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Murder indictment

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was indicted on a murder charge following this week's session of the Howard County Grand Jury.

Sean Thomas Smith, 22, of 1203 N. FM 700, was among 11 people indicted on felony charges during the grand jury session, according to information released by District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson.

Smith was arrested on murder charges shortly after the October shooting death of 26-year-old Carlos

Guerrero.

Official reports state Guerrero suffered a single gunshot wound to the chest during an altercation in the 1000 block of Stadium shortly after midnight on Oct. 14. He was later pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Witness statements identified Smith as the shooter, said Sgt. Tony Everett Big Spring Police Department public information officer.

"(Witnesses) advised he had left the scene driving an older model blue Ford pickup," Everett said.

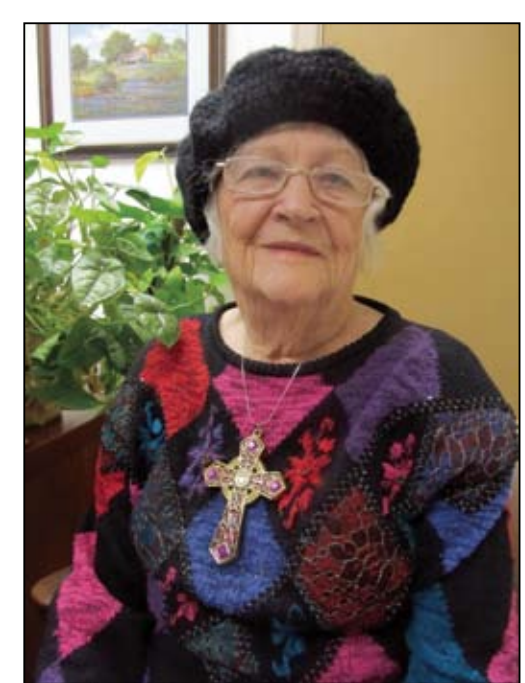
"While additional officers were responding, the suspect vehicle was observed in the 600 block of W. Fourth Street. Officers conducted a traffic stop and arrested Smith."

If convicted, Smith could face between 5 and 99 years or life in prison.

Others indicted during the grand jury session were:

- Edward Aguilar, 35, 1600 Robin, three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second

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SPECIAL LADY

Mamie Lee Dodds to be honored by Methodist Children's Home

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Long-time local resident Mamie Lee Dodds will be honored later this spring with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Methodist Children's Home Alumni Association during the school's annual homecoming festivities.

"The thing that amazes me about the award, they only give one," said Dodds, who is 94. "When you stop to think about how many students — next year will be the 150th year of the home — have gone through there and how much they have influenced people in their lives, it is amazing to me that they would chose me. There are so many who have done so much more. It makes me feel that God must had blessed me very, very much for people to think that much of me."

Methodist Children's Home, located in Waco, Texas, provides services to more than 1,400 children and youth daily through residential care, foster care and other services, according to its website.

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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Kay Smith chats with guests at a reception held Friday at the Heritage Museum for the official opening of her one woman show, *Drawing The Line*. From left are Sandy Lockhart, Ben Lockhart and Smith. The exhibit will continue through March 14. Smith's work will also be available for purchase. Smith is a member of the Caboose Watercolor Society and the Big Spring Art Association. She is the owner of Brushworks, a studio and gallery located at 2106 Scurry.

Howard College organization in the works

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The annual evaluation of the college president and discussion on the district's organization structure will be

on tap when trustees for the Howard County Junior College District meet Monday.

Trustees will head into executive session to evaluate the performance of college

president Dr. Cheryl Sparks. Also during closed session, trustees are expected to consider the district's organizational structure.

"In the last year, we've had

many changes with retirements and in personnel, so I will be visiting with the board about the organizational structure," Sparks said.

Four trustee seats will

be up for election in May. Three at-large positions, which are currently filled by board chairman John

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Ryan to speak at chamber banquet

Herald Staff Report

There's still time to purchase tickets to attend the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Ticket sales end Wednesday for the event, which is scheduled Monday, Feb. 3, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are \$40 each.

The theme for this year's banquet is Progress in Motion. The doors open 6:15

p.m. and the program and meal begin at 7 p.m.

As always, the Man and Woman of the Year will be presented. Also recognized during the banquet will be outgoing Chamber president Jim Clements and incoming president Bruce Schooler.

Guest speaker will be Big Spring native Brint Ryan, founder,



Ryan

chairman and CEO of Ryan, the largest indirect tax practice in North America and the seventh largest corporate tax practice in the United States.

Ryan is CEO of Settles Hotel Development Company, which restored the historic Hotel Settles in Big Spring.

Banquet tickets may be obtained at the Chamber, located at 215 W. Third and Chamber officials can be reached at 263-7641.



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Obituaries

Janis M. Halstead



Janis M. Halstead, 61, formerly of Big Spring and a long-time Tucson, Ariz., resident, passed peacefully and gracefully into the loving arms of God on Jan. 22, 2014, after a prolonged illness. She was born Sept. 22, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas, to Richard and Betty Reagan. Janis was employed as the farm operations administrator at Al-Marah Arabians for 20 years and was a long-time member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She will always be remembered by friends, customers, co-workers and family for her joie-de-vivre, good heart, spirited nature and Christian compassion.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Edwin Halstead of Tucson; her son, Michael Bailey (Tracy Wells-Long) of Tucson; her daughter, Julia Bentley (Eric Bentley) of Tucson; and three grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Betty Reagan of Big Spring, Texas; and two brothers, Darrel Reagan of Big Spring and John Reagan of Waco, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard and her grandparents.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the ASPCA or St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Paid obituary

Evelyn L. Merrill Minear



Evelyn L. Merrill Minear passed away at her home Monday, Jan. 20, 2014. She was born Sept. 16, 1913, to E.D. Merrill and Irene Merrill in Big Spring, Texas. The family moved to Baird, Texas, and then returned to Big Spring in 1926.

Evelyn attended school and worked for three years after completing high school in Big Spring. She attended the first IBM school in Dallas and returned to Big Spring and worked for Cosden Refinery Co. for 16 years.

Evelyn married Roy A. Minear of Midland, Texas, on Dec. 31, 1957, where they resided until his death in 1984, and she continued to reside.

They had many years of travel together, a passion Evelyn continued, traveling to many interesting parts of the world. Evelyn was a true "people person" and loved visiting with friends around the world. As a result of friendships made through her travels, she especially enjoyed having young friends visit her from both the Netherlands and Turkey. Evelyn was considered to be a great horsewoman, even possessing the art of riding sidesaddle.

She led an active life and was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Tejas Garden Club, 20th Century Study Club, Downtown Lions Club, En Amie Book Review Club, Santa Rita Club, The Petroleum Museum, The Petroleum Club of Midland and was an honorary director of West Texas Boys Ranch, where a dormitory home is named after the Minears. She is survived by her step-daughter, Peggy Minear Cook of Albuquerque, N.M.; two step-granddaughters, Shiva Hardee and her husband Rodney Hardee of Albuquerque, N.M., and Shawn Bransford and her husband Michael Bransford of Santa Fe, N.M.; six great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are being conducted in the Chapel of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 3800 N. Big Spring St. in Midland on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, at 1 p.m., officiated by the Reverend Steve Schorr of First Presbyterian Church of Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Special appreciation is extended to her caregivers, Opal Anders, Frances Ratliff, Nelda Saunders and Latrisha Satterwhite.

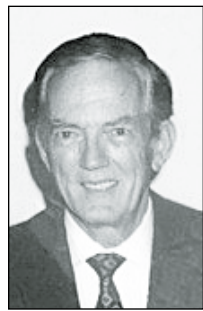
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702 or West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Athol Jesse Atkins 'Jess'



Athol Jesse Atkins, 83, of Midland, passed away Saturday Jan. 18, 2014, at his home. He was born to T.B. and Era Atkins in Potter, Texas, on March 1, 1930. The Atkins family later moved to Big Spring, Texas, where the family established themselves in the community. Jess earned a B.A. from Baylor University and an M.A. from North Texas State University and later attended the

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Following his studies, Jess returned to Big Spring where he owned and operated WesTex printing, formerly owned by his family. He later met and married Agnes Schroeder and welcomed a daughter, Christina in 1975.

In his free time, Jess dedicated himself to continuing his divinity studies and was a very active member of First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. Jess cherished his church friends at First Baptist as well as West Kentucky Baptist and spent significant time serving in various roles at the two churches including the First Baptist Brotherhood Fellowship, the singles ministry and choir.

Most recently he utilized his background as an ordained minister to bring prison inmates closer to God as part of the prison ministry outreach. Jess was happiest when he was ministering to others or skiing and thankfully First Baptist afforded him the opportunity to do both. He was an avid reader who was known as a walking history book - having the ability to describe historical and especially biblical stories with great detail even until the time he went to be with the Lord. Jess was also a very talented handyman who was always fixing houses and cars to the delight of family members. When he wasn't working, ministering, skiing, or tinkering, he enjoyed watching Baylor football games, traveling internationally and eating ice cream. Jess was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dwayne Atkins; sister-in-law, Priscilla Atkins; and brother-in-law, Al Scott. He is survived by his daughter, Christina; sister, Arlys Scott; as well as several nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces.

The family will receive friends on Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland, Texas, with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

If so desired, donations in Jess' memory can be made to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice.

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

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Zachariah Dylan Perez



Funeral mass for Zachariah Dylan Perez of Lenorah, Texas, has been set for 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at Grady High School Gym with Father Tio officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. A Rosary Vigil will be held Saturday and Sunday Jan. 25 and 26, 2014, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel at 7 p.m.

Zachariah was born Jan. 1, 1992, in Midland, Texas, and passed away Jan. 23, 2014, in Big Spring, Texas. Zachariah graduated in 2010 from Grady High School. He was a resident of Lenorah, Texas and worked for RK Pump and Supply.

He is survived by his father, Carlos and Velma

Perez of Lenorah, Texas; mother, Delena Franco of Virginia; Grandparents Alejandro and Hortencia Perez of Lenorah; and Albert Franco of Big Spring, Texas; sisters, Esperanza Perez and Angelina Perez; brothers, Elijah Perez and Joaquin Perez, all of Lenorah.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jacob Rodriguez, Josh Hinojosa, Shane Teague, Matthew Bacon, E.J. Rodriguez, Mason Rutledge, Leighton Fields and Lane Shands.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

Dorothy Mildred Bloom



Dorothy Mildred Bloom passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014, at her residence. Dorothy wished her body be donated to medical science and research. A celebration of Dorothy's life will be at the Spring Creek Fellowship Church in Big Spring, Texas, Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at 3 p.m. Floral tributes may be sent to Dorothy's family home at 1902 Goliad, and friends and other family are welcome and encouraged to gather there and visit as well.

Dorothy was born to Walter and Mildred Douglass on Aug. 12, 1946, in California and moved to Texas as a young girl. She grew up and attended school and spent most of her life in Big Spring. She worked at Goliad cafeteria, managed Rip Griffin Subway, and was most recently employed at Startek before retiring due to ill health. She was a Christian.

Dorothy is survived by her mother, Mildred Douglass of Big Spring, five daughters Teresa Hambrick and partner Leah Huey of Sherman, Texas, Donna Cox of Florida, Glenna and Tracy Deverell of Hinton, Okla., Angie Digby of Big Spring and Cyndi Wrye also of Big Spring; one sister Dee Payne of Amarillo, Texas; and one brother Paul Douglass of Fort Worth, Texas; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Douglass, four brothers, Neal Woods, Wayne Woods, Charles Douglass, and Michael Douglass, and one grandson. The family thank Home Hospice for their love and care of Dorothy through the duration of her illness. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Sondra 'Yogi' Williams



Sondra "Yogi" Williams, 50, of Big Spring, died Thursday Jan. 23, 2014, at her residence. Memorial services will be at a later date.

She was born in Big Spring Jan. 19, 1964, to Merly Mae and Oscar Jackson. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a member of the GOGC New Life Church.

She is survived by her husband Buster Green of Big Spring; two sons, Chris Jackson and Tyree Williams, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Tikia Williams of Big Spring; one brother, Oscar Jackson Jr. of Big Spring; two sisters, Candice Jackson of Las Vegas, Nev. and Renee Jackson of Pittsburg, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

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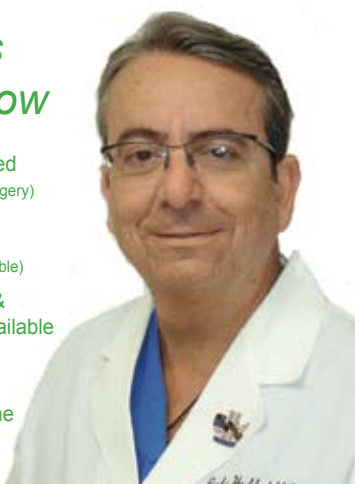
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Roads on county agenda again

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to take the next step toward receiving more than \$3 million in state grants for road repair when they meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Commissioners are expected to proceed with plans to participate in a grant program administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), which will disburse more than \$200 million to counties whose road infrastruc-

ture had been significantly damaged as a result of the oil boom.

County Judge Mark Barr said Howard is eligible for between \$3 million and \$4 million in grant money, "so you can see that this is a pretty good deal for us."

Monday, commissioners will discuss and possibly take action on appointments to an advisory board which would oversee implementation of the road repairs. Having such a board in place is one of the preliminary requirements before the county can receive the grant money.

Officials anticipate using the money on road

repair in the northern and southwestern parts of the county — areas where oilfield traffic has been the busiest.

"You can't anticipate future traffic," Road and Bridge Administrator Brian Klinksiek said, "so we're only going with roads we can prove have been damaged (by oilfield traffic) right now."

Klinksiek said that \$3 million would only pay for a fraction of the total needed to fully repair county roads, but the money would be invaluable nonetheless.

"There's about \$17 million worth of work needed on county roads, but

the entire county should see a benefit from this," he said. "This will free us up to use our existing resources in other areas."

In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

- Personnel considerations.
- Invoices and purchase requests.
- Bids on sale of property.
- Review of first-quarter budget and financial reports.

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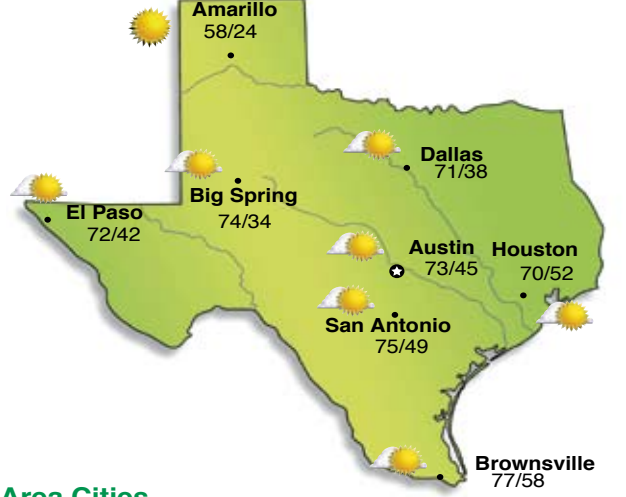
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27	Tue 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30
74/34 A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Warm. High 74F.	41/18 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	39/21 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.	53/33 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	70/33 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 30s.
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	72	35	mst sunny	Kingsville	77	54	mst sunny
Amarillo	58	24	sunny	Livingston	68	45	mst sunny
Austin	73	45	mst sunny	Longview	67	41	mst sunny
Beaumont	67	52	mst sunny	Lubbock	66	26	mst sunny
Brownsville	77	58	mst sunny	Lufkin	68	45	mst sunny
Brownwood	76	40	mst sunny	Midland	74	36	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	72	54	mst sunny	Raymondville	76	55	mst sunny
Corsicana	69	39	mst sunny	Rosenberg	70	52	mst sunny
Dallas	71	38	mst sunny	San Antonio	75	49	mst sunny
Del Rio	80	47	mst sunny	San Marcos	73	46	mst sunny
El Paso	72	42	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	39	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	76	43	windy	Sweetwater	72	35	mst sunny
Gainesville	68	31	mst sunny	Tyler	67	41	mst sunny
Greenville	67	35	mst sunny	Weatherford	71	35	mst sunny
Houston	70	52	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	67	32	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	36	pt sunny	Minneapolis	20	-16	sn shower
Boston	18	16	windy	New York	19	18	mst sunny
Chicago	28	-1	snow	Phoenix	73	46	sunny
Dallas	71	38	mst sunny	San Francisco	69	46	pt sunny
Denver	50	17	mst sunny	Seattle	51	36	mst sunny
Houston	70	52	mst sunny	St. Louis	53	12	windy
Los Angeles	76	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	31	26	pt sunny
Miami	78	65	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27	Tue 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30
4	4	4	4	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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Take Note

• Healthy Woman is "Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years" on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner go on sale Feb. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• 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 filing 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

• 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.

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JURY

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degree felony).

- Pedro Rosendo Aguilar, 52, 312 N.E. Piner, burglary of a habitation (enhanced to first degree felony).
- Genaro Aguirre, 40, Stanton, driving while intoxicated (third de-

gree felony).

- Jessica Elaine Carmichael, 32, 708 N.W. 10th, burglary of a habitation (second degree felony).
- Jason Dean Daniels, 36, 2406 Neil, possession of a controlled substance (second degree felony).
- Juan Lara, 19, 1302 Sycamore, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

felony).

- Michael Lee Marbiter, 38, county detention center, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (third degree felony) and one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (second degree felony).
- Jonathan James Roberts, 27, 208 Austin, possession of a controlled substance (third degree

felony).

- Nubia Priscilla Valdez, 19, 1518 Wood, driving while intoxicated with child passenger (state jail felony).
- Leroy Hilbert Zubiate, 29, county detention center, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony).

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COLLEGE

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Freeman, board secretary Marie Etheridge and Dr. Charles Warren, along with the District 3 position will be on the ballot

Adrian Calvio has been serving in the District 3 seat. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term left by Larry McLellan, who resigned

following his election to mayor of the city of Big Spring.

The first day to file is Wednesday, Jan. 29, and applications can be picked up at the college or the Howard County Courthouse election office. The last day to file is Friday, Feb. 28.

Trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room located in the campus' Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell.

Also on the agenda, trustees will consider

- A gift from the Lameza campus
- A gift from the Dora Roberts Foundation
- A memorandum of understanding with Gallaudet University.
- Catalog and handbook changes

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John Roam's spare time

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us rejoice that we walk in your footsteps, oh Lord.

Amen

John Roam of Midland has two passions: Studebakers and toy trains. He has a building behind his house that he had built especially to hold his huge collection of toy trains.

He pointed to a train with red and blue cars and said, "That's my original train. I won it in a drawing in 1958. It still runs."

It's no wonder it still runs. He has drawers and shelves full of model train parts. He is constantly helping other collectors repair trains and lay out a display. His is on two levels and will run 10 trains.

His eighteen hundred miniature train cars blow steam, ring bells and blow air horns as they roll past tiny towns, lakes, mountains and pastures.

He has both steam and diesel that represent toy trains from the fifties to the present.

"The electric train of the 1950s was the same as the video games kids have today," he says. "We built stuff. We had Lincoln logs, erector sets and things like that."

Toy trains have been around

nearly as long as real trains.

"Lionel started in 1900. He made a display for a department store in New York City and he wanted something that moved. People went in to buy the display. It just took off from there. It hit some slow times in the 1960s because all sorts of new toys were coming out.

"But in the 80s, baby boomers like me got back into what they had as kids. Now there are collectors all over the world. Santa Fe toy trains are the most popular."

The control panel to run his layout looks like something that could send a spaceship soaring into the heavens.

"That's just part of it. You learn about electricity and about building things and how they operate. That's what trains were all about in the 1950s for kids. You learned how to fix them when they broke."

Maybe playing with toy trains is what made John become an engineer in the oil business. When I got to his house for the interview, John took me to his garage and showed me a beautiful automobile.

"It's a 1931 Studebaker President Brougham. It was a chauffeur-driven car once owned by an orange grower in California. It's easy to drive and will run 50 to 60 miles an hour down the

highway. It gets about five miles per gallon. There are about 100 of these left in the country."

That car only has 50,000 miles on it and was once in the Studebaker museum in South Bend, Indiana.

"Studebaker started in 1852 as a wagon maker for the California gold rush. Later it made fancy carriages, then in the early 1900s started making cars. The company went out of business in 1966."

John has had 15 or so Studebakers, everything from pickups to the elegant 1964 Hawk that rivals any Corvette or Thunderbird for looks.

"Four-speed super-charged full performance package car. Pretty rare. Pretty desirable. I've owned two of them and right now there are only five of them known to exist."

He got interested in the vehicles some time ago.

"As a kid I was just drawn to them for their engineering and styling. Studebaker caused quite a stir in the 50s when it came out with a front end that looked like a bullet. People remember that."

When he's not out driving on small Texas roads looking for characters,

Tumbleweed Smith lives with his wife Susan in Big Spring. Contact him at ts@tumbleweed-smith.com



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Letters

Touching tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

People came from all over the country to attend the funeral of Quail Dobbs, some of them, at significant financial and physical expense.

The mile long procession of vehicles to the grave site was dignified and respectful. The Howard County Road and Bridge crew had its vehicles lined up along the road leading to the Coahoma cemetery.

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment had its shiny vehicles on display and firemen in dress uniforms standing at attention beside them. City, county and state law enforcement personnel were in uniform.

Traffic headed west stopped to honor the east-bound procession. One motorcycle rider got off his vehicle and stood at attention. Residents of one house along the way were out front with their hands over their hearts.

It was a touching trib-

ute to a local hero.

Quail always did love a parade.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
BIG SPRING

Remembering a friend

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in hopes someone will remember one of my very close and dear friends, Deborah Hanson.

I first met her when I went to work at K-Mart back in the early 1990s.

We worked in ladies wear layaway. That is when our friendship started.

She has two kids, William and Amanda. My youngest daughter Debbie and her daughter Amanda were about 5 or 6 and we called them our tiny hiniies; they were always together.

Deborah and I did everything together. We went to the movies (which if I had read the book, I would repeat

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Ad mad man and the Super Bowl

We are on the cusp of that day, Super Bowl Sunday. We won't need reminders from camels tromping around to make sure we know what day it is.

A grand majority of folks in the free world — as well as a big chunk of others in shackles — will put more serious pursuits aside, deeply interested — or appearing so — in the year's ultimate sports spectacle.

I confess to planning a "home-gating" party — as opposed to "tail-gating" — with the promise of a big pot of queso. I cut a deal for Velveeta with my 101-year-old Uncle Mort, who drove around in his golf cart buying up all the cheese "before the Super Bowl hoarders get it."

Hours before kick-off, I will replace batteries in my TV remote, make sure record buttons have been properly pushed and then re-comb my hair. I'll part it on the wrong side, thus causing me to walk like a badly aligned car pulling to the right. The something-not-right feeling such parting produces will help me to mentally shift into "reverse thinking," that is ads first, game second.

This approach is helpful for annual ultimate enjoyment of the ultimate game. I'll resist turning on the TV until an hour after it starts.

My interest will lie in the commercials that are going for \$4 million per half-minute. Competition on the field can't be as fierce as ad agencies fighting for

choice accounts. I'll fast forward through game action to catch the ads, many of which are bound to be good. If it turns out to be a good football game, I can watch it later. I hear one of the ads features Arnold Schwarzenegger playing ping pong!

Reckon which historical figure would have most enjoyed jousting with the ad experts in this unique event?

I think Earl "Mad Man" Muntz would have fit right in. Born a century ago, he was into "hucksterism," outlandish ideas and foolishness that led to multiple landings in both riches and poverty.

Best known for his antics in California, Muntz was the state's premiere big-personality media pitchman, hawking cars (yep, had his own brand), televisions and other stuff that plugs in.

Famous for undercutting the competition, he came up with black and white televisions that sold for under \$100 in the 1950s, saying "I want to give 'em away, but Mrs. Muntz won't let me; she's crazy!" He claimed origination of the abbreviation "TV," and named his only daughter "Tee Vee."

Muntz invented a "Stereo-Pak" car radio, a "four-track" system popular among high-rollers before the eight tracks came along. They were first snapped up by his buddies—Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Red Skelton.

These "funny folks" worked Muntz vignettes into their routines, thus directing even more business to the zany figure well-known until his death at age 73 in 1987.

His endeavors were all over the charts; he experienced both peak and valley moments. As to

the latter, he sent a representative to distribute Stereo-Paks to the GIs in Vietnam; but, the feds refused his offer to install them in jeeps.

His Muntz Car Company made the "Muntz Jet," a sports car with jet-like contours, manufactured from 1951-53. However, fewer than 400 vehicles were produced. (Bob Hope and Lash La Rue owned Jets; Jay Leno probably wishes he did.)

In 1968, though, he sold \$72 million worth of traditional car brands, and five years later rang up \$55 million in TV sales.

Once he mailed out thousands of TV knobs, saying "Call us and we'll show up with the rest of the set!"

Some ventures flopped. Motorcycle rentals, aluminum homes and "Muntz Motor Mansions" tanked, but he forged on, never minding fortune losses "because it was so much fun making another one."

He wasn't "lucky in love;" he was married seven times. He admittedly had a hard time keeping their names straight, yet remained friends with them after divorces.

He called their new spouses "husbands-in-law."

So many ways a pioneer in advertising and merchandising, he was inducted posthumously into the Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame in 2001. If he were still alive to crash the Super Bowl party, we'd all be telling "Muntz stories" the next day

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DR. DON NEWBURY

FDA takes another look at caramel coloring in soda

MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration says there's no reason to believe that the coloring added to sodas is unsafe. But the agency is taking another look just to make sure.

The agency's announcement comes in response to a study by Consumer Reports that shows 12 brands of soda have varying levels of 4-methylimidazole — an impurity found in some caramel coloring.

The FDA says it has studied the use of caramel as a flavor and color additive for decades but will review new data on the safety of 4-methylimidazole. The agency did not provide details about the data.

"These efforts will inform the FDA's safety analysis and will help the agency determine what, if any, regulatory action needs to be taken," said FDA spokeswoman Juli Putnam.

There are no federal limits on the amount of 4-methylimidazole in food and drink. The substance is formed in some caramel coloring at low levels during the manufacturing process. The FDA says it also can occur in trace amounts when coffee beans are roasted or some meats are grilled.

The Consumer Reports study urged the agency to set a maximum level of the substance when it is artificially added to foods or soda, to

require labeling when it is added and to bar products from carrying the "natural" label.

"There is no reason why consumers need to be exposed to this avoidable and unnecessary risk that can stem from coloring food and beverages brown," said Consumer Reports' Dr. Urvasi Rangan, a toxicologist and lead investigator on the study.

Though the studies have not been conclusive about whether 4-methylimidazole is a carcinogen, California includes it on the state list of carcinogens and a state law mandates a cancer warning label on products that have a certain level of the substance. In reaction to that law, Coke,

Pepsi and other soft drink makers have directed their caramel-color suppliers to reduce the levels of 4-methylimidazole. It is not found in all caramel colorings.

Over an eight-month period, the study found that single 12-ounce servings of two beverages purchased in California, Pepsi One and Malta Goya, exceeded the 29 micrograms of 4-methylimidazole that are the threshold per day in California but carried no warning. Consumer Reports has asked the California attorney general's office to investigate; a spokesman for the attorney general says the office is reviewing the request.

PepsiCo spokeswoman

Aurora Gonzalez said the company is "extremely concerned" about the study and believes it is factually incorrect.

Gonzalez said the average amount of soda consumed daily by those who drink it is less than the 12-ounce can. Consumer Reports used as its basis for measurement. As a result, she said people are not exceeding the limit of 29 micrograms a day.

But PepsiCo did not provide details about how it arrived at its conclusions of daily soda consumption.

"All of Pepsi's products are below the threshold set in California, and in full compliance with the law," she said.

LETTERS

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the words before the actors would say them). I would get excited about a part in the movie and I would hit her leg and say "See, I told you I knew what was going to be said," and we would just laugh.

Went to William's graduation.

After her mom was killed in a gas leak at her home here in Big

Spring, Deborah moved to outside of Lubbock. She became ill and sadly Tuesday night she lost her fight with cancer (I think) and went to be with Lord. She is very happy now because she is with her mom and all of her many dogs she had, having their birthday parties etc.

I will miss one of my best friends. True friends are so hard to find and she was a true friend and I will miss her very much, Good-

bye, Cricket 2, you will be missed.

MARILYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

Thank you, Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:
I cannot thank you enough. Your outpouring of generosity is unbelievable. Recently, there was a fire in the north part of the city that mostly destroyed the home of an elderly couple.

The man was disabled and unable to work and the wife was retired. You came to their aid immediately with sympathy, donations of clothes and money. While this is a wonderful act of kindness, there is also a large portion of love in your acts of giving. You were people who did not know this couple but were there to help.

There were pets involved and a fence was needed. Several of you called about donating fencing material. Home

Depot of Midland contacted me and asked if they could help. They not only donated the material, they delivered it to Big Spring and offered to assist in erecting it. A woman, known only to me as Cindy of Andrews, brought bags of good clothing to Midland. My son Matt accepted the clothing and even offered to bring it and any donated building material to Big Spring.

On Monday, a holiday, I set up an account at State National Bank, hoping to get some donations to help. I was told they were going to help this couple also. I went to the bank this morning, five days after the Sunday morning fire, and much to my surprise, there is several thousand dollars in the account. Unbelievable!

That Sunday afternoon, I called the Red Cross in Midland. By late afternoon, they had been here, helping to get

emergency medication, money for some clothes and several days in a motel, if needed.

I should have expected this of each of you, as we have always taken care of those in need, but this was overwhelming. Just five days after the fire, there have been massive amounts of clothing donated. The excess will be donated to area church clothes closets. There is still an ongoing need for help for the relief and fear of the future for this needy couple.

Not only did you help this couple, but several weeks ago, there was another fire that destroyed a home. The couple and their four children were at a loss as to what to do. They had just moved here. Once again, clothes and money were donated. While this does not happen often, help is always needed in situations like this. Please continue to be of assistance when called on to provide relief.

There are also several organizations that help in these situations but sometimes their ability to help is limited.

The Lord has blessed us with an overwhelming generosity. This is why I am so proud of the people of Big Spring and West Texas, an area of good and loving people. May God bless all of you and continue to give each of you a loving spirit.

As members of the Emergency Services Chaplain Corps of Big Spring/Howard County, we are here to assist those in law enforcement, the fire department and any other emergency services agent, and those referred to us through these agencies.

Once again, thank you for the donations you so freely give.

JOEL MILLER
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Sudoku Answer on Page 7A

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Mind-Reading Problem

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K Q 10 3 2
♥ Q J 9 8
♦ 8
♣ A 7 2
WEST
♠ A 6 4
♥ K 7 3 2
♦ Q
♣ Q 10 8 6 5
EAST
♠ J 9 8 7 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A 10
♣ J 9 4
SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A 5
♦ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ K 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♦
Pass 5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠
Opening lead — four of spades.
Insanity is surely a liability at the bridge table, though it can't be denied that a crazy bid or play will occasionally score a resounding success.
Consider this deal where West, apparently suffering from delusions of grandeur, chose a low spade as his opening lead. This might have worked out well had dummy had the K-J-x-x-x of spades and declarer, holding two low spades, played the

jack from dummy. But this precise holding was extremely unlikely, and West's underlead of the ace should therefore be regarded at the very least as overly imaginative.
In the actual case, declarer was greatly helped by the lead. When dummy's queen of spades held the first trick, South was able to discard a heart from his hand and so avoid a potential heart loser.
Declarer then led the eight of trumps from dummy. After East produced the ten, South had to solve the problem of whether East had the Q-10 or A-10 of trumps — the only holdings that would allow the slam to be made, provided South guessed correctly. In the former case, the jack would be the winning play; in the latter case, the king would be right.
South found the winning play without much difficulty. He put up the king, caught West's singleton queen and so made the slam.
Declarer's reasoning was simple enough. He concluded that although West might have been slightly off his rocker to have underled the ace of spades at trick one, he could hardly have been crazy enough to do it with two aces in his hand. It followed, therefore, that East had the ace of diamonds, eliminating the apparent guess in the suit.

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It has 12 family outreach services offices located across Texas and New Mexico. Established in 1890, the institution is still located on the original site of the orphanage.

The award honors and recognizes individuals who have because of their actions, reflected credit upon themselves, the Alumni Association and the Methodist Children's Home.

"Mamie is a very talented and wonderful person," said Edwin Holt, a former recipient who nominated Dodds for the honor. "I knew her when we were living in the home, and she was a wonderful person. I've kept in touch with her quite a bit since I left the home. I know that she has done an awful lot of church work and school work, and she is really an outstanding person."

Dodds lived at the Methodist Children's Home for 12 years, from 1923 to 1935.

"My father was killed in a farm accident when I was 19 months old," Dodds recalls. "Mother kept us for a while but eventually the four of us

(children) went to the Methodist Children's Home. The reason my mother put us in the home in the first place was she was expecting a job in the home. We lived on a farm — the farm actually belonged to my grandparents. Mother and Dad were tenant farmers outside of Bertram, Texas, in Burnet County.

"The job (at the Methodist Home) didn't pan out for mother," she continued. "Mother (and Dodds' sister who was too young to be accepted at the orphanage) went back and lived with her parents at the time. When the job opened up again and sister was old enough, then mother came to the home and worked in the kitchen."

Her mother, Dodds said, lived in the campus hospital in one of the two rooms available for the hospital's nurses. Only one nurse was employed at the time, Dodds added.

"When children came to the home they were put in the hospital in case they had been exposed to a communicable disease and stayed through the immunization period to be assured they had all of their shots before they went to the dormitory, where they were going to live,"

she said. Dodds was 7 when her mother eventually remarried and moved to Big Spring, but Dodds spent several more years at the home before moving back in with her family. She was the last of her siblings to return home.

"After I left the home and the first time I went to visit, my Grandpa took me up on his lap, I was 15 at the time, and he said 'I want to ask a question,'" she said. "Do you regret the way you were reared? I always felt it was terrible that I could not keep you." But you see, he still had four children at home himself.

"I told him 'how could I regret it?' I knew no other life. And then I went on to tell him I knew that I was loved and cared for and that I was wanted and that is the most important thing in any kid's life. It doesn't matter how poor you are, if you are loved."

Dodds has been very active in the community and her church — First Methodist Church



Courtesy photos

Mamie Lee Dodds will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Methodist Children's Home Alumni Association during the institution's annual homecoming in April. Pictured above is the original building for the Methodist Children's Home which is still located in Waco, Texas. Dodds, pictured far left as a child, poses with her mother and other siblings.

of Big Spring where she still teaches a senior Sunday school class, the Philathea Class. She was a teacher for 30 years, spending much her career in Big Spring ISD. She was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1993 and has received an award from the Methodist Church for 50 years of service. She was in charge of the July 4 Let Freedom Ring program for several years in the 1960s and 1970s which is among the list of many community activities Dodds has been involved with throughout her life.

Dodds will be honored during homecoming activities which will be held during the weekend of Easter (April 18-20) in Waco.



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News briefs

Judge: Remove life support for pregnant woman

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A judge on Friday ordered a Texas hospital to remove life support for a pregnant, brain-dead woman whose family had argued that she would not want to be kept in that condition.

Judge R. H. Wallace Jr. issued the ruling in the case of Marliese Munoz. John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth has been keeping Munoz on life support against her family's wishes. The judge gave the hospital until 5 p.m. CST Monday to remove life support. The hospital did not say Friday whether it would appeal.

Munoz was 14 weeks pregnant when her husband, Erick Munoz, found her unconscious Nov. 26, possibly due to a blood clot. Both the hospital and the family agree that she meets the criteria to be considered brain-dead — which means she is dead both medically and under Texas law — and that the fetus could not be born alive this early in a pregnancy.

But the hospital had not pronounced her dead and continues to treat her over the objections of both Erick Munoz and her parents, who sat together in court Friday.

"Mrs. Munoz is dead," Wallace said in issuing his ruling, adding that meant the hospital was misapplying a state law that prohibits the removal of life-sustaining treatment from a pregnant patient.

Larry Thompson, a state's attorney representing the public hospital, had told the judge the hospital had a legal responsibility to protect the unborn fetus.

"There is a life involved, and the life is the unborn child," Thompson said.

But Jessica Hall Janicek and Heather King, Erick Munoz's attorneys, accused the hospital of conducting a "science experiment" and warned of the dangerous precedent her case could set, raising the specter of special ICUs for brain-dead women carrying babies.

Police ID offenders as pace of DNA tests quickens

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities testing a substantial backlog of DNA evidence compiled by Houston police have identified potential offenders in a third of the cases where sufficient samples were provided.

The evidence includes 6,600 sexual assault kits held by police over the years after the department closed its forensic lab when an audit revealed shoddy work, unqualified personnel and other problems.

The city has hired private forensic labs to clear the backlog of rape kits and other DNA evidence that must be tested.

The Houston Chronicle reports that while critics have applauded the rapid pace of recent testing, the delay in processing evidence means justice was denied to sexual assault victims.

Houston officials have spent millions to outsource DNA testing to reduce the backlog, including \$2.1 million in federal money in 2010 and 2011.

Egypt's hopeful 2011 uprising battered by crackdowns, militant attacks on third anniversary

CAIRO (AP) — As Egyptians mark the third anniversary of their spectacular revolt against autocrat Hosni Mubarak in the name of democracy on Saturday, there has been a powerful sign of the country's stunning reversals since: letters of despair by some of the prominent activists who helped lead the uprising, leaked from the prisons where they are now jailed.

The letters show a battered spirit, no longer speaking of imminent democracy, but of injustices and a failed struggle that they say has been robbed repeatedly.

"What adds to my feeling of oppression is that I feel this particular lock up has no value. This is not struggle, and there is no revolution," wrote Alaa Abdel-Fattah, one of the most prominent figures in the 2011 uprising. He was jailed several times in the past and was taken back into detention in November for calling for protests against Egypt's current, military-backed government.

The 18-day uprising launched on Jan. 25, 2011, rode on hopes for dramatic change in a country long ruled by an iron grip — for an end to corruption and police power, for freedoms of speech and political rights and for greater economic equality. Those hopes went largely unfulfilled in the ensuing political roller coaster, as a council of generals took power for nearly 17 months after Mubarak's removal, and a string of elections brought Islamists to political dominance. Their rise was crowned by the 2012 election of the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi as president.

Now the "Jan. 25 Revolution" has been swallowed up by another mass movement: The "June 30 Revolution," named for the giant wave of protests starting on that date in 2013 against Morsi. It erupted after many Egyptians became convinced he and his Brotherhood had violated the dream of an inclusive, democratic Egypt. The millions in the street prompted the military to remove Morsi within days.

Syrian government, opposition face to face for 1st time — briefly, silently and with buffer

GENEVA (AP) — The first face-to-face meeting between Syria's government and the opposition hoping to overthrow Bashar Assad started and ended after barely a half-hour Saturday, with the two sides facing each other silently as a U.N. mediator split the distance between them and laid the groundwork for talks intended to lead Syria out of civil war.

After tense days spent avoiding each other and meeting separately with the mediator, Assad's handpicked delegation and representatives of the Syrian National Coalition gathered briefly at a single U-shaped table, then emerged and went separate ways, using different doors to avert contact.

Only the mediator, Lakhdar Brahimi, spoke, according to Anas al-Abdeh, who was among the coalition's representatives.

The two sides were distant going into the meeting, with the Damascus delegation denying it had accepted the premise of a transitional leadership, and the opposition saying it would accept nothing less.

Diplomats have said even getting them to the same table can be considered an accomplishment three years into the uprising that left 130,000 people dead.

"Today we shall start with modest ideas and we will build on them to achieve something and we move gradually to bigger and bigger issues," Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mikdad said

going into the meeting.

Ukrainian officials accuse protesters of capturing 2 policemen as clashes resume in Kiev

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's Interior Ministry has accused protesters in Kiev of capturing two of its officers as violent clashes have resumed in the capital and anti-government riots spread across Ukraine.

The ministry urged protesters Saturday to immediately release the policemen who it said are being kept in the Kiev city administration building occupied by protesters for nearly two months. The demonstrators denied the ministry's claim.

The unrest, meanwhile, has spread across the country with protesters seizing a government building in yet another western city.

President Viktor Yanukovich has refused protesters demand to resign and call early elections, offering only minor concessions to the opposition Friday. Violent clashes then resumed in Kiev's government district, with protesters pelting rocks and fire bombs at police, who responded with stun grenades, tear gas and rubber bullets.

Suspect arrested, charged with murder in shooting death of student outside SC State dormitory

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (AP) — A suspect was arrested early Saturday and charged with murder in the fatal shooting of a student outside a dormitory at South Carolina State University, law enforcement officials said.

Justin Bernard Singleton, 19, of Charleston, was arrested just after midnight at the parking lot of an apartment complex in Orangeburg, where the campus is located, said Thom Berry, a public information officer with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

He was charged with murder in the death of 20-year-old Brandon Robinson, according to a news release from law enforcement. Singleton was being held at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center.

Robinson died Friday afternoon after he was shot outside Hugine Suites.

Authorities initially said they were looking for four men who had left campus. Berry said there was no ongoing safety concern for the community but declined to say whether there was still an active manhunt.

Philippines, Muslim rebels clinch deal to end decades-long insurgency, focus on implementation

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The Philippine government and the country's largest Muslim rebel group completed talks Saturday on a deal to end four decades of fighting that has killed tens of thousands of people and helped foster Islamic extremism in Southeast Asia.

The accord between Filipino negotiators and the rebel Moro Islamic Liberation Front calls for Muslim self-rule in parts of the southern Philippines in exchange for the deactivation of the rebel force. Military presence in the proposed autonomous region would be restricted.

Much now will depend on how the accord is enforced, in particular whether the 11,000-strong rebel forces are able to maintain security in areas they would come under their control.

At least four other smaller Muslim rebel groups are still fighting Manila's rule in the southern Mindanao region, and could act as spoilers.

Officials from both sides announced the conclusion of talks in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, which has brokered the yearslong negotiations.

The accord and three other pacts signed last year make up a final peace agreement that is to be signed in the Philippine capital, Manila, possibly next month, presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said.

"This will give the just and lasting peace that our brothers in Mindanao are seeking," said Lacierda, referring to the volatile southern region and homeland of minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

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Parents' white lies are a time-honored tradition

LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Generally speaking, mom Shannon McCormick loves fruits and vegetables and wants to pass that on to her 4-year-old, but her resolve is tested when she encounters her plump, red nemesis: the tomato.

"Tomatoes are my kryptonite. I hate them. My daughter loves them and I don't want to even suggest that they're anything less than delicious," said McCormick, in Columbus, Ohio.

That's why she choked down an evil chunk when her child stabbed it with a fork and held it to her lips a few months back.

"I just sat there and looked at her and thought, 'Well I just have to do this,'" McCormick recalled. "I swallowed it whole."

Kids, parents are people, too. Remember that when you're older and learn of all the little things yours hid from you for the greater good or their pleasure alone. Absent serious crimes and misdemeanors, you'll live to tell about it. Consider such moments great family stories and decide for yourselves whether you want to carry on the time-honored tradition of hidden vices and small deceptions in parenting.

"I've been hiding Twinkies under the front car seat since my first kid was in diapers," said Genevieve West, a stay-at-home mom of three in Portland, Ore. "Now that she's 12, my husband and I hide all evidence of our Starbucks trips or Thai takeout so we don't suffer her wrath."

Fast food was also a problem for Katrina Olson in Urbana, Ill.

"My husband abhors it, so when our girls were toddlers and wanted to go to McDonald's, we told them it was closed for cleaning on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or whatever day it happened to be. It worked for several years," she said.

Her girls are now 10 and 12 and their parents have other secrets. One involves Whiskers the cat. Or rather, the gender of Whiskers the cat.

When the sisters were about 18 months old and 3, they picked out Whiskers at a shelter. The family had to wait three days before picking HIM up once he was neutered. That's when Olson's oldest stated her preference for a girl pet.

"My husband and I discussed it and decided we would just tell them it was a girl, so Whiskers has spent most of his life wearing girl doll clothes and pink bows. When the girls accompanied me to a vet appointment, I called ahead and requested that they refer to Whiskers as a 'her,'" Olson said.

Fast forward about seven years, when her oldest was flipping through a cat care book that got her thinking something was amiss.

"She tells me she thinks Whiskers is a boy. I feign ignorance," mom said. "She's almost 13 and I still haven't told her the truth."

Elisabeth Wilkins in Portland, Maine, is the editor of Empowering-parents.com, dedicated to helping parents change kids' questionable behavior. But Wilkins is also something else: a third-generation chocolate hid-

er, on the matriarchal side.

"My brother and I would find it in the coat closet or the back of the freezer," she said. "My aunt had a very sensitive nose and was able to sniff it out."

Her son is now 11 and inherited that sensitive chocolate nose. At 4 or 5, Wilkins relied on the old "mommy's vegetables" response when he caught a whiff of the dark stuff on her breath.

"I'd say, 'Oh, I just had some broccoli,' or I'd say an onion and he'd go, 'Ew' and walk away," Wilkins laughed.

She and her husband aren't so strict as to never allow their offspring a bite of chocolate. She just wasn't sure she wanted to reveal exactly how obsessed she was — and she wanted to reserve the good stuff for herself.

"Sometimes I go into the bedroom and shut the door for, like, a half-hour and have a little bit of chocolate, then I'll go rinse my mouth out. Seriously. You feel responsible. You don't want to teach them bad habits. You don't want to teach them your bad habits," she said.

Eli Federman in Miami Beach, Fla., understands. He's the senior vice president and co-founder of an online startup that offers flash sales on electronics, but he and his wife quickly realized that handing over an iPad to their daughter before she hit her second birthday was a mistake.

"She was always attracted to the iPhone. When she was around 1 we bought her the mini iPad. We thought because of the kids games that are

on there, and because of the learning apps, she could interact," he said.

And interact she did.

"It just got so out of control. Even when she went to sleep she would request it. She'd be in the crib shaking the crib going, 'iPad, iPad, iPad.' She refused to go to sleep without it. There was no moderation. We were, like, we have to get rid of this, but we wanted it for ourselves, so we lock it in the chemical cabinet and wait to use it when she's sleeping or we're out or something," he said.

Writer Laura Hedgecock of Farmington Hills, Mich., blogs about family and the importance of sharing memories. She also comes from a long line of treat stashers.

When she buys Girl Scout cookies, she keeps a box for herself and savors it for days, whereas her two teen sons scarf their share in a couple of hours. But they're on to her.

"I hide chocolate in my underwear drawer," she said. "In their opinions, no craving is worth delving into that territory!"

But there's more going on, Hedgecock said. Growing up, she "stayed out of the marshmallows that Mom hid in the electric skillet, or just took one, and left alone the Hershey bar Dad had at the bottom of the magazine rack by his recliner."

It's not about the hiding, she said. "It's about respecting what is special to someone else."

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States weighing labels on genetically altered food

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Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — In the absence of federal regulation, states from Rhode Island to Hawaii are considering laws to require labels on food

items containing genetically modified ingredients.

Currently, only Connecticut and Maine have laws requiring labels for genetically modified food. But those requirements won't kick in until oth-

er states adopt their own rules. Bills to do just that are expected in more than two dozen states.

Seventy percent of processed foods contain at least one ingredient made or derived from genetically modified crops, known as GMOs, according to the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest. The industry-backed Grocery Manufacturers Association puts the number between 70 and 80 percent.

Genetic modifications to a plant can improve its quality, hardiness or resistance to pests or disease. Scientific studies have found no evidence that GMOs are more harmful than foods without genetic modifications, but those pushing for label requirements point to the value in the information itself.

"I don't know if it's harmful or unhealthy, but it's something people have a right to know about," said Rhode Island state Rep. Dennis Canario, a Democrat sponsoring a labeling bill. "They put calories on a package. They put the fat content. If the ingredients have been genetically altered, shouldn't that be listed on there somewhere?"

The proposals are opposed by biotechnology companies and many agricultural groups, who say genetic engineering has yielded more sustainable, affordable and productive farming around the globe. Business groups worry that labeling requirements would raise costs for food producers — and ultimately consumers — and raise unnecessary fears.

"This is mainstream agriculture," said Karen Batra, a spokeswoman with BIO, a biotechnology trade association. "It is how our food is grown, and it's how the vast majority of our commodity crops are grown. There's never been a single reported medical incident related to the consumption of these foods."

Voters in California and Washington rejected ballot proposals in the past two years that would have required GMO labeling. And in New Hampshire, lawmakers defeated a GMO labeling bill Wednesday. Among other arguments, opponents said any labeling requirements would likely face a legal challenge.

If you believe genetic modification produces food that has a health risk, then you're saying the FDA should be the one to label it," said New Hampshire state Rep. Linda Lauer, a Democrat and a retired chemist. "And if there's no health risk, then why are you requiring a label?"

So Connecticut and Maine continue to wait on other states to enact laws before their own will take effect. Lawmakers in those two states added that provision to prevent a patchwork of state labeling rules that might be

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onerous to food producers.

The issue may be decided in Washington, where both sides are pushing for a federal standard on how GMO foods are labeled. The Food and Drug Administration, which says all genetically engineered foods must meet the same requirements as traditional foods, now allows producers to voluntarily label their items as genetically engineered or not.

Last week, a coalition of organic food producers, GMO critics and supporters in Congress wrote to President Barack Obama urging the FDA to require labeling.

Meanwhile, last month the Grocery Manufacturers Association wrote to the FDA asking whether foods "derived from biotechnology" could be allowed to be labeled "natural."

The association represents Monsanto Company, McDonald's, Procter & Gamble and hundreds of other companies. It notes that GMOs have been on the market for two decades, and include soy, corn, sugar and other items commonly used in a variety of foods.

Some businesses aren't waiting for government action. Whole Foods announced last year that it plans to label GMO products in all its U.S. and Canadian stores within five years. And General Mills recently announced it would no longer use GMOs in its original Cheerios recipe.

Dozens of nations including the members of the European Union already have GMO labeling laws. Scott Faber, executive director of the pro-GMO labeling organization Just Label It, said he believes the U.S. will follow suit, following pressure from states passing their own requirements first.

"Clearly the FDA has the authority to require labeling, but the states are leading the way," Faber said. "Ultimately, once a number of states act, the federal government will too."

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Tai Chi 1:00 p.m.
Supper Club 5:30 p.m. "Carlos"
- Feb. 5** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m., "Sherlock Holmes"
- Feb. 6** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
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- Feb. 10** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 11** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
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Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Al's BBQ"
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Where have the Indians gone?

West Texas became available for settlement around 1880. Settlers came, mostly ranchers at first, then many others came.

The town of Big Spring was established. It was a slow start but soon the town began to grow and prosper. This was all made possible by the conquest of the Comanche. Before the Comanche were gone, the area was much too dangerous to settle.

Long before the Big Spring area was part of the United States of America or the Confederate States of America or even the Republic of Texas, it was part of the great Comanche Nation, the Comanche Empire as it has been referred to. So what happened to the Comanche? Where have the Indians gone?

Many Comanche, along with other Native Americans, were killed by the new Americans who wanted their land. Probably more were killed by diseases brought by the new Americans than bullets. Most who were left were placed on reservations. A few, however, managed to blend in and become a part of the new American society. So actually, they are still here, all around you.

There are Comanches and Kiowa and along with them are Apache and Lakota, Navaho and Pueblo, Cherokee and Choctaw, Cheyenne and Chickasaw. Most will not be full-blooded of one tribe but a mix of two or more. Many will be part Angelo or Hispanic. They will not be wearing buckskins and feathers or war paint (we actually call it face paint). They may have dark skin or light, long hair or short hair. You will not know them by the names they have. You will not find people named Spotted Horse, Black Eagle or Standing Bear; they will have names much as your own. For example, my wife has fair skin and

blonde hair, her maiden name is Hodge, she dresses as most other women do, yet she is part Cherokee.

In blending into the new society, American Indians married into Angelo and Hispanic cultures, taking the name of the new culture. Native Americans at this time were not well thought of and were looked down upon. They had a hard time so they did their best to hide their true heritage. It took a very long time for Native Americans to be accepted into the new American culture but it eventually happened.

So how do you tell an American Indian from others; where do you look to find them? Actually, they are all around you if you know what to look for and where to look. Probably the best place to find them is at a powwow. You will find many Native Americans from many nations at a powwow. There are powwows all over America; we even have one here in Big Spring. April 5 and 6 the Powwow Committee will have its 10th annual powwow and it should be a good one.

Come to the powwow this year, see the American Indians and do not be shy. Do not just watch, meet them and talk with them. They will be glad to share information on native history and culture with you. They are proud of who they are. You might find that some of the people you see at the grocery store, people you go to church with, or even some of your co-workers are actually Indians.

So where have the Indians gone? We have not gone anywhere; we are still here. We have learned to blend into American society just as a horned toad blends into the sand. If you are not watching, you may not see us, but if you watch carefully, you just might. And you may be surprised — you may have an Indian living right next door.

Randy A. McKinney is a member of the Tabana Yuane Clan of Mat'o Num'pa Sake' and vice president of the Powwow Committee of Big Spring.



RANDY A. MCKINNEY

Obama used 'gay' 272 times in 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Which recent president has used the word "gay" most often in a public speech, statement or proclamation? And who used it the least, or not at all?

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights group, did some digging and found that President Barack Obama has used "gay" 272 times since taking office in 2009, far more than any of his recent predecessors: Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

Only Clinton comes closest to Obama, having used "gay" 216 times during his two terms, says a new report from the advocacy group.

Of his total, Clinton used the word 46 times regarding gays in the military and 80 times when discussing Matthew Shepard or hate-crime legislation. Shepard was a gay University of Wyoming student who was beaten to death in 1998. His killing raised awareness about anti-gay violence and spurred efforts to enact hate-crimes laws in the U.S.

Neither George H.W. Bush nor Reagan used "gay" in any of their presidential remarks.

George W. Bush used it twice in a public speech or remark, including one in which he disavowed marriage equality. He issued no proclamations on the subject.

Obama also has used "lesbian," "gay," "bisexual" or "transgender" a total of 421 times, the report found, a linguistic feat that the Human Rights Campaign says has played a big part in the American public's acceptance of LGBT people and marriage equality because of a president's power to influence public opinion.

"Words matter an enormous amount, and when President Obama uses his platform to declare that LGBT people are just as American as anyone else, it has a huge and historic effect," said Chad Griffin, the organization's president. "Evidence suggests that when people know us, they don't want to discriminate against us."

Society also has evolved in the more than three decades since Reagan first took office in 1981.

Gay rights advocates fought long and hard for their victories, increasing numbers of LGBT people have come out of the closet to share their stories, and more and more Americans say they know someone who is gay. Victories also are being won at the ballot boxes and in the courts.

Just this week, gay marriage moved closer to gaining its first foothold in the South when Virginia's new Democratic attorney general said the state's voter-approved ban on same-sex matrimony is unconstitutional and he will join the fight to get it overturned.

In a movement that began with Massachusetts in 2004, 17 states and the District of Columbia now allow gay marriage, most of them in the Northeast. None is in the South.

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Big Spring's Ty Sealy scored six points in the Steers' 32-21 win over Snyder on Friday.

Big Spring cruises past Snyder, 32-21

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

SNYDER - The Snyder High School Tigers wanted to slow the Big Spring Steers down on Friday by slowing the game's pace to a crawl.

Even though the Tigers kept the score low, the Tigers couldn't keep Tyler Bryan off the scoreboard. And it cost them dearly.

Bryan made Snyder pay for a slower pace by puring in a game-high 14 points and led the Steers to a 32-21 victory.

"The way we are, we would rather it slowed down," said BS head coach Ian Ritchey. "It worked for us. We tried to get out and run when we could, but our focus was on defense."

It (the score) isn't going to light up the rankings, but we'll take it," he added.

The win was a huge boost to the Steers' postseason hopes. Big Spring, now 10-10 overall, closed out the first half of the District 4-3A

DISTRICT 4-3A BOYS		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Wylie	5-0	20-3
Monahans	4-1	22-4
Big Spring	3-2	10-10
Sweetwater	2-3	13-3
Greenwood	1-4	4-18
Snyder	0-5	3-14

GIRLS		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Wylie	7-0	22-5
Greenwood	6-1	10-12
Big Spring	3-4	16-8
Snyder	3-4	12-10
Sweetwater	2-5	7-13
Monahans	0-7	3-15

Tuesday's games - Big Spring at Wylie, Greenwood at Snyder, Monahans at Sweetwater.

race with a 3-2 mark - and more importantly, they head into their final five regular season games with a one-game lead for the third-place playoff seed.

After Snyder had jumped to an early 3-2 lead, the BSHS offense came alive. Big Spring reeled off seven straight points over the final five minutes of the first quarter. See **STEERS**, Page 11



HELLO, TEXAS

Alaskan star confident wins will come soon

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Erisha Talley is like the Johnny Cash of women's basketball. The Howard College freshman has been everywhere, man. She's lived in Germany, attended school in Virginia, played in the snow in Alaska and spent time in a few other spots as her parents were transferred from base to base with the United States Army. Needless to say, there aren't too many things that shock the 5-foot-9 small forward.

The Autobahn? Enjoyed that.

Blizzards? No problem.

Making new friends? Done that.

Trip to Hutchinson, Kansas? It's a work in progress.

Maybe the biggest challenge she has faced has been helping the Lady Hawks find their stride on the hardwood this season. Howard College has struggled to find consistency this season, having fought its way through a 10-11 start, and a tough 1-5 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

"It's been tough for all of us, but I think we have the talent here," said Talley. "We're a young team, and I think we're all just trying to find our place. I think we can get better, and that we will get better."

We just have to do our jobs and work a little harder. We need to do that and learn as much as we can as we grow."

"We're young, but we're going to get better," she added.

When Talley says the Lady Hawks are young, she isn't joking. Howard College heads into the start of the second half of the WJCAC schedule sporting a roster of 11 that showcases 10 freshmen. The team's lone holdover

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Erisha Talley (at left) took the long way to Howard College, going from Germany to Alaska to Texas. The 5-foot-9 forward starred last year at Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Lamesa holds down Bulldogs

The Lamesa Golden Tornadoes added to the Coahoma Bulldogs' pain on Friday by holding on to take a 57-48 victory in the CHS gym.

With the loss, the Bulldogs closed out the first half of the District 4-2A race with an 0-5 record. For the season, Coahoma fell to 5-13.

Lamesa improved to 11-8 overall, and 3-2 in district play.

Coahoma will kick off the second half of their district schedule this Tuesday when they face off against rival Stanton, beginning at approximately 8 p.m. in Stanton.



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Senior swimmers ...
Big Spring's Izzak Zamora (left) and Nathan Jimenez led the Steers swim team into the District 4-4A swim meet on Friday in Lubbock. Zamora and Jimenez are the lone seniors on the BSHS squad.

Third-quarter run spurs Snyder to upset of BS girls

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

SNYDER - The Snyder Lady Tigers reeled off a 16-8 run in the third quarter and raced to a stunning 49-40 comeback from behind upset of the Big Spring Last Steers in the SHS gymnasium.

With the loss, the Lady Steers fell to 16-8 for the season and, more im-

portantly, fell to 3-4 in District 4-3A play. Snyder improves to 12-10 and 3-4.

Snyder battled its way to an early lead, taking an 8-5 advantage in the first eight minutes.

Jackie Castillo and Julianna Rodriguez brought BSHS Back in the second. The two combined for seven points and helped the Lady

Steers post a 12-7 run that send Big Spring into the half with a 17-15 cushion. Dyrshae Vanderbilt added four points in the BSHS second-quarter run.

Snyder's 16-point outburst blew the game open in the third.

Vanderbilt led all Big Spring scorers with 11 points. Diamonique Mayes added 10.

LL sign-up registration dates set

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, for-

mally the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

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TALLEY

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from last season's squad that went 7-7 in conference play is guard Sarah Stinnett.
Being new is nothing new for Talley, the oldest of three children born to Calvin and Kamesha Snead, career members of the U.S. Army. Through her first 18 years, she's probably been to more places than the Harlem Globetrotters.

Talley was born in Germany in 1994 shortly after her mother, a former prep standout in Virginia, and father were stationed there. Within a few years, the military stationed her family in places like North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and, eventually, at Fort Hood near Killeen.

An avid basketball player since she was a youngster, Talley said she broke into organized basketball while attending Copperas Cove High School, the same school that produced Heisman trophy winner Robert Griffin III. As a junior, she racked up 134 points and 139 rebounds and helped Copperas Cove go 19-15 and earn a berth in the Class 5A state playoffs.

Change came for Talley from there. Shortly after the completion of the year, Talley's parents were transferred to the the United States' "Last Frontier" - Alaska.

"It was hard when I found out we were moving again," she said. "It was my senior year and now I was going to be new again, and I was worried about playing basketball and getting seen (by colleges). I was

WJCAC Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
Odessa	5-0	15-4
NMJC	5-1	14-5
Frank Phillips	4-2	17-3
So. Plains	4-2	10-9
Midland	2-4	12-9
Clarendon	1-4	9-9
Howard	1-5	10-11
W. Texas	1-5	6-11

Monday's games - Western Texas at Howard College, South Plains at Odessa, NMJC at Clarendon, Frank Phillips and Midland are open.

like 'Dang! I'm moving where its cold and there are polar bears.'"

The move turned out to be a good one, Talley admitted.

After arriving in Fairbanks, she enrolled at Lathrop High School, and immediately became a star for the Lady Malemutes' varsity squad. As a senior she helped power Lathrop to a 20-10 record and a fifth-place finish in the 2012 Class 4A state tournament.

Talley said she did get noticed - a lot. As a senior, she drew interest from several Division I programs, including Kent State, Middle Tennessee State and Lamar.

It was Robert Morris University in Moon Township, Pennsylvania, that caught Talley's attention. Unfortunately, she said, she needed to improve some of her academic scores to qualify for the school - a fact that led her to Big Spring.

"The coach at Robert Morris (Sal Buscaglia) called and told me what I needed to do, and he said he knew a good coach at a school where I could work on my grades. The next day, Coach (Earl) Diddle called and talk-

ed to me. I knew once I talked to him, this is where I wanted to come. I think he can teach me so much about the game, and help me improve."

Adapting to the college level was an adjustment, she agreed. The caliber of play far exceeds what she was familiar with in high school.

"The competition level is the biggest difference," she said. "In Alaska, I was the talk of the town, but when I got here everyone was like me. Every one here is good and that makes it exciting."

Through the Lady Hawks' first 21 games, Talley has performed well for the HC women. She has scored 134 points, including a season-high 16 against Clarendon, and leads the team in rebounding with 122.

"I need to improve my shooting, and work harder to get better," she said. "Our focus is on winning. We're going to win. We just have to keep working hard and it will come."

As for her future, Talley said she hasn't ruled out a return to Howard College next season. If the team wants her to return, and the opportunity is right, she said her experience with the Lady Hawks has been positive.

"I can't complain," she said. "It (Howard College) is a pretty friendly place. The people are really nice."

Regardless of what the future holds, Talley said she is thrilled her travels brought her to Big Spring.

"I couldn't have asked for a better place to come," she said.

The Lady Hawks host Western Texas on Monday.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Driving lesson ...

Big Spring's Makayla Edwards drives past a Snyder defender during the LadySteers' junior varsity game on Friday in the Tigers Gym. Snyder, paced by a 12-0 run in the first quarter, claimed the win.

HC men climb to No. 16 in poll

The Howard College men's basketball team is gaining respect nationally. A lot of respect.

The Hawks climbed to No. 17 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I basketball rankings earlier this week. The rankings were released on Monday on the association's web site, www.njcaa.org.

Howard College, now 17-4 overall, gained five spots in the latest rankings, climbing from No. 22 a week ago. The climb came on the heels of the Hawks' 87-86 win over fifth-ranked Odessa College, and a victory over New Mexico Military Institute.

The Hawks are currently second in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with a 5-2 record. South Plains leads the WJCAC race at 7-0.

The Hawks were among four WJCAC teams making the national top 25. Joining Howard College in the poll were South Plains, Odessa College and New Mexico Junior College.

South Plains, 18-1, moved into the No. 1 position in the national poll. The Texas team received 15 of the 16 first-place votes cast. Previously top-ranked Chipotle College slipped to No. 8.

Odessa College, despite its recent loss to the Hawks, entered the week ranked No. 16, while NMJC was listed at No. 22.

STEERS

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ter and took a 9-3 lead into the second.

Bryan accounted six of Big Spring's first nine points.

The BSHS defense took control late in the second quarter. After the Tigers had rallied to within 11-9, the Steers all but closed out their third straight win by pounding out a 9-2 spree in the final four minutes of the first half.

Big Spring held a 20-11 lead at the half.

Snyder, which remains winless in district play, failed to pick up any

grown in the third. The Tigers managed just five points in the first eight minutes of the second half and went into the fourth quarter down by nine, at 25-16.

Backed by four free throws by Bryan and baskets from Ty Sealy and Tyler Wigington, the Steers closed out the game with an 8-5 run in the final frame.

Bryan tortured the Tigers from the charity stripe, going 10-for-10 in the contest.

Sealy finished the game with six points, while Tate Kennedy and Dee Parker added four each.

Big Spring will return to action on Tuesday with a trip to Abilene to face Wylie.

Correction ...

The Big Spring Lady Steers player in the photo that appeared in Friday's edition was identified incorrectly. The player in Martha Lewis. The Herald regrets the mistake.

CGA to hold 4-man scramble

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Feb. 16 as part of its membership drive.

Entry fee into the "build your own team"

event is \$35 per player. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 apiece.

Players should sign-up prior to 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be held at 10 a.m.

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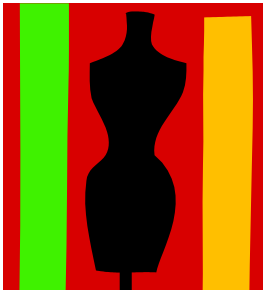
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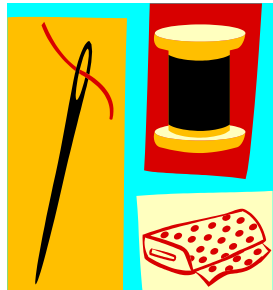
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BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 22-23

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 4-person golf scramble on Feb. 22-23.

Entry fee is \$100 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome on Saturday and Sunday.

A 1 p.m. shotgun start will be held on both days.

Entry includes 1

mulligan each day and BBQ on Saturday. Practice rounds available on Friday.

The field will be flighted by the first round score. The number of flights determined by the number of entries.

Call the BSCC Pro Shop at (432) 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sagittarius Moon of Tolerance

Modern manners were developed from aristocratic origins into a system of courtesy to fit equals. Rule No. 1 is that every public action ought to signal respect to those present. So what is a proper action to take against those who are in violation of rule No. 1? The tolerant Sagittarius moon suggests none at all. To each his own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's good reason to not get passionately wrapped up in a project or relationship now if you can help it. It's when you feel most strongly about a thing that you are most likely to be fooled by it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will be assessed according to what you've done. Be aware that this probably will not line up with your self-assessment, which is based on what you think you're capable of doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you don't think you're suited for the job at hand, you could be right. But you also know this is not a reason to run. Doing the job at hand is for the strong and the versatile. You're definitely both.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're so open to the feelings of others now that you could take them on. Sometimes, it's appropriate; other times, it's hazardous to your well-being. Stay emotionally on guard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a limited window of opportunity on today's fun. If it's going to happen you have to get to work and handle many small obstacles quickly. Sense your way through situations that cannot be reasonably sorted out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Mystery is beautiful. Consider this in all you do now. Don't explain too much. It robs others of the mystery. Giving away too many answers is also an equal act of theft.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Anyone can lead when the conditions are right. It's the one who can rally the troops through rotten weather and imminent danger that is the true commander.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Is true happiness self-reliance, or is it cooperation? You'll get a taste of both today so you can answer the question quite effectively. Which made you happier?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keeping score is a dangerous activity that will only lead to a focus on the points you lack. Instead of keeping score, focus relentlessly on your personal goal. In other words, "eyes on your own paper."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work and play will come together in today's events, and it's an overwhelmingly positive and productive feeling when they do. You are doing what you were always meant to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Most arguments that come up this week aren't worth taking on. Sure, you could win them -- probably very easily, too -- and that's part of the reason why you shouldn't bother. There's no glory in such easy victories.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get further along with a project when you ask questions that you sense will be met by answers. For now, you are better off when you seek to know what you think can be reasonably known.

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Alumni turn out for game

Big Spring High School fans received a treat on Saturday afternoon. They actually got to see the stars of the past play against the stars of the present and future, thanks to the first-ever Lady Steers Softball alumni game.

A total of 20 former BSHS standouts agreed to take part in the exhibition game. Among the former Lady Steers to take to the field were: Stephanie Kennedy, Daun Shober, Melisa Martinez, Sunni Smith, Honey Belew, Mandi Lance, Laura Olague, Bridgette Rodriguez, Amber Sides, Ashleigh Ramirez, Mirella Torres, Linzee Yarbar, Macy Briggs, Jillian Valle, Valerie Ross, Vicki Sotelo, Laura Herrera, Angelina Castillo, Ayanna Gomez and Logan Yarbar.

The Lady Steers are scheduled to begin their 2014 preseason slate next week against the Colorado City Lady Wolves.

The Howard College Hawks played Thursday's game against New Mexico Junior College without the services of one of their key members. Jalin Barnes was ruled out of the game with a medical issue. The 6-foot freshman guard from Raleigh, NC, has played a key role this season for the Hawks, averaging just under 10 points per game.

The Hawks suffered a 76-68 loss without Barnes. The good news is Barnes should be healthy soon and will be 100 percent when the NMJC Thunderbirds come to Big Spring on Feb. 20.



Tommy Wells
Herald Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers altered their 2014 high school baseball schedule a bit last week, according to the BSHS athletic department. Both changes involve games against Monahans.

On March 29, the Steers' junior varsity will play a doubleheader in Monahans. HGames

will begin at noon and 2 p.m.. Additionally, Big Spring's JV and varsity games on April 17 will be played in Monahans.

Big Spring will begin preseason games on Feb. 4 with a home game against Midland. They will also scrimmage Abilene Cooper, in Abilene, on Feb. 8 before opening the regular season on Feb. 17 in Shallowater.

Speaking of baseball, for those in a hurry to the arrival of spring (and who isn't after the last few cold spells), the Howard College Hawks will open their 2014 season next week. The Hawks are scheduled to play a pair of seven-inning games against Wayland Baptist University on Jan. 31 at Jack Barber Field.



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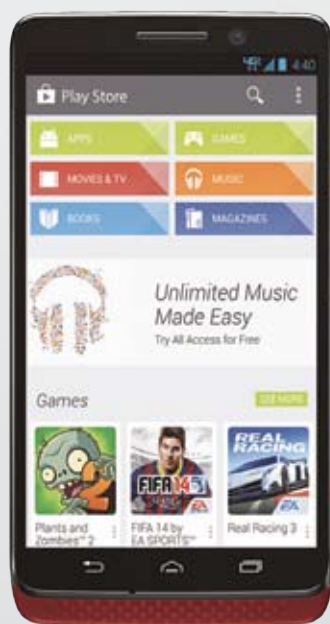
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At right, Ben Foster acts as guide and historian for the B and B Foster Farm during a recent visit. Below, Montie Foster looks out over part of Sulfur Draw that runs through the farm/ranch. The spring fed draw is a haven for migratory birds including Sand Hill Cranes. Below left, Big Foot is alive and well on the Foster's land and has a canine companion. The fosters lease to hunters who often appear in camoflauge. This hunter preferred to remain anonymous.



Life is booming out on the farm. Farmer and rancher, Ben Foster along with son Montie, has seen a lot of changes over the years. But, perhaps the most drastic changes have arisen just within the past three years as the oil boom has brought change to rural West Texas. But the Fosters aren't complaining, too much. "It's a good thing," said Ben. "If you have mineral rights then you'll have good income." But the landscape has surely changed as has the way of thinking. "They've scarred the land, but its progress," said Montie. "It's hard to move our farming equipment around because of the holes and wells they've put here." Trenches and dirt mounds are abundant throughout the Fosters land. Pump-jacks scatter the horizon and hoses snake along plats of land that would

normally be prepared for crops. Primarily cotton farmers, the Fosters also grow Milo and hay. "We haven't had cotton in three years because of the draught," Montie said. "So we've been baling hay like crazy." B and B Foster Farms Inc. is more than a century-old farm and ranch located in Ackerly that was established in 1912. It is located near the tri-county convergence that includes Howard, Dawson and Howard. Livestock at one time was a lucrative endeavor for the Foster family, but as far as livestock being of any value now, there just isn't much of a market for beef these days, mainly due to the drought. At least in West Texas. "The drought dried them out, but we keep a few just to have them," said Ben. "The market goes up and down and we do sell them, but you can't find good livestock anymore." But, despite the changes and some adversity, the multigenerational clan has been able to adapt. With mineral rights and insurance for nonproductive years, the Fosters are doing just fine. It's the change in the landscape that is a frequent topic of conversation. That and the oil field crews that now have access to their land which includes Sulfur Draw. Well drilling has been aggressive over the past three years, with a well being drilled every 40 acres with the possibility of an increase to 20 per acre in the near future,

according to the Fosters. "They've really been drilling constantly the past three years," said Ben. Currently, there are eight wells on the farm leading to a loss of approximately 80 acres, but the Fosters aren't too concerned about the damage to their land or shortage of crop land because the oil companies compensate land owners for damages caused by oil field equipment and drilling if the owner doesn't own mineral rights. Crews and equipment do leave their mark, but if a well doesn't produce or runs dry, the companies are pretty good about cleaning up their mess,



according to the Fosters. Now 82, Ben, who was born on the property, has turned much of the operation over to his son, but he still makes rounds and manages the few heads of cattle that occupy the ranch half of the homestead. The Fosters originate from Oklahoma and settled in the area in the early 1900s continuing a long-standing family tradition that has been handed down from generation to generation, Ben explained. As for its future, continued adaptability and tradition is counted on to ensure its stability.

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Geraldine Posey was the highlighted artist at the January Big Spring Art Association meeting held recently. Posey works in oils and finds inspiration from the frames she finds.

Big Spring Art Association

Big Spring Art Association met Tuesday at the Howard County Library. The highlighted artist for this meeting was Geraldine Posey, a long-time member of the association.

Her journey in art began with published cartoons created for the Garden City Bearcats yearbook in 1948.

She displayed her first landscape with a desert theme while her second was a mountain view in the Alexander style. Geraldine laughed and said, "So many of my paintings resulted from the frame I found."

The frame often sparked the idea for her paintings. She revealed one of a California landscape and another with a Dutch windmill as the subject.

One frame she found when her aunt and uncle were throwing it away.

There was an old calendar picture in the frame that was damaged but Geraldine loved the frame. She saved it and when she removed the calendar picture she discovered an old photo underneath which turned out to be a rare family photo dating the frame to be about 100 years old.

Geraldine painted a flower artwork after a workshop with Bill Huffaker for the frame. She never attended a lot of workshops since she lived in the country but remember one that David Slade held at the Hitch'n Post where she went home crying but made herself go back because she had paid the money and wanted to learn. By the end of the three days, she had three paintings and really liked the instructor.

When Geraldine gets new brushes or hasn't had the chance to paint for a while, she likes to break in the brushes by creating small canvases using only blue, black and white paint. She says these practice paintings often end up as her fans favorites.

For those interested, the Artist of the Month at the Heritage Museum for January is Jean Money.

Artist Kay Smith has the main exhibit room at the Museum filled with a show called "Drawing the Line."

The exhibit will remain on view until March 14. Work of the Big Spring High School art students will be shown at the museum for the first two weeks of May. For the last two weeks of May the show will be "Two Teachers and One Student" Art Show (Sherre Moates, Judy Tereletsky and Daniel Budke).

Who's Who

Angelo State University Dean's List for 2013 Fall Semester

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Forsan: Alexandria D. Park

Garden City: Colton E. Belew, Sarah K. Hoelscher, Grant D. Jeffress and Brittany A. Schniers

'Lexie' Rawls Excels in Tacoma



Courtesy photo

The Curtis Sr. High School bowling team is first in its league. Alexian Rawls, of Tacoma, Wash., center, formerly of Big Spring, is in first place on the team and third in all conference with an average of 178. She is the granddaughter of Marillyn Miers of Big Spring.

Former Big Spring Residents Doing Well

Special to the Herald

A family with Big Spring roots is doing well and exceeding goals they set for their futures.

Former Big Spring resident, Toni (Myrick) Sauncy, her husband, William, along with their children, Shae and Clay Sauncy, are climbing their ladders of success.

Toni, a 1980 Big Spring High School graduate, bolstered by the inspiration of her high school math and science teachers, completed her Ph.D in Physics at Texas Tech University.

She has spent most of her career at Angelo State University, where she is a tenured-full professor in the Department of Physics.

Currently, she is on sabbatical leave, serving as the Director of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) and Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society at the American Center for Physics in the Washington D.C. area.

Here, she oversees the SPS National Office, staff, and all programs. Shae, who began her education at Elbow Elementary School, graduated from UT San Antonio in 2004 and Southwest Medical School

in 2011.

She is now a third year emergency medicine resident at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, La.

This is one of the oldest and most respected emergency residency programs in the U.S. Clay, beginning his education at Hillcrest Baptist Pre-School, completed his high school education in San Angelo.

Clay graduated from TCU in 2009 and from Texas Wesleyan Law School in 2011.

After passing the Texas State Bar Exam, he took a position with Bell Helicopter Co. in Fort Worth, Texas. Also, to keep things progressing and the family on track, William began his own business, Sauncy Home Services, in San Angelo, and continues his business, while he and Toni are in Washington D.C.

This family is just an example of what good roots, hard work and determination can accomplish and should be a shining star example for others.

Their aunt Mardelle and uncle Dan Wise are so very proud of them.

Big Spring Second Chance Rescue Dog of the Week: Herman

Herman is a young Male Chihuahua about a year old. He is very small and weighs just 4 pounds. He has been abused at one time in his life and is not very trusting, but once he knows you are not going to hurt him or yell at him he is a sweet boy. He is social with other dogs He is good with older children but should not be with small children. He is neutered/UTD Shots/Chipped...Call Big Spring Second Chance on his Adoption Fee's at 432.816.2555. You can visit www.bs2cr.org and view other adoptable dogs. Or you can like our FaceBook page www.facebook.com/bsscr



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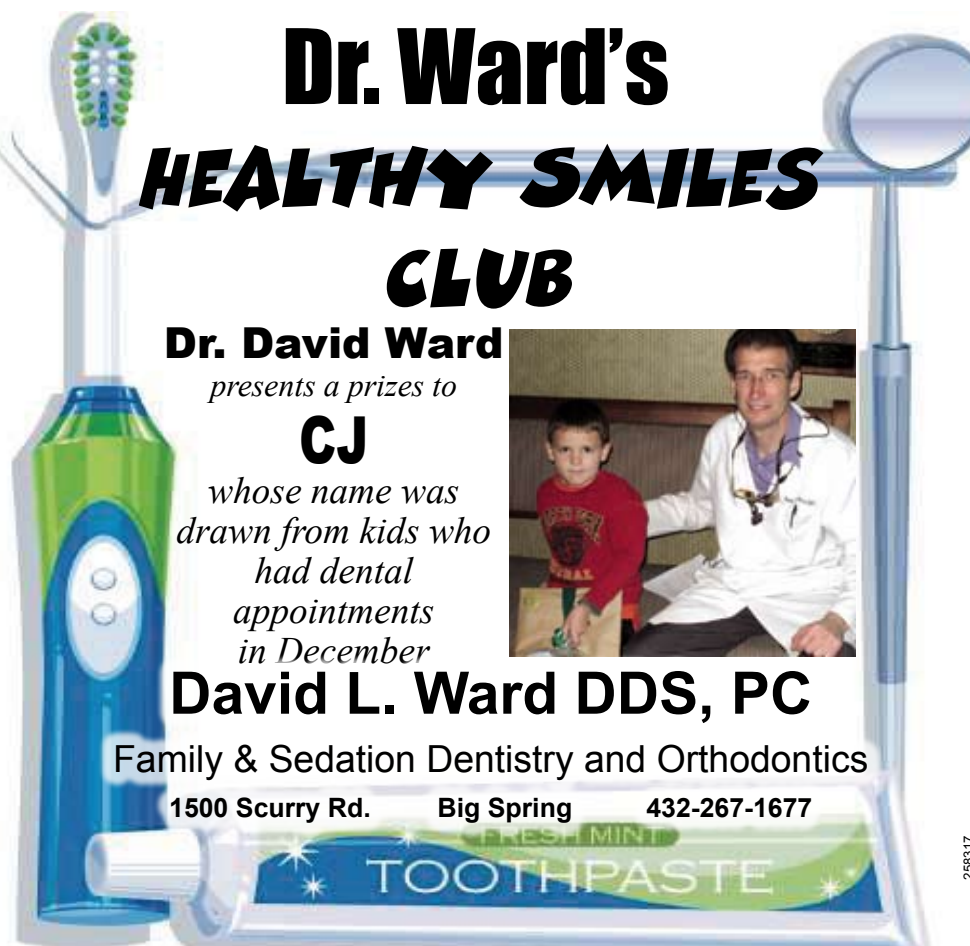
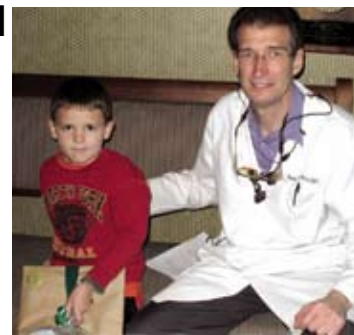
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Menus

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, yogurt and fruit parfait with Awesome granola, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled pears, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken spaghetti, Swedish meatball, scalloped potatoes, peas, carrots, chilled pineapple, whole grain roll and apple crisp.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled peaches, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, beef and broccoli stir fry, zesty orange chicken, steamed brown rice, glazed carrots, Oriental blend vegetables, blushing pears, fortune cookie and whole grain roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast, smoked sausage, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled apricots, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Big Daddy Homestyle pizza cheese and pepperoni, spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread sticks, seasoned spinach, yellow squash and chilled peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast, pancake and sausage patty, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, chilled mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, beefy nacho grande, chicken fajita soft tacos, whole grain Spanish brown rice, Mexicali corn, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled strawberry cups, salsa/jalapeno/sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, Homestyle cinnamon rolls, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, Mandarin oranges, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, barbecue roasted chicken, sloppy joe, homemade potato

salad, Romaine garden salad, ranch dressing, Ranch style beans, cucumber and tomato salad, seasonal fresh fruit, chilled peach cup and whole grain roll.

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cinnamon rolls, buttered toast, dry cereal variety, Mandarin oranges, fresh whole fruit, 100 percent fruit juice and milk. Lunch, barbecue roasted chicken, sloppy joe, homemade potato salad, Romaine garden salad, ranch dressing, Ranch style beans, cucumber and tomato salad, seasonal fresh fruit, chilled peach cup and whole grain roll.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, animal crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, sloppy joe, beef and bean burrito, broccoli with ranch dressing, garden salad, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, sausage patty, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, crispy tacos or southwest chicken casserole, tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, mini corn-dogs, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken nuggets, salisbury steak, roll, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruity Jell-O, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, spaghetti and meatballs, breaded pork chop, breadsticks, garden salad, green beans, peaches and milk.

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

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes, juice/fruit/milk. Lunch, beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice/fruit/milk. Lunch, southwest chicken casserole, tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cheddar

omelet wrap, juice/fruit/milk. Lunch, salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll (HS) brownie.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles and sausage, juice/fruit/milk. Lunch, breaded pork chop, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadsticks, (HS) pudding.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, bacon, juice/fruit/milk. Lunch, hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, (HS) chocolate chip cookie.

New Hope Christian School

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, fruit punch and milk. Snack, graham cracker and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, waffles, strawberries and bananas and milk. Snack, apple slices and sliced cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast, buttered toast, mixed fruit and milk. Snack, vanilla wafers and banana pudding.

Thursday: Breakfast, Pop Tart, pineapple and milk. Snack, banana halves and peanut butter.

Friday: Breakfast, granola bar, peaches and milk. Snack, Goldfish and fruit punch.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, sweet potato fries, angel cake with berries and milk.

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

Wednesday - Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, pears, rolls and milk.

Thursday - Chili dog, onion, cheese, relish, tater tots, peaches, sugar cookies and milk.

Friday - Fish sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, baked chips, mixed fruit and milk.

Contact
the Herald
at 263-7331

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2013

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 31,597,162	\$ 2,450,811	\$ 34,047,973
5800 State Program Revenues	431,812	8,745	440,557
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	183,538	183,538
5020 Total Revenues	32,028,974	2,643,094	34,672,068
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	2,804,684	82,757	2,887,441
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	38,854	-	38,854
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,159	-	1,159
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	4,863	4,863
0023 School Leadership	272,031	-	272,031
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	76,427	-	76,427
0033 Health Services	57,909	-	57,909
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	527,711	-	527,711
0035 Food Services	-	291,228	291,228
0036 Extracurricular Activities	263,068	-	263,068
0041 General Administration	391,363	-	391,363
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	952,010	-	952,010
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,350	-	1,350
0053 Data Processing Services	18,654	-	18,654
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	-	2,165,000	2,165,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	-	163,309	163,309
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	8,628	8,628
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,416,898	-	2,416,898
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	23,785,507	-	23,785,507
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	57,741	-	57,741
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	244,344	-	244,344
6030 Total Expenditures	31,909,710	2,715,785	34,625,495
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	119,264	(72,691)	46,573
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	4,920	-	4,920
7915 Transfers In	-	129,311	129,311
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(129,311)	-	(129,311)
8949 Other (Uses)	(129,219)	-	(129,219)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(253,610)	129,311	(124,299)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(134,346)	56,620	(77,726)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,729,569	173,656	4,903,225
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(46,673)	-	(46,673)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,548,550	\$ 230,276	\$ 4,778,826

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



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Affordacare opens clinic here

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
Staff Writer

A new clinic has come to town. Located in the old Medical Arts building, Affordacare will “fill the gap” for people who aren’t needing emergency care or can’t get in to see their primary physician.

“Larger cities like Midland and Odessa have places like this,” said nurse practitioner Kim Shafer. “And we thought, well why not here?”

The urgent/walk-in clinic isn’t equipped to take care of major medical issues such as chest pain,

kidney stones or appendicitis. It will be able to provide fast, affordable, quality medical care when needed. The clinic will handle non life-threatening conditions as a more convenient alternative to the emergency room.

Minor illnesses or injuries such as colds and flu to lacerations and sprains can be treated.

“We can treat things like fever and falls,” said Shafer. “We are also able to do X-rays and sutures.”

While cash is optional as payment, most insurances are accepted.

“We take most commercial insurances, but we don’t take CHIPS or Medicaid.”

Shafer said flu and tetanus shots are also available. The clinic will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Affordacare has a second location in Abilene. For more information call 517-4692.

“We started seeing patients Monday and we’ll send out something official at a later date,” Shafer concluded.

To contact *Andreia Medlin* call the Herald at 263-7331.

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.

Last Friday’s employment report covering December was dreadful for all the wrong reasons. While many are pinning the blame on the cold winter air that overtook much of the nation, the report would have likely fallen far short of expectations even if the weather had been pleasant. This report merely confirms that progress in the labor market will continue to come at only a slow pace.

Of course, an economic growth rate near 2 percent doesn’t help. Under these conditions, firms are reluctant to hire and business prospects are dicey. A quick look at any number of surveys measuring business sentiment shows that over the last four years, one of the biggest concerns for potential employers was that the economic recovery was not sustainable. In other words, many business decision-makers were fearful that the American economy was on the verge of slipping back into a recession. It was not exactly an environment that motivated people to bump up pay-rolls.

Besides the slow-growth economy, another concern is the much discussed “labor participation rate.” This statistic measures the percentage of working-age Americans who actually consider themselves in the workforce or at least looking for a job. This measure has dropped like a rock over the last few years and now stands at levels not seen since the 1970s — a decade most economists would soon like to forget.

Conventional wisdom dictates that the labor participation rate is falling largely due to baby boomers retiring early and leaving the workforce. But you have to be kidding: this isn’t 1999, when everyone and their grandmothers were worth a fortune on paper from stock options and soaring valuations on technology companies that were doomed to never make a dime of actual profit. Back then, everybody was talking about embarking on an adventurous early retirement — maybe buying a vineyard, etc. Now, almost all of the baby boomers this strategist knows are wondering just how long they will need to work. The last thing on their minds is hanging it up early.

Last week’s employment report also told us that wages are rising barely faster than inflation, and the hours worked each week by the average employee are stagnant or even falling slightly. This is not exactly music to the ears of those trying to put food on the table or send kids to college. And the Federal Reserve isn’t jumping for joy yet, either, we suspect.

Our central bankers are reducing the pace of the current quantitative easing program slowly. Even though the unemployment rate fell to 6.7 percent in December, do not be concerned that the Fed will raise interest rates anytime soon. Given the slow improvement in the economy and the lack of inflation, any talk of a rate hike tied to a particular level of unemployment is only a very soft line in the sand.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on Jan. 15 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. The material is published solely for informational purposes and is not an offer to buy or sell or solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any security or investment product. Opinions and estimates are as of a certain date and subject to change without notice.



Kevan Schooler, left, and Vents Allyn Solis, DJs for KBYG, wait patiently for the music to start during the Isaiah 58 Food Drive, held last Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The drive also featured music by Tributary, a local gospel group sponsored by Spring Creek Fellowship. 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.

HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Dry weather promotes fieldwork, but slows winter forage growth

By **ROBERT BURNS**

AgriLife Extension Service
COLLEGE STATION
— Except for a very few showers, Texas remained dry during mid-January, according to the National Weather Service and reports from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Many AgriLife Extension personnel reported warm and windy weather in conjunction with the dry weather, which further dried out topsoils. For some areas, such as the East, Central, North and Southeast regions, the dry weather was somewhat welcome for those needing to get back into fields to prepare for spring plantings. For other regions, the dry, windy weather stressed winter forages and slowed or stopped growth.

“Deaf Smith County producers are in a hold mode for the time being,” said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Larry Stein

Though South Texas remained dry, irrigated crops such as spinach were doing well in January.

Smith County, west of Amarillo. “The winter wheat crop is holding for now, with the pivots stopped for the time being. The dryland wheat crop is also holding on for now with little hope

of Mother Nature helping out any time soon.”

“With the wind staying in the 20 mph range daily, it is drying out our topsoil very quickly,” said Gary Roschetzky, AgriLife Extension

agent for Dawson County, south of Lubbock. “Our area has not seen any rainfall or precipitation in over 28 days. With that, producers

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Colorado governor praises pot banking announcement

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper is responding with relief to word from federal officials that marijuana businesses will be allowed to access banking services.

Attorney General Eric Holder said Thursday that the Obama administration is planning to roll out regulations soon that would allow banks to do business with legal marijuana sellers.

Hickenlooper’s spokesman released a statement Friday morning saying the news is welcome. Spokesman Eric Brown says Colorado hopes the guidance is specific.

Currently, processing money from marijuana sales puts federally insured banks at risk of drug racketeering charges.

Because of the threat of criminal prosecution, financial institutions often refuse to let marijuana-related businesses open accounts.

Notable Macs over the years, from 1984 to the Pro

NEW YORK (AP) — From the start, Apple’s Macintosh shattered conventional notions of what a computer should be.

In a 1984 Super Bowl commercial that is still considered one of the best ads ever, an athlete tries to save humanity from conformity. The 60-second ad, which aired 30 years ago this week, alluded to Big Brother from George Orwell’s “1984” and was seen as a dig at Apple’s leading rival at the time, IBM Corp. The Mac, the ad implied, would save people from a

computing future dominated by IBM.

Apple’s Macs never succeeded in toppling IBM’s PCs, which live on through clones made by countless other manufacturers. But Macs did make a lasting impact. By 1995, Windows PCs came to look much like Macs.

The Mac’s user-friendly approach to computing is now a fundamental part of all consumer electronics. The Mac was the first successful computer to incorporate a graphical user interface and a mouse, rather than require

people to type in commands.

The first Mac had a 3.5-inch floppy disk drive at a time when a 5.25-inch drive was the standard. The Mac used the smaller drive for practical reasons; the larger floppies weren’t reliable. But it paved the way for computers to get even smaller.

Over the next three decades, Apple Inc. would release several other notable Macs:

— Apple’s first laptop, the Macintosh Portable, came out in 1989. The machine

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Pedro Rosendo Aguilar, 1502 Chickasaw, Big Spring
 Marcus Joe Anderson, 3306 Auburn, Big Spring
 Steve Antoine, 1425 East Sixth St. no. 19, Big Spring
 Jose Manuel Avina, 1404 Nolan, Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 1372, Big Spring
 Donna Michelle Byerley, 535 LCR Space 1, Colorado City
 Cassie Christine Cantu, 1101 E. 12th St., Big Spring
 Roy DeWayne Carter, 5320 Wasson, Big Spring
 Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir, Big Spring
 Juan Antonio Cervantes, No. 3 ValVerde, Big Spring
 Jessica Michelle Chavera, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. apt. 20, Big Spring
 Christoval Moren Corrales, 1105 N. Nolan, Big Spring
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 Steve Allan Crim, 8381 Petunia, San Angelo
 Shiloh Sharee Dennis, 4651 E. CR 490, Stanton
 Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave., Midland
 Lee Anna Garcia, 1011 Stadium Ave., Big Spring
 Noel Garcia II, 107 Bluebonnet/1011 Stadium Ave., Big Spring
 Carol Ashley Grant, 3220 Drexel, Big Spring
 Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. 224 no. 1, Abilene
 Charles E. Griffin, 108 CR 1250, Fairfield
 James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. No. 502, Atlanta, Texas
 Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
 Joe Guzman, 1313 Mesquite, Big Spring
 Kimberly Dee Hargrove,

PO Box 1985, Big Spring
 Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. Fourth St., Big Spring
 Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas No. 198, Odessa.
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa
 Lee Allen Mathis, 101 Falcon Ln., Hillsboro
 Chelsea Kristyne Millsaugh, 213 Circle, Big Spring
 Jacob Montoya, 1009 S. Kelly, Odessa
 Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Courtney Place No. 108, Big Spring
 Christopher Eric Painter, 1503 S. Johnson, Big Spring
 Austin Healey Petersen, 1 Haven for Hope, San Antonio
 Martin Sosa Puga, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 Sheila Fay Richardson, 1707 Donley, Big Spring
 Liza Leigh Rios, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 30, Big Spring
 Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker, Big Spring
 Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma
 Alice C. Smithwick, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt 48, Big Spring
 Shannon Keith Teel, 500 S. Oak St., Gail
 Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westober Rd. Apt. 133, Big Spring
 Jacklynn Yvonne Watson, 1503 Tucson, Big Spring
 Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt 28, Big Spring
 Jimmy Marmolejo Ybarra, 1315 Mesa, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses
 Kyle Scott Campbell, 32

and Karina Yosmary Ladino, 39, both of Big Spring.
 William Daniel Rueda, 24 and Courtney Carolin-Marie Davis, 21, both of Big Spring

District Court Filings
 In the matter of the issuance of a subpoena to Boyce Glavanizing Inc. - Civil suit
 Brenda Sue Ervin vs Philip Harris Ervin - Divorce
 Freddie Sanchez vs Lorenza Sanchez - Divorce
 Cindy Rios-Tercero vs Santiago Tercero Jr. - Divorce
 Tina M. Capps vs Shannon B. Capps - Divorce

Warranty Deeds
 Grantor: John M. Granados and Cecilia Granados
 Grantee: Jesse Talamatez Jr.
 Property: Lot 11, blk 1, Capeheart Addition
 Date: Dec. 31, 2013

Warranty Deeds with Vendors Leins
 Grantor: Jessie C. Draper and Barbara Draper
 Grantee: Jacob Ferguson and Kelly Ferguson
 Property: Lot 14, blk 2, College Heights Estates
 Date: Dec. 31, 2013

Grantor: Marshall V. Day and Ernestine D. Day
 Grantee: Wanda Faye Gamble
 Property: SW/4 of sec. 41, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
 Date: Dec. 30, 2013

Grantor: Belinda Campos Lara
 Grantee: Richard Michael Warren and Martha Jean Warren
 Property: Lot 15, blk 16, McDowell Heights Addition
 Date: Dec. 30, 2013

CROPS

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are starting to lose hope about this upcoming year and how planting season is going to turn out. Our pasture land is starting to look more like a set up for fire to break out anytime soon.”

“Conditions in Hardeman County remain dry; wheat producers have achieved a stand on about 85 percent of acres planted and are waiting on the remaining 15 percent to emerge,” said Steven Sparkman, AgriLife Extension agent for Hardeman County, northwest of Wichita Falls. “Very few cattle are on wheat

at this time.”

“Many cattle producers were able to turn cattle back on wheat pastures this week after the cold and damp weather,” said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent for Collin County, northeast of Dallas. “Wheat and winter annual pastures are doing very well at this time.”

“Temperatures have been mild this week, giving cool season forages a chance to dry out and have some growth,” said Randy Reeves, AgriLife Extension agent for Harrison County, north of Longview. “Cattle remain in good to excellent condition; hay feeding and supplementation continues.”

“Extremely dry conditions this week kept irrigation producers applying irrigation water to all crops including small grains,” said Marcelino Valdez Jr., AgriLife Extension agent for Zavala County, in the Winter Garden area, southwest of San Antonio. “Spinach fields were reported to be in good to excellent condition. Wheat and oats also made good progress following irrigation water applications.”

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

MAC

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itself wasn't noteworthy, but it would lead Apple on a path of making devices for use on the go — culminating with iPhones and iPads, which represent the bulk of Apple Inc.'s business today.

— Do computers have to look boring? Not according to Steve Jobs, the Apple co-founder who returned from exile to lead the company in 1997. In 1998, Apple came out with its first iMac. PCs at the time were typically housed in uniform, beige boxes. The first iMacs looked more like TVs and came in a variety of colors over the years. At one point, Jobs even teased consumers to collect all five. Later iMacs would sport other notable designs, including ones shaped like a sunflower. The iMacs were also fa-

mous for ditching floppy drives in favor of CDs and incorporating USB ports — now standard in computers.

— The iBook G3 in 1999 was among the first laptops to come with a Wi-Fi card. It was so new that Jobs used a hula-hoop on stage to show — just like a magician — that he was surfing the Web without any wires.

— The Power Mac G4 Cube in 2000 was praised for its design, even though it didn't sell well. The entire computer fit into a cube measuring 7 inches on each side. A crystal-clear casing made the Cube slightly larger, but it also made the device memorable. It's now in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

— In 2008, Apple started selling the MacBook Air, notable for being thin and light. In introducing the device, Jobs

stuffed one into a standard-sized manila office envelope. Apple pulled this off by eliminating the CD drive and the wired Ethernet port, figuring that people could download files from the Internet over Wi-Fi. Later Airt and MacBook Pros would stay thin and light by also ditching the traditional, spinning hard drive in favor of solid-state memory, the kind used in phones and tablets.

— Last month marked the debut of Apple's newest Mac. Aimed at professionals, the Mac Pro has more computer power than most consumers would need, squeezed into a black, cylinder-shaped case that is about one-eighth the volume of the previous, boxy model.

The original Mac had 128 kilobytes of memory. The Pro starts at 12 gigabytes, or more than 90,000 times as much.



BSHS STEER CHEER MINI CAMP 2014!

The BSHS Varsity Cheerleaders will be offering a mini-cheer camp for girls Kinder through 5th grade. No preschoolers. Cost is \$60.00 per child. They will receive a BSHS cheer camp t-shirt as well as other “goodies” throughout the camp. Campers will perform at the half time game of the Big Spring Steers Boys Varsity game. The girls will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance.

The camp will be held at Steer Gym on:
 Sunday, February 2nd from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 Monday, February 3rd from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

The performance will be on Tuesday, February 4th during the boy's half time game. The game will start at 7:30pm, cheerleaders will perform around 8:15pm.

Girls will need a black pair of shorts or workout pants for performance. This will not be provided.

Signups for the camp will be January 15th through January 29th, 2014. All forms must be completed and turned in to Ashley Phinney at Big Spring High School's front office. **Payment is due at sign-up.**

If you have any questions please feel free to email Ashley Phinney at aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net. You may also call the front office of the high school and leave a message.

Space is limited so please sign up early.

We accept cash, checks or money orders.

Checks are to be made out to BSHS Cheerleaders.

Thanks!

Ashley Phinney and Meredith Skaggs, BSHS Cheer Sponsors



BSHS MINI CHEER CAMP APPLICATION 2014

Cost \$60.00 per child

Form must be turned in NO later than January 29th to Ashley Phinney at Big Spring High School's front office.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School she attends: _____

Parent Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent email address: _____

Does your child have any allergies or health problems that we need to be aware of? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain _____

Shirt size (circle):

Y- Small Y-Medium Y- Large A-Small A-Medium A Large

*Parents, if your child is not willing to participate or behave during the camp we will call you to come pick them up immediately. Due to the cost of conducting the camp, no refunds will be given for any reason. Payment is due at the time you turn in your application. Please make sure you child arrives on time and is picked up on time. Your signature at the bottom of this application certifies that you fully understand.

Parent Signature: _____

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The proposal by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would upgrade standards for child seats for children weighing up to 40 pounds to include a new test that simulates a side crash. The agency estimates the standards will prevent the deaths of about five children and injuries to 64 others each year.

“Car seats are an essential tool for keeping young children safe in vehicles, and they have a proven track record of saving lives,” NHTSA Acting Administrator David Friedman told a gathering of automotive engineers.

Under the proposal, the new tests will simulate a “T-bone” crash, where the front of a vehicle traveling 30 mph strikes the side of a small passenger vehicle traveling at 15 mph. NHTSA’s research has shown “these speeds will cover over 90 percent of the side-impact crashes seen in the real world,” Friedman said.

The tests will position the car seat on a sled, with another sled ramming the side of the sled with the seat, rather than using actual vehicles since the aim isn’t to test the crash worthiness of specific vehicles,

NHTSA officials said.

Research shows that many child deaths and injuries in side-impact crashes involve a car carrying children that is stopped at an intersection, usually at a light or stop sign, officials said. When the car begins to accelerate to go through the intersection, it is struck in the side by a vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed on the cross street.

The side-impact test — the first of its kind — simulates both the acceleration of the struck vehicle and the vehicle’s door crushing inward toward the car seat. Besides using a 12-month-old child dummy already approved under NHTSA standards, the proposed test will also utilize a to-be-developed side-impact dummy representing a 3-year-old child.

“As a father of two, I know the peace of mind this proposed test will give parents,” Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a statement. The test “will give parents and car-seat makers important new data on how car seats perform in side crashes.”

Congress and safety advocates have long urged NHTSA to adopt tougher standards for car seats to protect against side-impact crashes. Tired of waiting, Congress passed a transportation law in 2012 requiring that the agency issue new regulations by later this year.

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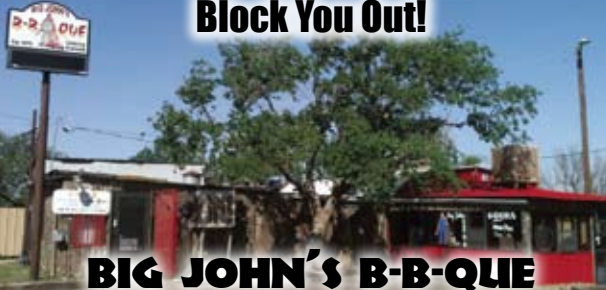
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