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Rick Scott, guitarist for local gospel group Tributary, prepares the stage for a concert held during the Isaiah 58 Food Drive Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Due to an influx of people looking for work due to the recent oil boom, the charity's shelves have been running low, according to officials.

Local elections:

Filing period nears

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The time is fast approaching for prospective candidates to toss their hats into the ring for upcoming city and school elections.

Candidacy filing periods for both the Big Spring City Council and Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees elections this May begin Jan. 29 and run through Feb. 28, officials said.

Two city council members will be elected this year — District 1, currently represented by Marcus Fernandez, and District 3, in which Glen Carrigan is the incumbent. Both men, who are finishing their first terms on the council, indicated they will run for reelection.

Candidates must be United States and Texas citizens and reside within the district they wish to represent. Filing papers may be picked up at city hall offices at Fourth and Nolan streets between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, officials said.

BSISD voters will elect three trustees this year — District 1, represented by Irene Rodriguez, and District 3, represented by Kenneth

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Closures scheduled for MLK Day

Herald Staff Report

Many area offices and agencies will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day which commemorates the birthday and life's work of the civil rights leader and proponent of peaceful protest.

Big Spring municipal offices — including the landfill and compost facility — will be closed Monday in observance of the national holiday. There will be no sanitation

pickup for the day, although police, fire and emergency services will operate as normal.

Municipal offices are expected to reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Howard County offices will also be closed Monday and expected to reopen at their normal times Tuesday morning. The Howard County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement services will be open.

Big Spring Independent School District will not hold classes, while, Coahoma Independent

School District, Forsan Independent School District and Sands CISD will all hold classes Monday, despite the holiday.

Howard College students will get a day off from classes Monday, as the college and its offices will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday morning.

A walk honoring King will be held Monday at 6 p.m. The walk

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BSHS quartet earns all-state honors

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Nick Conner is getting to be an old veteran at All-State Band, but his repeated appearance doesn't seem to diminish his excitement one bit.

"I'm very excited to go for a third year," said Conner, a junior Big Spring High School band student who plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering and minor in music after high school. "The first day is always the craziest one because everybody is trying to get things turned in and trying to get ready to try-outs for chair order. It's very hectic. After you get in the trial room, you forget about all of that and you focus on your music."

Conner, who plays the trombone, will make his third appearance at the Association of Small School Bands All-State band which will be held Feb. 12-15, during the Texas Musical Educational Association convention in San Antonio.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Three members of the Big Spring High School band program qualified for a spot on the All-State Band. Also, earning an alternate position was Tyler Avant. The students pictured from left are Avant, Kenan Lewis, Nick Conner, and Alex

Joining Conner in a repeat performance is Baritone player and senior Kenan Lewis, who is returning for a second time.

"It's really cool," said Lew-

is, who plans to earn a degree in biology with a minor in music following graduation. "The first day you get there, the whole band is ready."

Sophomore Alex Rivera, a

euphonium player, will join the duo in San Antonio for his first experience participating in All-State Band and senior Tyler Avant, a trumpet player who earned an alternate position, rounds out the group.

"I've been to the website, and I've seen the videos. The band itself is amazing," Rivera said.

"I'm excited especially since this is the first my first year. I worked so hard this past year. I didn't think I was going to make it."

All four students earned their slot earlier this year by first making the cut at All-Region then again at Area, which was Saturday, Jan. 11.

"The band had 52 students tryout for the TMEA all region band," said Rocky Harris, Big Spring High School band director. "We are proud to announce that 36 students made the band. In addition, 16 qualified for the area try-outs and three have qualified

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Obituaries

Quail Dobbs



Quail Dobbs, 72, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with Eddy Pitchford, Russ Mullins and Tumbleweed Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Aug. 27, 1941, in Albany, Texas, and married Judy McGuire Feb. 21, 1964, in Clovis, New Mexico.

Dobbs began his career in rodeo by riding bulls and bareback horses and in 1962 when a clown didn't show up in Buffalo, Minn., he began his career as a rodeo clown. During his career, he was named PRCA Clown of the Year in 1978 and 1988 and the Coors Man in the Can in 1985, 1986, 1990 and 1993. He was one of only three men to work as both a bullfighter and barrelman at the National Finals Rodeo and had also worked seven times as a barrelman for the Wrangler Bullfight Tours Final. He had also worked 28 times at the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming, and the 1998 Frontier Days marked Dobbs' last appearance in professional rodeo. He is a member of the West of the Pecos Rodeo Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2002. He was also inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2011, he was

honored on the Fort Worth Heritage Trail. He was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City in 2013.

He was a member of the Lions Club, the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board of Directors, the Heritage Museum Board, the Howard/Glasscock County Old Settlers Reunion, an honorary member of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Heels, he was a Mason and a Shriner. He was also a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Dobbs of Coahoma; a son, Coley Dobbs and wife, Shawna of Coahoma; a daughter, Stephanie Rotan and husband, Wayne of Glen Rose; four grandchildren, Reagan Rotan, Keegan Dobbs, Shelby Rotan and Serena Dobbs; several nieces and nephews, including Misty and David Uckert, Kimberly and Todd Stone, Cody and Racheal McGuire, Clay and Jeri McGuire, Tammy Hubbard and Mike Dobbs; his mother-in-law, Johnnie Clay McGuire of Crane; and a brother-in-law, Bill McGuire and wife, Linda of Crane.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Acie and Avis Dobbs; a brother, Leon Dobbs; and his father-in-law, Bob McGuire.

Special appreciation and thanks are given to Compass Hospice, Danielle Guidry and Shannon Kincaid for your compassion, love and care.

The family suggests memorials to Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919, Trent's Retreat, 1015 FM 2887, Ballinger, Texas 76821 or to a charity of choice.

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

Paid obituary

Doris Modean Ferguson

Doris Modean (Moo Moo) Ferguson, 90, of Urband, Mo. passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014.

Doris was born Aug. 3, 1924 in Quanah Texas to James Walters and Verdie Mavous (McNutt) Landers.

She married Willie Ferguson Aug. 6, 1938, in Quanah, Texas.

Mrs. Ferguson is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Verdi Landers; her husband, Willie D. Ferguson; three sisters, Cela (Sis) Meadows, Patricia (Pat) Waldrip and Josiphone (Jo) Purcell; four brothers, Cleston Landers, Horace (Hoss) Landers, James (Junior) Landers Jr. and Billy (Bubby) Landers; two grandsons; two granddaughters; two great-grandsons; one great-great-granddaughter, Keelie Marie Neill; and one son-in-law, Ronald Wallace.

Survivors include her children, Delois and husband Steve Wollenberg, Urbana, Mo., Tommy and wife Danna Ferguson, Big Spring, Texas, Carolyn and husband Jerry Pittelko of Rochester, Minn. And Steve and wife Pam Ferguson of Borger, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and 46 great-great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be Brown Chapel of the Fountains, in Borger, Sunday Jan. 19, 2014, from noon until 6 p.m., and Monday, Jan. 21, 2014, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, at Brown Chapel of the Fountains. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Send personal condolences to www.brownfuneraldirectors.net.

Jerline Averitt

Jerline Averitt, 87, died Friday Jan. 17, 2014. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Phyllis Ann Scroggins



Phyllis Ann Scroggins, 71, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, in a Midland care center. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with John Snider officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, at the funeral home.

Phyllis was born Dec. 12, 1942, in Monahans, Texas, and married Delbert Scroggins Aug. 20, 1961, in Coahoma, Texas. Her family owned the Lil' Sooper grocery store in Coahoma and she worked there starting in 1970. She finally retired in 2007, having also worked at the Walls Clothing Factory. Phyllis was known for her can-do attitude. Anything she put her mind to, she would accomplish, like trying to grow something in the garden or restore an old pickup.

Phyllis was a very strong Christian woman who

was very involved in teaching little children about the Lord, she took this very serious. Through many trials in her life she always found the joy and carried on. Never a negative word to be said of anyone, she loved her family and friends endlessly and was incredibly blessed.

She is survived by her husband, Delbert Scroggins of Big Spring; two sons, Dennis Scroggins and wife, Stephanie, and Matt Scroggins and wife, Leslie, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Wanda Levy and husband, Kenneth of Midland; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Wanda Davis of Aurora, Colo.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Luther "Bud" Anderson and Vera Dell Anderson; three brothers, Wendell Joe Anderson, Lonnie Anderson and James "Buddy" Anderson; one sister, Linda Dell Anderson; and one grandson, Rauli Tabor Wise.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org

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

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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.

Police blotter

- CASEY RAY BRACKET, 22, of 1201 College Ave., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROBERT WILLIAM LITKE, 28, of 600 Driver Rd. no. 9, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- CLIFTON LEON CARNEGIE, 27, of 955 County Rd. 1322, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- SHANNON DEWAYNE SMITHIE, 39, of 103 Rocco Rd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BRAXTON ABRAHAM BATES, 29, of 9100 N. Andrews Highway no. 826, Odessa, Texas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- ALFONSO VARGAS, 24, of 3604 Hamilton, was arrested Saturday on charges of failure to identify – fugitive give false information, failed to control

speed, no drivers license when unlicensed and two counts of failure to appear.

- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 51, of 4924 Wasson Rd., was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of protective order – goes to or near residence/employment/school.

- JOE ANGEL LUNA, 34, of 1901 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1600 block of Jennings.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 600 block of Scurry.

- FORGERY was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Highway and the 3900 block of Parkway.

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• Mount Bethel Baptist Church will sponsor an MLK Candle Walk on Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Everyone is invited to participate. The walk will start at the corner of Gregg Street and Martin Luther King Blvd at 6 p.m. The route will be west to FM 700. Those who want to participate but cannot walk are encouraged to drive. Youth make bring bicycles, skateboards, etc. — please use helmets and safety gear. Participants are asked to bring candles or flashlights.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring is under new leadership, and, leaders say, is taking a new path. “We are seeking new members and volunteers to walk this path with us and share in our vision,” said Randy McKinney, committee vice president. “Come and join us in this journey to a new future.”

Powwow Big Spring will host its 10th intertribal powwow April 5-6 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more information on the organization or to join, contact McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• The community is invited to join Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center as we bid a fond farewell to Alan Abel, MD on Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a come and go reception. The celebration will take place in the Surgical Clinic at the Malone and Hogan building.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women’s Job Corps offers 12 weeks of job training for women seeking employment or better employment. We provide computer training, resume preparation, and interview skills in a Christian setting. We also have a free certified nurses aide training program. The next session starts Feb. 3. Applications are being accepted now. For more information or to get an application, call 432-517-4627. Leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated.

Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• Big Spring RSVP is celebrating the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through Jan. 20

by coordinating a local book drive benefitting 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.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people’s lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone’s life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it’s visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don’t have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

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for the all state band. If you know any of these students or their families, please congratulate them on their accomplishments.”

Students who earned a chair at area were: Ashley Smith, Catherine Harris, Lili Alvarado, Olivia Davis, Summer Trevino, Marisella Rodriguez, Karla Carrasco, Tyler Avant, Donovan Salinas, Katlin Long, Garret Miller, Nick Conner, Nathan Permenter, Kenan Lewis, Alex Ri-

vera, and Bandon Soliz.

For All-Region band, the following students were selected. Ryane Colette, Danielle Davis, Tulsii Patel, Ashley Smith, Molly Walker, Catherine Harris, Lili Alvarado, Olivia Davis, Summer Trevino, Marisella Rodriguez, Karla Carrasco, Tyler Avant, Alfonso Bernal, Taylor Jones, Joel Martinez, Mariah McIntosh, Donovan Salinas, William Davis, Kaitlin Long, Garret Miller, Ruben

Karla Carrasco,

Joshua Baker, Joshua Morgan, Tyler Avant, Alfonso Bernal, Taylor Jones, Joel Martinez, Mariah McIntosh, Donovan Salinas, William Davis, Kaitlin Long, Garret Miller, Ruben

Cisneros, Nick Conner, Derek Gusman and Dillon Lloyd, Nathan Permenter, Kenan Lewis, Destiny Zamora, Alex Rivera, Brandon Soliz and Alejandro Zavala.

More than 9,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in 20 different regions for a place in their respective all-region band. The top chairs in each region advance to one of the five area auditions held this past weekend across the state and only 290 of these 1,620 students were selected for all-state honors.

The ATSSB All-State

Bands will present a concert beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Lila Cockrell Theater of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

FILING

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McIntosh, and a special election to fill an unexpired term in District 7.

Rodriguez has indicated she will run for the seat she has held since 1994, while McIntosh is uncertain whether he will seek a second term on the school board. Fabian Serrano, who was appointed Thursday to the District 7 seat formerly held by Phil Ferqueron, said he intends to run for election in

May.

Candidate requirements for the school board are the same as in the city council races.

Filing papers can be obtained at the BSISD business office across from the high school on 11th Place during business hours Monday through Friday.

Early voting for the May 10 municipal and school elections will be held from April 28 to May 6 at the Howard County Courthouse.

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will serve as the polling place for both

Big Spring elections May 10.

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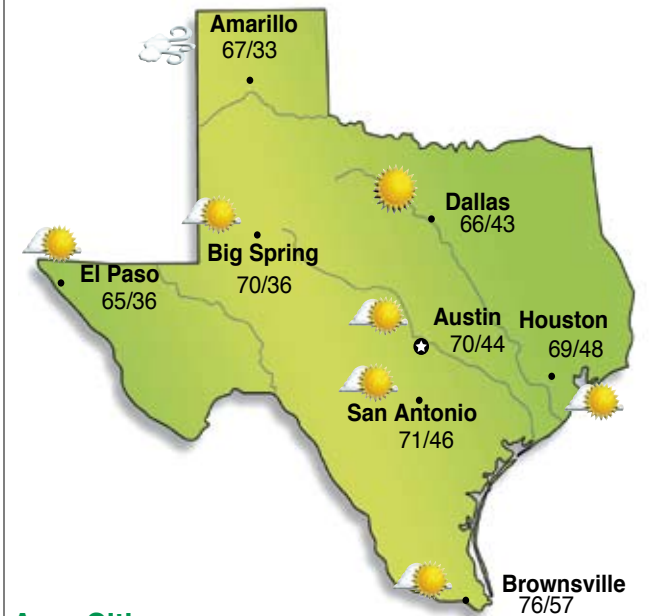
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	44	mst sunny	Kingsville	76	54	mst sunny
Amarillo	67	33	windy	Livingston	68	41	mst sunny
Austin	70	44	mst sunny	Longview	64	43	sunny
Beaumont	67	44	mst sunny	Lubbock	68	32	mst sunny
Brownsville	76	57	mst sunny	Lufkin	68	42	sunny
Brownwood	71	44	mst sunny	Midland	68	41	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	72	55	mst sunny	Raymondville	76	53	mst sunny
Corsicana	65	42	sunny	Rosenberg	69	48	mst sunny
Dallas	66	43	sunny	San Antonio	71	46	mst sunny
Del Rio	70	44	mst sunny	San Marcos	71	44	mst sunny
El Paso	65	36	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	63	44	sunny
Fort Stockton	71	44	mst sunny	Sweetwater	69	41	mst sunny
Gainesville	65	38	sunny	Tyler	64	44	sunny
Greenville	63	40	sunny	Weatherford	67	39	sunny
Houston	69	48	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	69	38	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	49	30	mst sunny	Minneapolis	32	10	cloudy
Boston	38	27	cloudy	New York	39	32	pt sunny

MLK

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will begin on 10th Street next to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and proceed west to FM 700.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, leading a struggle

for racial equality that doomed segregation and changed the face of the United States forever.

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Jerline Averitt, 87, died Friday. Visitation services will be 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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Let's honor our trustees

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CHRIS WIGINGTON

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Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren.

We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families.

These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future.

The men and women serving Big Spring ISD are: Irene Galan Rodriguez, board president; Pat DeAnda, member; Chad Wash, vice-president; Phil Furqueron, recent past-member; Tony Kennedy, secretary; Dr. Ken McIntosh, member; Jeff Brorman, member; and Fabian Serrano, recently appointed board member.

Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for truly caring about our kids.

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for blue skies and soft, warm winds.

Amen

A friend of mine publishes a weekly newspaper in a small south Texas town and he loves to sneak food into movie theaters. Recently he attended a movie that had a Chinese restaurant next door. He thought that was awesome. He loves Chinese food. He bought an order of rice, noodles, beef and hot peppers and got it in a to-go carton. He was wearing baggy pants, so he stuffed the carton down in his pants and waddled into the theater, stopping to look at movie posters so people wouldn't notice the bulge in his pants.

In the dark theater the carton began to really heat up. It felt hotter because it was in a tender area. He sort of went into a panic because it felt like he was on fire down there. The theater was packed and he had to cross several patrons to get to his seat, which was near the middle of the row. He had to twist and turn because some people wouldn't move their legs to give

him room. All the movement made the carton rupture and the contents began to cascade down his legs. "It hurt so much I had tears in my eyes," he says. "I started clawing at the rice and noodles and flinging it everywhere to get some relief."

The Chinese food was landing on people. "Some of it landed on a bald guy's head. I could see it when the screen would light up for a couple of seconds. He was reaching up there, not knowing what it was.

"One person nearby stood up and said in a loud voice, 'what's going on? Something hot landed on me.' A lady yelled out, 'hot worms are falling from the ceiling.' I could hear voices screaming things like 'hot ants are on my face.' The hot food was falling down people's shirts and blouses. I was in so much pain I didn't care where the stuff went. I squirmed out of there and made a run for the bathroom."

In the bathroom he pulled down his pants and looked at the red whelps on his inner thighs and lower abdomen where the hot food had scalded him. Angry men were coming into the bathroom.

One whipped off his shirt and started pulling rice from his

chest hairs and yelled, "Kids are out there throwing hot rice on people." My friend, who was acting like a victim rather than the perpetrator, said, "Yeah. Those kids." He was dabbing his burns with wet towels, standing there with his pants down around his ankles, then backed into a stall and closed the door. Another guy came in screaming, "They're throwing hot linguini at people."

Now my friend knows about pasta. He started to correct the man and tell him it was Chinese noodles, not linguini, but decided against it. Another guy came in the bathroom complaining that his wife had major burns on her face. My friend kept quiet. You see why I'm not using his name.

Anyway, he waddled out of the stall and left the theater. As he passed the Chinese restaurant he wondered where his fortune cookie landed.

The name of the movie was *Catching Fire*.

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On the matter of mattresses

Goldilocks didn't realize it at the time, of course, but she had it comparatively easy—lucky beyond measure—to find the "just right" bed on the third try. Within mere seconds of trying out The Three Bears' beds, she nestled comfortably, thinking — albeit erroneously — that all was right with her world.

Today we are challenged by dozens of eye-crossing choices offered by many firms, some with big ads proclaiming whatever day it is to be the best day ever to purchase a new mattress.

Our first one served us well for nigh onto 40 years — until it buckled 14 years ago. When they removed the mattress, a card fell out: "Re-Elect LBJ to the US Senate."

My wife and I thought we were careful shoppers back there at century's turn, hoping to buy another king mattress to take us to 2040 or so. After all, we bought from a reputable company that made good on warranties. They replaced our mattress twice in a single decade.

Authorities say that the average life of mattresses now is seven to nine years.

And young adults are largely to blame. Back then, mattresses were constructed with durability in mind; comfort was a distant second. Nowadays, it's all about comfort, bells, whistles and miscellaneous technology. Durability concerns rarely come up...

During my youth, family mattresses—always "used"—were

cotton-filled. When they sprang leaks, we called Elmo Letbetter, who reconditioned with cotton re-fills.

There were no warranties to deal with, since the mattresses — like clothes — were hand-me-downs.

'Course most folks did far more physical labor in those days, so we could sleep anywhere—on pallets, cots, air mattresses and curled up in a wheelbarrow. Creek bank sleeping was fine should fishing be involved.

A few weeks back, we discovered mattress-sagging on both sides. Yep, it was time to shop for a new one — our fourth try since 2000. (I can live with my "matted hair," but not if it is caused by a bad mattress.)

Brenda "deaf-eared" my suggestion that we consider a gently-used, \$17.50 mattress listed on Craigslist. So, we watched ads, read Consumer Reports and called various stores to find a king mattress that was "just right."

We "lucked out" on the first store we visited.

I never thought I would admit this, but here goes: A computer was our best friend. We were escorted to a computer-assisted mattress that provided important data, thus simplifying our search. All we had to do was lie down and follow instructions. Within five minutes, the "Expert Match"™ had spit out information on our sleeping contortions, movement and more stuff, and then the nice salesman suggested mattresses that came closest to meeting our needs.

There was no pressure. He asked us to try a few, and we made an almost iron-clad decision on one we liked and could afford.

We then visited a couple of

other stores, both of which fell short — not only because they didn't use computers to determine our likes and wants, but they vowed "never to be under-sold." One wanted us to find the best price around, then return for him to beat it.

Soon we were back at the store first visited, print-out in hand. Our purchase was made from Aaron Simmons, who, while saying nice things about Simmons mattresses, regretted being a limb on a different Simmons tree.

He's an absolute sleep expert, though, who has heard it all. (He spoke of one customer seeking a mattress for her pet pig. She insisted on steel coils; otherwise, her pet would "root" through the foam in short order. Another guy wanted a king bed with a matching, extra-long twin bed, the latter for his dog.)

The very next day, delivery-men came.

During the minutes before delivery, Brenda was readying our vacuum cleaner, ready to "attack" when the old mattresses were removed.

She told them she just couldn't imagine where all the dust came from; I'm sure it's been there since the last mattress was brought in.

For folks about to embark on a mattress quest, please consider our experiences. And don't try to act like an expert. Aaron and his associates know better, but they'll smile and help you anyway!

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DR. DON NEWBURY

► Letters to the Editor

Fun festival

TO THE EDITOR:
Comanche Trail Festival of Lights opened with the celebration of our 17th year. It is with lots of hard work from members and volunteers that this event is possible. I hope all of you know why we celebrate this season, it is the birth of Jesus. That is the reason so much love and work goes into this event.

I had hoped for an attendance goal of 25,000 and it didn't happen, but we did have 19,392 wonderful visitors from 34 states and 12 countries, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Cairo, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Tiawan. Now that is some accomplishment for our fair city, don't you think?

We have groups that adopt a spot which lightens our load considerably. They have an area they are responsible for, put up lights and display items furnished by us, or they may choose to use their own lights and display items and they can have a sign with their name, whether it be individuals, families, organizations, businesses to place at the spot they adopt.

They are Home Hospice, Salvation Army, Trinity Baptist Church, Western Container, Thixton Family, The Carpet Shop, Big Spring Schools, Chamber of Commerce, DAV, GEO, Big Spring State Hospital, Howard College, CVB, HEB, Big Spring Collision, DRA, City of Big Spring, Pow Wow, Howard County Sheriff's Dept., KBST, B&R Septic, Friends of the Library, Victims Services, Adult Protective Services, Cowboy Church, Lamun Lusk, Relay For Life, Park Place Retirement, College Baptist, Northside Movement, and a memorial remembering former Mayor Russ McEwen, the last display being Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

We added new Christmas Cards this year and I'm sure you noticed them, Crispy's Café, Jake Witzel Gifts & Interior, Ward's Western Ware, Kitty Galore and Adrian Calvio Insurance. This is a great advertisement tool and adds to the festival at the same time.

This year was an unfortunate year for us in that individuals decided they could destroy our lights by cutting them, knocking down rebar, pulling out light bulbs and just wrecking our hard work. It would not be pleasant should we be able to find you ... this is so senseless!

Howard Stewart, our project manager, works hard as he guides our volunteers to make this a wonderful presentation of lights. It is volunteers who make the wheels turn at our Festival of Lights. We take great pride and Joy in presenting this gift of lights to our community and visitors. When you see Howard, thank him for his hard work. He is a super person, and few of them are around these days!

This event could not operate without our volunteers. They fit and fill in on every area of this festival. The greeters are an absolute necessity. They obtain information from visitors such as head count and where they are from, also receive donations that helps to fund and further our Festival of Lights. Every volunteer is important, and we cannot say "thank you" enough.

We've had wonderful support from FCI with the help of three trustees who started work with us in October.

This year, we were delighted to have trustees from the sheriff's department help us and they were re-

sponsible for getting the trail and bridges lighted up and complete to the Kid Zone. They also were the ones who created that beautiful greeters booth — again we say "thanks." We look forward to having them work with us in the future. It is gifts such as these that help us continue.

We deeply appreciate all the donations made at the booth and that money is used to plan for purchases of more lights, extension cords and all the material it takes to make this event continue and expand. Not to mention the electricity, meters and all that goes in to making lights light up. Some of the donations this year came from Lee George, Howard County Sheriff's Department, FCI, B&R Septic, Jim Little - Air Park, and the Hotel Settles. All donations are greatly appreciated. A thank you, too, to Suddenlink, Oncor and the city of Big Spring.

The Geese Count is one of the newest attractions. We started it last year and it caused quite a stir. The Hotel Settles donated a one night stay for two at the hotel. There were 65 entries this year, and 11 had the correct number of 18, so we drew from the 18 and Brenlie Torres, a second grader from Coahoma, was the winner. Thanks to all that participated; people were really excited on the last night, counting and recounting those geese!

We tried something new this year and we did not have the participation we had hoped for. However, those who did come seem to enjoy themselves. We lacked in our advertisement as we did not get the word out to our visitors to stop at Belaski Pavilion and enjoy the caroling. Bug we have had some nice remarks. Those participating were BSHS Rhapsody, BSHS Band, Cowboy Church, Adrian Calvio, George Bancroft, Cornerstone Church & Nazarene Church, Thanks!

Now, to the senseless theft of Santa. It caused hours of stress by me and committee members, as well as Karla Dailly of the Big Spring State Hospital's adopt a spot. The Santa was in their display that is an awesome sight to see gifts of the past be presented again. These displays were showcased at Hemphill-Wells, Swartz Dress Shop, and Carter's Furniture more than 50 years ago. Fortunately, Santa has been returned in good shape. We want to thank the public for their information which led the police in the right direction and arrest. All I ask is "why?"

**PAT SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN/FOUNDER
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Stop abortions

TO THE EDITOR:
Wednesday, Jan. 22 will be the 41st anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Decision of the Supreme Court legalizing abortion in our country.

Either the court decided that the human is not really human, but some growth of the woman, or that even if this is a human being, it is all right to kill this innocent child while in the womb of its mother.

In God's inspired word in the Bible, consider the words of the Lord to Jeremiah (1:5), "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."

"Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall

name him Jesus." Luke 1:31

Therefore, we pray for the preborn children and seek to stop abortions completely.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, we will have a Memorial Prayer for the Unborn at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn St.

We pray that God will inspire responsible people to change this law to protect the most vulnerable persons (citizens) in our country.

We invite all people of faith to bear witness to justice for these little children.

Nellie Jane Gray, who was the Founder of the Annual National Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C., in 1974, was born in Big Spring, Texas. June 25, 1924. She devoted

her entire life to defending the rights of the preborn. She died Aug. 13, 2012, in Washington.

Pope Francis, revered by many, whether

people of faith or not, show us by his actions and words the respect for every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.

Anyone can find herself or himself in an unwanted pregnancy situation. If you or someone you know is in a crisis pregnancy situation, there are alternate resources you can call for support and advice.

These are also resources for help for those suffering from post-abortion grief, distress and for depression.

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH**

Unworthy

TO THE EDITOR:
To show how low our government is now when a person is elected to a

city office such as city council. This person is in office several years and has nothing of value to show.

Putting a sign in someone's yard just doesn't earn the merit.

Allowing our infrastructure to crumble, voting with the majority just so they will be invited to the parties and fit in is nothing but juvenile and unworthy of being in office.

When the swimming pool incident appeared, I called my precinct city council woman to express my opinion. All I got was a lot of angered excuses which ended with, "Well's it's like this, we have a majority vote so what can I do?"

I asked her if she might give a dissenting vote to give the taxpayers in her precinct a heads-up on issues that will greatly affect our taxes.

The reply was, "I can't go door to door."

My reply was, "You do when you want the vote."

This showed me that my precinct and vote was not receiving any support or help.

Now, this inefficient person that did not stand up for the people who gave their vote and fight to improve things in our town that should have been addressed and attended to long before now and these problems now raising our taxes higher and higher, is undeservingly getting money she does not deserve.

As a taxpayer, I feel she should be repaying the city for all the time she wasted playing as a city council person.

You talk about a listless and failing government. Well, this is positive proof.

Taxpayers, you need to be alert and keeping an eye on our city council. When we lose the stalwart, intelligent care about the taxpayers and openness of Glen Carrigan and Mr. Fernandez and a few others, some may well be taxed out of our homes and businesses.

As of now, we have term limits and caring watchdogs in our city government. That may not last unless we wise up and keep alert of city business.

Every city in America is walking a tightrope now. Those that make sensible change, protect their taxpayers and listen to the people, those are the cities that are holding on and have a chance for a future.

Continued harrassment and harrange of men who out-voted two council persons who had been in office much too long and so inefficient in their duties is disgusting and very bad PR for our city.

DEAN KRAUS

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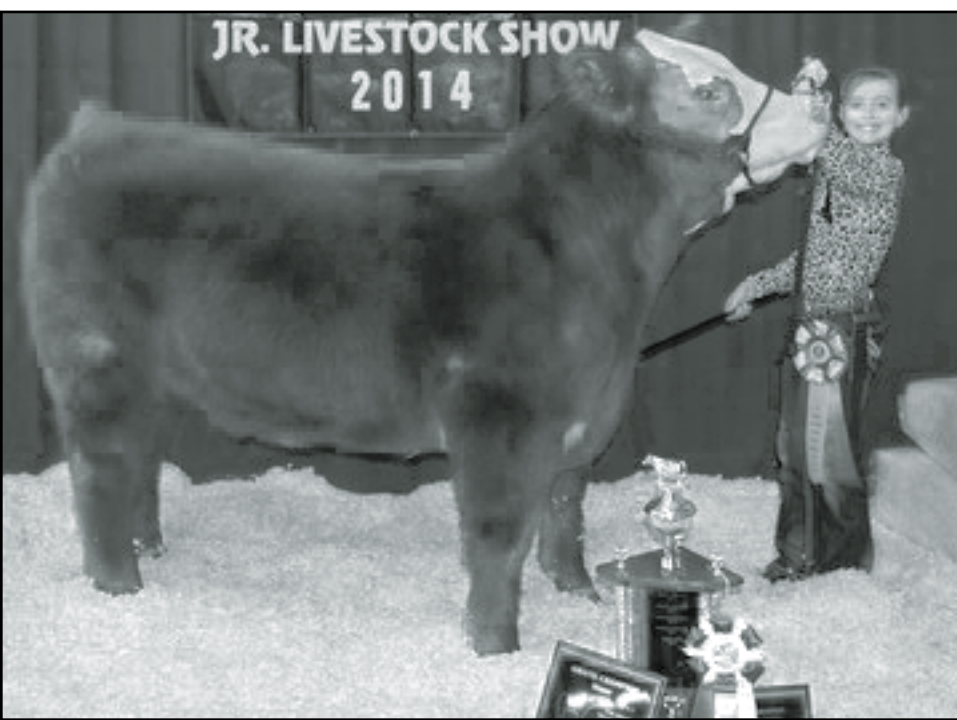
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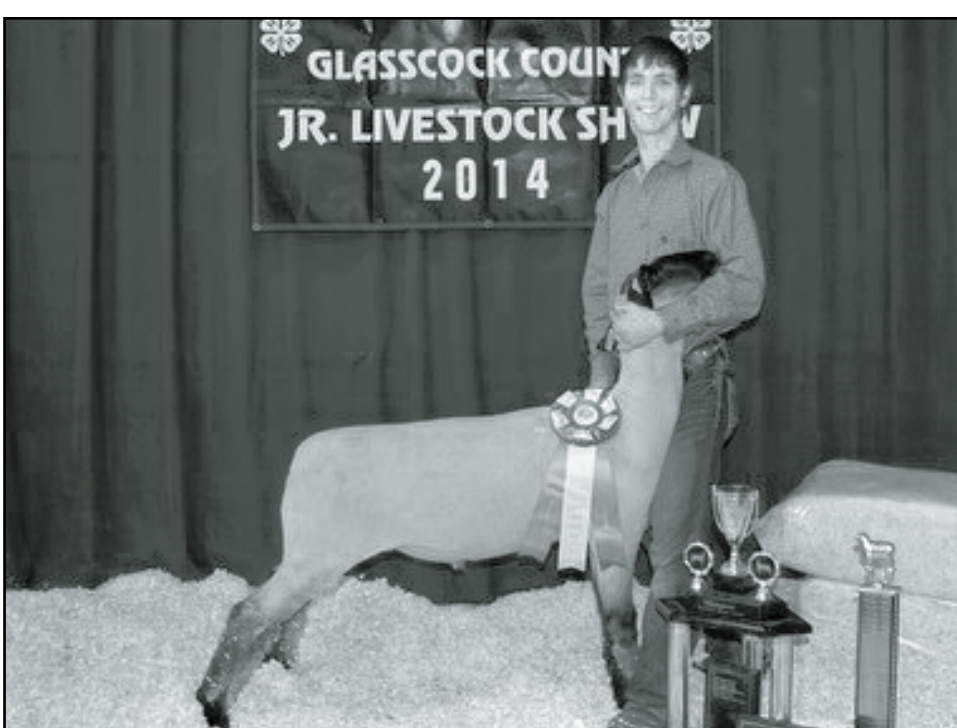
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Grand Champion steer shown by Jordan Driver.



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Grand Champion swine shown by Lexie Schaefer.



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Grand Champion lamb shown by Ty Halfmann



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Scholarship winners are pictured from left, Bryson Batla, Hannah Halfmann, Lexie Schaefer, Kamie Halfmann and Shawn Walker.

For more photos, see Page 7A

Herald Staff Report

Listed are the results from the 2014 Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Results, held January 10-11.

Swine

Grand Champion Swine-Lexie Schaefer
Reserve Grand Champion Swine-Kastin Wilde
Senior Showman-Holly Halfmann

Intermediate Showman-Reed Seidenberger
Junior Showman- Kastin Wilde

Steer

Grand Champion Steer-Jordan Driver
Reserve Grand Champion-Hannah Halfmann
Senior Showman-Kadden Kothmann
Intermediate Showman-Allison Halfmann
Junior Showman-Jordan Driver

Rabbit

Grand Champion Rabbit-Karli Tubb
Reserve Grand Champion-Zach Burnett
Intermediate Showman-Karli Tubb
Junior Showman-Claire Fuchs

Lamb

Grand Champion Lamb-Ty Halfmann
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb-Ty Halfmann
Senior Showman-Shawn Walker
Intermediate Showman-Matthew Halfmann
Junior Showman-Bailey Dehlinger

Goat

Grand Champion Goat-Kadden Kothmann
Reserve Grand Champion Goat-Hannah Halfmann
Senior Showman-Hannah Halfmann
Intermediate Showman-Matthew Halfmann
Junior Showman-Tres Spencer

Top Hand Award- Matthew Halfmann

Scholarships

Douglas Plagens Scholarship-Hannah Halfmann
GCJLA Scholarship-Lexie Halfmann
GCJLA Scholarship-Shawn Walker
GCJLA Scholarship-Kamie Halfmann
GCJLA Scholarship-Bryson Batla

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Tactical Approach

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH				
♠	K 8 7 6 2	♥	6 2	
♦	A 4	♣	K J 10 3	
WEST	♠	A J 10	♥	K J 10 9 4
	♦	9 7 3	♣	A 5
EAST	♠	9 5 4	♥	8 5 3
	♦	J 10 8 2	♣	8 7 4
SOUTH				
	♠	Q 3	♥	A Q 7
	♦	K Q 6 5	♣	Q 9 6 2

The bidding:
1♥ North 1♠ East 3NT South
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

It might seem that South should go down one against proper defense on this deal, but actually three notrump can be made if declarer plays his cards correctly.

South wins the heart lead with the queen and is immediately faced with a crucial decision. Given West's opening bid, declarer can see that if he attacks clubs first to force out the ace, he will almost surely go down.

Another heart would come back from West, establishing his suit.

South could then cash eight tricks — two hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. But when he next led a spade, West would win with the ace and run his hearts to put an end to the matter.

All this is easily predictable if declarer stops to think things over after winning the first trick. The solution should not be long in forthcoming: Rather than lead a club at trick two, South should lead a low spade from his hand toward dummy's king!

This gives declarer two chances to get home safely. First, there is a good chance that West will make a mistake and not go up with the spade ace. If this happens, South then attacks clubs to secure nine tricks.

Second, if West was dealt exactly three spades to the ace, he is helpless whatever he does. Even if he goes up with the ace, South makes nine tricks by scoring four spades, two hearts and three diamonds.

The principle that emerges is that a declarer should not always immediately attack his strongest suit — clubs, in this case — if there is a good tactical reason for playing another suit first.

Bridge is not strictly a game of hard-and-fast rules. Rather, a player should base his actions on the common sense of a situation, and not on a rigid formula.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 3B

sudoku

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

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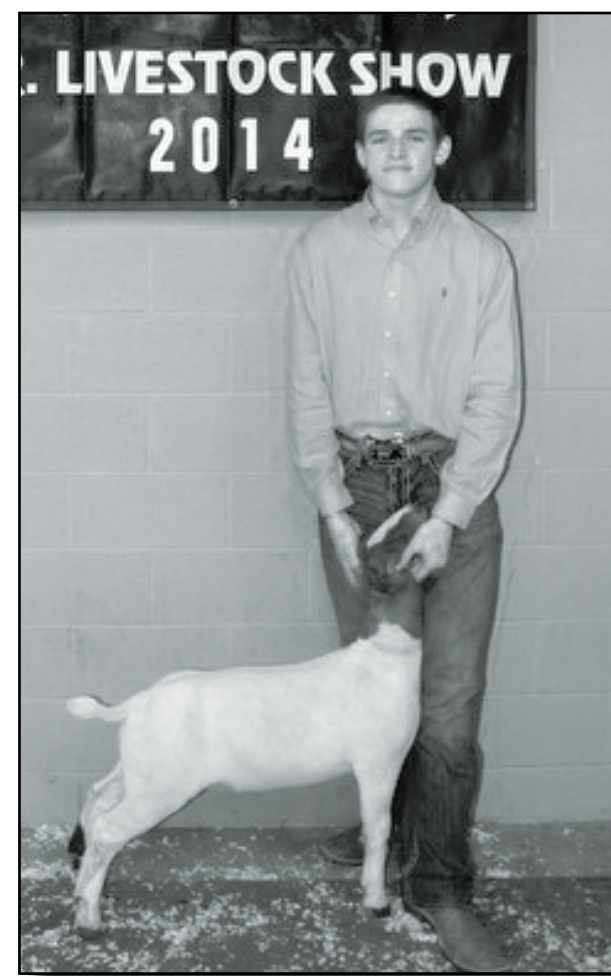


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Grand Champion goat shown by Kadden Kothmann.



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Top Hand award shown by Matthew Halfmann



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Grand Champion Rabbit shown by Karli Tubb.

Big dog helps to teach students good behavior

LEVELLAND, Texas (AP) — It's not often one gets to take his four-legged friend to school — especially not one as big or as hairy as Tango the Leonberger.

But Tango, a 120-pound behemoth of an animal, isn't walking the halls of Levelland Middle School for show and tell. Through her calm, confident and caring temperament, she's actually teaching the students in D'Nae Wilson's classroom basic social behaviors.

Wilson calls Tango her "co-teacher" for the Mutt-i-grees class the pair began last semester. Mutt-i-grees — a curriculum being used in schools across America — uses children's natural affinity for animals to teach values such as loyalty and respect and also basic human skills like greeting strangers and respecting others' space.

It can also be classified as an anti-bullying class in that the overarching goal is to teach students to have empathy for others, Wilson told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Wilson used her dog

to show students how personality differences among peers should be valued and not the cause for unkindness or discrimination.

Tango's temperament was laid back, which wouldn't make her a good search and rescue dog, Wilson said. In the same way, a group of friends, classmates or co-workers needs various personalities working together to function.

As the students took a written personality assessment, Tango wandered the aisles, pausing to receive affection from outstretched hands.

Wilson said she first met Tango as a puppy when dog breeder Waltraut "Val" Zieher — a woman who brought the Leonberger breed to the U.S. with her from Germany — took Tango, now 4, to the veterinary clinic where Wilson was working.

The two women bonded over their love for the breed, and Wilson soon had a part in raising some of Zieher's puppies, she said.

Zieher and Tango used to visit nursing homes and children's hospitals using animal therapy to

provide companionship and comfort to the patients.

But Zieher was sick herself and frequently left town to seek cancer treatments, leaving Tango in Wilson's care. When Zieher died last year, Wilson adopted the dog as her own, adding to her already large collection of animals which includes five dogs, one cat and four horses. Tango still goes to nursing homes on Fridays when she's not at school with Wilson.

"Dogs release oxytocin which gives off a calm vibe," Wilson said as Tango laid near her feet Wednesday. "She creates an environment more than anything."

She also acts as a facilitator for class discussions on feelings, Wilson said.

Since dogs can't tell people how they feel, humans have to read their body language to find out. It's the same with some humans who are less vocal than others about the emotions they're experiencing inside them.

Wilson says last semester, a talk on what Tango was feeling led the class to think, "How

are my actions making my classmate feel?"

Sixth-graders Samuel Trevino and Noah Riddle took the class last semester and decided to take it again for the lessons both said they learned from being in the class and around the big dog.

"I thought it was pretty fun. I learned to express myself out in the free world," Riddle, 11, said. He said Tango was an example to him of how to live without worries.

Trevino, also 11, took note of the fact that Tango was never sad and that trained dogs have human-like features.

Trevino said he learned to "not be as mean whenever somebody needs something. Help them out. It told me no matter what kind of personality we are, we all need to be treated the same or equal."

Another topic that comes up in the class is stereotypes, Wilson said, and she uses the curriculum's own name as an introduction. The word "mutt" often has a negative connotation, and the students have a discussion about why stereotypes are or are not OK.

Odds and ends

NJ's pigskin-picking camel dies before Super Bowl

LACEY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's pigskin-prognosticating camel has died just weeks before the state is set to host its first Super Bowl.

Princess was a fixture at the Popcorn Park Zoo in Lacey Township for 10 years and gained fame for picking winners.

Zoo manager John Bergmann tells the Asbury Park Press the 26-year-old Bactrian camel was euthanized after arthritis made it impossible for her to stand.

Princess' made her picks with graham crackers. Bergmann would hold one in each hand, marked with the names of the competing teams. Whichever hand she chose was her prediction.

Princess correctly picked the Baltimore Ravens in last year's Super Bowl. Her best run came in the 2008 season, when she picked 17 of 22 games correctly, including the Pittsburgh Steelers to win Super Bowl XLIII.

Pa. couple advertises home as 'slightly haunted'

DUNMORE, Pa. (AP) — Between the mysteriously banging doors, the odd noises coming from the basement, and the persistent feeling that someone is standing behind them, homeowners Gregory and Sandi Leeson are thoroughly creeped out by their 113-year-old Victorian.

So when they put the house in northeastern Pennsylvania up for sale last month, they advertised it as "slightly haunted."

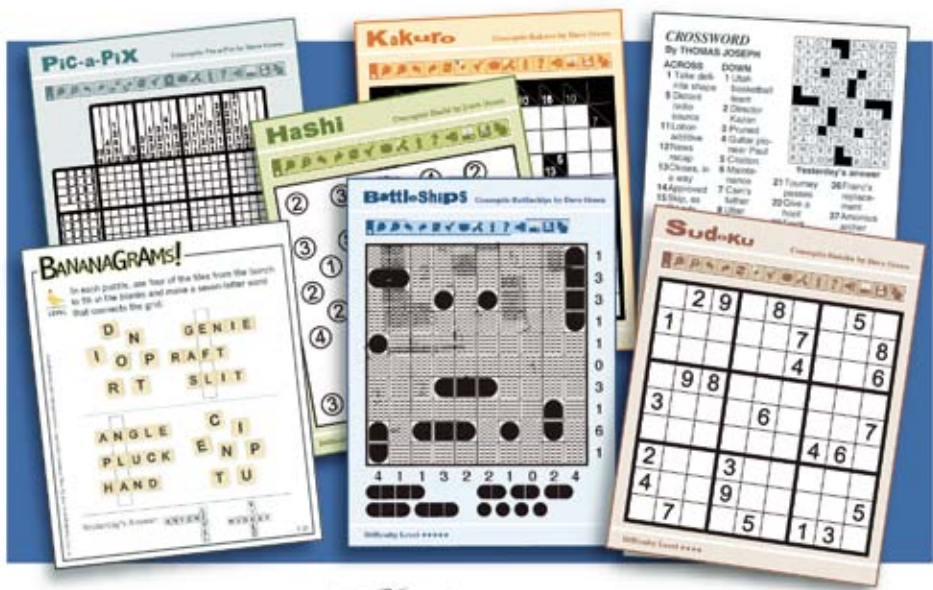
There were calls from ghost hunters. An open house attracted lots of curiosity seekers, but no legitimate buyers. And a former resident came out of the woodwork to tell the couple that when he was a kid, he found a human skull in the basement — the same basement whose door Sandi Leeson once barricaded because she swore she could hear the clicking of a cigarette lighter emanating from the subterranean depths.

It's enough to make her husband wonder whether he did the right thing when he playfully wrote about the home's spooky charms:

"Slightly haunted. Nothing serious, though," says the listing on Zillow's real-estate site. It goes on to describe 3:13 a.m. screams and "the occasional ghastly visage" in the bathroom mirror.

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News in brief

Pope defrocked 400 priests in 2 years, Vatican document obtained by the AP says

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In his last two years as pope, Benedict XVI defrocked nearly 400 priests for raping and molesting children, more than twice as many as the two years that preceded a 2010 explosion of sex abuse cases in Europe and beyond, according to a document obtained Friday by The Associated Press and an analysis of Vatican statistics.

The data — 260 priests defrocked in 2011 and 124 in 2012, a total of 384 — represented a dramatic increase over the 171 priests defrocked in 2008 and 2009.

It was the first compilation of the number of priests forcibly removed for sex abuse by the Vatican's in-house procedures — and a canon lawyer said the real figure is likely far higher, since the numbers don't include sentences meted out by diocesan courts.

The spike started a year after the Vatican decided to double the statute of limitations on the crime, enabling victims who were in their late 30s to report abuse committed against them when they were children.

The Vatican has actually made some data public year by year in its annual reports. But an internal Vatican document prepared to help the Holy See defend itself before a U.N. committee this week in Geneva compiled the statistics over the course of several years. Analysis of the raw data cited in that document, which was obtained by the AP, confirmed the figures.

Afghan police say death toll in attack on Kabul restaurant rises to 21

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The death toll from a Taliban attack on a Kabul restaurant popular with foreigners and affluent Afghans has risen to 21 people, officials said Saturday, in the deadliest violence against foreign civilians in the country since the start of the war nearly 13 years ago.

Kabul police chief Gen. Mohammad Zahir Zahir said the victims included 13 foreigners and eight Afghans and said the majority were civilians. The U.S. Embassy said that at least two private U.S. citizens were among the victims but provided no other details.

The dead at the La Taverna du Liban restaurant included the head of the International Monetary Fund in Afghanistan, three United Nations staff and a member of the European Police Mission in Afghanistan. The UN had initially reported four dead, but had counted the IMF representative.

Zahir and international officials said the dead included two Britons, two Canadians, a Dane, a Russian, two Lebanese, a Somali-American and a Pakistani. At least four people were wounded and about eight Afghans, mostly the kitchen staff, survived.

Five women, four foreign and one Afghan, were also among the dead, Zahir said.

President's reforms stoke congressional response but overlook change on foreign spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's orders to change some U.S. surveillance practices put the burden on Congress to deal with a national security controversy that has alarmed Americans and outraged foreign allies. Yet he avoided major action on the practice of sweeping up billions of phone, email and text messages from across the globe.

In a speech at the Justice Department on Friday, Obama said he was placing new limits on the way intelligence officials access phone records from hundreds of millions of Americans — and was moving toward eventually stripping the massive data collection from the government's hands.

His promises to end government storage of its collection of data on Americans' telephone calls — and require judicial review to examine the data — were met with skepticism from privacy advocates and some lawmakers.

But Obama has made it nearly impossible for reluctant leaders in Congress to avoid making some changes in the U.S. phone surveillance they have supported for years.

Ohio's longest execution places future of states' efforts to obtain lethal drugs in doubt

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's latest experience with putting an inmate to death raises new question about the ability of states to carry out executions in constitutional fashion.

A gasping, snorting Dennis McGuire took 26 minutes to die after the chemicals began flowing Thursday — the longest execution of the 53 carried out in Ohio since capital punishment resumed 15 years ago, according to an Associated Press analysis.

McGuire's adult children said it amounted to torture, with the convicted killer's son, also named Dennis, saying: "Nobody deserves to go through that."

Whether McGuire felt any pain was unclear. His death — unconsciousness, followed by apparent obstructed breathing — followed the prediction of one state expert.

The question may center on states' tolerance for a constitutional method that is difficult to observe, said Doug Berman, an Ohio State University law professor and death penalty expert.

California governor proclaims state is in a drought, paves way for federal assistance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California is nearly as dry as it's ever been. High water marks rim half-full reservoirs. Cities are rationing water. Clerics are praying for rain. Ranchers are selling cattle, and farmers are fallowing fields.

Gov. Jerry Brown formally proclaimed a drought Friday, saying California is in the midst of perhaps its worst dry spell in a century. He made the announcement in San Francisco amid increasing pressure from lawmakers and as firefighters battled flare-ups in a Southern California wildfire that chased thousands of people from their homes.

Unless the state gets significant rainfall in the next two months, television sets glowing with wildfires could play like reruns throughout the year.

Reservoir levels in the north and central parts of the state were more depleted than in Southern California, but Brown still asked Los Angeles to do its part to conserve — and gave a nod to the politics of water in the vast state.

"The drought accentuates and further displays the conflicts between north and south and between urban and rural parts of the state. So, as governor, I'll be doing my part to bring people together and working through this."

Wastes, chemicals from coal industry tainting hundreds of waterways, drinking water sources

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chemical spill that contaminated water for hundreds of thousands of West Virginians was just the latest and most high-profile case of coal sullyng the nation's waters.

For decades, chemicals and waste from the coal industry have tainted hundreds of waterways and groundwater supplies, spoiling private wells, shutting down fishing and rendering streams virtually lifeless, according to an Associated Press analysis of federal environmental data. But because these contaminants are released gradually and in some cases not tracked or regulated, they attract much less attention than a massive spill like the one in West Virginia.

"I've made a career of body counts of dead fish and wildlife made that way from coal," said Dennis Lemly, a U.S. Forest Service research biologist who has spent decades chronicling the deformities pollution from coal mining has caused in fish. "How many years and how

many cases does it take before somebody will step up to the plate and say, 'Wait a minute, we need to change this?'"

The spill of a coal-cleaning chemical into a river in Charleston, W.Va., that left 300,000 people without water exposes a potentially new and under-regulated risk to water from the coal industry, at a time when the federal government is still trying to close regulatory gaps that have contributed to coal's long legacy of water pollution.

From its mining to the waste created when it is burned for electricity, pollutants associated with coal have contaminated waterways, wells and lakes with far more insidious and longer-lasting contaminants than the chemical that spilled out of a tank farm on the banks of the Elk River.

Thailand's beleaguered prime minister struggles to stay in power despite multiple threats

BANGKOK (AP) — From inside her "war room" in a temporary office at the Defense Ministry, Thailand's beleaguered Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra is watching television feeds of flag-waving protesters trying to bring down her government.

The demonstrators have taken over key pockets of central Bangkok, blocking off their territory with sandbag walls guarded by supporters. They refuse to negotiate, and they're trampling campaign billboards bearing Yingluck's image amid increasing doubt that the election she called for next month can be held.

Yingluck can't order a police crackdown for fear of triggering a military coup. And she is now facing a serious legal threat: The country's anti-corruption commission has announced that it will probe her handling of a controversial rice policy, an investigation that could force her from office if she is found guilty.

AC casino hopes to decide Saturday if poker tournament can resume after probe of fake chips

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — An Atlantic City casino where someone may have used fake chips at a poker tournament hopes to learn on Saturday whether the suspended games should be allowed to continue.

The first event of the Borgata Winter Poker Open was suspended Friday for 24 hours by the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement after suspicions about the games arose.

"The Division of Gaming Enforcement and New Jersey State Police are aware of a situation involving counterfeit chips," said Lisa Spengler a spokeswoman for the gaming enforcement division. "The matter is currently under investigation." She declined further comment.



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Data: Texas had most Border Patrol arrests

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Central American immigrants crossing into the United States illegally in South Texas drove an increase in Border Patrol apprehensions last year, according to data released Friday by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The Border Patrol made 420,789 apprehensions in the fiscal year that ended in September. That is a 16 percent increase from the previous year but still 42 percent below 2008. As usual, more than 98 percent of those arrests were made on the Southwest border. And nowhere saw more arrests than Texas.

Agents in Texas made 235,567 arrests. For much of the last decade, Arizona had been the busiest section of the Mexican border. Agents there last year made 125,942 arrests.

Border Patrol made a total of 414,397 arrests in 2013 on the Southwest border.

In 2012, Border Patrol made 356,873 arrests there and 327,577 in 2011.

In October, Border Patrol Chief Michael Fisher said much of the increase was due to an influx of would-be immigrants from Central America who had

been arrested in South Texas.

While apprehensions of Mexican citizens remained nearly unchanged, arrests of immigrants from other countries, including Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, rose 55 percent. Limited economic opportunities and widespread gang and drug cartel violence in Central America have driven tens of thousands north along a dangerous route through Mexico.

Border Patrol has responded by sending additional manpower and technology to South Texas, where stations had at times been overwhelmed as agents hit a bottleneck processing those they had arrested.

A fleet of unmanned drones patrol the border, and the agency has deployed repurposed surveillance technology from the Department of Defense, including helium-filled aerostats carrying powerful infrared cameras.

Along the Southwest border, Customs and Border Protection also seized 2.9 million pounds of drugs.

Border security remains an issue as Congress debates potential changes to the nation's immigration laws.

GOP takes hard line on immigration

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republicans are taking hard-line stances on immigration ahead of the March 4 primary elections to win support from the party's base, while Democrats are hoping those policies will convince more Hispanics to vote for them.

Candidates for Texas governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general responded to an Associated Press questionnaire on the subject, their answers highlighting a growing philosophical rift between Texas Republicans and the national party's more moderate policies intended to attract more minorities.

But campaign consultants say illegal immigration is a top issue for Republican voters in Texas, who want their candidates to implement tough policies, including placing state police on the border. Candidates are distancing themselves from past policies that Gov. Rick Perry once defended, such as in-state tuition for the children of immigrants in the country illegally.

"I have helped appropriate almost \$800 million ... including purchasing a Department of Public Safety observation plane with infra-red cameras and videos, DPS helicopters with infra-red cameras, six DPS armored gunboats for the Rio Grande River with infra-red cameras, each carrying four .30

caliber machine guns capable of firing 1,000 rounds per minute," said incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

On the Democratic side, gubernatorial hopeful and state Sen. Wendy Davis blames the Republican-controlled U.S. House for not approving proposed new immigration laws.

"We must continue to support current border security efforts and ensure that border law enforcement have the statutory tools and financial resources needed," she said, noting that she co-authored legislation last year to provide grants to help local prosecutors along the border crack down on drug and human trafficking.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott only offered limited answers supporting tougher immigration policy, citing plans to roll out a plan.

But GOP candidates for lieutenant governor expressly touted their views on cracking down on illegal border crossings. Houston Sen. Dan Patrick introduced legislation to forbid cities from deprioritizing immigration law enforcement.

"Law enforcement

should be able to ask if a person is here illegally if they have probable cause to believe they may be," he said.

Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor Leticia Van de Putte rejected proposals to involve local law enforcement in enforcing federal law.

All the Republicans, though, supported requiring local police to enforce immigration laws. Republican attorney general candidate Ken Paxton said he supports only checking the immigration status of those arrested for other crimes. Barry Smitherman, another Republican candidate for attorney general, was alone in supporting state police-operated immigration checkpoints.

"This is one method law enforcement should be able to use to catch those that are already in our country illegally," Smitherman said.

Sam Houston, the sole Democrat running for attorney general, joined other Democrats in warning against involving local police for fear of racial profiling and discouraging immigrants from reporting crimes.

Attorney general hope-

ful Dan Branch and lieutenant governor candidate Todd Staples chose to issue statements rather than answer questions. Other Republicans have blasted Staples for his past support for driver's licenses for immigrants in the country illegally and in-state college tuition for their children.

Jerry Patterson, also a Republican running for lieutenant governor, was alone in calling for a guest-worker program to bring laborers to Texas called the "Texas Solution."

"At the 2012 State Republican Convention, over 8,000 delegates overwhelmingly adopted the Texas Solution and moved our party from being the party that is simply against something, to the party that has a bold, common-sense solution for our country's immigration problems," Patterson said.

All the candidates supported requirements that companies check to make sure employees are legally authorized to work in the United States, but while Republicans supported using the federal E-verify system, Democrats said it has too many bugs.

Big Spring Independent School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

for the year ended August 31, 2013

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
<i>Local and Intermediate Sources</i>	\$ 17,668,862	\$ 6,950	\$ 4,243,103	\$ 21,918,915
<i>State Program Revenues</i>	15,132,316		234,096	15,366,412
<i>Federal Program Revenues</i>	388,989		4,899,278	5,288,267
Total Revenues	\$ 33,190,167	\$ 6,950	\$ 9,376,477	\$ 42,573,594
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
<i>Instruction</i>	\$ 15,240,187	\$ -	\$ 1,930,383	\$ 17,170,570
<i>Instructional Resources and Media Services</i>	453,680		5,809	459,489
<i>Curriculum and Staff Development</i>	454,807		688,213	1,143,020
<i>Instructional Leadership</i>	323,179		7,925	331,104
<i>School Leadership</i>	2,172,979			2,172,979
<i>Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services</i>	832,283		378,102	1,210,385
<i>Social Work Services</i>	78,316		20,600	98,916
<i>Health Services</i>	318,914		-	318,914
<i>Student Transportation</i>	729,122			729,122
<i>Food Services</i>	-		2,622,549	2,622,549
<i>Extracurricular Activities</i>	1,215,430		-	1,215,430
<i>General Administration</i>	944,336		-	944,336
<i>Plant Maintenance and Operations</i>	4,750,219		1,324	4,751,543
<i>Security and Monitoring Services</i>	27,955		-	27,955
<i>Data Processing Services</i>	941,962			941,962
<i>Debt Service - Principal</i>	-		1,315,000	1,315,000
<i>Debt Service - Interest</i>	-		2,785,980	2,785,980
<i>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</i>	60,735	5,651,097		5,711,832
<i>Other Intergovernmental Charges</i>	253,626			253,626
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,797,730	\$ 5,651,097	\$ 9,755,885	\$ 44,204,712
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 4,392,437	\$ (5,644,147)	\$ (379,408)	\$ (1,631,118)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
<i>Transfers In</i>	-		35,991	35,991
<i>Transfers Out (Use)</i>	(35,991)		-	(35,991)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (35,991)	\$ -	\$ 35,991	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 4,356,446	\$ (5,644,147)	\$ (343,417)	\$ (1,631,118)
Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1, 2012)	11,251,819	6,343,787	1,390,827	18,986,433
Fund Balances - Ending (August 31, 2013)	\$ 15,608,265	\$ 699,640	\$ 1,047,410	\$ 17,355,315

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Steers holds off Greenwood rally

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steer' play-off hopes are still alive.

Big Spring, backed by a solid outing from Ty Sealy, kept its dreams of earning a berth in the Class 3A state basketball playoffs alive and healthy on Friday by pounding out a nail-biting 53-50 win over the Greenwood Rangers.

With the win, the Steers improved to 7-8 for the sea-

son and, more importantly, evened their District 4-3A record at 2-2.

Big Spring got off to a quick start against the Rangers. Sealy and the Steers' offense pushed in several clutch shots in the first eight minutes of the game and rolled to a comfortable 20-8 lead.

The rest of the game didn't come quite as easily for the Steers. Greenwood managed to pull to within three at the

final buzzer by outscoring Big Spring 42-25 over the final three quarters of play.

Greenwood cut the Steers' lead by one in the second. The Rangers posted a 9-8 run in the frame and went into the half trailing by a 28-17 margin.

Greenwood rallied even closer in the third. The Rangers pumped in a 17-7 run in the frame and went into the fourth quarter trailing by just

one, at 35-34.

Big Spring, which benefited from points from nine different players, reeled off 18 points in the final eight minutes to close out the game.

Tyler Wiggington, Matt Yanez and Charles Green all contributed to the BSHS win. Wiggington finished with eight points, while Yanez and Green both pitched in seven.

Sealy led all BS scorers with 10 points.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Ty Sealy powers his way over a Greenwood defender for a basket during the Steers' 53-50 win on Friday.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Coahoma sophomore Kyler Franks drives past a screen set by teammate Cam Crabtree during the second half of the Bulldogs' District 4-2A game with Denver City.

Mustangs roll past Coahoma

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

COAHOMA - The Denver City Mustangs posted a huge run over the final four minutes of the first quarter on Friday night and cruised to a 71-27 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs on Friday night in District 4-2A action.

Coahoma held its own against

Denver City's speed early in the game. The Bulldogs battled to a 9-9 deadlock early in the first before the wheels came off.

The Mustangs outscored Coahoma by a 12-2 margin in the final five minutes of the first and took a 21-11 lead.

The news only got worse for the Steers in the second. The Mustangs reeled off a 23-5 run in the

frame and carried a commanding 44-16 lead into the half.

DCHS closed out the game with a 27-11 run in the second half.

Shanen Warneke led all CHS scorers with 11 points in the loss. Kyler Franks and Braxton Iden added five each.

Coahoma, which travels to Brownfield on Tuesday, fell to 5-11 for the year and to 0-3 in district play.

BS frosh upend Greenwood

Kiana Ramsey pumped in nine points and Addie Jimenez added six more on Friday and led the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' freshman squad to a 24-17 victory over the Greenwood Lady Rangers.

Halyena Davidson led the Lady Steers' defensive effort. She finished the District 4-3A showdown as Big Spring's top rebounder.

The Lady Steers will return to action on Tuesday against Sweetwater.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Dyrshae Vanderbilt shoots over a defender during the Lady Steers' loss to Greenwood on Friday.

Lady Rangers stun Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Greenwood Lady Rangers did what few teams have managed to do this season. They slowed the Big Spring Lady Steers' offense to a crawl.

Greenwood limited 17th-ranked Big Spring to just eight points in the first half on Friday and rolled to a stunning 35-26 victory in a key District 4-3A matchup.

The Lady Steers struggled to find their offensive game throughout. Big Spring shot just 20

percent from the field, hitting just 10 of their 50 attempts from the field.

Big Spring jumped out to a quick start. The Lady Steers netted eight points in the first quarter and held an 8-7 lead at the start of the second.

The BSHS offense went stone cold from there. The Lady Steers were held scoreless in the ensuing eight minutes of play, and went into the half trailing 16-8.

Life didn't get much better for the BSHS squad in the third. Greenwood held Big Spring to just

four points and held a 25-12 lead at the start of the fourth.

The Lady Steers managed to get their offense in gear in the final period. Big Spring scored 14 points in the closing minutes.

With the loss, the Lady Steers slipped to 15-7 for the season, and to 2-3 in District 4-3A play.

Julianna Rodriguez, Dyrshae Vanderbilt and Stefanie Diaz all paced Big Spring with six points apiece. Diamondique Mayes and Alexia Cansino added four each.

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Late run sinks Forsan

The Tahoka Bulldogs put together a 20-12 run in the final eight minutes of play on Friday and rallied to take a stunning 56-53 come-from-behind win over the Forsan Buffaloes.

Forsan, which had battled to a 28-22 halftime lead, enjoyed a slim lead in the fourth. Tahoka didn't regain a lead until late in the final stanza.

"Early fouls got us out of rhythm and they fought hard to regain the lead," said FHS head coach Gary Huckabee.

The Buffaloes held their own in the first two quarters. Forsan outscored Tahoka by a 14-11 clip in each of the first two quarters of play.

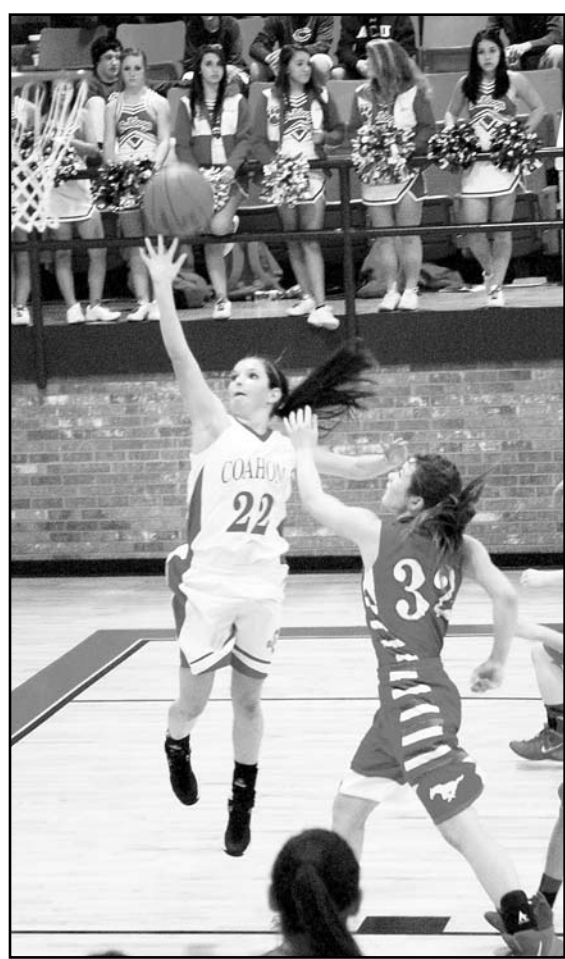
The Bulldogs used a 14-13 run in the third to pull to within 41-36 at the start of the fourth.

Despite the loss, Forsan picked up solid play from J.T. Breyman and Clayton Galloway. Both finished the game in double figures offensively. Breyman finished with a team-high 20 points, while Galloway added 12.

Kade Fannin, who finished with eight points, paced the FHS defense with nine rebounds.

Tyler Evans also netted eight points for the Buffs, who slipped to 12-5 for the year and to 2-1 in District 6-A action.

Forsan will return to action on Tuesday when they travel to Smyer to face the Bobcats.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Aim high ...

Coahoma senior Savannah Neff puts up a shot over Denver City's Karley David during the first half of the Bulldogettes' District 4-2A matchup on Tuesday. Denver City won the contest, 45-39.

Jimenez leads Grady to 54-45 win over BC

Lupita Jimenez pumped five three-pointers on Friday and helped power the 18th-ranked Grady Lady Wildcats to a 54-45 win over the Borden County Lady Coyotes in District 6-A basketball action.

With the win, Grady improved to 9-0 in District 6-A play.

Miller lifts GC past Blackwell

Sam Millet scored 26 points and Corbin Davis added 19 more on Tuesday and led Garden City to a dominating 78-45

win over Blackwell in District 14-A play.

Bradren Jones also scored into double figures for GC, netting 14.

Returning to the Crossroads scene after a few years adrift

I didn't realize it, but it has been almost 10 years since the last time I covered sports here in the Crossroads. Back then, Dwight Butler was calling the shots for the Steers, and my children were just knee high to a grasshopper.

Butler has now gone and my children are entering their 20s. The two young boys that cut their teeth in football by playing here in the Big Spring youth leagues, and with the junior high teams at Westbrook both had standout careers at Strawn High School. My oldest, Tommy Jr., was a member of the 2008 state six-man football championship at Strawn. Tommy and Bobby (the youngest) were also members of the Strawn team that played Garden City in the state finals in 2009, a game that went into the history books as the highest-scoring title game ever. Garden City, in case you forgot, won, 122-88.

Our oldest daughter, Whitney, now lives here in Big Spring and has two children of her own, while our youngest daughter, Kayme, lives in Strawn.

Since leaving, my wife - a graduate of Klondike High School - have stayed busy. We owned and operated a small chain of weekly papers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Kentucky. It was fun, but the lure of spending some time with the grandchildren (Mallorie Wells and Dominic Rios) was too much for us. Thus, when the sports job opened here, I called.



Tommy Wells
Herald
Sports Editor

And now we're back.

Speaking of six-man football. The sport lost one of its top tier coaches last week when two-time state champion Mike Reed announces he was leaving Throckmorton to move into the 11-man coaching ranks.

Reed, who guided Throckmorton to state titles in 2011 and 2012 and to the state runner-up honors in 2010, will become the new head coach at Hamilton, a 2A program near Hico.

Prior to taking over at Throckmorton, Reed led Rule to back-to-back state appearances.

Reed was a standout running back at high school, starring at Gordon High School under legendary coach Nelson Campbell.

Texas Tech football fans (as well as fans from throughout Texas) will see more than a few familiar names when they settle into their chairs on Sunday to watch the NFC and AFC championship games.

No less than five former Red Raiders will be playing this weekend for a chance to advance to the Super Bowl.

The Denver Broncos have the most Texas Tech alums on their roster with three, including wide receiver Wes Welker, guard Louis Vasquez and center Manny Ramirez.

The Broncos also feature former UT stars Michael Huff and Quentin Jammer. They also have Von Miller, a Texas A&M product who is on the team's Injured Reserved list.

Danny Amendola headlines the Texas connection for the New England Patriots. The former Red Raider receiver is one of four players with ties to Texas. Also playing for the Patriots are Marcus Cannon (TCU), Josh Boyce (TCU) and Sebastian Vollmer (Houston).

Former Tech star Michael Crabtree headlines a bevy of Texas talent on the San Francisco 49ers' roster.

Joining Crabtree are former UT quarterback Colt McCoy, Rice's Vance McDonald, Texas' Tarrell Brown and Phil Dawson, Texas State's Darryl Morris and Texas A&M's Tony Jerod-Eddie.

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A FARRIER'S PHILOSOPHY

"Met me at the blinking light at FM 700 and Highway 350." Such were my instructions and I sat waiting in my car for Buddy Cochrane, local farrier, for our 2 p.m. appointment. As 2 p.m. clicked over on my car's digital clock, Cochrane appeared behind the wheel of his Chevy pickup with his horse in tow. After a friendly wave, I pulled in behind him and he led me a few miles down Snyder Highway to a dirt road that led to a rural home with a corral just beyond the back door where Albert, Buddy's next client, stood waiting patiently at the gate. As I approached the trailer, Buddy greeted me with a hearty "Hello" and promptly offered me a fold-out chair saying, "I even brought you a chair to make you comfortable while we visit."

For the next two hours, I was treated to not only a horse-shoeing demonstration, but also an afternoon of friendly conversation about horses, rodeos, classrooms and a good smattering of philosophy.

On this particular day, Cochrane's professional attention is focused on Albert and three of his four hooves. "One of his feet is sore, so we're not doing that one today," Cochrane explained. "He has an appointment with his vet and it won't be tended to until after that."

Albert is a calf-roping horse and of one of Cochrane's clients whose history and breeding the farrier knows well. "Albert is a third-generation roping horse. He has a brother that won his owner a million dollars and it was hoped that Albert would do the same, but he is just not as athletic as his brother. Albert tries real hard and wants more than anything in the world to please his owner, but he's just not as athletic. But he does OK and he works hard."

Cochrane has been around horses his entire life and has developed an affection and familiarity with his clients similar to that of a close friend. His understanding and kinship with animals is attributed to being raised on a ranch and being the son of a cowboy.

But despite having opportunities to pursue other avenues that don't require being able to lift and hold the leg of a 1500-pound horse, Buddy always returned to his roots. Why he returned to a profession he seemed to be continually trying to get out of resulted in a simple answer with a complicated history.

"It's my Dad's fault," Buddy quickly answered. "My Dad was always a cowboy and we lived on a ranch in Arizona before we moved to El Paso in 1964, and my Dad believed that if you were going to ride a horse, you had to learn to take care of all its parts."

Cochrane's history and philosophy of life—human and animal—is firmly rooted in a mixture of Christian belief and his father's work ethic.

"You see, my Dad was a perfectionist," he said as he methodically removed each shoe and trimmed the hooves of his charge. "He believed that if it wasn't done right, then it wasn't done." His father provided plenty of practice with teaching Buddy to

shoe the race horses of one of his neighbors.

Despite growing up on a ranch and living the lifestyle of a working cowboy, Buddy is a firm believer that education is the key to success. "I didn't want to farm," he said. "So I decided to go to school and went to Cisco on academic and rodeo scholarships. I basically had a free ride, but I didn't have any money to spend."

His need for spending money led to an entrepreneurial opportunity. "I knew a girl named Marian Sharp," he said. "And her horse threw a shoe one day and she told me that if I would shoe her horse she would cook supper."

So, with the help of Sharp and by developing a good reputation, Cochrane soon discovered that he could make more money shoeing horses than by working a minimum wage job. But being a farrier was not his chosen career. "After I graduated with a masters degree in embryology, I thought I would never shoe another horse, but my Dad said, 'Son, we don't own a ranch so you might want to keep those tools.'"

The words of his father would prove to be prophetic, but not before many years and several life events had come to pass.

Soon after graduating, Cochrane married and the chance to buy a ranch in Weatherford. "I knew I'd never shoe again," he again said. "But, I kept shoeing at the ranch and for friends."

However, soon hard time's came, Cochrane said, and the ranch was lost as well as his marriage which led him back to west Texas. "My happiest time was in West Texas," he said. "But I came in walking because my truck broke down and I didn't have any money." Once back, though, help came in the form of friend, Dean Forrest, and he picked up his rasp and clippers once again. "I went to Van Horn where I met a friend and he asked me if I still shod and I said yes."

But all in all, the life of a farrier has been good to Cochrane. "It's a good living," he said. "But it's so expensive." One tool can cost upwards of \$100 or more and the price of shoes (bought by the dozen) can be pricey as well, depending on the type.

As for his degrees and the prospect of teaching, it just wasn't in the cards as Buddy explained, "I don't like the presence of a classroom," he said. "I don't like the idea that I can't leave. I'm a little claustrophobic. I taught artificial insemination—no problems there—but then I could get in my truck and leave."

Which brings about Cochrane's philosophy of life. Deeply rooted in Christian beliefs, Cochrane recently became an ordained elder at First Presbyterian, he explains his path with a quote from Romans, "It says that every man and woman has a gift and to use it as best you can." He follows that with a thought of his own, "It doesn't matter what you do, you just need to know why."

The first known use of the word farrier occurred in the 15th century. The word was at one time synonymous with the word blacksmith because it was the smith that worked the iron to make the shoe and was usually the one who put it on the horse.

These days a farrier is classified as a specialist in equine hoof care, including the trimming and balancing of horses hooves and the placing of shoes on their hooves, if necessary. The shoe is optional, depending on whether the horse has a job to do. "The only reason to shoe a horse is to help with his job," Cochrane explained. "If the horse is



better off without shoes, don't shoe him."

A farrier combines some blacksmith's skills (fabricating, adapting, and adjusting metal shoes) with some veterinary skills (knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the lower limb) to care for horses' feet.

A farrier's work in colonial America or pre-Industrial Revolution Europe would have included horse-shoeing, as well as the fabrication and repair of tools, the forging of architectural pieces, etc. Modern day farriers usually specialize in horse-shoeing, focusing their time and effort on the care of the horse's hoof. A farrier's routine work is primarily hoof trimming and shoeing. In ordinary cases, it is important to trim each hoof so it retains its proper orientation to the ground.

On this particular day Albert was being fitted with a shoe made for calf roping horses. "These shoes are flat and wide to help him stop," Cochrane explained and said that the front of the shoe has a cup for traction.

As a service-based industry, farriers must combine technical competence with horsemanship and the ability to deal with clients. "I will never whip a horse," Cochrane said, but made the point he will let the horse know whose boss. "I might yell and cuss at 'im, but I would never hit him."

Self-employed farriers and those in partnerships may also require skill in running a small business.

In countries such as the United Kingdom, it is illegal for people other than registered farriers to call themselves a farrier or to carry out any farriery work.

However, in other countries, such as the United States, farriery is not regulated, no legal certification exists and qualifications can vary. In the US, three organizations—the American Farrier's Association (AFA); the Guild of Professional Farriers (GPF); and the Brotherhood of Working Farriers (BWFA) maintain voluntary certification programs for farriers.

Story and photos by Andreia Medlin
Farrier history and information provided by the World Wide Web.

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► Anniversary



John and Oralia Tovias

John and Oralia Tovias of Big Spring, Texas celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 13, 2014. John was born in Sterling City, Texas. Oralia was born in Greogry, Texas. They met in 1986 while employed at the VA Medical Center and became best friends. They were married Jan. 13, 1989, in Big Spring, Texas. They have six children: Maria Avalos, Luis Martinez III and Ted Tovias of Big Spring, Texas, Elizabeth Parra of Midland, Texas, Tito Tovias of Abilene, Texas and Veronica Rodriguez of Mesquite, Texas. They have 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. John is presently employed at the VAMC. Oralia retired from the VAMC June 2013 after 32 years of serving veterans. They are members and partners of the Family Faith Center. Oralia enjoys reading her Bible, crocheting, cooking, antique collecting, traveling and spending time with family. John enjoys reading his Bible, the Prison Ministry, traveling and spending time with family. John and Oralia's comments about their 25 years of strong marriage is having a strong relationship with God, by being best friends and having good open communication with one another.

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Charlene Janell Stanley and Ty Randal Warren, both of San Angelo, Texas, will exchange wedding vows Aug. 16, 2014, in San Angelo.

The bride is the daughter of A.J. and Sherrie Stanley of Big Spring, Texas, and the granddaughter of the late Alfred and Nona Stanley of Big Spring and the late Jimmie Parks of Big Spring and the late Mary Ann Parks of Dallas, Texas.

She is a 2009 graduate of Forsan High School and was valedictorian.

She is a 2013 graduate of Texas Tech University Health Science Center with a bachelor of science in speech, language and hearing sciences and will graduate in 2015 from Texas Woman's University with a master of science in speech-language pathology.

She is employed at Smalls Schools Cooperative.

The groom is the son of Bob and Lori Warren of San Angelo, Texas, and the grandson of Bob and Fay Steward of San Angelo and the late James and Rachel Warren of San Angelo.

He is a 2008 graduate of Central High School and a 2012 graduate of Howard College with a associate of applied sciences in computer aided drafting.

He is employed at Border States Electric.



Charlene Janell Stanley and Ty Randal Warren

Amanda G. Morris of Big Spring and Jeremy D. Blevins of Snyder will exchange wedding vows Feb. 14, 2014, at the Howard County Court House in Big Spring. The bride is the daughter of the late Walter and Shirley Brumley of Big Spring. She is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by home health care. The groom is the son of the late Rondly P. Blevins and Daphne Blevins and is a 1999 graduate of Hobbs High School.

He is a welder at Ceramkote.

► Who's Who

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,700 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees were: Laura M. Halfmann of Garden City, bachelor of business administration - management and Kristen F. Hillger of Garden City, master of agri-

culture - agricultural development.

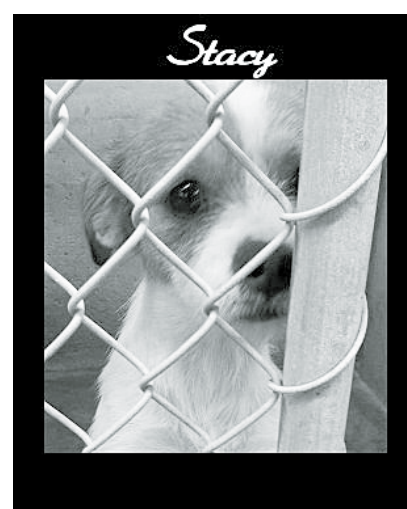
Angelo State University Awards Degrees to 2013 Fall Graduates

Among those receiving degrees from Big Spring were: Jeremy T. Baker, B.S.; Emily N. Davis, B.S.; Casey R. Ferguson, M.A.; Aaron L. Hughes, B.A.; Christie J. Rich, M.S.; and Jennifer J. Salas, B.S.

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Tuesday: Breakfast, toasted English muffin, scrambled eggs and ham, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, pear halves, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, ham and cheese wrap on whole grain tortilla, spicy chicken on whole grain bun, chicken and rice soup, California blend vegetables, sweet potato fries, rosy applesauce, seasonal fresh fruit and chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuit and sausage patty, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, cinnamon applesauce, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Big Daddy Homestyle Pizza, cheese and pepperoni, beef lasagna, corn on the cob, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, chilled Mandarin oranges, whole grain garlic bread stick.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast on a bun, sausage/egg/cheese/whole grain bun,

buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled strawberries, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fajita nacho, chicken tortilla soup, whole grain Spanish rice, charro beans, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato salad, fruited strawberry Jell-O, corn bread, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, omelet colby skillet wit tater tots, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, popcorn chicken, catfish or crunchy fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, seasoned mixed vegetables, Romaine garden salad with ranch dressing, chilled pineapple tidbits, whole grain roll, tartar sauce, ketchup.

Elementary - 5th
Monday: Breakfast, apple cinnamon muffin, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled apricots, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken rings, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, chilled mixed fruit, whole grain roll, cr me gravy.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, with scrambled eggs, pear halves, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, spicy chicken on whole grain bun, chicken and rice soup, California blend vegetables, sweet potato fries and rosy applesauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggstravagant, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, cinnamon applesauce, fresh whole fruit,

100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Big Daddy Homestyle Pizza, cheese and pepperoni, corn on the cob, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, chilled Mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage patty, chilled strawberries, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fajita nacho, whole grain Spanish brown rice, charro beans, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato salad, fruited strawberry Jell-O, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, omelet colby skillet, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, popcorn chicken, macaroni and cheese, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled pineapple tidbits, ketchup and whole grain roll.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Holiday
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, sau-

sage biscuit with jelly, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, stuffed barbecue potato or chicken fajita salad, Texas toast, tortilla chips, baby carrots, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, bacon, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken parmesan or cheese pizza or pepperoni pizza, breadsticks, garden salad, green beans, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, juice, fruit and milk. Lunch, hamburger and garnish, potato rounds, Western beans, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, juice, fruit and milk. Lunch, tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon pastry with yogurt, juice, fruit and milk. Lunch, toasted ham and cheese sandwich with multi-grain chips, salsa, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples.

Thursday: Breakfast, chicken and waffles, juice, fruit and milk. Lunch, chicken fajita salad, lettuce, tomato, tortilla chips, Spanish rice, salsa, baby carrots, fresh fruit bowl.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, juice, fruit and milk. Lunch, chicken parmesan, breadsticks, savory green beans, garden salad,

fresh apple slices.

New Hope Christian School

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, pineapple/orange juice and milk. Snack, fruit bar and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, blueberry muffin, apple sauce and milk. Snack, animal crackers, strawberry/banana juice.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, peaches and milk. Snack, carrots and celery sticks, multigrain crackers.

Thursday: Breakfast, honey bun, pears and milk. Snack, rice crispy bar and mixed fruit.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal bar, Mandarin oranges and milk. Snack, butter crackers and string cheese.

Senior Center

Monday: Turkey and cheese sandwich, baked chips, lettuce, tomato and sweet pickle, cookies and milk.

Tuesday: Ham with pineapple glaze, black-eyed peas, cabbage, tapioca pudding, corn bread and milk.

Wednesday: Meat loaf with tomato sauce, new potatoes, chopped spinach, chocolate pudding, cornbread and milk.

Thursday: Patty melt, French fries, lettuce and tomato, chocolate chip cookies, mixed fruit and milk.

Friday: Catfish, tarter sauce, corn on the cob, okra, white cake and milk.

Club News

Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Jan. 20, at Howard College's Cactus Room at 11:30 a.m. After a Dutch treat lunch, members will have a program and short business meeting beginning at noon.

Sara Beth Warren, a local retiree, will give a book review before the business meeting. She is known for her reviews and her humorous treatment of the stories she presents.

Members are reminded to bring their totals of steps walked in 2013 and volunteer hours for last year. These figures are collected every year, totaled, and sent to the Texas Legislature to demonstrate our efforts to be healthy and active, and to indicate how many millions of hours retired school personnel donate to our communities as volunteers. The participation of retirees in our communities saves the State of Texas a great deal of money and work. A side benefit is increased health of participants.

Any person eligible to receive retirement benefits from the State of Texas' Teacher Retirement System is eligible and invited to join the local Retired Teachers Association. The RTA is open to clerks, secretaries, bus drivers, custodians, school nurses, accountants and any person retired under the RTA, including spouses of retirees.

Our meetings are brief and interesting. We welcome anyone who would care to visit and see what we are about.

Big Spring Art Association

The BSAA (Big Spring Art Association) will have its first meeting of 2014 Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. Local artist, Geraldine Posey, will present the program. The meetings are open to the general public and anyone interested in any form of the fine arts is cordially invited to attend.

London's new theater offers tragedy by candlelight

LONDON (AP) Shakespeare's Globe in London is adding a couple of innovations in its quest to give audiences a sense of theater as it was 400 years ago: a roof and candles. Hundreds and hundreds of candles.

They flicker in sconces and chandeliers inside the Globe's brand-new indoor venue, which stands alongside its Elizabethan-style open-air playhouse beside the River Thames.

The oak-framed, wood-paneled theater will allow the Globe to stage plays year-round for the first time, starting with a production of John Webster's revenge tragedy "The Duchess of Malfi" featuring screen star Gemma Arterton in the title role.

The playhouse, which seats 340 people in tiered galleries, was built from original 17th-century plans using centuries-old techniques, and its shows will be lit entirely by candles, an exercise in authenticity that came at a price.

"They're not cheap," chief executive Neil Constable, who oversees the Globe purse strings, said Tuesday. "We've had to create a new budget line."

The beeswax candles require frequent trimming by a team of staff, advised, said artistic director Dominic Dromgoole, by "one of the world's leading candle experts."

There was also the challenge of getting local government and fire authorities to agree to a wooden structure lit by open flames.

Health and safety officials were

"incredibly cooperative and imaginative," said Dromgoole. He's emphatic that all the effort was worth it. Candlelight welcomes audiences with "a blaze of excitement and color," he said, to a venue that smells faintly of wood, wicks and wax.

"The idea was always, 'If Shakespeare walked in here, would he feel at home?'" Dromgoole said.

"A lot of the great plays of the period that this space was built for were written for these conditions," he said. "Something like 'Duchess of Malfi,' it's rich with references to light."

Building an indoor playhouse fit for Shakespeare has been a lengthy process.

The new venue is named the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, after the late American actor-director who spent decades realizing his dream of rebuilding Shakespeare's London playhouse near its original site.

Wanamaker, who died in 1993, dreamed of an indoor theater beside the outdoor Globe, and the brick shell of the venue was built as part of the reconstruction. But

financial constraints meant it wasn't completed at the same time as the Globe, which opened in 1997.

In the last few years, the company has raised most of the 7.5 million pound (\$12.3 million) cost of the new venue from individuals and charitable trusts. Its indoor productions should bring in 100,000 more ticket-buyers a year.

Globe staff call the playhouse an "archetype" rather than a reconstruction, it's modeled on the designs of several 17th-century theaters, including the nearby Blackfriars, where Shakespeare's company performed.

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EDC offers support for local businesses

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation is working to support local businesses and has partnered with Leading EDG, an entrepreneur development group.

Leading EDG provides confidential coaching and consulting to start-ups, existing businesses and those wanting to buy or sell a business.



McLain Jim DePauw, an EDC board member, had the following to say about the program.

"Americans have always been a very entrepreneurial people. The BSEDC can only

incentive businesses that provide primary jobs in the city and county.

"Partnering with Leading EDG has been a way for the BSEDC to play a role in helping prospective companies who are not primary jobs providers to get started in their business.

"We would encourage anyone who has an idea for a business to contact Leading EDG through

the BSEDC office.

"Leading EDG can help guide prospective entrepreneurs through the maze of governmental laws, rules and regulations.

"Leading EDG can help with financial analysis and advice on sales & marketing."

To schedule a confidential meeting, call the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. at 432-264-6032 or Matty McLain at 806-316-7600.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.

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



We are past the holiday season and have moved into the New Year with record-low temperatures descending upon a huge portion of the United States thanks to our friends at the North Pole. OK, well, actually thanks to the "polar vortex" and a dip in the jet stream. But the stock market is still warm and toasty and hovers near all-time highs.

The climb in equity prices has been relentless, especially over the last few months, with nary a pullback in sight. The New Year has brought high levels of investor optimism with bullish sentiment far outweighing those more bearish about the stock market's nearer-term future. Oftentimes a reliable contrarian indicator, the mood of investors at extremes is worth watching. And according to some surveys, the current mood could be considered extreme.

But this strategist does not detect a large number of investors jumping in and "chasing" the market higher, worried they will miss the next big up move. Sure, money has flowed into stocks over the last year, but it has not been a massive migrations. And many bond funds saw outflows in the past year as well. But there does not appear to be much of a link between bond outflows and stock inflows. The "great rotation" many pundits have talked about for the last couple of years still is not happening in any meaningful way. Investors bullish on the stock market do not seem to be putting their money where their mouth is. Not yet anyway.

Sentiment usually does climb with the market, eventually. However, it is typically more of a coincident indicator.

Investors start to feel better about the stock market simply because it keeps going up. In the early stages of a rally, however, investors are still reeling from a period of weaker markets and are not all that enthused to jump onboard and buy stocks. The need some convincing. After nearly five years and one of the strongest rallies in more than a generation, we would expect to see broader investor participation in the coming year.

High levels of bullish sentiment and a bit more willingness to buy into the market doesn't necessarily mean the rally's end is near. But it could mean stocks are due for at least a timeout or a minor pullback. Our expectation that volatility would increase last fall really did not pan out. It turned out to be pretty much of a one-way street with little back and forth trading. The only real opportunity was to jump onboard and enjoy the ride.

At some point, stocks will pull back. And at some point, the weather will warm up. But don't hold your breath. The timing on both is unpredictable. Our outlook over the next 12-24 months remains positive. Valuations are not stretched. Stay invested, and let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on Jan. 8, 2014, by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director - branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at 432-684-7335. Additional information is available upon request. The material contained herein has been prepared from sources and data we believe to be reliable, but we make no guarantee as to its accuracy or completeness. Opinions and estimates are as of a certain date and subject to change without notice. You should be aware that investments can fluctuate in price, value and/or income, and you may get back less than you invested.



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The office of Dr. David Long, located at the corner of Main and 10th, is the latest recipient of Doing Your Part Award presented by Keep Big Spring Beautiful. The palms, along with other desert plants line the area in front of the building with additional colorful pots. The eye-catching corner of the lot is covered with recycled tire material which compliments a bright antique piece of farm machinery. Pictured from left to right are medical staff members Donna Jernigan, Tia Grant and Leslie Berry, nurse practitioner; Larry McLellan, mayor; Dr. Long; and Jan Hansen and Tammy DePauw, representing Keep Big Spring Beautiful.



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Keep Big Spring Beautiful completed another year of Doing Your Part Award by honoring the home of Kay and Max Moore at 2705 Rebecca. The recipients have beautified their yard with brick, rocks and a fountain, all complementing a center pergola with hanging vines which complete a drought-friendly attractive space. Pictured from left are Raul Benavides, city councilman; Max and Kay Moore; and Gloria McDonald, presenting the Keep Big Spring Beautiful certificate.



**Dickey's Barbecue opened Thursday in Big Spring at 2602 S. Gregg Street, Ste. 8 with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Reach Dickey's at 432-714-4733
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District Court Filings
 Meagan Lee-Gammons vs Rory D. Gammons – Divorce
 State of Texas vs Eloy Fierro, aka Eloy Fierro Jr., et al – Eminent domain
 State of Texas vs Clayburn A. Thixton, et al – Eminent domain
 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. vs Lorie Ann Avina – Injury/damage-motor vehicles
 Ahern Rentals Inc. vs Browning Drilling LLC and Oscar Villareal – accounts, notes and contracts
 State of Texas vs Edward “Jim” Ausbie \$2,190 U.S. Currency – Seizure
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 Diane Arn vs Lonnie Arn – Divorce
 ADA Energy Equipment LLC vs Browning Drilling LLC and Oscar Villareal – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Amanda Marie Allen vs David Allen Allen - Divorce

Warranty Deeds
 Grantor: Mariano Granados and Odilia O. Granados
 Grantee: Angel Rodriguez
 Property: TS 5-6 blk 11, Jones Valley
 Date: Dec. 17, 2013

Grantor: Pedro Aguilar
 Grantee: Miguel Aguilar
 Property: SE/4 of sec 42, blk 32, 1N T-R 20, William B. Currie
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: William P. Sanderson and Dorothy M. Sanderson
 Grantee: RBF Big Spring LLC, a Virginia LLC
 Property: ¾ interest in the W/2, of S/100' of blk 18, College Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 20, 2013

Grantor: John W. Sanderson Sr. and Elizabeth A. Sanderson
 Grantee: RBF Big Spring LLC, a Virginia LLC
 Property: ¼ interest in W/2 of S/100' of blk 18 College Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 20, 2013

Grantor: Bill Tune and Mary Tune
 Grantee: Tune and Con-way Partnership
 Property: S/403.7 acres out of sec 40, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
 Date: Dec. 20, 2013

Warranty Deeds with Vendors Leins
 Grantor: Don E. Hallmark and Priscilla J. Hallmark
 Grantee: Gerald Anthony Gordon and Linda Diane Gordon
 Property: Lot 9, of the replat of lots A and B, tract 8, Kennebeck Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
 Grant: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 9, blk 2, Piner Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 2, blk 8, Monticello Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 4, blk 24, Monticello Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

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 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 4, blk 39, College Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

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 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 10, blk 3, Amended Piner Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 12, blk 18, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

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 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 9, blk 3, Amended Piner Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

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 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 14, blk 10, Monticello Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.
 Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
 Property: Lot 3, blk 7, Monticello Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: Roger Dale Atkinson, as independent executor of the estate of Trease Barber, deceased.
 Grantee: Derrick Wayne Looney
 Property: Lot 1, blk 4, Thorp Subdivision of tract 14 of Kennebeck Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 26, 2013

Grantor: BCBHG Vista Spec LLC
 Grantee: John E. Mireles and Kassandra M. Mireles
 Property: NW/4 of sec 8, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
 Date: Dec. 23, 2013

Grantor: James E. Kurth and Carol A. Kurth
 Grantee: Jonathan Schmidt
 Property: Lot 28, blk 8, Douglass Addition
 Date: Dec. 20, 2013

Grantor: Verna Leah Johnson
 Grantee: Jose Luis Munoz and Mary Lou Munoz
 Property: Lots 8 and 9, blk 4, South Haven Addition
 Date: Jan. 14, 2014

Grantor: Charles S. Burks
 Grantee: Olegario and Gloria Melendez
 Property: W/Part of sec 25, blk 33, 1S, Timothy Ln., Howard County
 Date: Jan. 14, 2014

Grantor: Joe Lusk and Sonia Lusk
 Grantee: Travis Owens and Paulette Owens
 Property: Lot 23, Bates Addition, Coahoma
 Date: Jan. 14, 2014

Drought prompts disaster declarations in 11 states

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Federal officials have designated portions of 11 drought-ridden western and central states as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain the lack of rain is likely to bring to farmers in those regions.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Wednesday included counties in Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Texas, Utah, Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma and California.

The designation means eligible farmers can qualify for low-interest emergency loans from the department.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said he and President Obama want to ensure that agriculture remains a bright spot in the nation's economy.

"USDA stands with you and your communities when severe weather

er and natural disasters threaten to disrupt your livelihood," he said in statement.

Counties adjacent to those affected also are eligible for assistance.

While storms have dumped rain and snow in the East, droughts are persisting or intensifying in the West, according to officials connected with the U.S. Drought Monitor, an index on which the USDA's declarations are based. A ridge of high pressure is to blame for keeping storms off the Pacific coast and guiding them to the East.

"What we're seeing meteorologically is a blocking pattern that is deflecting all the storms," said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist with the Lincoln, Neb.-based National Drought Mitigation Center. "There really hasn't been a lot of indication that this pattern is breaking down."

Poor snowpack is

threatening regions dependent on major western rivers, and no amount of wet winter weather in the East can ease the pain, officials

said.

"Once you cross the Rockies, nothing on the East is going to help you," Fuchs said.

The dry weather could

mean an active fire season.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Remodeling/ Construction Opportunity 319 Rannels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 CONTRACT NO. WTC319-1 CONTRACT NO. WTC409-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Texas Centers will accept General Contract bids for general remodeling of the interior of the West Texas Centers headquarters building located at 319 Rannels Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 and remodeling of the West Texas Centers Clyde J. Alsop Building located at 409 Rannels Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. At the option of West Texas Centers a bidder may propose separate bids for each of these facilities/locations.

Both the WTC319-1 and WTC409-1 projects will consist of interior work including office wall reconfigurations, flooring replacement, painting, minor electrical and HVAC duct work as well as complete ceiling tile replacement at the 409 Rannels site. As much of the work of both projects is expected to be performed during business hours, bidders must provide assurances work will be conducted with as little interruption to WTC business as possible. Bids should be itemized and include expected completion timeframes.

Sealed bids will be received by West Texas Centers until **5:00 P.M. February 25, 2014**. Bids will be opened at **10:00 A.M. February 26, 2014** at West Texas Centers, 409 Rannels, Big Spring, Texas. Specifications and other pertinent information will be available Monday, January 13, 2014. Specifications may be obtained at 409 Rannels, Big Spring, Texas and should be requested from Gail Wells or Vicki Robertson by phone 432-264-2650 ext 224 or ext 225 or may be picked up at 409 Rannels Big Spring, Texas. A pre-bid site visit is required by each bidder. Site visits will be scheduled by contacting Gail Wells, 432-264-2650 or Debbie Moses at 432-264-3246.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to West Texas Centers, 409 Rannels, Big Spring, Texas and marked "Procurement of Renovation- Contract No. WTC319-1 and WTC409-1," on the outside of the envelope. If bidder is submitting separate proposals for each location, each envelope should clearly indicate the contract number on the outside.

A bid security deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount may be required. Project performance period is 120 days or less. If the contractor fails to complete the project in the working days specified in the final contract, liquidated damages of \$100.00 per day of delay may be assessed. The successful bidder shall also furnish a Maintenance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the contract covering defects of material and/or workmanship for one year following WTC final acceptance and approval of the work. Bidder must provide evidence of Texas Workers Compensation insurance. Bidder must be prepared to provide 2 years of company financial viability documentation if requested. Bidders must provide three business references for similar work performed. Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate in this project. Contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations, all Federal, State, and local regulations for construction safety and health standards. As the awarding authority, West Texas Centers reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposal applications, waive any informality, omissions, excess verbiage or technical defects in the bidding, investigate the ability of applicants to honor a bid, and West Texas Centers need not necessarily award the contract to the lowest Bidder if, in the opinion of West Texas Centers, it would be in the best interest of West Texas Centers to accept another bid. #8121 January 12, 19 & 26, 2013

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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: 1. Date/Time: Monday, February 10, 2014, at 2:00p.m. (C.S.T) for the following: (1) Proposal #14-017 Lease Purchase Financing 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 Interim Finance Director, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposal and a general description of the proposal item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities. #8128 January 15, 19 & 26, 2014

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2014, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2013, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below).

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2014. Over 65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over 65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the

deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLE VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser or if ownership has changed.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request. This is a public service announcement by Howard County Appraisal District, 315 South Main, PO Drawer 1151, Big Spring, TX 79720.

#8132 January 19 & 26, 2014

Aquarian Solar Transit Begins

As the sun breaks into the realm of Aquarius and the Virgo moon reflects its light, ideas will abound. The practical ones are the most brilliant, and many will be immediately actionable. Take advantage of this burst of intellectual energy by moving quickly on your best ideas: the ones that will help others get what they need.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What's lovely is also rare. Catch the beauty -- don't let it fly by without observation. Collect it in pictures or words so it can bring you happiness many times over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People have grown comfortable with who you are, but you want to make a change. Expect them to resist this at first, and don't let it deter you. You know best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be more than

Tomorrow's Horoscope

the usual amount of the kind of complications you can chalk up to human folly. You can find your way by disregarding what people say and judging them solely on their actions.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22). Greatness sometimes leads to obtaining power, but power is not greatness. Understanding the difference will keep you humble, wise and well suited to a position of leadership.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22). Those who tell you their good qualities are cheating. Discovering them for yourself is half the fun of getting to know people. Help people feel relaxed around you so this process will be easier.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who don't believe in magic will change their minds when they see what's going on in your life now. You would be hard-pressed to find a reasonable explanation for your good fortune. Enjoy!

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are rising inch by inch to the level at which you want to be. Your slow pace reinforces all that you're learning. Because you don't rush things, you'll remember more.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's an excellent day to veer unexpectedly left. You can always come back to center later. Try new things, say new words, feel new feelings. You were meant to know the fullness of life.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's nothing wrong with wanting to control your environment, as long as you realize that much of it will remain out of your control and there's little to be gained by forcing things.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

People who are adventurous by nature like to break the rules. Realizing that this is just how they are will help you to predict their behavior instead of being blindsided by it.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make a record of the things you like right now. Your tastes will change in interesting ways over the next three months, and you'll be glad you took note of this interesting progression.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20). A project seems not to be working. Don't abandon it yet -- not without a fight. And if you must let it go, at least break down the parts. There is something to salvage here.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:

(Jan. 19). You'll spend the next seven weeks developing a relationship that will continue to feed and challenge your soul for years to come. You'll make a stellar trade in February and another similarly beneficial deal in June. July features a reason for big celebration. Gemini and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 12, 13, 42 and 38.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

We say goodbye to the Capricorn sun and welcome the changes that will come with the Aquarian solar journey for 2014. This time of year is for bringing the future into your world in a bigger way, especially regarding anything you can do for the planet. For instance, if you're still forgetting to bring your own bags to the grocery or to use a water bottle instead of littering the future with more plastic, now is the time to get with the program.

On January 24,

Mercury and Mars form a harmonious air-sign trine. The good ideas keep coming, and most fall into the category of being immediately actionable. On the 25th, Mercury, feeling smart, smug and indestructible, will tempt fate, issuing a challenge to Saturn in Scorpio. This is a cosmic warning against making assumptions about other people's feelings. It would be wrong to assume they will interpret messages the same way you would. Be especially careful with humor. The moon, also in Scorpio, promises that feelings will go much, much deeper than people's expressions let on. When in doubt, tap into the humanity of the Aquarius sun. If you have to make an assumption, assume that everyone is fragile. Try a little tenderness.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Dolly Parton has a theme park, a charitable organization that sends books to the children of Tennessee and a record-breaking string of No. 1 hits, which is how this "Queen of Country Music" earned her crown. Parton's moon and Pluto are in Leo, the sign of the regal lion and also of show business. Her sun, Mercury and Venus all in Capricorn indicates ambition and stellar business sense.

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PERMIAN BASIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Solid Waste Advisory Committee will meet February 3, 2014 @ 1:30, at the PBRPC office located at 2910 La Force Blvd., Midland, TX. The agenda includes 1) appointment of new members; 2) a review of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Regional Project proposed applications for 2014-2015, and award recommendations to the PBRPC Board of Directors; and, 3) Ector County

Enforcement Officer report. This notice is issued to advise the public and private industries providing recycling or solid waste services within the Permian Basin region of the open meeting. Applications for regional projects are available for public view January 20 through January 31, 2014. Funds for regional projects are provided through a grant from the TCEQ, under the authority of Section 361.014, Texas Health Safety Code. Contact Carla Gross or Virginia Belew, for more information at 432-563-1061. EEO #8131 January 19, 2014

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 IPO in the dot-com vanguard
- 9 CIA director under Ford
- 15 First lady of the 1950s
- 16 Light from above
- 17 "Your library is your ___": Erasmus
- 18 Celebrity name on the first million-follower Twitter account
- 19 Laps up
- 20 Seek retribution, maybe
- 21 E-mail letters
- 22 Souvenirs that may not keep
- 23 Lucrezia Borgia in-law
- 26 Unbroken
- 28 Wasn't a go-getter
- 30 Recommendations from *MotorHome* magazine
- 32 Discipline
- 33 Spotted housecat
- 36 Anti-establishment symbol
- 39 Target of 59 Down
- 40 It's a 9 on the Mohs scale
- 41 Middle management protocol, for short
- 42 Part of some ballet costumes
- 47 "That we may brag we hae ___": Burns
- 49 Rachel's rival on *Glee*
- 51 Loser
- 52 Literary bigamist
- 53 Emerson called him "the jingle man"
- 55 "Ah-o-ooo-ga!" producer
- 57 Piranha predator
- 59 Phrase on some NO PARKING signs
- 61 Bait
- 62 Drawn together
- 63 Aimed for new measurements
- 64 *Fantasia* bathers
- DOWN**
- 1 Majority language in Darjeeling
- 2 Got around
- 3 Boat-deck application
- 4 Lean
- 5 Turn over
- 6 Surface
- 7 Weigh stations: Abbr.
- 8 Suffix like -ite
- 9 Regular guy
- 10 Rip out, maybe
- 11 Peremptory signal
- 12 Felters' gear
- 13 Enemy of inflation
- 14 Poetic form used by Chaucer
- 20 Astride
- 24 Pitch at a high level?
- 25 Palatial home of Ottoman sultans
- 27 Rival of Chris and Martina
- 29 Slick
- 31 Spanish ayes
- 34 Manxman, e.g.
- 35 Prophetic shepherd
- 36 *Time* Person of the Year, 2001
- 37 No provincial
- 38 Pep rally chorus
- 39 Swaggered
- 43 Georgia state wildflower
- 44 Longhorns, to Aggies
- 45 Pressing job
- 46 Ambitious chamber music
- 48 ___ bar
- 50 City in Polymer Valley
- 54 Superficial, for short
- 56 Kipling uses it eight times in "Recessional"
- 58 Kofi Annan alma mater
- 59 Net-neutrality watchdog: Abbr.
- 60 ___ *floccante* (classific French dessert)

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Pet Education: Training tips for a socialized, healthy pet

(Family Features) — Just as important as housebreaking and good behaviors, socialization is a vital part of a puppy's training regimen.

are some ways to create a healthy environment for your four-legged friend:

- **Play:** Attend scheduled classes and find times for interactions with adult dogs that are tolerant and healthy, as well as other puppies.
- **People:** Allow the puppy to meet as many people as possible within their comfort level. The pet parent needs to be an advocate for his or her puppy and not allow petting if it makes the puppy nervous.
- **Experiences:** Expose the puppy to different surfaces, sounds and other situations.

Tips for Good Play

"Good play involves give and take from both dogs," McKnight said. "The important part is that all parties are having a good time." Here are some tips to make the most of playtime:

- If the pet parent is worried the play may be getting too rough, try moving away the more assertive puppy. If the less assertive puppy moves to keep the play going, they are probably both having fun.
- Tug toys can be used if there are no signs of aggression.

The importance of socialization

For families with a new dog in their home, getting started with this essential training should begin right away.

In fact, the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) takes the position that puppies can start their first socialization classes as early as seven to eight weeks, and seven days after the first shot and deworming treatment. "Before 12 weeks is the best window for meeting new people, other dogs and taking in new experiences that will inform puppies' future behavior and reactions," said Debbie McKnight, a PetSmart training expert.

Puppies that socialize with other puppies, dogs and humans develop into healthy, confident dogs. A dog that hasn't been properly socialized may startle easily, may bark at people they are not familiar with, or react poorly to other new experiences in the future.

This type of interaction is especially important during the winter months, when dogs spend a lot of time indoors.

Safe environments

Good socialization is an everyday commitment. Here

Helping pets with socialization

In support of National Training Month in January, PetSmart will host in-store, off-leash puppy play dates for \$10 every Sunday in January to support puppy socialization. During the event, accredited pet trainers will narrate the playtime to help pet parents understand what they are observing. To participate, puppies must be between 8-16 weeks old. Vaccination and health requirements also apply.

To learn more about training programs, and to find a program, visit www.petSMART.com/training.



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Tips to support a healthy lifestyle: Re-energize your wellness routine



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(Family Features) If the decadent dishes and busy schedules of the holiday season have set back your efforts towards a healthy lifestyle, fear not. With the right plan in place, it's easy to get back on track, re-energized and refocused for the year ahead.

Shorter days and colder weather may seem to heighten the desire to indulge in comfort foods, just as much as it can lessen the motivation to take part in physical activity, like hitting the gym or taking an afternoon stroll.

Health expert, author and registered dietitian, Patricia Bannan, shares a few simple changes to help re-charge your routine and get excited, no matter what the ther-

момeter reads outside:

Set realistic expectations

If you haven't been running in months and plan to jump on the treadmill tomorrow, it's important to take your new workout in stride. Having high aspirations for your health is a wonderful thing, but there's nothing wrong with starting small. Setting achievable goals - such as jogging or walking for a certain amount of time each day - will help to keep you working toward the goal of running a10K in the long term.

Buddy up

By now you've likely commiserated with friends about the lapse in your health and wellness goals. This is the

perfect opportunity to ask someone to partner up in your healthy pursuits. Ask friends, family, neighbors or co-workers if they are interested in joining a gym, taking a boot camp class, or participating in a healthy cooking course.

Supply your body with quality nutrition

Beyond getting in your required fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, healthy fats and whole grains through a balanced diet, taking a high quality supplement can help bridge any nutrient gaps and help you get what your body may be lacking. Bannan recommends

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Swap out ingredients

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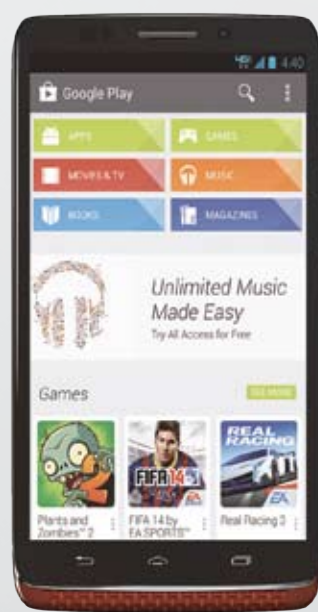


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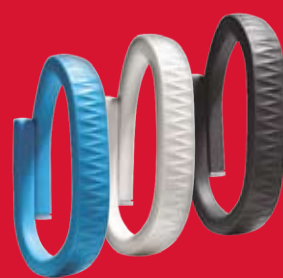
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