user capabilities. The app selection is limited compared with iPads and most Android tablets. But

Windows tablets are the only ones to offer a full version of Microsoft's Office software. It's free with tablets running a lightweight version of Windows 8.1 called RT. With iPads and Android tablets, you're limited to Web versions of Office.

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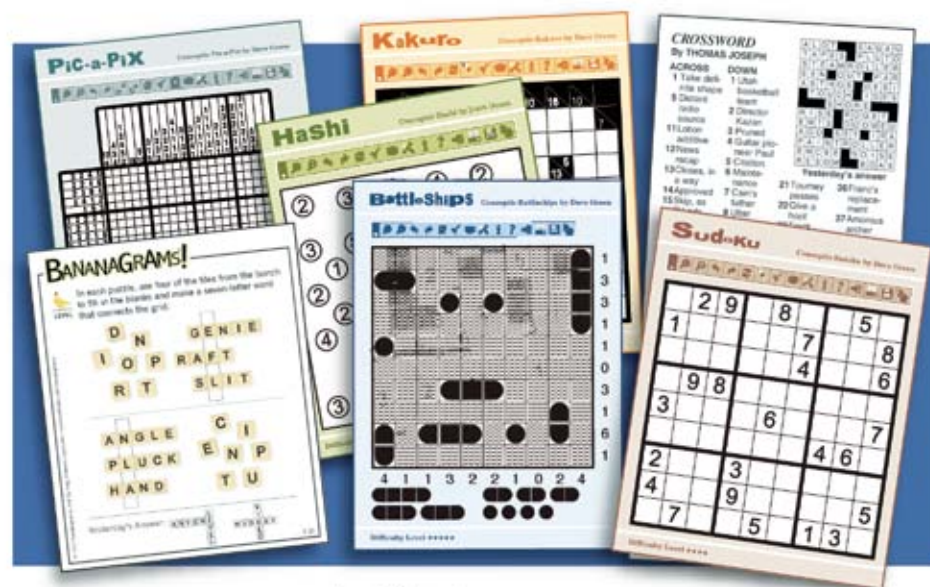
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# HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST

Age Category: 2-4 Years

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The staff of Al's BBQ presents a check to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left are Laura Yanez, Jim Clements, Manuel Dominguez, Shari Fray, Debbye Valverde, Chuck Bagwell, Sally Vanderslice, Melissa Wells and Celeste Hernandez. Proceeds go toward the 2nd Annual Chamber Toy Drive.



Courtesy photo  
Alon USA VPP Coordinator Josh Helmstetler shares a laugh with Operations Manager Dave Maher during the company's yearly visit to the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office. For more than 10 years, about 40 Alon USA employees wrap more than 400 presents, address more than 200 holiday cards gift and deliver all the packages to Big Spring State Hospital living units in anticipation of Christmas morning. Until Alon began volunteering their help several years ago, wrapping all the patients' gifts took more than a month, Community Relations Director Jamey Stegall said.

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