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## Don't forget to vote

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Voters will head to the polls Saturday to determine their municipal and school district representatives. Races for the Big Spring City Council, as well as Howard College, Big Spring and Coahoma school boards will be decided.

Information released by the Howard County Elections Administrator's office shows that 753 people cast early ballots for these elections. Those votes broken down by election include:

- Howard College board of trustees — 507.
- Big Spring City Council District 1 — 58.
- Big Spring City Council

- District 3 — 171.
- Big Spring school board District 1 — 82.
- Coahoma school board at-large — 45.

Saturday, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Coahoma ISD voters will vote at the Coahoma Junior High library while voters for the Howard College, Big Spring city council and Big Spring

school board trustee races will cast ballots at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The college board race ballots will be available at both the junior high in Coahoma and the coliseum. Voters must bring an acceptable form of photo identification in order to cast a

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Courtesy photo

Winners of the first Howard College Juried Student Art Show were announced at a reception held Thursday at Hall Center for the Arts on campus. Winners were, left, Abel Olivas, first place, and Andreia Medlin, right, Best in Show. At center is Tammy Schrenengost, juror for the show and Heritage Museum curator. The art is on display at the Hall Center for the Arts until Sept. 9.

## Art winners named

**Herald Staff Report**

Heritage Museum Curator Tammy Schrenengost had a tough job picking the winners at the Howard College juried student art show Thursday. But she took it on with grace and provided encouragement to the students who participated. "It was a hard job," Schren-

engost said. "There is so much good art work, I had a difficult time choosing the winner and I don't want to discourage anyone from continuing to create art. They will continue to grow and get better." Winners of the first Howard College Juried Student Art Show were: Best in Show, Andreia

Medlin  
 First Place, Abel Olivas  
 Second Place, Brenda Aragon  
 Third Place, Andreia Medlin  
 The cash prizes range from first to third place, best of show and a no-cash prize of honorable mention. The exhibit will be on display through Sept. 9.

## Postal food drive set here Saturday

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Saturday, you can help the local U.S. Post Office and the National Association of Letter Carriers fight hunger. The carriers' annual "Fill a Bag — Feed a Family" canned food drive will be held Saturday and participating requires little if any effort on the part of local residents, officials said. Letter carriers dropped off bags to homes earlier this week. All you have to do is put non-perishable food items, such as canned soup and vegetables, canned meat and boxed goods such as cereal, crackers and pasta in the bag and leave it by the mail box. When the carriers come by on their Saturday rounds, they'll pick up the bags. Patrons with post office



boxes can participate also — collection bins will be placed in the post office lobby, officials said. All collected food will be donated to the Isaiah 58 food bank in Big Spring. For more information, contact the post office at 263-7391.

## Buy some beauty

**Herald Staff Report**

The Howard County Master Gardeners annual plant sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the organization's location, 604 W. Fourth St. Annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees will be for sale. Mother's Day gift pots and other gardening items are also available. The Howard County Master Gardeners benefits environmental quality, protection and beautification, focusing specifically on garden club, horticultural programs. For more information contact Master Gardener President Julie Coates at 213-6553.

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## BSISD scores up; still below state

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Results from the last STAAR fifth and eighth grades tests show scores among the Big Spring Independent School District trending upward although still falling far below the state average passing rates in the elementary age. "I think we are moving in the right direction," said Big

Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. "We had some increase, and we hope to continue to go that way. We had a couple of disappointments. I know we are going in the right direction" Results of the fifth and eighth grade math and reading scores were presented to the district board of trustees Thursday night.

Those passing rate figures broken down are:  
**Eighth grade**  
 • Reading, 71 percent in 2014, down from 72 percent in 2013.  
 • Math, 65 percent in 2014, up from 45 percent in 2013.  
**Fifth Grade:**  
 • Reading: 51 percent in 2014, 51 percent in 2013.  
 • Math, 46 percent in 2014,

up slightly from 41 percent in 2013.  
**Fifth Grade results for individual campuses:**  
**Goliad**  
 • Reading, 42 percent in 2014, 41 percent in 2013.  
 • Math, 35 percent in 2014, 35 percent in 2013.  
**Marcy**

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MITZI FISHER, 53, of 1511 S. Scurry A, was arrested Thursday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- KYLE SHALOR SEBER, 25, of 4201 W. 18th St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- CALVIN MICHAEL LONG, 21, of 4201 W. Highway 80 no. 7, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.
- NELDA JEAN CHANCY, 41, of 508 Sunset Blvd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TORI NICOLE JOHNSON, 24, of 2007 Morrison, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported at the 100 block of S. Gregg, the 1600 block of S. Gregg.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the Interstate Highway exit 186 service road.
- HARASSMENT was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway

80.  
• HIT AND RUN was reported at the intersection of E. 15th St. and Dixie.

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity:

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- MITZI FISHER was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- TORI NICOLE JOHNSON was booked by HCSO on a warrant for duty on striking fixture/Highway landscape greater than or equal to \$200.
- KYLE SHALOR SEBER was booked by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- CALVIN MICHAEL LONG was booked by BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct (vulgar language).
- Nelda Jean CHANCY was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RODOLFO ADAMI MENDOZA was booked by GCSO on a warrant for contempt of child

- support order.
- NICKOLAS VANCE JONES was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building, theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- QUANTAL ALEX BROWN was booked by BSPD on a charge of fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 6th St. and Caylor. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of S. Service Road and Jalico Rd. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 900 block of Abrams. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of W. 17th St. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 800 block of W. 7th St.

## Obituaries

### Joe Kerby

Joe Kerby, 67, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 8, 2014 in an Odessa hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

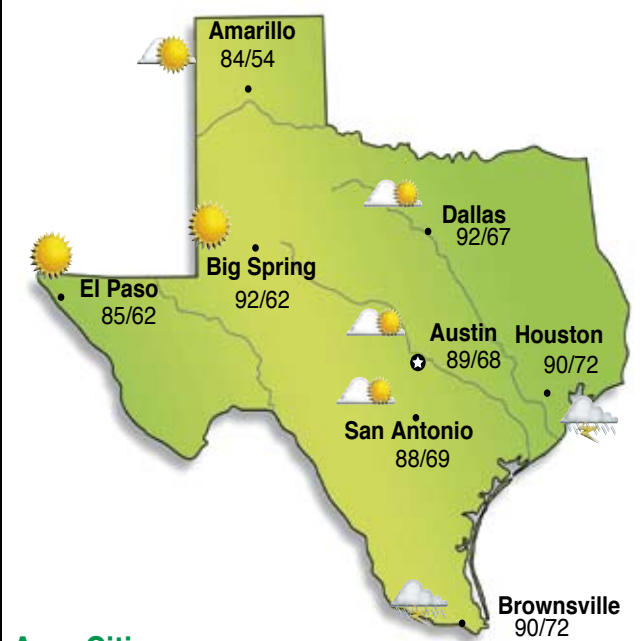
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 5/10	Sun 5/11	Mon 5/12	Tue 5/13	Wed 5/14
<b>92/62</b> Generally sunny. Hot. High 92F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>98/69</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>97/63</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>82/51</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>74/47</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:34 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	92	65	sunny	Kingsville	91	72	t-storm
Amarillo	84	54	mst sunny	Livingston	89	68	t-storm
Austin	89	68	pt sunny	Longview	87	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	86	71	t-storm	Lubbock	88	56	mst sunny
Brownsville	90	72	t-storm	Lufkin	89	68	t-storm
Brownwood	91	64	sunny	Midland	91	61	sunny
Corpus Christi	84	72	t-storm	Raymondville	93	74	t-storm
Corsicana	89	67	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	70	t-storm
Dallas	92	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	69	pt sunny
Del Rio	96	71	sunny	San Marcos	89	67	pt sunny
El Paso	85	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	67	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	91	59	sunny	Sweetwater	92	64	sunny
Gainesville	88	64	pt sunny	Tyler	87	67	pt sunny
Greenville	88	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	91	66	sunny
Houston	90	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	89	63	sunny

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Heal-

ing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

istry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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

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

### TUESDAY

- Noon — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring

Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320.

## Support Groups

## Take Note

elementary, 1201 South Birdwell

- Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson Drive
- Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham

For information on the attendance zone in which live, contact the Big Spring ISD Bus Barn at 432-264-4108.

- Coahoma Scholars' Banquet, May 27, at the Settles Hotel. The banquet will honor Coahoma's top ten academic seniors, top ten academic juniors, scholar alumni award, scholar teacher award and community pride award. For those interested in sponsoring the banquet or for further information, call Amy Jacobs or Judy Dobbs at

"Iraq: Past, Present and Future." If you are interested in promoting the platform of the "Grand Ol' Party," consider joining HC Republicans.

• Big Spring ISD will hold an orientation for students entering kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Incoming students, their parents and families will have an opportunity to meet school staff and learn the district's expectations and procedures for kindergarten students.

Locations of the school are:

- Goliad Elementary, 1801 S. Goliad
- Washington El-

432-394-5000, ext. 4.

- A fund has been set up at BBVA Compass Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

• Medical funds has been established for Kathran O'Brien Grant, who is recovering from a recent accident. An account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information. A medical fund has also been set up at Wells Fargo.

- Funds have been set up at Howard County Feed and Supply and at Highland Animal Hospital for Wildlife

Rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell. To contact Melanie, email her at R4thepets@aol.com

• A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages.

No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. April 4 Mike & Friend; April 11 Prowlers; April 18 Prowlers; April 25 Midnight Express.

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**I will appreciate your vote!**



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Police and emergency medical service personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> and Gregg streets earlier today. No injury information was available at press time.**

## News Briefs

### Democrats weigh role in new GOP-led investigation of Benghazi attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Divided House Democrats are weighing whether to participate in a new investigation of the deadly attack in Benghazi, Libya, or boycott the election-year inquiry of a tragedy they accuse Republicans of politicizing.

Party leaders will meet with rank-and-file members Friday to decide the next step after Republicans the day before rammed through a resolution creating a special select committee to examine the Sept. 11, 2012, assault. Four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed when militants stormed the diplomatic outpost.

The vote Thursday to create the special committee was 232-186. Seven Democrats, many of whom face tough re-elections in November, broke ranks and joined the GOP majority.

The panel's investigation will be the eighth on Benghazi and means high-profile hearings in the months leading up to the elections, with Republicans grilling current and former Obama administration officials. Certain to be called to testify is former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrats' potential 2016 presidential candidate.

Democrats are split over whether to boycott the select committee, which will have a 7-5 Republican edge in membership. They are concerned that their participation would grant legitimacy to what they believe will be a partisan forum. But they also worry that if they avoid it they won't have the chance to counter GOP claims and defend potential wit-

nesses.

### Russia marks Victory Day with vast military parade as insurgents in Ukraine prepare referendum

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia showed off its military muscle Friday in the annual Red Square parade marking victory over Nazi Germany, at a time when the world's attention is focused on Ukraine where pro-Russian insurgents are preparing a referendum on secession.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin made no reference to the situation in Ukraine in a speech before the parade, focusing on the historic importance of the victory over Nazi Germany. But in a sign of triumph over Russia's annexation of Ukraine's region of Crimea, parading troops included a marine unit from the Black Sea Fleet that flew the Crimean flag on its armored personnel carriers.

About 11,000 Russian troops proudly marched across Red Square to the tunes of marches and patriotic songs, followed by columns of dozens of tanks and rocket launchers. About 70 combat aircraft, including giant nuclear-capable strategic bombers, roared overhead.

Crimea, which hosts a major Russian Black Sea Fleet base, is also set to hold a massive navy parade in the port of Sevastopol, celebrating the Russian takeover.

Victory Day is Russia's most important secular holiday.

## VOTE

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ballot. According to the state, an acceptable form of ID is a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS; United States

military identification card containing the person's photograph; United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph, or United States passport

Candidates running in city/school district elections are:

Howard College (three at large position)

- Dr. John Freeman (I)
- Marie Ethridge (I)
- Dr. Charles Warren (I)
- Cole Morgan

Big Spring ISD  
Single-member District 1

- Irene Rodriguez (I)
- Thomas "T.J." Stewart

Coahoma ISD (two at large positions)

- Lori Martinez (I)
- Brandon Atkins

- Kandy Alaman

City of Big Spring  
District 1

- Marcus Fernandez (I)
- Raul J. Marquez  
District 3
- Glen Carrigan (I)

- Justin Myers  
(Note: I indicates incumbent)

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Lorina Ontiveros, 59, died Wednesday. Funeral services were 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Peggy Sue Williams, 72, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Coahoma Cemetery.

Jean Range, 89, died Friday, April 25, 2014. A Remembrance Service will be at 5 p.m. today at 1st United Methodist Church Garrett Hall.

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**Heaven is for Real (PG)**  
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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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# School assignment ‘grotesque’

**G**rotesque. That’s what the Simon Wiesenthal Center called the assignment given to eighth-grade students in Rialto, Calif., to research and write an argumentative essay about whether the Holocaust actually happened or was “merely a political scheme created to influence public emotion and gain wealth.”

Who came up with this assignment? Apparently, it was a group effort, the work of a group of teachers and the district’s “educational services division.”

Once the Simon Wiesenthal Center got word of it on Monday, the district retreated under the heat, with spokeswoman Syeda Jafri telling reporters that interim Rialto Unified Superintendent Mohammad Z. Islam was not aware of the topic, was “deeply disturbed” by it and acted swiftly to withdraw the assignment.

“Once in a while things fall through the cracks,” the spokeswoman said.

Fall through the cracks? A little bit of an understatement.

Need I point out that Holocaust Remembrance Day, celebrated internationally, was all of one week earlier?

Who needs to remember something that might not have happened, that might just be “a

political scheme created to influence public emotion and gain wealth.”

The mere framing of the question should be enough for any teacher, let alone a group of them plus the educational services division, to reject it in horror.

So why didn’t these teachers and administrators see what was so clear once the controversy exploded? Do they think of Holocaust Remembrance Day as a day for debate and not mourning? All those silly Jews in striped pajamas with their emaciated bodies — just a Hollywood set? Auschwitz nothing but a work camp?

One answer — which the Anti-Defamation League said on its website it found no evidence of — is that the assignment was part of a “larger, insidious agenda” of hate and anti-Semitism.

Another, which the ADL politely described as a “misguided” attempt to meet critical thinking standards, is that these administrators and teachers are simply too stupid to understand that by even offering up this topic for debate, they legitimize the hatred and anti-Semitism that are at the core of Holocaust denial.

For my part, I find it hard to believe they could be that stupid.

Something didn’t just fall through the cracks.

There is something vile at the core of an assignment like this, a willingness to have our students assume the role of Holocaust denier, as if that is a subject that can be debated and those who

hold it are entitled to a seat at the table.

Not everything is debatable. Not everything is relative or contextual. Some things are just lies. Some positions are evil. The Holocaust did happen. It was not “merely a political scheme created to influence public emotion and gain wealth.” 9/11 did happen. Not everything is subject to a “conspiracy theory.” There are truths. Critical thinkers should know that.

Rialto needs to do more than simply withdraw the assignment. It needs to get to the bottom of how its teachers could be so misguided in this particular way.

And the rest of us need to be clear that Rialto is not really alone and not so unique, that its teachers and administrators (who reportedly have been subject to death threats over this, which is hardly the way to respond) are probably not so different from those in other districts, that this is probably not the first time such an assignment has been conceived and certainly won’t be the last, and that as the generation of survivors continues to reach the end of their lives, it will become easier and easier for haters and deniers to stake out the position that the Holocaust never happened.

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# Like taking risks? Try Venezuela

**F**or the world’s risk-taking travelers, those who go to places from which there may be no return, Venezuela is rapidly becoming a major attraction.

If you like finding yourself

amid violent demonstrations, if you seek the thrill of being accused of working for the CIA, if you like getting mugged by street thugs, or if you are just a traveling masochist, try Caracas!

In Venezuela, all your nightmares can come true! If the thugs don’t mug you, the cops will probably arrest you.

The socialist government of questionably elected President Nicolas Maduro acknowledged Friday that 58 foreigners, including an American, have been arrested on suspicion of inciting the violent anti-government protests that have rocked Venezuela for three months.

While trying to suppress a “Venezuelan Spring,” the Maduro government tries to blame foreigners for the discontent of its people — as if the world could not see they are fed up with totalitarian measures, food scarcity, economic chaos, scary crime rates and the highest inflation in the Americas. As if the Venezuelan people could not cry out for change by themselves without foreigners to incite them!

Interior Minister Miguel Rodriguez Torres told a news conference that there are numerous nationalities among the foreign “mercenaries” rounded up before and during the anti-government demonstrations, including Colombians, a Spaniard, an Arab and a 32-year-old American identified as Todd Michael Leininger. He said, “almost all (are) implicated in the use of arms.”

Without producing a thread of evidence that the 58 foreigners were tied to each other, Rodriguez insinuated that they are part of a U.S.-orchestrated plot to topple the Maduro government.

“The protests were not spontaneous,” Rodriguez said, showing little respect for the frustrations expressed by the Venezuelan people. “Venezuela is, without doubt, living through a plan of insurrectional conspiracy with clear aims of toppling the legitimately established government, and that plan is part of a perma-

nent strategic objective of the U.S. State Department.”

This smoke screen created by the Maduro government — to divert attention from its own incompetence and failed ideology — is nothing new. Just like Maduro’s predecessor, Hugo Chavez — and just like their mentors Fidel and Raul Castro in Havana — the new Venezuelan oligarchy always blames the Yankee boogymen for everything.

Even former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe was implicated by Rodriguez in an alleged U.S.-Colombian plot to incite unrest in Venezuela and bring down Maduro. Uribe, the State Department and young opposition protesters — who are the real force of change in Venezuela — denied the accusations.

Of course, most Americans don’t know about any of this because the U.S. news media still has not noticed that one of our hemispheric neighbors is on the verge of a civil war. We prefer civil wars in other parts of the world.

The farther they are, they better we cover them.

At least 41 people have died, close to 800 have been injured, and more than 2,200 have been arrested since the anti-government protests began in Venezuela in early February. But you hardly hear about them on our news networks.

Fortunately, without much help from our media, travelers see a 22 percent inflation rate and one of the top five murder rates in the world, so they know it’s time to stay away from Venezuela. The Chavez/Maduro government policies have made Caracas not only one of the most dangerous cities in the world, but also one of the most expensive. It’s ludicrous!

Ironically, Venezuela should be the perfect destination for a dream vacation. It has all the natural amenities of a tourist paradise: Snow-capped Andean mountains, Amazon rainforests, the world’s tallest waterfall, bone-white beaches, the longest coastline in the Caribbean, and a capital city that was once a vibrant, must-see cultural center.

Yet, in spite of Venezuela’s wealth of natural attractions, tourism plummeted during most of the 14 years Chavez was in power. His arrogance, his monetary policies and his neglect of rampant crime quickly turned one of Latin America’s favorite tourist destinations into one of the least-visited countries in the

Americas.

And it’s not just tourists who are staying away from the regime inherited by Maduro after Chavez died of cancer last year: Business travelers have diminished, too. After all, in spite of its immense oil wealth, Venezuela has turned into a hostile environment for investment. The government’s erratic policies, its seizing of corporate assets, its constant threats against the private sector, and its outrageous money exchange rates make Venezuela extremely risky and very expensive for both business travelers and tourists.

Until the government started arresting foreigners in the past three months, Venezuelan tourism had recovered slightly in recent years. But even neighboring Colombia — overcoming its drug trafficking and guerrilla warfare reputation — now receives almost four times as many visitors as Venezuela. While some 600,000 foreigners reportedly visit Venezuela every year, and only half of them are tourists, according to published reports, Colombia gets more than 2 million visitors.

And after the recent arrests of 58 foreigners, Venezuelan tourism is not likely to see a renaissance in the near future.

A recent State Department security message warned U.S. citizens of the “increased risks of travel to and within Venezuela due to the ongoing political unrest and increasingly violent clashes between Venezuelan security forces and protesters.” It noted, “U.S. citizens are advised to avoid all protests, demonstrations, and large gatherings, and to remain inside in the evening.”

Yet since the news events occurring there are not on our media radar nowadays, no one is telling us about State Department travel warnings. No one in the U.S. media is warning us that traveling to Venezuela can be hazardous to our health.

So let me be the first: Stay away!

I’ve always wanted to visit Venezuela. I know it’s a beautiful country with a wealth of natural attractions and wonderful people. But for now, I think I’ll wait. If I need a risk-taking attraction, I’ll go to an amusement park. A gigantic rollercoaster is probably a lot safer.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Let us learn patience, oh Lord, so we have a better understanding of others.

Amen

**► Church News**

**First Christian Church**

Join us Sunday for worship as we praise God, give thanks for mothers and celebrate the upcoming high school graduation of members. Worship starts at 10:50 a.m. We are located at 911 Goliad, behind the high school and adjacent to the city park.

Robert Frost once defined home as a place where they have to take you in when you come there. We recognize there is a great need these days for a place where people feel appreciated, wanted and needed. At FCC, we strive to be this sort of place, i.e. a family of faith that wants to make this church a home where all are welcomed. The unconditional love we've experienced ourselves in Jesus Christ is the same love and acceptance we desire to extend to others.

This Sunday we will sing three special Mother's Day hymns, "A Mother Lined a Basket," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" and "Come, Sing Praises to Mothers." Our minister, Dr. Ken McIntosh, will preach from the text Exodus 2:1-10; his message Never "Just" a Mom will explore the tenacity of motherhood through the story of Jochebed, the mother of Moses.

Looking ahead, our next Fellowship Luncheon will happen May 18. It is a pot-luck dinner and is a great way to meet our members.

**Forsan Baptist Church**

Sunday morning, we will celebrate Mother's Day with a message titled "A Mother's Influence" from 2 Timothy 1:4-7. On Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament, and on Sunday evenings we are in the last weeks of the DVD series called "The Story."

Ladies' Tea will be observed this Saturday at 11 a.m. Bring your favorite finger foods and enjoy a program presented by Girls in Action.

We will be hosting a Spring Revival mutually held with Baker's Chapel June 1-4. The meetings will feature a different guest speaker each night with a focus on Tearing Down Walls that separate us. Each service will begin at 6 p.m.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, and CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6.

Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

**Spring Creek Fellowship**

Join us for the "Emmaus Round-up" at Spring Town Plaza on Saturday. We will have hot dogs, chips, cold drinks and lots of laughs. Get re-connected and hear about the latest "best walks ever." Signal Mountain Emmaus Community is anticipating the reunion of several generations of Emmaus participants. See you there!

Don't forget our special Mother's Day Baby Dedication is Sunday. We have 30+ babies to be dedicated this year.

Sunday, May 18 is an exciting and busy day at Spring Creek Fellowship. It is Senior Sunday. Join us in celebrating all of our graduates. Pearlene Nolan from His Joy Ministries will be speaking with a presentation on the ministry in Uganda. Plan to attend the fundraiser lunch after church that day. It is also the day we will draw to see who receives the quilt, dinner, and a movie or a potted plant from Johansen's Nursery.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 from 9 to 3 at The Old Settler's Pavillion at Comanche Trail Park.

We have plans for children of all ages to have a camp experience this summer. Children's camp for those that have completed first through third grade is scheduled Aug. 10-12 and costs \$80. Pre-teen camp for those who have completed third through sixth grade is July 21-24 and costs \$165. Both camps will be at Circle 6 Ranch in Stanton. Must pre-register by May 31. For more info, contact Donna Wenik.

The Big Spring Christian Academy is opening a

preschool in September 2014. It will start out as a two day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months through 4 years old. Times will be 8-3:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration for the 2014-2015 school year is May 12-16. For more info, go to [www.bscapreschool.org](http://www.bscapreschool.org). The BSCA Preschool is selling candles to help raise funds for supplies. Contact Kendra Tucker for more info or check out their display at the ministry table in the back of the worship area.

Big Spring Classical Academy class applications are being taken for the 2014-2015 school year. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Join us at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays for our fellowship meal. Adult Bible Study, Youth, Boy Scouts and children's activities start at 6:15.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Sunday-9:15-10:15 a.m., Sunday School/Connection Groups 10:15-10:45, "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. 10:45-noon, Worship Service.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

**First Presbyterian Church**

The Children's Choir Program begins at 4:20 p.m. Wednesdays. The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m.

The Youth Group meets on Sunday evening at 6:30. for a meal, bell choir and program.

The program of choral and organ music, presented by Allegro, in our sanctuary on Monday, May 5, was a special treat for music lovers. The group, composed of singers from Big Spring, Midland and Odessa, is conducted by Dr. Cory Alexander, accompanied by Steve Spain on the organ.

Our Session voted to help sponsor this year's Relay For Life and to form a team to take part in the 20th anniversary of the Howard/Glasscock Counties Relay on June 6. There will be a team meeting later this month.

The children have begun a new study unit called "Timothy, Eunice, and Lois," based on the idea that Timothy learned the faith from his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. Workshops to enhance this study include art, led by Janie Conley; cookery by Ellen Austin; games by Jenn Patterson; science by Paula Farquhar; movies by Sarah Salinas; and storytelling by Kay Kennemur.

The Youth Sunday School Class meets in the Youth Room under the leadership of Don and Chris Boling. This group discusses a variety of topics, suggested by the youth themselves, as to how the Bible relates to our lives today.

The adult Covenant Class, under the leadership of John Ferguson, continues to work through the New Beginnings sessions. Upon completion of the NB program, they will resume their study on Jesus' Fulfillment of Scriptures.

The adult Discovery Class continues its study of Feasts of the Bible by Dr. Sam Nadler, who believes that the feasts of Israel are relevant for us today because they reveal God's redemptive plan for humanity, show how Jesus is the fulfillment, illustrate Jewish roots of Christianity, explain history and symbolism in the Old Testament, and point to our glorious future with Messiah.

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**Mother's Day**

This week we will honor our mothers. Husbands, sons and daughters will elbow their way to the greeting card displays in search of the perfect card. Florists will put on extra staff to handle the demand. Restaurants brace for business.



**BILL TINSLEY**

Regardless of our nationality, ethnicity or gender, we were each carried in our mother's womb, given birth through her labor and, in almost all cases, nursed and nourished to life by her care. It is fitting that we set aside this special day.

No office and no position wields greater power and influence over the future of humanity than the influence of a mother. The memories and lessons given in infancy at a mother's hand surpass every other classroom and instruction. The faith of a mother inspires and instructs more effectively than any pulpit or pen.

We see it in history, and we see it in the Bible.

In a log cabin in Kentucky, Nancy Hanks Lincoln recognized the early gifts in her child. She not only taught him to read, but instructed him in the principles that would shape his life. Without Nancy, and Sarah, who became step mother to her children after Nancy's death, it is unlikely that Abraham Lincoln would have surfaced to lead our nation in its greatest hour of crisis.

If it were not for Moses' mother, the world would have never known the great law-giver who led Israel from captivity and gave

us the Ten Commandments. It was she who hid him in the reeds at the river to save his infant life and it was she who cared for him in Pharaoh's court.

How many mothers have petitioned God for the birth of a child, as Hannah prayed in the presence of Eli, the prophet? Without her prayer, Samuel would not have been born, and would not have been present to anoint David, the king of Israel.

In the fullness of time, in an obscure Galilean village, another young woman lifted up her eyes to heaven and sang, "My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His handmaiden; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. For He that is mighty has done to me great things, and holy is His name." (Luke 1:46-49).

Without Mary we would never have known Jesus, and the world would remain lost in its sins without a Savior.

Paul referred to the importance of a mother's faith when he wrote to his young protégé, Timothy: "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well." (1 Timothy 1:5).

This Mother's Day stands as a memorial to all our mothers who have shaped us and made a better world. It also stands as a challenge to all those young women who give birth to the next generation and shape the future of the world to come.

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*

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## OPINION

Make sure you  
remember Mom  
on her holiday

Sunday is Mother's Day, the day on which we honor the most important women in our lives — those who gave us life, and for about half of us, those who gave our children life.

This is a day to devote ourselves to praising and honoring those who by nature are perhaps the most devoted people on earth.

Mothers, after all, are nurturers. They are naturally giving, caring and fiercely loyal.

As a matter of fact, mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving us birth and providing all our needs as infants, to nursing myriad ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood.

Too many times we've forgotten to say "thank you." Too often we've taken their efforts for granted. And too often we've been embarrassed or

chafed at what seemed too much concern on her part.

But not Sunday, please.

What will you do for your mother to show her how much you love her and appreciate the years of unconditional love she's given you?

Whether it's flowers, a special meal, a tender greeting card or a simple hug and uttered "thank you," offer them from your heart.

Lord knows they're deserved.

## CHURCH NEWS

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As a special offering to celebrate Mother's Day we are having a Mother's Day Musicales, featuring Children's Choir, the Youth Handbell Choir and the Tardy Bells (all under the direction of Susan Dawes) at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary. This is free, and the public is cordially invited.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Jennifer Patterson is lector.

Communion servers for May 4 were Ellen Austin, Kay Kennemur, Paschal Odom, Jenn Patterson, and Sarah Salinas. Ushers last Sunday were Buddy Cochrane, Weldon Jones, Danny Kennemur and Glen Burch.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day is Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; I Peter 2:19-235; John 10:1-10. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "O Praise the Lord" by Adam Gumpelzheimer and "Behold, The Tabernacle of God" by William Harris as the offertory anthem.

Our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us as we continue our new series for the month of May, This Means War. In the military, there is a lot of time, preparation and work that goes into the success of mission readiness and our churches are no exception. But what happens when the focus of the mission is lost? Last week, we discovered the importance of re-alignment. Sunday, we will discover the method of recruitment. Feel free to join us as we continue this powerful, yet timely message in week two of our series.

Have you wanted to learn the Bible, but find it too difficult? Mark your calendar to join us Wednesday, May 14, 21 and 28 for a in depth study of the Book of Jude. Each weekly session will be taught by a different teacher; bring with it a new and fresh look

at the same biblical material. Bring your bible, notepad/ipad, writing instrument and join in with us.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. We are located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015 or visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org

## Trinity Baptist Church

Youth of Trinity Baptist Church 1950-1960 will gather May 16-18. This event began in 1980. It takes place every two years on the weekend after Mother's Day. Friends and members of the Fifties Youth Group of TBC are invited to join in any and all of the activities.

Friday evening check-in time is 6. Saturday morning activities begin with coffee and donuts at 9:30. Sunday school is at 9:30 and worship at 10:45 a.m.

For more information, call Martha Beene at 432-528-6861 or Marie Daniels at 432-267-6720.

## East Side Baptist Church

East Side Baptist Church will be having a special service Sunday to honor our mothers on their day.

Our church is at 1108 E. Sixth Street. Worship stervice will start at 10:45 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45. Wednesday night service begins at 7. We have a Kidz Klub for the kids also. The church will be having a garage sale May 17 beginning at 8 a.m. The money we raise will help send a child to our summer camp in June.

If you need a ride to the church, call 267-1915. We have a van that can come pick you up.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS), 810 Scurry, invites you to join us for traditional worship, Christian fellowship and Biblical teaching.

Our Sunday morning worship with Pastor Don Rosentreter begins at 9, followed by fellowship and Bible study in our fellowship hall.

Wednesdays, we offer two different Bible studies. One meets for one hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the pastor's office. The other meets at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For more information, call 432-267-7163.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for safety for our servicemen, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders,

good stewardship for our environment, rain and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church,  
Big Spring

Sunday morning at 10:50, we will have a time of Parent Dedication, as we celebrate the precious gift God has given them. Join us as we dedicate our new parents to the Lord, and as we give our pledge to encourage and support them. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "Praying for Others," drawn from Matthew 20:20-23. Bring your iPad, Kindle Fire or smart phone and interact with the sermon as it happens through You Version.

At 9:30, Sunday school classes are held for all age groups and life stages. Adult and youth classes meet on the second floor, while children's classes meet on the first floor. Greeters at each door are happy to welcome you, and help you find your class.

There will be no evening worship service to allow for an extended time of fellowship with family and friends. AWANA is finished for this term, and will resume again in September.

Graduate Sunday is May 18, and we will recognize those graduating from high school and college during the worship service. Contact Jonathan Raffini at 267-8223 for more information. Also, Jonathan will be able to share the exciting things the youth will be participating in throughout the summer. All area teens are invited to be part of this group.

Vacation Bible School will be June 9-13 from 6-9 each evening. The VBS theme is finding great treasure on "Son Treasure Island," and this promises to be no ordinary tropical escape.

Summerama will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3, and begins June 3. This is for children who have completed kindergarten through those who have completed grade 6. There will be no Summerama the week of June 9-13, due to Vacation Bible School. Come by the church office to register your child or call 267-8223 Monday through Thursday.

Summer camp sign up is underway; contact Lori Morgan or Jodi Mims at 267-8223 for additional information.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center. Activities for all ages begin at 6. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us May 14 for barbecue sandwiches.

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# Cowboys pass on Manziel, draft OT

IRVING, Texas (AP) — If Zack Martin is forever known as the player the Dallas Cowboys drafted instead of Johnny Manziel, the Notre Dame offensive tackle is fine with it.

"I can live up to that," Martin said Thursday night a few minutes after the Cowboys took him with the 16th pick in the first round of the NFL draft.

With anticipation growing that Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones

wouldn't be able to pass on the flashy former Heisman Trophy winner from Texas A&M, Dallas instead went with an offensive lineman in the first round for the second straight year — and third time in the past four drafts.

Jones said college football's most exciting player was never really a consideration. The Cowboys used most of their 10 minutes considering offers to trade down.

"There's no way any quarterback comes in here and

beats out Tony Romo," Jones said. "As you well know in here, Romo is by contract as well as by commitment for the Cowboys for several years to come. There's no moving around it. I don't care who you draft."

Instead of his potential replacement joining the roster, the 34-year-old Romo gets another piece to protect a back that underwent two surgeries last season. The latter was for a herniated disk sus-

tained against Washington that knocked Romo out of the playoff-or-bust loss to Philadelphia in the season finale.

Jones took Martin a year after trading down 13 spots to No. 31 and getting center Travis Frederick, later explaining the strategy as wanting to get an "extra half-second" for Romo to throw. Frederick started all 16 games as a rookie.

The Cowboys stayed put this time, just as they did in 2011 when they drafted ninth

and took left tackle Tyrone Smith, who has played 47 of 48 games in his career — all as a starter.

"Can't wait to learn under those veterans and learn how to be a pro and go into battle with them each week," said Martin, who holds a Notre Dame record with 52 consecutive starts.

Jones said he was surprised Manziel was still around — he eventually went at No. 22

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## Area athletes set for state meet

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

Area track and field enthusiasts will have plenty of reason to keep their eye on Austin this weekend. In all, more than two dozen Crossroads-area athletes will be attempting to earn medals at the University Interscholastic League's 2014 State Track and Field Championships.

Big Spring High School leads the area in state qualifiers, sending three relay teams and two individuals to the state meet, which begins today at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of The University of Texas.

Representing the Big Spring Lady Steers in the 4x200-meter relay will be Dyshae Vanderbilt, Autumn Minter, Faith Roberson and Kaitlyn Mathews. Erin Pollard and Julianna Rodriguez are alternates for the squad. Pollard, Roberson, Mathews and Vanderbilt will run in the 4x400-meter relay. Rodriguez and Karina Alvarado are the team's alternatives.

Ian Gonzales, Lorenzo Jones, Tobyn Tannehill; and Ryan Lopez will represent the Steers in the 4x400-meter relay. Devin Roberson and Eric Garza are the alternates.

Lopez and Faith Roberson will run as individuals. Lopez will compete in the boys' 400, while Roberson will run in the girls' 800.

Forsan's Carlee Daniel, Madi Roman Brittney Hergert and Raegan Haggard, will also be in action, competing in the Class A 4x100-meter race. Freshmen Kendall Phillips and Rhian Cunningham will serve as the Lady Buffaloes' alternates.

Jeremy Cervantes will also be representing the Forsan track program at the state meet. He is scheduled to compete in the boys' 1,600-meter run.



File photo

**Big Spring's Dyshae Vanderbilt (left) and Kaitlyn Mathews will be among more than two dozen area athletes competing in the state track meet today and Saturday in Austin. Vanderbilt and Mathews are part of the BSGS 4x200- and 4x400-meter relay teams.**

### 2014 Big Spring-Area State Qualifiers

#### Boys

##### Big Spring

4x400-meter relay - Ian Gonzales, Lorenzo Jones, Tobyn Tannehill, Ryan Lopez, x-Devin Roberson, x-Eria Garza.

##### Forsan

800 - Jeremy Cervantes

##### Garden City

4x100-meter relay - Braeden Jones, Juan Bustos, Ismael Ramirez, Shawn Walker.  
4x400-meter relay - Jones, Bustos, Auston Odom, Corbin Davis.

##### Grady

4x200-meter relay - Andruw Robles, Joseph Briseno, Beau Lucas, E.J. Rodriguez.  
4x400-meter relay - Briseno, Alejandro Jimenez, Rodriguez, Lucas.

##### Borden County

4x200-meter relay - Matthew Ham, Jayton Lewis, Hunter Jones, Corbin Sumners.  
400 - Matthew Proulx

##### GIRLS

##### Big Spring

4x400-meter relay - Erin Pollard, Faith Roberson, Kaitlyn Mathews, Dyshae Vanderbilt, Julianna Rodriguez, x- Karina Alvarado.

4x200-meter relay - Vanderbilt, Autumn Minter, Roberson, Mathews, x-Pollard, x-Rodriguez.  
800 - Roberson

##### Forsan

4x100-meter relay - Carlee Daniel, Madi Roman, Brittney Hergert, Raegan Haggard, x-Kendall Phillips, x-Rhian Cunningham.

##### Garden City

1,600 - Kamie Halfmann  
3,200 - Kamie Halfmann  
800 - Hannah Halfmann  
x-alternate

## Texans select Clowney at No. 1

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans have a major need at quarterback.

In the end, it didn't matter.

They chose Jadeveon Clowney with the top overall pick in Thursday's NFL draft, deciding the defensive end was too rare a talent to pass up. He will join 2012 Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt to create one of the fiercest pass-rushing duos in the NFL on a defense led by a new coordinator in Romeo Crennel and a new coach in Bill O'Brien.

"Obviously when you talk about a creative mind like Romeo, his defenses historically and how he utilizes personnel, it really gives us an opportunity to get after the quarterback," Houston general manager Rick Smith said.

Watt called Clowney soon after he was drafted to welcome him to the team. Clowney is itching to play with Watt.

"I've been watching him since I was in college and to get to play beside him is helping me make it even better for me, help me improve my game to where I want to be, take my game to the next level and I'm just looking forward to getting that knowledge from him," Clowney said.

Some questioned Clowney's work ethic during the weeks leading up to the draft. The Texans were not among those people.

"Did he play with his hair on fire every snap of the game? No, he didn't," Smith said. "But did we worry about his work ethic? Not at all. We think this guy will come in and ... work. This guy is motivated. He is extremely motivated. When you talk to him, he wants to be great."

Clowney knows about the criticism and is prepared to show everyone that he is a hard worker.

"I think I have a lot to prove to people," Clowney said. "That's what I'm looking forward to, proving a lot of people wrong."

Smith said the Texans were open to trading the pick, but no one offered them enough to give up the chance to select Clowney.

Clowney had 130 tackles, 24 sacks, 47 tackles for losses and 20 quarterback pressures in a three-year career at South Carolina. He also caused a school-record nine fumbles and deflected seven passes. The 21-year-old

See **TEXANS**, Page 15

## Colorado City batters Brownfield in quarterfinals

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves scored six runs in the first inning on Thursday evening at Lady Steers Field and then cruised to an easy 14-0 victory over the Brownfield Lady Cubs in the Class 2A regional quarterfinal showdown.

With the win, Colorado City improved to 26-10 and, more importantly,

earned the right to play Hawley or Ballinger in the regional semifinals next week.

After scoring six runs in the first, Colorado City reeled off four more runs in the second and carried a 10-0 lead into the top of the third.

The Lady Wolves are coached by former Coahoma standouts Ami Martinez and Liz Conley.

## BSHS All-Sports Banquet scheduled for May 16

Big Spring High School athletic parents and fans will get a chance to see their favorite athletes honored on May 16 when the school holds its annual All-Sports Banquet on May 16. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the BSHS cafeteria.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Athletic Training Center for \$10 each. Tickets will go on sale on May 12.

For more information about the BSHS All-Sports Banquet please contact the ATC by phoning (432) 264-3662.

## Coahoma, Forsan to play regional quarterfinal games

The Coahoma Bulldogettes and Forsan Lady Buffaloes will both take to the field for their regional quarterfinal playoff games tonight.

The Bulldogettes, which are 16-13 for the year, will face Bushland in the Class 2A regional quarterfinal round starting at 6:30 p.m. at Cooper High School in Lubbock.

Forsan, now 26-4 overall, will face off against Haskell in the first game of a best-of-three series at the Western Texas College Lady Westerners' field in Snyder, starting at 5 p.m.

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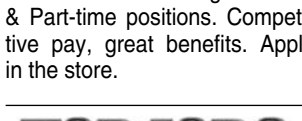


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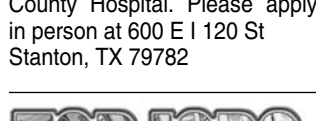
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## Legals

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding Quiz

**You deal and open One Heart.** Partner raises to Two Hearts. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ KJ6 ♥ AQ932 ♦ AQ ♣ K107
- ♠ KQ3 ♥ AJ874 ♦ 82 ♣ AK5
- ♠ A8 ♥ Q98542 ♦ AK93 ♣ 10
- ♠ AJ4 ♥ AK9632 ♦ AJ87 ♣ —

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**1. Three notrump.** Partner's two-heart bid shows six to 10 points in high cards and distribution. Since you can count at least 26 points in the combined hands, game must be reached.

If partner has a balanced minimum, it is possible that you can make nine tricks in notrump but not 10 tricks in hearts. Of course, three notrump is by no means the final say in the matter. If partner dislikes notrump, he can retreat to four hearts.

**2. Three hearts.** You're not in position to judge whether four hearts is makable; it depends on whether partner has a minimum or maximum raise. Your three-heart bid asks him to appraise his values. In effect, you are saying to him: "We might have a game. If you have a minimum raise — six or seven points — we don't belong in four hearts; if we did, I would have bid it myself. But if you

have better than a minimum — a good eight to 10 points — please carry on to four, and we should have a good chance to make it."

**3. Four hearts.** The value of a hand can rise or fall greatly, depending on partner's response. This one, with only 13 high-card points, is unexciting if partner responds in spades or clubs, but appreciates dramatically in value when partner raises hearts. Once partner shows support for your suit, your chances for game rise markedly. Four losers are very unlikely.

**4. Three diamonds.** Here there is no question about game; the question is whether there may be a slam. Three diamonds is the first step in that direction.

Partner does not require a maximum raise for slam to be made. Thus, he might have as little as: ♠ K83 ♥ QJ74 ♦ 6 ♣ 108532 and you would surely want to be in six hearts. The problem is not so much how many points partner has; it is more a matter of whether the hands fit well. If partner raises three diamonds to four, or jumps to four hearts (which would usually indicate a high honor or shortness in diamonds), you will try four spades next and hope for similar cooperation.

**Tomorrow:** Double-dummy problem.

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## Opposition Pre-Show

Tensions mount as an opposition of the Taurus sun and Saturn in Scorpio starts to line up. The full force of this aspect will happen tomorrow.

The distribution of attention and goods is the theme. The difference between "having" and "having not" becomes clearer by the hour. Lessons will be learned through deprivation or through avoiding it.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you let a conversation go on for too long, it will seem like you don't have much else to do. There are many benefits to maintaining your status as a busy person, so seem busy whether or not you are.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). For a caveman, being the focus of attention was dangerous and usually occurred while under attack. Therefore, it's

only natural that performing to a crowd is a primal fear -- one you will bravely overcome tonight.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are busy, and you put a high dollar amount on your time. That's why you expect so much from both your work and your leisure hours. Those expectations will help put you in a prime location tonight.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will extend a secret generosity and will not only be uncredited, but you also won't be around to see the reaction others have to your gift. Just know it's favorable. To do the right thing is moral. To do it anonymously is noble.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). People must earn your trust over time. Anyone who rushes the process will only be raising a red flag that will cause trust to take even longer to build than it otherwise would have.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll lead with your free spirit and colorful imagination. Try not to meddle in your friends' business in the process.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Design an adventure that doesn't trespass on private property.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not sure you can afford what you want. If you take the leap, you won't be sorry. The money will show up. Tonight, be sure to leave with the same company you walked in with.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When considering how you'd like to spend your time and with whom, think about how different people highlight different aspects of your personality. The people who bring out your sense of play will win out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People will forget what you tell them, but they won't forget what you help them understand through action. Wherever possible, create a multi-sensory connection.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone is weak in some way, but not everyone has the courage, drive and tenacity to overcome it. Greatness starts with winning a victory over your own weakness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've always gravitated toward the jobs that make a difference, and there's one that needs you desperately today. You'll fight the good fight, and you won't lay down your arms until the battle is won.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Friends and loved ones will try to switch things up, but stick to your original plan, and send a message that you like to live life deliberately and on your own terms.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 9). You'll sweat to achieve the purpose you've longed for. Whether or not it pays, it's still work, and it will lead to great benefits in May and June. You'll share the wealth and be invited to wonderful places in July. You'll heed warnings and skip over dangers in September. August and November bring blessings to family. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 24, 27, 11 and 34.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: When you choose to see people as interesting,

they become more so. **TAURUS:** You won't have to do much to cause a change in a relationship. Because of the way you observe your loved one, this person will change. **GEMINI:** You don't prioritize leisure and pleasure as highly as some, but you'll like how they influence you anyway. **CANCER:** Once you place your trust in someone, you'll keep it there awhile. The whole point is to get comfortable. **LEO:** The one who makes your responsibilities seem important is the same one who makes your burden seem light. **VIRGO:** Ask for the straight answer -- this will make a difference in your future plans. **LIBRA:** Physical attraction isn't everything, but it sure will seem important over the next three days. **SCORPIO:** Someone longs to be listened to and taken seriously, and you'll provide that act of love this weekend. **SAGITTARIUS:** You once saw a certain person and you strolling along, hand in hand, old as the hills. What's your vision of the future now? **CAPRICORN:** You'll shine in a tough group, further proof that you thrive when

challenged. **AQUARIUS:** Are you really going to remember with satisfaction the temptation you resisted? **PISCES:** Feeling out of your league is no fun. You want to feel comfortable but stretched.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The Taurus sun will be reflected in the Libra moon -- both signs that are ruled by Venus. Taurus and Libra will bond in their shared aesthetics and appreciation for the beauty found in nature and art. Music and romance fill their hours together, which feel like they are occurring inside a storybook or painting. Take pictures so that when the weekend is over and the spell is broken you can conjure the memory.

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## Sudoku Answer on Page 3

# 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.

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

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**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
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(x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Miami 2, Brooklyn 0**  
May 6: Miami 107, Brooklyn 86  
May 8: Miami 94, Brooklyn 82  
May 10: Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.  
May 12: Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.  
x-May 14: Brooklyn at Miami, TBD  
x-May 16: Miami at Brooklyn, TBD  
x-May 18: Brooklyn at Miami, TBD

**Washington 1, Indiana 1**  
May 5: Washington 102, Indiana 96  
May 7: Indiana 86, Washington 82  
May 9: Indiana at Washington, 8 p.m.  
May 11: Indiana at Washington, 8 p.m.  
x-May 13: Washington at Indiana, TBA  
x-May 15: Indiana at Washington, TBA  
x-May 18: Washington at Indiana, TBA

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**San Antonio 2, Portland 0**  
May 6: SA 116, Portland 92  
May 8: SA 114, Portland 97  
May 10: SA at Portland, 10:30 p.m.  
May 12: SA at Portland, 10:30 p.m.  
x-May 14: Portland at SA, TBD  
x-May 16: SA at Portland, TBD  
x-May 19: Portland at SA, TBD

**Clippers 1, Okla. City 1**  
May 5: Clippers 122, OKC 105  
May 7: OKC 112, Clippers 101  
May 9: OKC at Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
May 11: OKC at Clippers, 3:30 p.m.  
x-May 13: Clippers at OKC, TBA  
x-May 15: OKC at Clippers, TBA  
x-May 18: Clippers at OKC, TBA

Bay (Odorizzi 1-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Boston (Buchholz 2-2) at Texas (Darvish 2-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Arizona (McCarthy 1-5) at Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 2-0), 8:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-0) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 2-1), 8:10 p.m.  
Washington (Fister 0-0) at Oakland (Milone 0-3), 10:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Vargas 2-1) at Seattle (Maurer 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	20	15	.571	—
Washington	19	15	.559	½
Atlanta	18	15	.545	1
New York	16	17	.485	3
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	4

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	22	13	.629	—
St. Louis	18	17	.514	4
Cincinnati	15	18	.455	6
Pittsburgh	14	20	.412	7½
Chicago	12	21	.364	9

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	22	13	.629	—
Colorado	22	15	.595	1
Los Angeles	19	17	.528	3½
San Diego	15	21	.417	7½
Arizona	13	24	.351	10

**Thursday's Games**  
Toronto 12, Philadelphia 6  
Texas 5, Colorado 0  
Chicago Cubs 12, ChiSox 5  
Miami 3, San Diego 1, 11 innings  
San Fran. 3, Dodgers 1, 10 innings

**Friday's Games**  
St. Louis (Wacha 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 0-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Colorado (Chacin 0-1) at Cincinnati (Cueto 3-2), 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Mejia 3-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 4-1) at Atlanta (Teheran 2-2), 7:35 p.m.  
Arizona (McCarthy 1-5) at Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 2-0), 8:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-0) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 2-1), 8:10 p.m.  
Washington (Fister 0-0) at Oakland (Milone 0-3), 10:05 p.m.  
Miami (Fernandez 4-1) at San Diego (T.Ross 3-3), 10:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Bumgarner 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Maholm 1-2), 10:10 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
San Antonio at Midland, 8 p.m.  
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.  
Tulsa at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.  
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 8:35 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
SA at Midland, 6 p.m., 1st game  
Springfield at NW Ark., 7:05 p.m.  
SA at Midland, 8 p.m., 2nd game  
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.  
Tulsa at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Placed OF Sam Fuld on the 7-day DL. Recalled INF Eduardo Nunez from Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Matt Guerrier from Rochester. Optioned LHP Logan Darnell, INF Pedro Florimon and C-OF Chris Herrmann to Rochester.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Claimed LHP Brooks Raley off waivers from Minnesota. Designated LHP Buddy Bosher for assignment.

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Placed INF Donnie Murphy on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Justin Germano from Round Rock (PCL). Recalled INF Luis Sardinas from Frisco (Texas). Purchased the contract of INF Rougned Odor from Frisco. Designated INF Josh Wilson and RHP Scott Baker for assignment.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Activated 1B Adam Lind from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Chad Jenkins to Buffalo (IL).

**National League**  
**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Recalled RHP Luis Garcia from Lehigh Valley (IL). Sent RHP Shawn Camp outright to Lehigh Valley.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Optioned RHP Phil Irwin to Indianapolis (IL).

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Recalled RHP Kevin Quackenbush from El Paso (PCL). Designated RHP Hector Ambriz for assignment. Announced that OF Xavier Nady cleared waivers and was sent outright to El Paso.

**COLLEGE**  
**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE** — Announced the retirement coordinator of men's basketball officials Tom Lopes. Named Jack Sweeney coordinator of men's basketball officials.

**KANSAS** — Announced sophomore G Andrew White III will be leaving the men's basketball team.

**SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE** — Named Kelsey Burglund director of external operations.

**SPRING HILL** — Announced the resignation of director

**TEXAS LEAGUE**  
**North Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Springfield	17	16	.515	—
Arkansas	16	16	.500	½
Tulsa	15	17	.469	1½
NW Arkansas	11	22	.333	6

**South Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Frisco	21	12	.636	—
Midland	19	13	.594	1½
Corpus Christi	17	16	.515	4
San Antonio	14	18	.438	6½

**Thursday's Games**  
San Antonio 5, Midland 3  
Springfield 11, NW Arkansas 2  
Frisco 5, Corpus Christi 3  
Tulsa at Arkansas, ppd., rain.

COWBOYS

Continued from Page 8

to Cleveland. And the Cowboys owner was equally surprised that the prospect of getting Manziel didn't lead to a "bonanza" of trade offers.

The marketing-savvy Jones turned down a chance to get Manziel under one of the biggest brands in sports — in his home state, no less — without so much as a second glance. Or so he said.

"The idea of flair, flash, show business, all that kind of thing was never a consideration and we never discussed that type of thing," Jones said.

The Cowboys figure to start 2014 with three first-round picks in their starting offensive line, which has been a rebuilding project throughout Jason Garrett's four drafts as coach.

"You look at the best teams in the league now and for a lot of years, they're able to control the line of scrimmage on the offensive side of the ball," Garrett said. "We did that for years here when we won championships in the '90s. You need to build the infrastructure of your team."

We feel like we've got a great start with that."

Martin was a tackle with the Irish but could see time at guard with the Cowboys. Doug Free is the starter at right tackle and was better in 2013 after having a rough season a year earlier. Ron Leary and Mackenzy Bernadeau were the starting guards, but neither has a stranglehold on the job.

Martin was the fourth player on the Cowboys' primary list of targets behind three defensive players — Pittsburgh defensive tackle Aaron Donald and linebackers Anthony Barr of UCLA and Ryan Shazier of Ohio State. All three were gone by the time Dallas picked.

The Cowboys figure to turn their attention to the defensive line at some point in the draft. They are revamping their front four after releasing franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in a salary-cap move following the worst season of his nine-year career.

Dallas re-signed defensive end Anthony Spencer, but he missed 15 games last season with a left knee injury. The Cowboys added three other defensive linemen in free agents Henry Melton, Jeremy Mincey and Terrell McClain.

Manziel falls to Cleveland Browns at No. 22 in NFL

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Johnny Football kept falling and falling and landed in the Dawg Pound.

Johnny Manziel, college football's most entertaining player with the reputation for pulling off magical plays on the field and making headlines off it, was selected with the No. 22 overall pick in the NFL draft on Thursday night by the Cleveland Browns, who hope they have finally found their franchise quarterback.

Manziel sat patiently in the wings at Radio City Music Hall, waiting nearly three hours for his name to be called as everyone from Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers to the league's official Twitter account tweeted about him squirming in his chair backstage.

Then the Browns, who

made two earlier trades, made a third with Philadelphia and nabbed the polarizing and electrifying Manziel.

As he walked onto the stage to meet Commissioner Roger Goodell, Manziel rubbed his fingers together, a signature "money" gesture that endeared him to some fans and annoyed others critical of his reputation for partying and the "inadvertent" violation of NCAA rules involving signing autographs that got him suspended for a half last season.

In Cleveland, some Browns backers celebrated Manziel's selection like the team had just won the Super Bowl. Of course, the Browns have never even made it to the NFL's showcase event and haven't won a title since 1964.

BASEBALL

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	18	14	.563	—
New York	18	15	.545	½
Toronto	18	17	.514	1½
Boston	17	17	.500	2
Tampa Bay	15	20	.429	4½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	20	10	.667	—
Chicago	18	18	.500	5
Kansas City	16	18	.471	6
Cleveland	16	19	.457	6½
Minnesota	15	18	.455	6½

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	20	15	.571	—
Seattle	18	16	.529	1½
Texas	18	17	.514	2
Los Angeles	16	17	.485	3
Houston	11	24	.314	9

**Thursday's Games**  
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 4  
Houston 6, Detroit 2  
Toronto 12, Philadelphia 6  
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 1  
Texas 5, Colorado 0  
Chicago Cubs 12, ChiWhite Sox 5  
Seattle 1, Kansas City 0

**Friday's Games**  
Houston (Feldman 2-1) at Baltimore (W.Chen 3-2), 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Richards 3-0) at Toronto (McGowan 2-1), 7:07 p.m.  
Minnesota (P.Hughes 3-1) at Detroit (Verlander 4-1), 7:08 p.m.  
Cleveland (Kluber 2-3) at Tampa

Local Events

**CGA 4-Man Scramble**  
The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Sunday, May 18 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Sign-ups will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be held at 10 a.m.

The tournament will be a "build your own team" A,B,C,D format, with a Closest to the Pin award on all Par 3's.

Entry fee is \$25 per person. Mulligans are available for \$5.

**Basketball Camp**  
Howard College women's basketball coach Earl Diddle hold his annual girls' and boys' basketball camps in June. The camps will be held June 2-5 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Little Hawk Camp, designed for youngsters in kindergarten through third grade, will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. each morning. The Individual Skill Camp for girls in grades 2-5 will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The

Individual Skill Camp for boys in grades 4-12 will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The cost for each camp is \$50 per player.

All camps are fundraisers for the Howard College women's basketball program. To register send a check or money order made payable to: Earl Diddle, HC women's Basketball, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

**HCAATTA Golf tournament**  
The Howard County Area Texas Tech Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on June 28-29 at the Comanche Trail Golf course. A shot gun start will be held at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be a 4-man scramble with a \$100 per person entry fee. Register at the golf course.

All proceeds go to the Texas Tech Alumni scholarship.

**Chicano Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
The 24th Annual Chicano Golf

Scholarship Tournament will be held on June 7-8 at the Comanche Trail Park Golf Course. The tournament will be played in a 2-man scramble format.

Entry fee is \$220 per team. A payout of \$1,800 per flight is expected. A \$100 Closest to the Pin will be awarded on all Par 3 holes, and a Skins side pot will be available on Saturday. A free meal will be held following Saturday's round.

An Alternate Shot Team Skins will be held on Friday. Participants must be signed up by 5 p.m. (A drawing will determine teams). Pollard Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac will be holding an opportunity for a golfer to win a new 2014 vehicle.

For more information call Tommy Billaiba at (432) 816-1091, Charlie Garcia (432) 213-2081 or Linda Summersell at (432) 264-2366.

**Guys and Gals Scramble**  
The Guys and Gals Scramble will be held on May 17-18 at the

Big Spring Country Club. Teams should consist of one guy and one gal.

Entry fee is \$150 per team, plus golf cart. Mulligans are included. Private carts are welcome

A 1 p.m. Shotgun start will be held both days



Entry fee includes dinner on Saturday (serving 5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.). The band, "The Geezers" will perform following dinner

Practice rounds are available on Friday (golf cart extra).

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

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NFL Draft Player Thumbnails

NEW YORK (AP) — The players selected in the first round of the NFL draft on Thursday night.

No. 1 Houston Texans: JADEVEON CLOWNEY, DE, South Carolina. (6-foot-6, 266 pounds). He is first defender to go No. 1 overall since Mario Williams in 2006. Production fell off after spectacular sophomore season for defensive end. Finished last season with 11½ tackles for loss and three sacks after getting 23½ and 13 in 2012. Most talented and athletically gifted player in draft. Blazing fast for size.

No. 2 St. Louis Rams: GREG ROBINSON, OT, Auburn (6-5, 332). Two-year starter at left tackle who became dominant player as junior last year.

No. 3 Jacksonville Jaguars: BLAKE BORTLES, QB, UCF (6-5, 232). Blossomed into one of college football's best quarterbacks last year, leading Central Florida to the most successful season in the history of the program. Has drawn comparisons to Ben Roethlisberger because of his combination of size and mobility.

No. 4 Buffalo Bills: The Bills traded up and grabbed SAMMY WATKINS, WR, Clemson (6-1, 211). Spectacular freshman and junior seasons, sandwiched around so-so sophomore year when he was hampered by suspension and injury. Clemson's career leader in receptions (240) and yards receiving (3,391). Big-time speed and good hands.

No. 5 Oakland Raiders: KHALIL MACK, LB, Buffalo (6-3, 251). Four-year starter who became one of best linebackers in country. Last season had 10½ sacks, three interceptions, five forced fumbles and scored two touchdowns. Potential every down linebacker with an ability to be fierce pass rusher and sideline-to-sideline force. Hard hitter and excellent athlete.

No. 6 Atlanta Falcons: JAKE MATTHEWS, OT, Texas A&M (6-5, 308). Son of Hall of Fame offensive lineman Bruce Matthews. Became starter during freshman season. Played right tackle as sophomore and junior and moved to left as senior after Luke Joeckel moved on to NFL. Strong and technically sound.

No. 7 Tampa Bay Buccaneers: MIKE EVANS, WR, Texas A&M (6-5, 231). In two seasons playing with Johnny Manziel, Evans had 151 catches, 2,499 yards and 17 touchdowns. Huge, Calvin Johnson-type receiver, though he doesn't quite have Megatron speed.

No. 8 Cleveland Browns: The Browns traded up one spot with Minnesota and got JUSTIN GILBERT, CB, Oklahoma State (6-0, 202). Had five interceptions as sophomore, none as junior and seven last season. Returned two interceptions for touchdowns in 2013. Cornerback finished career with six kickoff return touchdowns. Good size and closing speed.

No. 9 Minnesota Vikings: ANTHONY BARR, LB, UCLA (6-5, 255). Moved from offense to defense after two years in college and finished with 23½ sacks in two seasons playing outside linebacker in 3-4 defense. Fast first step and explosive pass rusher.

No. 10 Detroit Lions: ERIC EBRON, TE, North Carolina (6-4, 250). Breakout junior season with 62 catches for 973 yards, breaking ACC record for yards by tight end held by Vernon Davis at Maryland. Exceptional athlete, combining size, speed, quickness and sticky hands.

No. 11 Tennessee Titans: TAYLOR LEWAN, OT, Michigan (6-7, 309). Started 39 games at left tackle in final three seasons at Michigan and was team captain. Good balance, speed and quickness.

No. 12 New York Giants: ODELL BECKHAM, WR, LSU (5-11, 198). Broke LSU's single-season record with 2,315 all-purpose yards last season. Tough and skilled receiver and excellent return man. Reliable hands. Strong and quick after the catch.

No. 13 St. Louis Rams: With their second first-round pick, the Rams get help with an offense with AARON DONALD, DT, Pittsburgh (6-1, 285). As productive as any college defensive player last season, and has hardware to back it up. Defensive tackle won Bronko Nagurski Award as national defensive player of year, and Outland and Lombardi trophies as top lineman after leading country in tackles for loss with 28½.

No. 14 Chicago Bears: KYLE FULLER, CB, Virginia Tech (6-0, 190). Sports hernia cost the cornerback a chunk of last season, but was excellent when full speed. Broke up 10 passes and made two interceptions.

No. 15 Pittsburgh Steelers: RYAN SHAZIER, LB, Ohio State (6-1, 237). Led Big Ten with 134 tackles and 22½ stops for loss from weak side linebacker spot last year. Fast and finds way into backfield, using athleticism to avoid blockers.

No. 16 Dallas Cowboys: ZACK MARTIN, OT, Notre Dame (6-4, 308). Started 39 games and was two-time team captain. Reliable, tough, sound and consistent blocker. Might be better suited to playing guard because of size.

No. 17 Baltimore Ravens: C.J. MOSLEY, LB, Alabama (6-2, 234). SSEC defensive player of year and Butkus Award winner as the nation's top linebacker in 2013. Made 215 tackles in final two seasons.

No. 18 New York Jets: CALVIN PRYOR, Safety, Louisville (5-11, 207). Became starter at safety midway through freshman season and quickly became leader of defense. Finished with seven career interceptions. Made 175 tackles in final two seasons.

No. 19 Miami Dolphins: JA'WAUN JAMES, OT, Tennessee (6-6, 311). Started all 49 games he played in for the Volunteers. Held down the right tackle position.

No. 20 New Orleans Saints: The Saints traded up with Arizona and took BRANDIN COOKS, WR, Oregon State (5-10, 170). Won Biletnikoff Award as nation's best receiver last year, when he set Pac-12 records with 128 catches for 1,730 yards. Very fast (4.4 in 40-yard dash), but not just undersized deep threat. Has good quickness to separate from defenders in middle of field and make tacklers miss. Plays physical despite size, but that size is still far from ideal.

No. 21 Green Bay Packers: HA HA CLINTON-DIX, Safety, Alabama (6-1, 208). Missed couple of games last season because of suspension for breaking NCAA rule. Otherwise his first season as full-time starter at safety was excellent, with 51 tackles and two interceptions. Rangy and hard hitter.

No. 22 Cleveland Browns: The Browns traded up again to get their

franchise quarterback in JOHNNY MANZIEL, QB, Texas A&M (5-foot-11½, 207 pounds). 2012 Heisman Trophy winner was one of most exciting and productive players in college football history. How well his game, which featured plenty of spectacular but unscripted plays out of the pocket, translates to NFL is big question. Mechanics and recognition of defenses need work and size is not ideal, but athleticism and competitiveness are enticing.

No. 23 Kansas City Chiefs: DEE FORD, DE, Auburn (6-2, 252). Highly touted recruit who played at Auburn as a freshman and blossomed into a star by his senior season. Was the best defensive player on a team that played for a national championship and had 10½ sacks. Quick off the line and a relentless pass rusher. Unquestioned team leader and work-out man who keeps himself in impeccable condition, though he has had some injury issues with his back. Can get engulfed by big tackles.

No. 24 Cincinnati Bengals: DARQUEZE DENNARD, CB, Michigan State (5-11, 199). Won Thorpe Award as the nation's best defensive back last season to cap stellar career at cornerback. Had four interceptions, 62 tackles and 10 passes defended in 2013. Played plenty of man to man in college and excelled at it. Good though not elite speed. Not much zone experience and needs to get stronger against run.

No. 25 San Diego Chargers: JASON VERRETT, CB, TCU (5-9, 189). Played much of last season with a shoulder injury but was still good enough to share Big 12 defensive player of the year honors. Had 14 passes defended and two interceptions. Fast and quick, but undersized which could lead to a career as a slot corner.

No. 26 Philadelphia Eagles: MARCUS SMITH, DE, Louisville (6-3, 251). Some teams project this pass-rushing specialist to move from end to linebacker. For Cardinals, he had 14½ sacks last year. Long arms to block passes and maybe even kicks. Can be overpowered by stronger blockers.

No. 27 Arizona Cardinals: DEONE BUCANNON, Strong safety, Washington State (6-1, 211). Four-year starter at safety who had a huge senior season, playing on poor defense. Led the Pac-12 in tackles (114) and interceptions (six). Imposing athlete. Big and fast. Crushing hitter. Coverage skills need work and can miss tackles going for big hits.

No. 28 Carolina Panthers: KELVIN BENJAMIN, WR, Florida State (6-5, 240). Blossomed last season with 54 catches for 1,011 yards and 15 touchdowns, including winning score in BCS championship game against Auburn. Huge and an irresistible red zone weapon. Hands fall into needs-improvement category and he is not a burner. But fast enough considering his size.

No. 29 New England Patriots: DOMINIQUE EASLEY, DE, Florida (6-2, 288). Tore his right ACL and medial meniscus in a non-contact injury last season. Easley tore the ACL in his left knee in November 2011, but worked his way back to become a disruptive defender in 2012. He considered leaving school after his junior season, but ultimately decided to come back in hopes of improving his draft stock. Easley had 72 tackles, including 18 for loss, and 5½ sacks.

No. 30 San Francisco 49ers: Jimmie Ward, Safety, Northern Illinois (5-11, 193). Led Northern Illinois in tackles in 2012. Seen as active and energetic, but size could be an issue.

No. 31 Denver Broncos: Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State (5-11, 194). Was suspended for last season's opener by Urban Meyer. Has good size and is physical and aggressive, but was inconsistent as a junior.

No. 32 Minnesota Vikings: The Vikings traded with the Super Bowl champion Seahawks to get into the final spot of the round and took TEDDY BRIDGEWATER, QB, Louisville (6-2, 214). Three-year starter who took over as a freshman and helped Louisville to consecutive double-digit win seasons in his final two years. Solid mechanics, reads field well, stays disciplined under pressure and has shown willingness to play hurt.

TEXANS

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also set a South Carolina record with 13 sacks in 2012.

Now Houston has to figure out what it's going to do about the quarterback situation. The Texans traded Matt Schaub, their starter since 2007, in the offseason after a terrible year in which he was benched after six games. Case Keenum took over after that, but he wasn't the answer either and the Texans tied the worst record in franchise history at 2-14 after making their first two playoff appearances in the previous two seasons.

The Texans signed veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick in the offseason, but he probably isn't the long-term solution to their quarterback woes. Houston passed on top quarterback prospects Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater, Blake Bortles of Central Florida and 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M in favor of Clowney.

Houston's next selection is the 33rd pick overall on Friday.

Clowney becomes the third No. 1 overall pick in Texans' history and the second straight defensive end they've taken with the top choice, joining 2002 top pick, quarterback David Carr and defensive end Mario Williams, who was chosen first in 2006.

Clowney is the first defensive player taken first overall since Williams, who now plays for Buffalo.

Smith said he'll play outside linebacker in Houston's 3-4 defensive scheme.

"He will start in the two-point stance," Smith said. "Any time we go into any kind of package, whether it's a third-down package or it's a package predicated on personnel, down and distance, all those things give Romeo the ability to have him put his hand in the dirt and go get the passer."

The 6-foot-5, 266-pound Clowney is open to whatever plan the Texans have for him.



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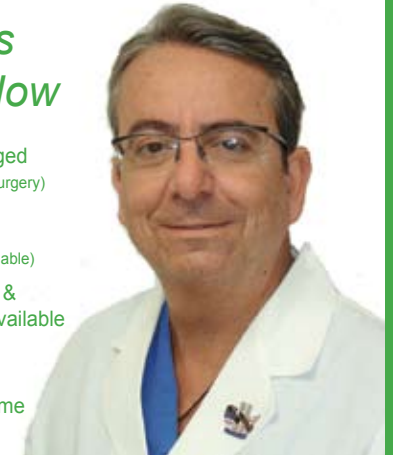
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