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Get 'em while you can

Ornament series to debut Saturday at Suggs Hallmark

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The Christmas rush will be descending on Suggs Hallmark this Saturday by die-hard collectors worried about limited shopping sources in West Texas when the store premieres the 2014 Hallmark Keepsake Ornament series.

For decades, Hallmark ornaments have been a traditional big seller during the holiday season, but this year West Texas ornament hunters may be scrambling to secure their favorites.

"Coach House Gifts, which is a national chain, owned all the Hallmarks in Lubbock, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland," said Deborah Suggs, store owner of Suggs Hallmark located in the Spring Town Plaza. "They closed all of them."



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Suggs Hallmark employees Dora Hernandez and Susan Loper set out the ever popular Christmas ornaments. With the closing of a number of Hallmarks stores in the West Texas area, Suggs has seen a sharp increase of interest in the seasonal product. A 2014 Christmas Ornament premiere will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the store, which is located in Spring Town Plaza.

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Aggie Auction set to tee off

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

You don't have to be an Aggie to love the annual Aggie Auction.

The event, sponsored by the Howard County A&M Club, will be held Saturday at Big Spring Country Club, and organizers said it will offer something to appeal to just about everyone, not just fans of a certain land-grant university at College Station.

All proceeds from the auction and its partner event, the Jerry Foresyth Golf Scramble, go to the club's scholarship fund, which helps pay the way for area students attending A&M.

"Last year, every kid who applied for a scholarship got one," said Chris Olson, a club member and the event organizer. "The more money we raise, the more scholarships we can hand out."

Special guests at the event include former A&M head football coach Jackie Sherrill and members of the A&M 12th Man kick-off team.

The event will start with the golf tournament, set to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the country club golf course. The tournament is a four-man scramble with a shotgun start.

"We'll have memorabilia from the University of Texas, Texas Tech and other schools. There's stuff there that even non-Aggies would enjoy."

—Chris Olson, event organizer

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C-City State Park to host kayaking class this weekend

Special to the Herald

COLORADO CITY — Lake Colorado City State Park is putting on a guided kayaking program to teach the basic skills of kayaking and to provide an opportunity to get out on the lake.

Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver has three workshops available Saturday. The park is providing the kayaks and life vests; however, those who want to can bring their own

and join in — just let park officials know as overall class sizes are limited. The program lasts 1½ hours and will go over basic equipment, safety on the water, maneuvering skills and a follow the leader guided trip.

"This is a great opportunity for beginners or if you just wanted to brush up on skills and safety," said O'Haver.

You must call the park office at 325-728-3931 to register for a time. Times are 9-10:30 a.m., 10:30-noon and 1-2:30 p.m. Double kayaks have a 400-pound weight limit and the park has the single kayaks with a 225-pound weight limit. Children must be accompanied by an adult on the kayak. If you have any questions about size, age or abilities needed for this program, call the office.

There is no cost for the program. However, you will still need to pay daily entrance fees of \$4 per adult. Children 12 and under are free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no charge.



Courtesy photo

Colorado City State Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver takes his daughter Sibley for a kayak ride. The park will host a free kayak basic skills class Saturday.

21 percent of tested trucks fail inspection

Staff, wire reports

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 8,714 commercial motor vehicles during a three-day inspection effort last month as part of Roadcheck 2014. DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol troopers and civilian inspectors joined forces from June 3 – June 5 during the annual inspection initiative aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety.

Approximately 21 percent (1,858) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs can be made. Issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and

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Obituaries

Chester Coffman



Chester Coffman, 94, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 7, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Walter McCall, pastor of Vincent Baptist Church, officiating.

Chester was born April 3, 1920, in Crosby County, Texas to Fannie and Walter Coffman. He married Alene Newbrough on Dec. 21, 1940, in Muleshoe, Texas. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2010. They moved to Big Spring from Whiteface in 1946. He owned Coffman Roofing

from 1946 until retiring in 1983. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Bryant and husband Gene of Comanche and Janet Higgins and husband David of Big Spring; one son, Ronald Coffman and wife Karen of Midland; seven grandchildren, Steve Bryant, Sherry Winters, Brenda Hamill, Donna Rundle, Cindy James, Jerod Higgins and Dustin Higgins; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife Alene, he was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Pallbearers will be Steve Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Jerod Higgins, Dustin Higgins, Jeremy Hamill, Michael Hamill, Brandy Hubbard and David Hamill. Honorary pallbearer will be Speedy Gonzales.

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

Paid obituary

Bobbi J. Hooper



Bobbi J. Hooper, 80, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bobbi was born Dec. 3, 1933, in Bonham, Texas to Allie and H.C. Moser. She married John-

nie Paul Hooper on Jan. 21, 1950, in San Angelo, Texas. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2007. She lived most of her life in Big Spring and worked for the Department of Human Resources for more

than 30 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Ronda Hooper and Pete LaRoche of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Sherida Kirby and husband Marty of Big Spring; and one great-granddaughter, Everley Richardson of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Bob Hooper on Dec. 22, 1952; one daughter, Robyn Drinkard on Oct. 11, 2003; one sister, Joyce Ann Moser; and a brother, Ronnie "Chub" Moser in April 2000.

Pallbearers will be Pete LaRoche, Marty Kirby, David Heffington, Gary Krager, David Wood and Rusty Hightower.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Vietnam Memorial, PO Box 2854, Big Spring, TX 79721-2854 or Lone Star Doberman Rescue at www.lonestardobermans.org.

Paid obituary

Wesley Charles Carroll Jr.



Wesley Charles Carroll, Jr., of Lago Vista, Texas, went to be with the Lord on July 2, 2014. Wes was born May 17, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas, and lived there until moving to Lago Vista eight years ago with his wife, Genie. Wes worked at Sid Richardson Carbon Company for 31 years and retired from the position of Lead Lab Technician in 2004.

For much of his life, Wes enjoyed woodworking and made many beautiful pieces of furniture and household objects for his home, friends and family. He was also very athletic and enjoyed playing golf, even passing on this love to his grandson.

He was a charter member of Lakeside Christian Fellowship in Lago Vista, and he was active in his church until his death. Wes was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend, and he was

loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Genie Carroll, of Lago Vista; his son Tim Carroll, of North Bethesda, Md.; his daughter, Amy Carroll Shapiro, son-in-law, Matt Shapiro, and grandson, Zachary Shapiro, all of Leander, Texas; his sister, Ellouise Carroll Swinney, of Abilene, Texas; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wesley Charles Carroll Sr., and Ella Neill Carroll.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Spina Bifida Texas (www.sbatx.org), American Lung Association (www.lung.org), or Lakeside Christian Fellowship in Lago Vista (www.lakesidechristians.org).

The family wishes to express their gratitude to all who have shown their love and friendship during this time.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park, 6900 South Hwy. 87, Big Spring, TX 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOHN AUSTIN BRYAN, 37, of 538 Westover no. 210, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

- CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER, 37, of 4200 Parkway, was arrested Wednesday on 4 warrants from another agency; and warrants for criminal mischief \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and violation of protective order - goes near to or near residence/employment/school.

- DEVIN ALLEN BUCK, 20, of 4201 W. Highway 80 no. 16, was arrested Wednesday on charges of fail to appear, speeding and no drivers license when unlicensed.

- JEFFERY GLEN TURNER, 34, of 1514 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on 3 warrants from another agency and for defective

head lamps.

- MITCHELL DUSH, 36, of 1406 Runnels, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance 3 less than 28 grams.

- KATIE ANN DANIELS, 28, of 601 Caylor, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III, 24, of 1205 Harding, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 74, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.

- SHAWN CARR II, 33, of 3006 Cherokee, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 500 block of

Westover.

- DISTURBANCE reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 4200 block of W. Highway 80.

- THEFT reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, the 500 block of San Jacinto, the 400 block of Armstrong and the 700 block of S. Gregg.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT reported at the 4200 block of Parkway and the 800 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Birdwell and 3rd St.

- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- FORGERY reported at the 900 block of Golf Course Rd.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at the intersection of 4th St. and Gregg.

- SHOTS FIRED reported at the 3700 block of Connally.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK was booked by HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct language.

- CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and violation of bond/protective order; and warrants for bail jumping and fail to appear, unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon, aggravated as-

sault with a deadly weapon - two counts and assault of a family/household member with previous conviction.

- DEVIN ALLEN BUCK was booked by BSPD on capias warrants for no drivers license, speeding and violate promise to appear.

- SHAWN CARR II was booked by HCSO on a warrant for a motion to revoke probation.

- JEFFERY GLEN TURNER was booked by BSPD on warrants for no valid drivers license, no liability insurance, violate promise to appear and a capias warrant for defective head lamps.

- TROY MATTHEW DUNLOP was booked by DPS on a warrant for violation of probation/larceny of a vehicle.

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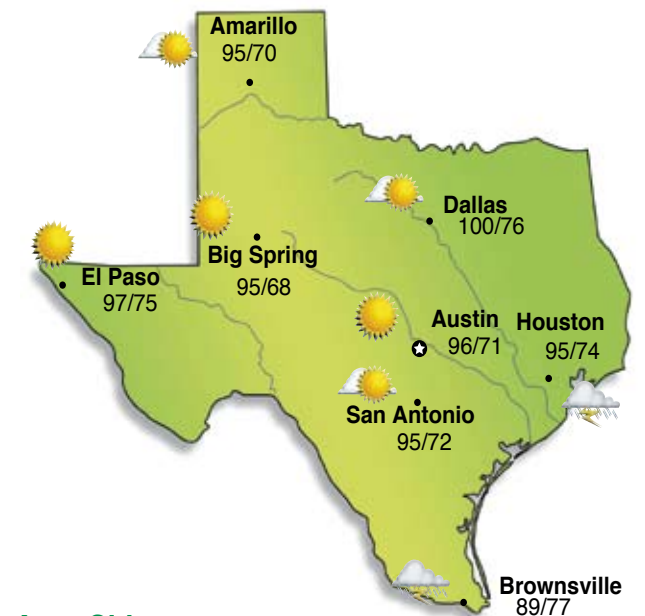
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/11	Sat 7/12	Sun 7/13	Mon 7/14	Tue 7/15
95/68	95/69	97/71	99/74	98/75
A mainly sunny sky. High around 95F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	71	sunny	Kingsville	91	75	t-storm
Amarillo	95	70	mst sunny	Livingston	94	71	mst sunny
Austin	96	71	sunny	Longview	97	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	72	t-storm	Lubbock	93	68	sunny
Brownsville	89	77	t-storm	Lufkin	97	73	mst sunny
Brownwood	97	69	sunny	Midland	94	68	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	80	t-storm	Raymondville	89	76	t-storm
Corsicana	97	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	94	73	pt sunny
Dallas	100	76	mst sunny	San Antonio	95	72	mst sunny
Del Rio	95	73	mst sunny	San Marcos	96	71	sunny
El Paso	97	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	98	75	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	93	67	windy	Sweetwater	96	70	sunny
Gainesville	98	73	pt sunny	Tyler	96	74	mst sunny
Greenville	98	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	98	71	pt sunny
Houston	95	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	100	75	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	83	68	mst sunny
Boston	83	66	pt sunny	New York	83	70	pt sunny
Chicago	79	62	mst sunny	Phoenix	97	79	t-storm
Dallas	100	76	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	55	mst sunny
Denver	95	64	t-storm	Seattle	81	60	sunny
Houston	95	74	t-storm	St. Louis	85	67	sunny
Los Angeles	80	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	71	t-storm
Miami	85	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 7/11	Sat 7/12	Sun 7/13	Mon 7/14	Tue 7/15
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

• **Giveaway:** Thanks to all the community support, Spring Tabernacle Ministries has an over abundance of clothes and household items and we are having a "Big Giveaway" from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Everything from ceiling tiles to flooring, clothes and shoes for everyone, some furniture, lots of household items and much more. Everything is free, just bring your own bags or boxes. Thanks again for all your support, Big Spring.

• **Have you found out you have diabetes?** Do you want more information on type 2 diabetes? The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services Howard County Office will be providing classes on type 2 diabetes. There will be five classes on Thursday evenings. The first class begins July 17 at 6:30 p.m. To register for this class, contact Melissa Deeter at 432-264-2236 or via email at melissa.deeter@ag.tamu.edu

• **Crossroads Hospice** is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

• **Help Kids Succeed** is asking the public to help local struggling families with back to school expenses. The average family spends between \$200 and \$600 per child. Jury Padron and her husband Peter Padron hope to "pay it forward" by helping these families with donations of clothes, shoes or school supplies. To make a donation, go to www.gofundme.com/ams9v8 or in person by cash, check or money order. To make a supply donation or for more information call Jury at 638-0861 or Peter at 270-5228.

• **Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program** and the Big Spring YMCA present "Find Your Strength" on July 24 at 5:30 p.m. The final presentation of the three-month

focus on fitness will take place at the YMCA and be presented by Occupational Therapist Becky Carter. Admission is free. Door prizes will be given away. To find out more about this upcoming event or to reserve your spot, call 432-268-4699 or 432-268-4721.

• **Friends of the Library** is asking the public to begin gathering books for donation to the annual book sale. Books should be in good condition. Please, no magazines or condensed books. Friends will let the public know when to begin bringing books to the Howard County Library.

• **Forsan School - All Class Reunion** will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until late. Lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. The meeting will be held at the Forsan High School cafeteria. Dress is casual. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Volunteers are needed to help as well as donations for door prizes. For more information and to submit a suggestion for the event, call Ida Lou Raney at 432-264-9580, 432-270-7086, 432-267-2414 or e-mail ida.raney@suddenlink.net.

• **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.

• **The Powwow Committee of Big Spring** has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• **Victim Services** is a non-profit

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

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

• **The mission of CASA of West Texas** is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• **Mobile Meals** is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• **Spring Tabernacle Ministries**, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a

rehab meeting.

• **Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance**, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• **The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF)** is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• **Legal Aid of Northwest Texas** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **Road to Recovery**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

HALLMARK

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Ornaments officially go on sale Saturday. Suggs Hallmark will hold a premiere from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Those with Gold Crown cards will receive 100 extra bonus points during these two days for ornaments purchased. Customers can

enter the store through the inside mall entrance or from the outside door entrance in front of the Suggs' sign.

For some time, store employees have been fielding calls from all over the area for pre-orders and this week have been busy pulling pre-sales out of the inventory for customers who have already turned in their wish list. Wish list order forms can be found in the 2014 Dream

Book at the store's cashier's station.

"We've had people already turning in their wish list," she said. "If you know what ornaments you want, you can turn in the list, and we will pull them. It is a first-come, first-served basis, and we've already sold out some in our pre-sales."

Do not fret, Suggs added, because she is working on reorders now and contacting other Hall-

mark stores and a company representative to service the regional demand.

She does caution that Hallmark only produces a limited amount of ornaments each year.

"I want people to get their wish list in, so I know how many to try and get," she said. "It helps to reorder if I know what ornaments people are looking for. We'll bend over backwards to try to get the customer

what they want, even if that means I have to purchase the ornament at another Hallmark at regular price."

The closing of the area Hallmarks were unexpected, Suggs said, adding she would have prepared if she had known by ordering more than the usual amount of the Christmas favorites to meet the demand.

"This is what a retailer wishes for but it's both good and bad," she

said.

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

AGGIE

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Cost is \$400 per team; mulligans are available at \$5 per golfer. Prizes in the form of pro shop credits will be awarded to the tournament winners, longest drives and shots closest to the pin.

To register for the tournament, contact Larry Bryan at the pro shop at 267-5354.

The action will switch inside the country club at 6 p.m. when the auction will be held. All manner of sports memorabilia, including autographed photos and jerseys, will be for auction, as well as other items,

such as paid vacations to Cabo San Lucas and the Masters golf tournament.

Olson said the auction will have something to interest just about any sports fan, not just those of the A&M persuasion.

"We'll have memorabilia from the University of Texas, Texas Tech and other schools,"

he said. "There's stuff there that even non-Aggies would enjoy."

For more information on Saturday's event, contact Olson at 432-466-3956.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

DPS

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263 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were improper logging of duty time, driving over the maximum number of hours, and failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven. In all, DPS issued 2,715 citations and more than

24,943 warnings.

Last year, DPS inspected approximately 9,220 commercial vehicles during Roadcheck 2013.

The annual Roadcheck program, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement

activities throughout North America.

sudoku

ANSWERS

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

Thank you, Lord, for the stars at night.

Amen

Spending and morality

During last year's budget negotiation meetings, President Barack Obama told House Speaker John Boehner, "We don't have a spending problem." When Boehner responded with "But, Mr. President, we have a very serious spending problem," Obama replied, "I'm getting tired of hearing you say that." In one sense, the president is right. What's being called a spending problem is really a symptom of an unappreciated deep-seated national moral rot. Let's examine it with a few questions.

Is it moral for Congress to forcibly use one person to serve the purposes of another? I believe that most Americans would pretend that to do so is offensive. Think about it this way. Suppose I saw a homeless, hungry elderly woman huddled on a heating grate in the dead of winter. To help the woman, I ask somebody for a \$200 donation to help her out. If the person refuses, I then use intimidation, threats and coercion to take the person's money. I then purchase food and shelter for the needy woman. My question to you: Have I committed a crime? I hope that most people would answer yes. It's theft to take the property of one person to give to another.

Now comes the hard part. Would it be theft if I managed to get three people to agree that I should take the person's money

to help the woman? What if I got 100, 1 million or 300 million people to agree to take the person's \$200? Would it be theft then? What if instead of personally taking the person's \$200, I got together with other Americans and asked Congress to use Internal Revenue Service agents to take the person's \$200? The bottom-line question is: Does an act that's clearly immoral when done privately become moral when it is done collectively and under the color of law? Put another way, does legality establish morality?

For most of our history, Congress did a far better job of limiting its activities to what was both moral and constitutional. As a result, federal spending was only 3 to 5 percent of the gross domestic product from our founding until the 1920s, in contrast with today's 25 percent.

Close to three-quarters of today's federal spending can be described as Congress taking the earnings of one American to give to another through thousands of handout programs, such as farm subsidies, business bailouts and welfare.

During earlier times, such spending was deemed unconstitutional and immoral. James Madison, the acknowledged father of our Constitution, said, "Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government." In 1794, when Congress appropriated \$15,000 to assist some French refugees, Madison stood on the floor of the House of Representatives to object, saying, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of

benevolence, the money of their constituents." Today's Americans would crucify a politician expressing similar statements.

There may be nitwits out there who'd assert, "That James Madison guy forgot about the Constitution's general welfare clause." Madison had that covered, explaining in a letter, "If Congress can do whatever in their discretion can be done by money, and will promote the general welfare, the Government is no longer a limited one possessing enumerated powers, but an indefinite one." Thomas Jefferson agreed, writing: Members of Congress "are not to do anything they please to provide for the general welfare. ... It would reduce the (Constitution) to a single phrase, that of instituting a Congress with power to do whatever would be for the good of the United States; and, as they would be the sole judges of the good or evil, it would be also a power to do whatever evil they please."

The bottom line is that spending is not our basic problem. We've become an immoral people demanding that Congress forcibly use one American to serve the purposes of another. Deficits and runaway national debt are merely symptoms of that larger problem.

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Easier to land the helicopters

The lesson of Vietnam is that we refuse to learn any lessons from Vietnam.

Even to dare mention the lesson of Vietnam is to risk painting oneself as weak-willed and lily-livered — to say nothing about being old enough to actually remember Vietnam.

But I think there was a lesson, no matter how unlearned, nonetheless: We poured troops and weaponry into an unwinnable war in order to prop up a despotic government for reckless and unfounded political reasons — the domino theory, which stated that if we didn't defeat the communists in Vietnam, we would someday be battling them on the Golden Gate Bridge.

As it turned out, after the deaths of more than 58,000 U.S. combat troops, we lost the Vietnam War and evacuated our embassy employees off the embassy roof in Saigon by helicopter in April 1975, in one of the most humiliating film clips in U.S. history.

The dominoes did not fall. Vietnam has bought nearly \$2.5 billion worth of U.S. goods so far in 2014. The Red menace is now our Red trading partner.

So it goes. Having "left" Iraq after the deaths of 4,500 U.S. troops and an incredible \$2 trillion spent, we are now heading back to prop up a murderous despot, who has carried out a religious war against his enemies in part by using U.S. arms.

Actually, we never totally left Iraq, because we built the biggest, most expensive embassy in the world there, which employs 5,500 people. By comparison, the White House staff numbers 1,701 people.

As Islamic insurgents are sweeping down toward Baghdad, we have already begun a partial embassy evacuation, though the State Department prefers to say

people are being "temporarily relocated."

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby has assured us that U.S. military forces have the "assets and resources" necessary to evacuate our personnel should Baghdad fall. "But we're not there yet," he said.

Yet. A grim President Barack Obama recently told reporters that the situation in Iraq is, well, grim.

Though we have poured billions into training and equipping the Iraqi army, its soldiers have shown the disturbing habit of throwing down their weapons and fleeing the enemy, abandoning cities that U.S. troops once spilled their blood to secure.

Some of those U.S. troops are now fighting in Afghanistan, in a war whose aims we achieved long ago. We went in to disrupt and destroy al-Qaida and remove the Taliban from power so Afghanistan could not be used as a base to launch further attacks against the United States.

That, we have accomplished, but nearly 13 years later, we are still there.

The cost has been staggering, perhaps as much as \$4 trillion, with the White House estimating that it now costs about \$1 million per year to deploy a single U.S. service member to Afghanistan.

To end these costs and to draw down most of our forces — some will remain behind to hunt down and kill terrorists — we have spent some \$28 billion to create and equip an Afghan army, whose job it will be to prop up the despotic and unpopular regime in Kabul.

We will also continue to spend billions in the belief that Afghanistan can be reshaped into a giant American suburb — say Evanston, Illinois — where people get along, all races and religions have equal rights, women can fully participate in democracy, and the population peacefully avails itself of excellent schools, health care and job opportunities.

"Modern" Afghanistan has not achieved — or even wanted —

this for the past three centuries, but the U.S. is determined to throw as many billions into the effort as it takes.

What worries us now, however, is that Iraq was supposed to show Afghanistan the way: Send in U.S. troops; spend a few trillion dollars; supply arms and training to the local armed forces; create a modern, nonsectarian state; and then pull out and watch democracy flourish.

Except it's not happening. Not in Iraq and not in Afghanistan. In fact, it's not even close.

Obama said June 12: "What we've seen over the last couple of days indicates the degree to which Iraq's going to need more help. It's going to need more help from us, and it's going to need more help from the international community."

How much more help? "I don't rule out anything, because we do have a stake in making sure that these jihadists are not getting a permanent foothold in either Iraq or Syria, for that matter," Obama said.

A week later, a grim Obama strode into the White House briefing room and told reporters: "First, we are working to secure our embassy and personnel operating inside of Iraq. As president, I have no greater priority than the safety of our men and women serving overseas. So I've taken some steps to relocate some of our embassy personnel, and we've sent reinforcements to better secure our facilities."

But don't worry. Our \$750 million embassy in Baghdad is the size of 80 football fields.

And if we have to evacuate, it will be much easier to land the helicopters this time.

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News in brief

Obama seeks to shift political pressure over border crisis back to Republicans

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Faced with a potentially awkward scene at the Texas-Mexico border, President Barack Obama sought to recast the political debate over a flood of young migrants as a question of Republican willingness to tackle the problem, not his decision to skip a chance to view the crisis first-hand.

Obama turned to one of his chief critics, Texas' Republican Gov. Rick Perry, to try to make his point.

Following a meeting with Perry in Dallas Wednesday, the president suggested there was little daylight between Perry's calls for additional assistance at the border and the nearly \$4 billion request Obama sent to Congress this week. He also made a public appeal for Perry, a potential GOP presidential candidate in 2016, to wield his influence with Texas' Republican-heavy congressional delegation and press them to back the emergency spending package.

"The only question at this point is why wouldn't the Texas delegation or any of the other Republicans who are concerned about this not want to put this on a fast track and get this on my desk so I can sign it and we can start getting to work?" Obama said. He argued that opposition to the urgent spending request would be part of a pattern of obstructionism from Republicans who have also resisted moving forward on a comprehensive immigration bill.

Back in Washington, Republican opposition to the request hardened. Texas Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, have criticized the plan as a "blank check" and Arizona Sen. John McCain voiced his opposition to the measure Wednesday.

Military commanders suggest a 2nd group was involved in deadly Benghazi attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Well-trained attackers executed the deadly dawn assault on a CIA complex in Benghazi, Libya, suggesting different perpetrators from those who penetrated the U.S. diplomatic mission the previous night, according to newly revealed testimony from top military commanders.

The initial attack, on Sept. 11, 2012, killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and communications specialist Sean Smith and set the mission ablaze. Nearly eight hours later at the CIA complex nearby, two more Americans, contract security officers Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, died in a mortar attack that showed clear military training, retired Gen. Carter Ham told Congress in closed-door testimony earlier this year.

The House Armed Services Committee released the testimony Wednesday.

The second assault probably was the work of a new team of militants who had seized on reports of violence at the diplomatic mission the night before and hit the Americans while they were most vulnerable, according to testimony that could clarify the events. The testimony also reveals how little information the military had on which to base an urgent response.

Bitter recriminations in the U.S. followed the 2012 attacks, including Republican-led congressional investigations and campaign-season denunciations of the Obama administration, which made inaccurate statements about the Libyan attacks. The testimony released Wednesday underscored a key detail that sometimes has been lost in the debate: that the attacks were two distinct events over two days on two different buildings, perhaps by unrelated groups.

Israeli aerial offensive against Gaza rocket launchers enters third day

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel dramatically escalated its aerial assault in Gaza Thursday hitting hundreds of Hamas targets, and the Palestinians said a family of eight was killed in a strike that destroyed their home. Israel's missile defense system once again intercepted rockets fired by militants at the country's heartland.

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said Is-

rael struck more than 320 Hamas targets overnight, focusing on underground tunnel networks and rocket launching sites. That brought the total number of targets hit to 750 in three days of the massive offensive. At least 75 Palestinians have been killed.

Lerner said Israel has already mobilized 20,000 reservists for a possible ground operation into Gaza, but for the time being Israel remained focused on maximizing its air campaign. A ground invasion could lead to heavy civilian casualties on the Palestinian side while putting Israeli ground forces in danger.

Neither side is showing any sign of halting their heaviest fighting since an eight-day battle in late 2012. Israel says that Hamas must cease rocket fire from Gaza for Israel to consider a truce. Militants have fired hundreds of rockets, striking across the length of Israel and disrupting life across the country. No one has been seriously harmed as the "Iron Dome" defense system has intercepted at least 70 of the projectiles destined for major population centers.

"The ground option needs to be the last option and only if it is absolutely necessary. It is a carefully designed plan of action," Lerner said.

Utah to appeal ruling in favor of gay marriage directly to US Supreme Court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah has decided to go straight to the U.S. Supreme Court to argue against gay marriage, meaning the nation's highest court will have at least one same-sex marriage case on its plate when it returns in October.

The office of the Utah attorney general announced Wednesday that it would bypass a full appeals court and take the gay marriage case to the Supreme Court instead.

If the U.S. Supreme court decides to take the case, it will be the first time the top court considers gay marriage since justices last year struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. The high court is under no obligation to take the case, and it could wait for rulings from one or more of the five other appellate courts with gay marriage cases pending, legal scholars say.

Utah's appeal is of a June 25 ruling from a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, which found states cannot deprive people of the fundamental right to marry simply because they choose partners of the same sex. The panel immediately put the ruling on hold pending an appeal.

The Utah case is certain to pique the Supreme Court's interest, but the justices usually look for cases that involve split rulings from federal appeals courts, said Douglas NeJaime, a University of California-Irvine law professor.

Report: Chinese hackers break into US personnel networks, target security clearance files

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chinese hackers broke into the computer networks of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management earlier this year with the intention of accessing the files of tens of thousands of federal employees who had applied for top-secret security clearances, according to The New York Times.

Senior U.S. officials say the hackers gained access to some of the agency's databases in March before the threat was detected and blocked, the Times reported in an article posted on its website Wednesday night. How far the hackers penetrated the agency's systems was not yet clear, the newspaper said.

Accusations of hacking by China and counterclaims of such activity by the U.S. government have strained U.S.-China relations. Chinese hacking has been a major theme of U.S.-China discussions this week in Beijing, though both sides have publicly steered clear of the controversy.

In May, the Justice Department filed a 31-count indictment against five Chinese military officials operating under hacker aliases and accused them of penetrating computer networks of a half-dozen steel companies and makers of solar and nuclear technology to gain a competitive advantage. The Chinese government denied the allegations and suspended a working group on cyber rules that was to be part of the annual "Strategic and

Economic Dialogue" this week.

The Office of Personnel Management houses personal information for all federal employees. Those applying for security clearances would be expected to provide such information as foreign contacts, previous jobs, past drug use and other personal details, the newspaper reported.

Stigma versus green allure: Nuke professionals at Japan's Fukushima utility quit in droves

TOKYO (AP) — Stigma, pay cuts, and risk of radiation exposure are among the reasons why 3,000 employees have left the utility at the center of Japan's 2011 nuclear disaster. Now there's an additional factor: better paying jobs in the feel good solar energy industry.

Engineers and other employees at TEPCO, or Tokyo Electric Power Co., were once typical of Japan's corporate culture that is famous for prizing loyalty to a single company and lifetime employment with it. But the March 2011 tsunami that swamped the coastal Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, sending three reactors into meltdown, changed that.

TEPCO was widely criticized for being inadequately prepared for a tsunami despite Japan's long history of being hit by giant waves and for its confused response to the disaster. The public turned hostile toward the nuclear industry and TEPCO, or "Toh-den," as the Japanese say it, became a dirty word.

Only 134 people quit TEPCO the year before the disaster. The departures ballooned to 465 in 2011, another 712 in 2012 and 488 last year. Seventy percent of those leaving were younger than 40. When the company offered voluntary retirement for the first time earlier this year, some 1,151 workers applied for the 1,000 available redundancy packages.

The exodus, which has reduced staff to about 35,700 people, adds to the challenges of the ongoing work at Fukushima Dai-ichi to keep meltdowns under control, remove the fuel cores and safely decommission the reactors, which is expected to take decades.

WHO urges pilgrims: Wash hands, keep away from coughing people to prevent MERS spread

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A World Health Organization official on Thursday urged millions of Muslims making the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, to exercise basic hygiene as mass gatherings pose risks of spreading the Middle East respiratory syndrome.

The U.N. agency has recorded 827 cases of MERS and 287 deaths, mostly in Saudi Arabia. The virus is believed primarily acquired through contact with camels and spread among humans through body fluids and droplets.

Hand washing and keeping away from coughing people are simple ways to prevent the virus' spread, said Mark Jacobs, WHO Western Pacific region director for communicable diseases.

He said there's a low chance of its spread in most settings, but health workers caring for MERS patients, people exposed to camels and those in large gatherings are at some risk. "Any gathering of large numbers of people can produce, can result, in risks of any sort of infectious diseases," he added.

Jacobs said cases of MERS have been found in a number of countries but they are linked to cases in a small number of countries in the Arabian peninsula.

Huge US salamander is disappearing from Eastern rivers, worrying scientists

CORYDON, Ind. (AP) — With a long, slimy body and beady eyes, North America's largest salamander wouldn't top any cutest animal lists. The hellbender's alien appearance and mysterious ways have earned the big amphibian a bad reputation and unflattering nicknames ranging from snot otter to devil dog.

But hellbenders, which can grow two or more feet long, are facing troubles bigger than an image problem. The aquatic creatures found only in swift-flowing, rocky rivers and streams are disappearing from large parts of the 16 states they inhabit.

The rare amphibians breathe almost entirely through their skin, making them a living barometer of water quality because of their sensitivity to silt and pollution.

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Weary Dutch have no interest in 3rd place game

SAO PAULO (AP) — The Netherlands squad must stay at the World Cup when coach Louis van Gaal dearsly wishes they could just go home. Next up? The game no one wants to play.

Faced with the prospect of the third-place game against host Brazil on Saturday after a disappointing semifinal loss to Argentina, Dutch coach Louis van Gaal has criticized the match as meaningless and “nothing whatsoever to do

with sports.”
“I think that this match should never be played,” Van Gaal said after his team went out 4-2 in a penalty shootout following a 0-0 deadlock through 120 minutes against the Argentines. “I’ve been saying this for 10 years. But anyway, we will just have to play that match.”

The Dutch somehow have to lift themselves one last time at the World Cup. Tired and bitterly disappointed, it won’t be

easy.
“They can keep it.” Netherlands forward Arjen Robben replied dismissively to a question on how he felt about playing for third. “Only one prize counts and that is becoming world champion.”

Having lost the World Cup final four years ago, the Netherlands attitude is understandable.

And although Van Gaal has been campaigning for a decade to get the game scrapped, the

Dutch must honor the commitment.

But while the Netherlands players aren’t really interested, the Brazil squad sees the game as an immediate opportunity for redemption following a 7-1 humiliation by Germany in the semifinals. That has left one team much more determined to play this match than the other.

“Life goes on, we need to look forward to our next goal, and our next goal is to win the

match for third place,” Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. “We have to play it. It has become our main goal.”

Far from a main goal, it’s an irritation for the Netherlands.

Van Gaal said there were a number of things he didn’t like about the match, but the one that really grated with him is that a team faces the possibility of going home off back-to-back losses after doing so well and making the last four of a World Cup.

Lastros, no more Astros escape cellar with 8-4 win, sweep of struggling Texas Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Robbie Grossman and the Houston Astros finally got to Yu Darvish — and moved out of last place in the AL West.

Grossman snapped an 0-for-28 slide with a career-high four hits as the Astros completed a three-game sweep of the Texas Rangers with an 8-4 victory over the All-Star pitcher who dominated them so many times in the past.

“The way we came into here, after losing seven in a row, for our guys to respond the way they responded in this three-game series, I’m extremely proud of them,” manager Bo Porter said.

Grossman and rookie George Springer homered for the Astros, who moved into fourth place by a percentage point over slumping Texas.

It is the first time in their two seasons since switching leagues that the Astros have not been in fifth place in the five-

team AL West after mid-April.

“When you look at where we’re at today, obviously we feel like we have improved as a ballclub,” Porter said. “At the same time, when we get to the end of the year, we’ll see where we’re at. It definitely feels good to be playing good baseball right now.”

Springer also made an incredible running catch in the third inning. The center fielder leaped on the warning track, reached over his head and held onto the ball when he slammed into the wall.

Houston had 28 runs and 42 hits in the series against its in-state rival that won 17 of 19 against the Astros last season.

The Rangers lost for the 10th time in 11 games and have dropped 18 of 21 overall. At 38-53, their .418 winning percentage is the worst in the majors — just behind Arizona and Houston, both 39-54 for a .419

mark.
“It’s been really tough. It’s been frustrating,” outfielder Alex said. “This is a season that I believe that we’re all going to remember in a bad way.”

Dallas Keuchel (9-5), one of five candidates in Internet balloting for the final spot on the AL All-Star team, allowed four runs and eight hits over 6 2-3 innings. While it wasn’t his best performance, he was happy to beat the Rangers.

“Just because they’ve beaten us up the last couple years,” Keuchel said. “They’ve been the big brother, of sort.”

Darvish (8-5), who had thrown 20 consecutive scoreless innings while winning his last three home starts, gave up a season-high 10 hits and six runs. He struck out eight and needed 109 pitches to get through six innings.

Against Houston at home in April, Darvish allowed one

hit over eight scoreless innings. The Japanese ace also had two near no-hitters on the road against the Astros last season, one in which he retired the first 26 batters.

Carlos Corporan had a two-run double in the sixth to break a 4-all tie. An inning later, Springer hit his 19th homer, a two-run shot off reliever Jason Frasor.

Grossman’s solo homer, about 329 feet into the right-field corner, made it 4-all with two outs in the fifth. He also had a double in the first inning and an RBI single in the third.

Before getting recalled this week by the Astros, Grossman had an 18-game hitting streak at Triple-A Oklahoma City. But he was hitless in a span of 28 at-bats in the majors after going 0 for 4 on Tuesday night.

Adrian Beltre extended his hitting streak to 13 games with an RBI single.

Cavs clear space for trades with trades

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cavaliers have cleared a path for LeBron James to return to Cleveland.

They’ve made their moves. They’re just waiting for him to make his.

The Cavs created enough salary-cap space to offer the superstar free agent a maximum contract on Wednesday agreeing to trade guard Jarrett Jack, swingman Sergey Karasev and center Tyler Zeller in a three-team deal with Brooklyn and Boston, a person familiar with the deals told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because teams are not permitted to discuss trades until the league’s moratorium ends Thursday.

The maneuvering is designed to open room under the salary cap so they can re-sign the Akron-born James, the four-time league MVP and most sought-after player on the market.

With open roster spots, Cleveland isn’t done.

Not long after making the trade with the Celtics and Nets, the Cavs had exploratory discussions with the Minnesota Timberwolves about a possible trade for three-time All-Star Kevin Love — if James does return to Cleveland, said a person with knowledge of the inquiry.

The Timberwolves would be looking for No. 1 overall draft pick Andrew Wiggins to be part of any potential package from Cleveland in order to consider parting with Love if the talks were to become more serious, the person said, speaking with the AP on condition of anonymity because neither team publicly announced the conversa-

tion.
Whatever the Cavs’ next move is — with or without James — they could package together their other assets, including future first-round picks, to make a run at other All-Star players.

Meanwhile, James had his meeting in Las Vegas with Miami president Pat Riley.

James, his agent Rich Paul, Riley and Heat executive Andy Elisburg were at the meeting, a person with direct knowledge of the discussions told The AP.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because neither side publicly announced who would be attending the meeting or when it would take place.

James has not made a decision and will not make any announcements before Thursday, the person said.

As as he takes fans on another summer thrill ride, James has one more offer to consider in deciding where to play next season: Ohio’s Cedar Point amusement park is promising to rename one of its roller coasters “King James” if he returns home to play for the Cavs.

A park spokesman says it’s a legitimate offer that originated with the CEO. Cedar Point sent out a tweet with the proposal on Wednesday, telling James, who has visited the park in Sandusky, Ohio, many times, the ball was “in his court.”

In the three-team trade the Cavs pulled off earlier Wednesday, Cleveland will receive guard Marcus Thornton from the Nets and send him, Zeller and a future first-round pick to the Celtics. Also, the Cavs are trading Jack and Karasev to the Nets.

Parsons signs 3-year offer with Mavs

The Dallas Mavericks have made a move at small forward, with restricted free agent Chandler Parsons signing a three-year offer sheet worth more than \$45 million.

Houston will now have to decide whether to match the offer.

Several photos of Parsons signing an offer sheet were posted on a Cyber Dust account controlled by Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and the team early Thursday, when the

NBA’s moratorium on signing free agents ended. The photos, including one of Cuban posing with Parsons, appeared briefly just after midnight Tuesday.

The Rockets have three days to match the offer, though it wasn’t immediately clear if they would do so for the 25-year-old forward who has played for them the past three seasons. Parsons was a second-round pick out of Florida in the 2011 draft.

Dallas got an agree-

ment in place with Parsons even before small forwards Carmelo Anthony or LeBron James announced where they will play, a signal that the Mavericks are the most likely out on the two most prominent free agents.

Anthony visited the Mavericks at the start of the free agency period, but Dallas owner Mark Cuban has acknowledged that he couldn’t offer the forward a max contract.

Parsons averaged 16.6

points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists last season for the Rockets. He has played 213 games, starting 207 of them, while averaging 14.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 4.1 assists.

In Dallas, he would be in a frontcourt with Dirk Nowitzki and recently reacquired Tyson Chandler.

Nowitzki and point guard Devin Harris have already agreed to new contracts that will be able to be signed as early as Thursday.

Clippers’ Sterling berates NBA, wife in court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling made a dramatic scene from the witness stand then an even more dramatic one from the audience.

In his second day on the stand in a trial to determine whether he can be declared mentally incompetent, Sterling shouted at attorneys for both sides Wednesday. Later, he raged at the wife who’s seeking the right to sell his team.

“Get away from me, you pig!” Sterling yelled from the front row of the

courtroom seats when wife Shelly Sterling tried to approach him after her own testimony. A judge admonished him to make no more comments.

In her testimony that is scheduled to continue Thursday, Shelly Sterling declared that despite being estranged in many ways she loves her husband of 58 years and still acts as his principal caretaker, especially in medical care.

She said she was frightened at the changes she saw in him while watching a CNN interview

where he addressed the recorded racial remarks that began the league’s efforts to remove him.

“I couldn’t believe it, and I started crying,” she said. “I felt so bad. I couldn’t believe that was him.”

She said she suggested radiology tests or imaging to examine his brain, and was told eventually that he had early signs of Alzheimer’s.

She became slightly tearful as she described her understanding of the disease, which becomes progressively worse.

In his earlier testimo-

ny, Sterling denounced both his wife and the league, saying he will never sell the Los Angeles Clippers and vowing a lifetime of lawsuits against the league.

“I will never, ever sell this team, and until I die I will be suing the NBA for this terrible violation under antitrust,” Sterling shouted from the witness box.

He said Shelly Sterling had told him to have psychiatric and neurological exams only because he had turned 80, and she was concerned for his health.

Football equipment to be distributed

Big Spring High School football athletes will get to get their hands — and heads — into football equipment for the first time on months later this month when the school’s coaches begin distributing equipment.

Players will be fitted for equipment beginning with the seniors on July 28. Seniors will be fitted from 8

a.m. to 4 p.m.

Incoming juniors will be fitted on July 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while sophomores can pick up their gear on July 30 during the same time frame. Freshmen will be fit for equipment on July 31.

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Legals

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 120977L001

APPLICATIONWallach Concrete, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 120977L001, which would authorize construction of two Concrete Batch Plants located on South side of County Road 270 approximately 2.5 miles East of Ranch Road 33, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas 79739. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?la t=31.758333&lng=-101.423888&zoom=13&type=r>

For exact location, refer to application. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 23, 2014. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland re-

gional office, and the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETINGYou may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meet-

ing is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for

this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARINGYou may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing

address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commis-

sion's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at

www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, pueadelamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Wallach Concrete Inc., P.O. Box 13913, Odessa, Texas 79768-3913 or by calling Ms. Melissa Fitts, Westward Environmental Inc., at (830) 249-8284. Notice Issuance Date: June 30, 2014

#8365 July 10, 2014

Legals

Notice of Application for Commercial Fluid Injection Well Permit

CLEAR WATER INC., PO BOX 52967, MIDLAND, TX 79710

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Dois Ray SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 9.4 miles northwest of Big Spring in the Varel (San Andres) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3104 to 3230 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas

Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the

Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #8366 July 10, 2014

Legals

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit
ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 North A Street, Building 6, Midland, TX 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta and Clearfork formation, Chalk, Mary Lease, Well number 67W. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles east of Forsan in the Howard Glasscock field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into the strata subsurface depth interval from 2171 to 3123 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a wine and beer retailer's on premise permit by Evitas Fine Mexican Restaurant, to be located at 1801 E. FM 700, Suite E.7, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. #8367 July 10, 11, 2014

Sagittarius Banner Moon

The friendly, expansive and pioneering Sagittarius moon is positively buoyant while swelling toward Saturday's full moon excitement. In light of the portal of good fortune and just rewards that the sun and Saturn opened up yesterday, this should be a banner day for the kind of people who believe they can make their own luck.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Facts are finite. Feelings are infinite. Therefore, the decisions you make with only your head will lead to less fulfilling results than the decisions you make with both head and heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No more strolling around looking for inspiration. It's time to figure out what you want to do and then propose a timeline. A goal isn't a goal until it has a timetable attached.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At midday, it will

become rather obvious to you that you really don't know what you're doing. So what? That's the way it should be when you're taking risks and stretching yourself into uncertain territory.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The conventional method will work for some, but not for you today. Prudence isn't always intelligent, and intelligence isn't always prudent. It is said that a stitch in time would have confused Einstein.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stop thinking so much about what to do, and start doing it. There's so much more that becomes possible when you get into action mode, and once you're moving, you won't be able to stop.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Until you've seen different parts of the world, you can't really understand the reality of your own corner. Travel helps you see your life differently and appreciate it more fully, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

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.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Seize the opportunity to hang out with that silly person you know. You two have your own language of sorts and an endless stream of inside jokes that the rest of the world probably never will understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your supporters have more faith in you than you have in yourself these days. Don't be outmatched! It's time to dig deeper into your soul and open new wells of self-confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're even more popular than usual today, and the social aspects of your life will sparkle. You'll make a new friend even as the ones you already have vie for your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People tend to stay inside the invisible fences they create for themselves. Charismatic characters have a way of influencing you to break your own rules or consider them for the first time.


AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Timing will be key. To

arrive at the appropriate moment won't be as easy as it looks. There's much planning that will go into it, especially if you have children, pets and other obligations to tend to today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's such a thing as being overly generous. How do you know a gift is too much? If it makes the recipient feel uncomfortably indebted, it's too much.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10). You really will feel like a new person in this fresh solar cycle. Here's the fun twist in August: You'll be seen in a positive light because of how happy you make yourself, instead of how much you do for others. You'll receive many proposals in September. Financial breaks come in November and March. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 22, 40 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My Aries fiance wrote me a love



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Tough Combination to Beat

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ —
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ K Q J 10 5
♣ Q 10 8 3

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8 7 4
♥ K 6
♦ —
♣ A 9 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Dble Redble Pass
6 Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♠ 3 ♦

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Sometimes what looks like a hopeless situation turns out not to be as hopeless as it might at first seem. All that's required is a steady hand at the helm and, perhaps, a little bit of luck.

Take this case where South is in six spades and West leads the king of diamonds. If declarer wins with the

ace, he eventually goes down one, losing a heart and a club. But if South is on his toes, he realizes he has a reasonable chance for the slam.

So instead of taking the ace, declarer ruffs the first diamond and leads a low heart toward dummy at trick two. This play has a Machiavellian twist. If West follows low, as most players would, the slam is ice-cold. Dummy's queen wins, and South — after drawing trumps and discarding the king of hearts on the ace of diamonds — concedes a club trick to make the contract.

However, as the cards lie, even if West goes up with the heart ace at trick two, South still makes the slam. Thanks to East's having started with the J-x-x of hearts, declarer's three club losers can eventually be discarded on the ace of diamonds and Q-10 of hearts after East's jack falls on the third round of the suit.

At the start, South ruffs the opening diamond lead primarily to try to steal the contract with a low heart play at trick two. As it happens, though, his attempted larceny works no matter what West does. The combination of skill and good luck is always hard to beat.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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letter. The wording was beautiful and sweet, so what I'm about to impart is going to sound absolutely ungrateful, and yet I have to say that there was something about the handwriting that I found unsettling and childish. It changed the way I saw him, and I even started doubting whether we should marry. Is this crazy? I'm a Virgo, so maybe I'm blowing things out of proportion or being too much of a perfectionist. What do you think?"

Now that digital correspondence is the primary means of connection, the handwritten note is a rare and special correspondence, indeed. Kudos to your Aries for delivering on such a relic of an idea. These days, most people use a pen and paper so infrequently that the standards for handwriting have taken an extreme dive. However low they may be, it doesn't change the fact that personalities shine clearly through pen and ink. The

youngest sign of the zodiac, Aries people are known for their childlike wonder and sense of play. They also can be impulsive and immature. My read on it is that you're feeling rushed into marriage, which is not something you should enter into with doubt on your heart.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Modern Family" sensation Sofia Vergara will star with Reese Witherspoon in the upcoming film "Don't Mess with Texas." This vivacious Cancer Colombian was born when both the sun and the moon were in Cancer and Mercury and Mars were in entertaining Leo. Witty Gemini energy is also a strong theme in Vergara's astrological chart.

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Cubs to pitch another Wrigley expansion plan

CHICAGO(AP)—The squabble between the Chicago Cubs and the owners of the rooftop venues across the street from Wrigley Field is returning to City Hall.

On Thursday, the team was expected to make its pitch to the city landmarks commission for a renovation project that's bigger than the one the city approved last year — a pitch that in itself is a challenge to the rooftops to take their best legal shot. The rooftop owners oppose the proposal they say will destroy the

exact thing they need for their businesses to survive: A view of the field.

The commission, which must approve the proposal because Wrigley is a city landmark, is expected to vote Thursday, clearing the way for the full City Council to vote on it.

The Cubs want to dramatically expand a \$500 million renovation plan approved last year for the 100-year-old ballpark. The team now wants the previously approved Jumbotron and video board to be joined by

a second video board and four more signs in the outfield — each as big as 650 square feet. The Cubs also want to expand the bleachers, add seats down the foul lines and erect light standards in the outfield.

The team also wants to move the bullpens from along the foul lines to underneath the bleachers.

The Cubs say they were willing to scale down the original renovation proposal if the rooftop owners promised not to sue, but went ahead with everything they want because

they never got that promise.

"We learned ... the threat of litigation was very real, so we felt if we were going to get sued over two signs that we felt we were within our rights to proceed with the original proposal," team spokesman Julian Green said. He said it doesn't matter that the rooftop owners recently said they'd drop their threat of a lawsuit if the team stuck to the smaller plan already approved by the city.

"We are prepared to defend our right to put up additional

signs," he said.

The rooftop owners have a contract with the team to hand over 17 percent of their gross revenues until 2023. One said he and his fellow owners threatened to sue because they believed it was the only option available to keep the Cubs from hurting their businesses.

"Any time we have given into these guys on anything they just go and overdo it," said Max Waisvisz. "It's like someone going back again and again to a buffet table."

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL WNBA

Eastern Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	13	5	.722	—
Indiana	9	10	.474	4½
Connecticut	9	11	.450	5
Chicago	8	11	.421	5½
Washington	8	12	.400	6
New York	7	12	.368	6½

Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	14	3	.824	—
Minnesota	14	6	.700	1½
San Antonio	11	9	.550	4½
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	7½
Seattle	8	13	.381	8
Tulsa	7	12	.368	8

Wednesday's Games
Washington 72, Chicago 65
Phoenix 78, Seattle 58
San Antonio 80, New York 66

Thursday's Games
Connecticut at Indiana, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Tulsa, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

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Toronto	48	45	.516
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Tampa Bay	42	52	.447
Boston	40	51	.440

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W L Pct GB
Detroit 50 37 .575 —
Kansas City 47 43 .522 4½
Cleveland 44 46 .489 7½
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Minnesota 41 49 .456 10½

West Division
W L Pct GB
Oakland 57 34 .626 —
Los Angeles 53 37 .589 3½
Seattle 49 42 .538 8
Houston 39 54 .419 19
Texas 38 53 .418 19

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Washington 6, Baltimore 2
Boston 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 5, Tampa Bay 4
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Oakland (Kazmir 10-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 7-5), 3:45 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7) at Boston (Lester 9-7), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 3-4) at Cleveland (House 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 0-7) at Texas (Lewis 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 4-8) at Kansas City (Guthrie 5-7), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Pino 0-2) at Seattle (Wilhelmsen 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

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Chicago White Sox (Noesi 3-6) at Cleveland (Kluber 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
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Toronto (Buehrle 10-6) at Tampa Bay (Archer 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
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Boston (Lackey 9-6) at Houston (Feldman 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (A.Sanchez 5-3) at Kansas City (Duffy 5-8), 8:10 p.m.
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Los Angeles	11	5	.688	1
Kershaw	10	2		