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Elderly victim's condition serious

Police continue hunt for suspect in stabbing, sexual assault

Herald Staff Report

An elderly Big Spring woman remains in serious but stable condition in an Odessa hospital after she was robbed, sexually assaulted, stabbed and left for dead on the side of a road early Thursday.

Big Spring police and Texas Rangers are looking for the suspect, described only as a 5-foot, 7-inch to 6-foot Hispanic male who was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt at the time.

According to a Big Spring

Police Department press release, police and sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Radio Tower Road at 2:21 a.m. Thursday. The road intersects Texas Highway 350 and the I-20 service road. After arriving on the scene, officers discovered an elderly female. She had been stabbed several times.

Investigators discovered the woman resided in the 600 block of Washington. At approximately 12:30 a.m., according to police, an unknown Hispanic male entered

the home while the woman was sleeping. The man woke the woman and urged her not to fight with him while he rummaged through the residence. After taking a small television set, the man forced the female victim into her vehicle.

The man then drove the female from the residence around town before arriving at Radio Tower Road, according to the press release.

"It is believed this is when the Hispanic male sexually assaulted the elderly female

and shortly after stabbed her multiple times in her abdomen, chest and neck," the report read. "The Hispanic male then departed the area, leaving the elderly female on the side of the road."

EMS transported the woman to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment. Because of the extent of her injuries, she was flown to Odessa Medical Center. She was listed in serious but stable condition Friday evening.

Her vehicle was later found abandoned in a secluded area

in the 1400 block of E. Second.

"The Big Spring Police Department urges its citizens to lock their doors while at home and if you see anything suspicious to please call the Howard County Dispatch at 432-264-2244," the press release, issued by Chief Chad Williams, Lt. Brian Gordon and Sgt. Tony Everett read.

Anyone having information relating to this offense is encouraged to call Big Spring/Howard County Crime Stoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477).

Quacker races raise money for charities

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

More than 100 ducks could be seen lazily floating around in the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center Friday.

The yellow plastic ducks were the highlight of the Big Spring Duck Race III that was sponsored by Greater Big Spring Rotary and Isaiah 58 with proceeds going to local charities.

For every winning duck that floated into one of the seven traps, a prize was awarded to the owner of the duck.

This year's winners were: Trap 1 – Paul Miller. Two season tickets to the Big Spring Symphony. Trap 2 – Danny Flenniken. One night's stay at the Super 8 suite. Trap 3 – Art (no last name). A backyard hammock courtesy of Harris Lumber and Hardware. Trap 4 – Cynthia Scott. Two tickets to the Ranger's baseball game in September. Trap 5 – Larry Valverde. Four tickets to Schlitterbahn. Trap 6 – Laura Sickles. Two gift bags from Forever Home Realtors. Trap 7 – Jordy Smith. One large and one small inflatable Aflac ducks.

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Max, Sophie and James Deleon, left to right, watch as more than 100 ducks float by in the lazy river feature of the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center Friday evening. The yellow plastic ducks were the highlight of the Big Spring Duck Race III. An annual event sponsored by Greater Big Spring Rotary and Isaiah 58 with benefits going to local charities.

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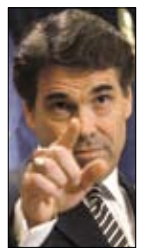
Second chance? Perry in Iowa again courting voters

By **CATHERINE LUCEY**
 Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is visiting Iowa for the fourth time in eight months, hoping for a second chance to win over Republican voters who delivered him a stinging caucus loss when he ran for president two years ago.

Perry, 64, hasn't said if he plans to run again in 2016. But he's clearly considering it and is meeting Saturday and Sunday with veterans and conservative activists in the northern Iowa communities of Algona and Clear Lake.

Perry has been raising funds for GOP candidates and seeking advice from political insiders since Novem-



Perry

ber. He is signaling he's committed to the grassroots politicking that Iowa's Republican faithful expect and that many felt he didn't prioritize when he ran two years ago.

Whether Iowa voters give Perry a second chance remains to be seen. But GOP volunteer Joni Scotter believes Perry — a relatively late entry into the 2012 race — could make a comeback in the state whose caucus kicks off the presidential primary season.

"He crashed and burned, but that was because he started out a little

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Authorities searching for robbery suspect

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring police are asking for citizens' help in apprehending an armed robbery suspect.

Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said officers are searching for man who allegedly robbed clerks at the Fast Stop convenience store at gunpoint Thursday afternoon.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Thursday, officers were dispatched to the store in reference to an aggravated robbery.

Store employees told officers a black male, approximately 6 feet tall and weighing around 180 pounds, entered the store displaying a semiautomatic handgun and demanded money from the cash register.

Employees complied with the orders and the suspect soon departed the scene on foot. Offi-

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News in brief

Ukraine says Russia is helping separatists destroy evidence at Malaysia Airlines crash site

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine is accusing Russia of assisting separatist rebels in destroying evidence at the crash site of a Malaysia Airlines plane shot down with 298 people onboard.

The government said Saturday that militiamen have removed 38 bodies from the crash site and have taken them to the rebel-held city of Donetsk. It says the bodies were transported with the assistance of specialists with distinct Russian accents.

Ukraine called on Moscow to insist that the pro-Russia rebels grant international experts the ability to conduct a thorough investigation into the downing of the plane — a demand that President Barack Obama issued Friday.

An international delegation visited the crash site Friday evening but was only allowed to view one small portion. Militiamen behaved aggressively and eventually ordered the team to leave.

2 disasters, 2 moods: Malaysia's 2nd airline tragedy brings some closure in found wreckage

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Less than five months ago, they had rushed to Kuala Lumpur International Airport — anxious relatives with a hope in their hearts, however faint, that a missing jumbo jet with their loved ones had not crashed, and would eventually be found.

This week, throngs of relatives came again with no hope, just a chilling certainty that everyone on board another Malaysia Airlines had perished.

They shed tears, sobbed and looked for comfort to ease the all-too-familiar pain of loss that's visited a nation dealing with the second air disaster this year.

But the crash of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 that was downed over rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine is playing out in starkly different mood compared to the anguish surrounding Flight 370 that disappeared March 8.

The love affair between countrymen and their airline is often marred by a crash

NEW YORK (AP) — The jetliner is much more than a machine used to get from one spot to another. It often carries deep symbolism, especially when flying for a national airline.

It can represent hope, modernity and a country's power. And when things go wrong it, that once mighty plane can bring about deep national disgrace.

Malaysia now finds itself grappling with the horrific — and extremely unusual — loss of two of its airplanes, just four months apart. It's a sad coincidence that also stings.

"It is unbelievable misfortune that struck (Malaysia Airlines) in such a short span of time. It will not affect Malaysia's name, but it will damage MAS' reputation," said James Chin, political analyst at Monash University in Malaysia. He said it would be tough for the loss-making airline to survive the twin catastrophes.

The shooting down of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 on Thursday over Ukraine comes just 131 days after the disappearance of Flight 370. That Boeing 777 is presumed to be on the floor of the Indian Ocean but, without any scrap of wreckage found, it remains the key to one of the biggest aviation mysteries.

Israel troops battle Hamas in 2nd day of ground offensive, as Palestinian death toll tops 300

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel pounded Hamas rocket launchers, uncovered more than a dozen cross-border tunnels and engaged in gunbattles with Palestinian militants Saturday on the second day of its open-ended ground operation in Gaza, as the Palestinian death toll there topped 300.

The Israeli military said that during its first 24 hours on the ground troops were mostly staying close to the border area and had discovered 13 tunnels into Israel — some as deep as 30 meters (yards) — that could be used to carry out attacks.

The military also said that in 12 days of fighting it has hit 2,350 targets in Gaza, including 1,100 rocket launchers, and severely diminished the arsenal of Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls the coastal territory.

Militants have meanwhile fired more than 1,600 rockets since the latest round of fighting began on July 8. Rocket fire continued overnight, including one that landed in a residential neighborhood in the southern Israeli city of Ashdod, causing no injuries.

"We have struck hard on the two main strategic assets of Hamas: the rockets and these tunnels," said Israeli military spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner.

On the run from international military effort, Kony's rebels change tactics to survive

OBO, Central African Republic (AP) — Knives, ropes, tarpaulins, AK-47s, and gun lubricant. These are some of the items handed over to the Ugandan army by three fighters who defected last month from Joseph Kony's rebels, the Lord's Resistance Army, in Central African Republic.

In the bush, where the men had lived for years, these prized possessions were essential for survival and now provide insight into how members of the brutal group are able to evade U.S.-backed African troops chasing them.

Kony and his rebels have terrorized Uganda and other parts of Central Africa for years, carrying out brutal killings and kidnappings. Kony has been indicted by the International Criminal Court, but it was not until 2012 that he shot to international notoriety after the advocacy group Invisible Children highlighted his crimes in a video that was seen by millions online.

Ugandan military commanders, who head an African Union-mandated mission to catch or kill Kony, say the challenge is locating the enemy in sparsely populated, lawless territory where threats range from wild animals to other dangerous militias.

"The biggest problem is not how to fight but finding the rebels," said Ugandan Col. Michael Kabanogo, the top commander of Ugandan troops in Central African Republic.

Lawmakers still questioning Obama's Afghan withdrawal plan; White House says it's a done deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Afghan election crisis and unraveling of Iraq have lawmakers and regional allies thinking President Barack Obama should rethink his decision to withdraw virtually all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the close of 2016.

The White House says Afghanistan is a different situation from Iraq, which has been mired in sectarian violence since shortly after U.S. troops left, and the drawdown decision a done deal.

Some lawmakers, however, say they are uncomfortable with Obama's plan, which responds to the American public's war fatigue and his desire to be credited with getting the U.S. out of two conflicts. Ten senators, Republicans and Democrats, raised the drawdown issue at a congressional hearing Thursday.

They argued that it's too risky to pull American troops out so quickly, especially with the Afghan presidential election in the balance. They don't want to see Afghanistan go the way of Iraq, and they fear that the Afghan security force, while making substantial gains, won't be ready for solo duty by the end of 2016.

Under Obama's plan, announced in May before Sunni militants seized control of much of Iraq, some 20,200 American troops will leave Afghanistan during the next five months, dropping the U.S. force to 9,800 by year's end. That number would be cut in half by the end of 2015, with only about 1,000 remaining in Kabul after the end of 2016.

Mexico's elite backs woman who ran child shelter for 6 decades despite charges of abuse, filth

ZAMORA, Mexico (AP) — For more than six decades, poor parents struggling to support their chil-

dren or raise troubled youths sent them to a group home in western Mexico run by a woman who gained a reputation as a secular saint.

Rosa del Carmen Verduzco raised thousands of children in The Great Family home. She cultivated patrons among Mexico's political and intellectual elites, and was visited by presidents and renowned writers.

Then, last year, parents began complaining to authorities that they couldn't visit their children at the home. Residents told investigators of Dickensian horrors — rapes, beatings and children held against their will for years in trash-strewn rooms with filthy toilets.

On Tuesday, heavily armed federal police and soldiers raided the home and arrested nine caretakers, including the 79-year-old woman known as Mama Rosa.

The revelations spawned disgust and horror, but also a rush to Mama Rosa's defense by supporters who include some of Mexico's most respected intellectuals and some of the very children who say they were mistreated at her facility.

Obama administration approves using sonic cannons to explore for oil along US Eastern Seaboard

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Obama administration has sided with energy developers over environmentalists, approving the use of underwater blasts of sound to pinpoint oil and gas deposits in federal Atlantic Ocean waters.

The regulatory decision is the first real step toward what could be an economic transformation in East Coast states, potentially creating a new energy infrastructure, thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in tax revenue. But it dismayed people who owe their livelihoods to fisheries and tourism, and activists said it stains President Barack Obama's environmental legacy.

"Opening vast stretches off the East Coast to oil and gas has no place in an otherwise historic agenda to combat climate change," said Michael Jasny, a marine mammal expert with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The cannons will substantially increase the noise pollution in Gulf Stream waters shared by whales, dolphins and turtles, sending powerful sound waves reverberating through the deep every ten seconds, for weeks at a time.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management acknowledged that thousands of sea creatures will be harmed, but ultimately decided to approve this exploration in the outer continental shelf from Delaware to Florida. Energy companies need the data as they prepare to apply for drilling leases in 2018, when current congressional limits expire.

'Mother Nature is winning here': Wildfire destroys about 100 homes in central Washington

PATEROS, Wash. (AP) — Residents strolled through the smoldering rubble of their neighborhoods, some wearing surgical masks to protect their lungs from the smoke and ash lingering in the air of the riverside community they call "Paterodise."

"Paterodise is hurting right now," said one, Stephanie Brown, as she surveyed what was left of a friend's home.

A wind-driven, lightning-caused wildfire racing through rural north-central Washington destroyed about 100 homes Thursday and Friday, leaving behind solitary brick chimneys and burned-out automobiles as it blackened hundreds of square miles in the scenic Methow Valley northeast of Seattle.

The Okanogan County town of Pateros, home to 650 people, was hit especially hard. Most residents evacuated in advance of the flames, and some returned Friday to see what, if anything, was left of their houses.

Residents of the small town of Malott, north of Pateros, were told to leave their homes Friday as the fire advanced, as were some living in outlying areas of nearby Brewster.

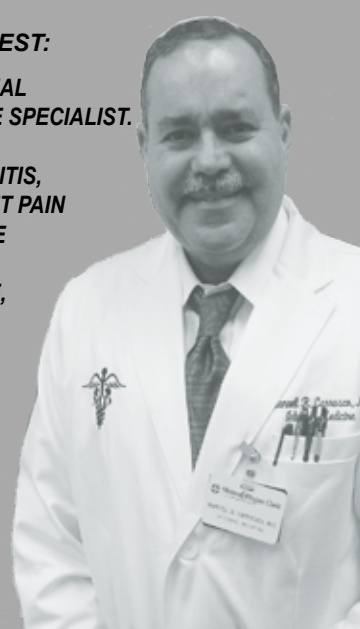
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VA chief promises reform in El Paso visit

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Acting Veterans Affairs Secretary Sloan Gibson met with VA medical center officials in El Paso and vowed to improve veterans' access to health care.

Gibson met Friday with the VA center's leadership, employees and U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke to hear about lingering problems in providing care.

Gibson says the facility will receive an additional \$5 million to facilitate access to doctors outside the VA. He also promised that VA officials will be accountable for past and future wrongdoings.

The secretary has taken the reins of a VA system rocked by a scandal showing records were falsified to hide months-long wait times for veterans to see a doctor. A VA audit showed facilities in El Paso and elsewhere in Texas had some of the longest wait times for medical appointments.

The local VA has reached out to close to 2,200 veterans to offer them appointments and opened a hotline so veterans can schedule appointments. They have also expanded their hours to allow for more appointment slots.

John Mendoza, the director of the local VA, said they are working on filling 15 positions for mental health professionals and have gotten commitments for eight of those jobs.

Gibson said that aside from getting veterans off the wait lists, they are working on correcting the issues plaguing the appointment system and on changing a culture at the VA that is not accountable.

"I will use all the authority at my disposal to hold people accountable," Gibson said. He added that the problems reported at different VA sites are under investigation and willful misconduct or negligence will not be tolerated.

Education board OKs paid trips to charter schools

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A board with veto power over new charter schools in Texas voted unanimously Friday to allow its members to take privately-funded trips to see such schools in other states, even though critics contend it could lead to junkets and conflicts of interest.

The "fact-finding missions" for Texas Board of Education members can be funded by private foundations or individual donors but not taxpayers or the charter schools themselves. They also would be limited to charter networks seeking to expand into Texas.

Board members said tight restrictions will help ensure that those taking such trips won't be unfairly influenced. Its 10 Republicans and 5

Democrats approved them after little debate. Previously, members could take only one out-of-state trip per year which didn't have to be related to charter school business but was paid for using state funds.

"What you see on paper is one thing, but going there and seeing the reality of the school and the students is another," said Donna Bahorich, a Houston Republican who helped draft the new rules. "We need to be able to make sure that what's on paper and reality match. And if they don't, that school shouldn't be authorized to operate in Texas."

The move comes amid a major push, backed by top conservatives including Gov. Rick Perry and Republican lieutenant governor nominee and state Sen. Dan Patrick, to expand charter schools in Texas and make it easier for charter networks that have succeeded elsewhere to open campuses in the state.

Education board members taking such trips will have to get approval from the full board, but there's no limit on how much they can cost. Groups paying travel expenses can't run, or be associated with, charter schools in Texas or around the country.

Texas search group says it will resume drone use

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas-based group involved in searches for missing persons around the nation said it will resume using drones in its work after a federal appeals court ruled on Friday that a warning the group received to stop using them didn't have any legal consequences.

Texas EquuSearch had sued the Federal Aviation Administration, seeking to overturn what the group described as an order it had been sent in February by email prohibiting the nonprofit organization from using drones.

While a three-judge panel for a federal appeals court Washington, D.C., dismissed the lawsuit, Brendan Schulman, an attorney for Texas EquuSearch, said that was good for the group.

In its ruling, the appeals court said it can't review the case because the email Texas EquuSearch had received didn't represent the FAA's final conclusion on the use of drones. Final rules on drone use are expected next year.

"The challenged email communication from a Federal Aviation Administration employee did not represent the consummation of the agency's decision-making process, nor did it give rise to any legal consequences," the panel with the U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit wrote in its two-page order.

Schulman said while the ruling

doesn't resolve the legal issues related to drone use, it clarified there was no valid order from the FAA prohibiting Texas EquuSearch from using drones.

"Texas EquuSearch is free to resume its humanitarian use of drones," he said.

The volunteer group is financed through private donations and has participated in such high-profile cases as the search for Natalee Holloway, the U.S. teenager who disappeared in 2005 in Aruba, and the search for 2-year-old Caylee Anthony in Florida.

Mortuary owners charged with abuse of corpse

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — North Texas police have filed criminal charges against two owners of a funeral home where eight decaying bodies were discovered earlier this week.

Rachel Hardy-Johnson was arrested Friday and charged with seven counts of abuse of a corpse, according to a police statement. She was arraigned and was to be transported to a Tarrant County jail with bond set at \$10,500, but it was unclear if she had an attorney, said Officer Sharron Neal, a Fort Worth police spokeswoman. Court records do not list an attorney.

She and her husband, Dondre Johnson, owned Johnson Family Mortuary in Fort Worth.

Seven corpse-abuse counts also were filed against Dondre Johnson, but he was not yet in custody Friday evening, Neal said. He has been contacted and is expected to turn himself in, but it was unknown when, she said.

Abuse of a corpse is punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000 per count.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office has said seven of the eight bodies found Tuesday at the business were in advanced stages of decomposition, though none showed signs of trauma or foul play. The Johnsons' landlord notified authorities after he went to the home and found the bodies, but no workers.

The property owner said he told the Johnsons about two weeks ago to vacate the building because they had not paid their rent, according to police.

The Johnsons have said they were tending to the bodies as they awaited burial or transportation for burial elsewhere. It wasn't immediately clear Friday if Hardy-Johnson has an

attorney.

Man guilty of killing Houston-area officer

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has found a 23-year-old man guilty of capital murder in the Christmas Eve killings two years ago of a Houston-area police officer and an auto body shop owner.

The Harris County jury deliberated about two hours Friday before returning its guilty verdict on Harlem Lewis III. He was on trial in the deaths of Bellaire officer Jimmie Norman and auto body shop owner Terry Taylor.

Prosecutors say Norman had stopped Lewis for a traffic violation, got into a struggle with him and was shot. Authorities say Taylor was shot when he tried to help Norman.

Jurors can now sentence Lewis to life in prison without parole or death by lethal injection.

Sen. Cruz visiting border amid immigration surge

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Sen. Ted Cruz is traveling to the Texas-Mexico border for a firsthand look at a surge of unaccompanied children crossing illegally into the U.S.

Saturday's visit to a Customs and Border Patrol facility in McAllen will be the tea party darling's third trip to his state's southern border since taking office last year. It's the first trip for Cruz since the influx of young immigrants became a national issue.

Cruz visited an immigration facility last month in San Antonio, about 150 miles from the border. He's been a vocal critic of President Barack Obama for failing to visit the Texas-Mexico border.

Sen. John Cornyn was in the Rio Grande Valley community of Mission on Friday.

Texas jobless rate for June steady at 5.1 percent

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The statewide unemployment rate for June held steady at 5.1 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

Last month's seasonally adjusted figure matched the May jobless rate for Texas, halting three months of declines in statewide unemployment rates. The nationwide jobless rate for June was 6.1 percent.

The Texas economy added 19,100 seasonally-adjusted total nonfarm jobs in June for a total of 371,000 jobs added in the past year.



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FDA issues warning on powdered caffeine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers to avoid pure powdered caffeine sold on the Internet after the death of an Ohio teen.

Even a teaspoon of the powder could be lethal — it is equivalent to 25 cups of coffee. Eighteen-year-old Logan Stiner of LaGrange, Ohio, died May 27 after consuming it.

The FDA said it is investigating caffeine powder and will “consider taking regulatory action.” In the meantime, the agency said it is recommending consumers stay away from it.

Teenagers and young adults may be particularly drawn to the powder, which is a stimulant. Caffeine powder is marketed as a dietary supplement and is unregulated, unlike caffeine added to soda.

FDA spokeswoman Jennifer Dooren said those who drink coffee, tea or soda may be aware of caffeine’s less serious effects, like nervousness and tremors, and may not realize that the powdered form is a pure chemical.

The powder is also almost impossible to measure with common kitchen tools, the FDA said. Volume measures like teaspoons aren’t precise enough and a scale may be needed.

The agency added that the products may carry minimal or insufficient labeling. Consumers may not be aware that even a small amount can cause an overdose.

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg recently said that the agency needs to better understand the role of the stimulant, especially on children. The agency is investigating the safety of energy drinks.

US building case tying separatists to downed jet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States began building a case Friday linking pro-Russian separatists to the shocking downing of a passenger jet in Ukraine. A somber President Barack Obama declared the deaths of those on board, including at least one American, an “outrage of unspeakable proportions.”

Obama said the U.S. believes the Malaysia Airlines plane was felled by a surface-to-air missile launched from an area near the Ukraine-Russia border that is controlled by Kremlin-backed separatists. Even as he cautioned that the exact circumstances were still being determined, the president turned his sights on Russia, saying the insurgents would not be capable of carrying out

such an attack without Moscow’s support.

“We know that they are heavily armed and they are trained, and we know that that’s not an accident,” Obama said. “That is happening because of Russian support.”

The president spoke shortly after Samantha Power, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, outlined preliminary evidence against Russia and the separatists during an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council. Power said separatists were spotted Thursday with an SA-11 anti-aircraft missile at a location close to the site where the plane came down and that they had boasted on social media sites about shooting down a plane, then later deleted

those posts.

Power joined Obama in calling for an immediate international investigation, and she warned that the separatists and those supporting them would have “good reason to cover up evidence of their crime.”

The American killed in the incident was identified as Quinn Lucas Schansman. Officials said they were still working to confirm whether any other U.S. citizens were on board the plane.

For Obama, the downed plane adds new complexity to U.S. efforts to quell the months-long conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Increasingly stringent economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. and Europe, includ-

ing a new round of penalties announced a day before the plane was shot down, have done little to change Russian President Vladimir Putin’s approach.

Obama warned Russia anew on Friday that the U.S. has the capacity to increase the economic pain, but he outlined no specific potential actions. He did say he saw no U.S. military role in the conflict that has stemmed in part from Russia’s annexation of the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine.

All 298 people aboard the Malaysian plane were killed in Thursday’s incident. The passengers, including scores of children, came from a dozen countries, spreading the impact of the Ukraine crisis around the globe.

Panel supports early release for 46K drug felons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of federal inmates serving time for drug crimes may be eligible for early release under a cost-cutting proposal adopted Friday that would dramatically reduce the nation’s prison population over time.

The U.S. Sentencing Commission, which earlier this year voted to substantially lower recommended sentences for drug-dealing felons, voted unanimously to retroactively apply that change to prisoners now behind bars.

More than 46,000 inmates, including many who have already served a decade or longer in prison, would be eligible to seek early release under the commission’s decision. A judge would review the case of each prisoner seeking to get out early to decide if the release would jeopardize public safety. The releases would start in November 2015 and be phased in over a period of years.

The commission, an independent panel that sets sentencing policy, estimates sentences would be cut by an aver-

age of 25 months.

“The magnitude of the change, both collectively and for individual offenders, is significant,” said commission chairwoman Patti Saris, a federal judge in Massachusetts.

Advocates of the early-release plan say it would cut prison costs — nearly one-half of the federal prison population is locked up for drug crimes — and scale back some of the harsh sentences imposed during the country’s war on drugs. Prisoner advocacy groups immediately trumpeted the change, calling it a matter of fundamental fairness.

“This vote will change the lives of tens of thousands of families whose loved ones were given overly long drug sentences,” Julie Stewart, president of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, said in a statement.

The sentencing change comes amid a broader rethinking of criminal justice policy that the Justice Department, under Attorney General Eric Holder, has embraced.

With an eye toward

addressing sentencing disparities rooted in the 1980’s-era fight against crack cocaine, and cutting a prison population that’s roughly 32 percent above capacity, the Justice Department has issued new clemency criteria designed to encourage thousands of additional inmates to seek an early release.

Last year, Holder directed federal prosecutors to avoid seeking mandatory minimum sen-

tences — which limit the discretion of judges to impose shorter sentences — for nonviolent drug offenders.

“This is a milestone in the effort to make more efficient use of our law enforcement resources and to ease the burden on our overcrowded prison system,” Holder said in a statement.

The proposal adopted Friday is actually more expansive than one advanced by Holder last

month, which would have applied to roughly 20,000 drug inmates who have limited criminal pasts and who did not use a weapon during their crime.


Though sentencing guidelines are advisory rather than mandatory, judges still rely heavily on them in deciding on prison sentences. The guidelines recommend sentences that factor in the types and quantities of the drugs.

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BSHS to offer physicals for high school on July 25

TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The calendar may say there is a month of summer left for area students, but that isn't the case for Big Spring area athletes. For them, summer's is counted in days.

Less than 21, to be more precise.

Area athletes will begin their preseason activities on Aug. 4. On that day, high school football, volleyball and cross country athletes will officially begin prac-

ticating for their respective sports.

Before the hitting, spiking and running begins, the area's athletes will have to do one of the summer's other preseason drills - athletic physicals.

According to University Interscholastic League rules, athletes in grades 9-11, as well as any first-time or new athletes regardless of grade, are required to have annual physicals prior to engaging in athletic activities.

To help make sure

Big Spring High School athletes meet the requirement, Big Spring ISD will be offer physical exams on July 25, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in the Dorothy Garrett Athletic Training Center. Students who do not have completed physicals will not be allowed to participate in preseason practices or scrimmages.

The cost for the exam is \$25.

Athletic forms can be picked up at the ATC from the trainer or athletic secretary.

Big Spring coaches to distribute football equipment July 28-31

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.

According to the Big Spring coaching

staff, 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 July 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while sophomores can pick up their gear July 30 during the same time frame.

Freshmen will be fit for equipment July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Any players unable to make their respective slots can be fitted on Aug. 1.

Athletes throughout the area can begin preseason conditioning drills Aug. 4.



All-star action ...

Several Big Spring area athletes were in action this weekend in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star basketball and football games in Wichita Falls. Garden City's Shawn Walker (above) was a member of the West squad in the Division I all-star football game, while GCHS teammate Shawn Miller played in the boys' all-star basketball game, along with Sands' Jerad Staggs and Klondike's Wyatt Tidwell. Borden County's Taylor Gass played in the girls' all-star game, which was played Saturday afternoon in the D.L. Ligon Coliseum on the campus of Midwestern State University.

Lawyer: Clippers sale could miss August deadline

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A lawyer for the man offering to buy the Los Angeles Clippers for \$2 billion told a judge Friday that Donald Sterling's stalling tactics are threatening to doom the sale by pushing it past a contractual deadline.

At a hearing to set parameters for the rest of a probate trial, attorney Adam Streisand implored the judge to make a swift decision when hearings conclude July 28.

He said the final deadline for closing the deal with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer was extended by a month, but "the deal ends on Aug. 15."

Sterling has vowed he'll sell the team and is suing to block his wife's single-handed deal to do so after the NBA banned him for life for making racist statements.

He has denied he is a racist from the witness stand.

Streisand said a ruling in favor of Shelly Sterling would set off lengthy appeals that also could stop the sale.

Outside court, he said Donald Sterling's refusal to sell the team is "a suicide mission by a madman."

In spite of the looming deadlines, Sterling's attorney, Gary Ruttenberg, who weighed in by

phone, asked for further delay, proceedings, insisting, "This case has been railroaded on a bullet train."

Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas disagreed and said the schedule was clear from the beginning. When Ruttenberg asked for time to obtain review of that ruling from an appellate court, the judge said curtly, "That's denied."

Levanas also barred Sterling's lawyers from calling opposing counsel to the witness stand. He also rejected a bid to strike the testimony and reports of two doctors who found the 80-year-old has Alzheimer's disease and is incapable of acting as administrator of the family trust that owns the Clippers. Their finding is what opened the door for Shelly Sterling to broker the team's sale.

Three days of hearings, at which Donald and Shelly Sterling may return to the witness stand, begin Monday.

Attorney Pierce O'Donnell, who represents Shelly Sterling, told reporters her legal team has decided against challenging Donald Sterling's competency in court because it would lead to "a battle of the experts" that would prolong the trial.

Astros shut down by White Sox bullpen in loss

CHICAGO (AP) — After the second inning, the Houston Astros' offense took another break.

Tyler Flowers drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning double, and four Chicago pitchers retired the final 22 batters to lift the White Sox to a 3-2 victory Friday night.

All-Star Jose Altuve got the last hit for the Astros in the second inning.

"We struck out 14 times. Offensively it is

tough when you don't make the other team defend the baseball," Houston manager Bo Porter said.

"We had some hittable pitches early in the zone, and I think if we really put better swings on those pitches we wouldn't have been in a position where we were hitting with two strikes."

Alejandro De Aza singled off Scott Feldman and stole second before Flowers delivered the game-winning hit.

Arencibia homers, Rangers beat Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — J.P. Arencibia tormented his former team in an impressive return to the Texas Rangers.

Arencibia hit a three-run homer, Yu Darvish matched his season high with 12 strikeouts and the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 on Friday night.

Adrian Beltre added a solo homer as the Rangers snapped their season-high, eight-game losing streak and won for just the second time in 13 road games.

"It was a solid game all the way around," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We made all the plays. That's the way we have to continue to play."

Promoted from Triple-A Round Rock on Thursday, Arencibia was booed by the crowd of 38,012 before each of his at-bats, but silenced his detractors with a first-pitch homer off R.A. Dickey (7-10) in the seventh, his second.

"It's kind of flattering when they boo you. It

gives you a little bit more fire," Arencibia said.

Arencibia caught Dickey's knuckleball during spring training and at the World Baseball Classic last year, but didn't handle the former Cy Young winner again after a trio of passed balls on opening night in 2013.

"I got to catch it and I really didn't catch it," Arencibia said. "It's a little bit easier to try and take swings at it."

Washington said Arencibia gives the Rangers

"some threat" in the lineup, and was pleased to see him succeed on his return.

"I hope it gives him confidence," Washington said. "He certainly didn't lack it when he arrived here from the minor leagues."

Darvish (9-5) won for the first time in three starts, allowing one run and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He reached the 10-strikeout plateau for the sixth time this season, all in his past 12 starts.

BSHS volleyball skills camp set for July 28

The summer sports camp season will officially get under way in the Crossroads on July 28 when Big Spring ISD hosts its annual volleyball skills camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The camp, which is

open to all athletes in grades 3-9, will run through July 31. The camp is divided into three grade divisions and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

According to camp in-

formation, athletes in grades 3-5 will attend the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Campers in grades 6-8 will participate from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freshmen will attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per person. A T-shirt can also be purchased for \$10.

Campers attending the skills camp will need to inform instructors of any physical problems they may have prior to participating.

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The Hangar Gets a Facelift



The airplanes at Hangar 25 Air Museum don't have much longer to wait to get back inside and out of the heat.

According to Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger, renovations at the museum are on schedule and going as planned.

The hangar floor will have an epoxy coating that will increase the strength of the floor to accommodate the weight of the planes and thereby prevent cracks.

It is just one of the many updates in the works for the museum, thanks to grants and donations awarded by Big Spring Community Foundation and Big Spring resident Jerry Worthly.

Other renovations include the Hangar Exchange gift shop at the site and the online gift store. Also, in an effort to make the hangar a more comfortable and esthetically pleasing experience, the windows have been replaced with solar blinds that will not only regulate the temperature to about 72 degrees, they also repel UV rays preventing sun damage to the museum exhibits.

Moving the airplanes outside was not an easy task and couldn't have been done without the help of volunteers.

"Thank you to Jack Perry with Lone Star Aviation and the Hangar 25 board of directors and volunteers that helped move the planes," said Stockburger.

Until the renovations are complete, the museum will remain closed and the planes are off limits to the public.

"So far we are on schedule with our main gallery renovation. The planes are outside of the museum and we ask that people do not touch or climb on the aircraft. During this time the museum is not open to the public. We will reopen July 22 for our grand re-opening celebration," Stockburger said.

Stockholder said she is hopeful the planes will be moved back inside the hangar sometime next week.

"This project has been in the works for several years, and we are very excited to finally get it completed," the museum administrator said.

The Hangar 25 Air Museum exists within a WWII era hangar. The structure was built in 1942, with the opening of the Big Spring Bombardier School. The bombardier school closed in 1945 with the Allied victory of WWII. The base reopened in 1951 as Big Spring Air Force base. It was renamed in 1952 after Lt. James L. Webb who was a Big Spring native and a WWII fighter pilot. He died



in a tragic accident over the coast of Japan in 1949. Webb Air Force base closed in 1977 after the end of the Vietnam War.

In 1993 an idea was conceived to take back this piece of Big Spring. In a few years this idea grew from a broken down old building to fully restored WWII hangar. The project received over \$500,000 in grant money and financial assistance from the Big Spring Community. With this and the help of several dedicated and deter-

mined Big Spring citizens they were able to make Hangar 25 Air Museum a reality. The museum opened its doors in May of 1999.

In the 15 years it has been open the museum has acquired nine aircraft, nearly 2,000 artifacts, seen 50,000 visitors, and documented the oral histories of more than 70 community veterans.

Hangar 25 Air Museum aspires to preserve the memories and legacies of these two bases and those that served here. The mission at Hangar 25 Air Museum is not only to educate but to inspire their constituencies. Through the collection, preservation and exhibition of the history the museum honors the veterans of the past and present, along with telling the next generation their story.

The goal of the museum board of directors are to document and record the oral histories of the veterans in our community, to provide an educational environment that promotes interest in local military history and to provide quality care to the objects given to the museum to preserve in perpetuity.

Until then, to see more pictures of what is going on at the site, visit the website at www.hangar25airmuseum.com, or visit their Facebook page or Instagram @hangar25airmuseum.

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Thursday: Roast beef sandwich, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, banana cake and milk.

Friday: Crispy fish, oven okra, green beans, lemon pudding, bread and milk.

South Dakota teen finishes flight around the world

SAN DIEGO (AP) A South Dakota teen may have become the youngest person to fly solo around the world.

Matt Guthmiller, 19, completed the more than 29,000-mile journey in a leased single-engine airplane late Monday night when he touched down at Gillespie Field in El Cajon, California.

Guthmiller made about two dozen stops in 14 countries during the journey that began May 31, according to his mother, Shirley, who greeted her son after his 16-hour final leg flight from Honolulu, Hawaii. "Of course he looked tired," Shirley Guthmiller said. "I'm very relieved he is home, but I wasn't worried."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology engineering student was sleeping late Tuesday morning, she said.

Matt Guthmiller took an early interest in aviation and was 16 when he got his pilot's license.

"As a little kid, he was afraid to go down to the basement," said his father, Allen Guthmiller. "It's amazing how kids change. Now he's not afraid of anything."

Guthmiller's parents

said he's sending documentation to Guinness World Records, which must confirm that he broke the record.

Guinness did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The previous record was set by Australian Ryan Campbell who was 19 years, seven months and 25 days old when he completed his circumnavigation last year.

Guthmiller will be that age on July 24.

Shirley Guthmiller said Campbell helped her son in planning the trip.

Guthmiller began in El Cajon and headed for his hometown, where he graduated from high school last year.

"He made his first stop in Aberdeen and then headed out for the rest of the world," Allen Guthmiller said.

He kept in daily contact with his parents by satellite telephone.

He also routinely posted updates on social media.

"I'm proud of him and I really wasn't worried," his father said.

"He had a good plane and a good plan."

Just a Thought

My life with cats

When my husband and I first got together, he was not a fan of cats. He had had a dog, but once he had left home Bombur stayed behind with his parents. In the Medlin household, animals stayed outside. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" was strictly adhered to so there was no room for fur bearing creatures in the house.

And once John came home Bombur just remained where he was.

At the time I moved in with my husband, I was mom to Sedrick. A sweet, but mischievous Ragdoll Siamese who had a strange attachment to a stuffed life size Siamese cat given to me as a gift. The stuffed animal was as big as he was, but Sedrick loved it and would carry it around with him everywhere. I can still see him with it under his body, firmly grasped by the neck, dragging it along from room to room, barely able to walk because it was so big. He would put it down only to eat or to come sit in my lap.

Sedrick is long gone, but I continue on my quest to be the dottering little old cat lady in my twilight years. We currently have four cats ranging in age from 3 to 15. Three solid black and one long hair seal point Siamese mix.

BooBoo (I didn't give her that name I swear) is the oldest and, according to my husband, spends most of her time sitting on the cook book stand next to the back door waiting for me to come home.

Dusty, the second oldest, loves everybody no matter what. Which brings me to our bully, Chewy, the only Tom and Dusty's tormentor. But although Chewy will chase her and act like he is going to murder her, Dusty will run and hide, but a few hours later we will see her greeting him like he is her best friend and she completely forgives him.

Although she isn't pretty by any stretch of the imagination, Dusty has one of the most endearing personalities of any cat I've owned.

There has been many a day that I was sure there was not any light left in the world and then Dusty would show me I was so wrong.

She would come to me in earnest, one tiny paw contrasted by her fat, round little body, place it purposely on my arm, look at me intensely with her half closed, big orange eyes in her little round head making sure we are eye to eye and say "Meow?" Seemingly she was saying "Hi Mom, whatcha doin'?" Just her sweet expression would make me chuckle and bring me out of whatever funk I was in.

Dusty forgives anyone and everyone of any and all transgressions. BooBoo is her mother, but after mothering more than a dozen kittens in her lifetime, she has retired from all that mothering business and doesn't appreciate Dusty's attempts at affection. She'll hiss and swat at Dusty, sometimes making her cry.

Dusty will give BooBoo her space, but she never gives up on her Mom going so far as to sneak into bed next to her at night after Mom is asleep.



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Chewy, being the only Tom now, is the guard cat/dog, hiding in the bushes in front of the house, pouncing on any cat that happens to stray onto the porch. Regardless if one of them is his own housemate. During meal time, while the three ladies are running around in circles meowing and trying to kill me, Chewy is sitting on the kitchen island above the fray, looking down on them calm, assured and above it all.

The third lady and the youngest I haven't mentioned is Smokey, a 3 year-old long haired Siamese mix who sheds so much I don't know why she isn't bald. She is the dumb blonde, I tell everybody. She is loving and sweet and never away from me when I'm home, but while all the other cats learned to push open a door before they were a year old, Smokey still tries to pull it open with her paw several times before realizing maybe she should try it the other way.

Unfortunately, this little sequence takes place while I'm indisposed and in an awkward position in the water closet. But, it's my fault for underestimating her, because she will eventually figure it out and before I know it the bathroom door will fly open with a bang causing a great deal of shock and unpleasantness to all concerned.

I have to give her props for her diligence and also for being a deceptively good hunter despite her good looks.

We let her know that we appreciate her hunting prowess, but we wish we could tell her that we would appreciate it even more if she would leave her eviscerated, beheaded and dismembered trophies outside instead of bringing them in the house. At least she does put them in the food bowls, unlike Dusty who brings them in alive to play with.

Animals, in my humble opinion, have thoughts and feeling just like we do. The only barrier between us is language, but if you take the time to understand that your cat or dog or bird or what have you does have feelings.

They miss you when you are gone. I am one of those people who tries to explain and reassure them before I go anywhere, but at the same time I know they don't understand. Some people can't understand why their pet is destructive sometimes. If they are chewing or shredding or befouling it's because something is bothering them or it could mean that they may be sick.

I am a firm believer that if we can learn to appreciate and respect the feelings of our animal friends maybe we can be more adept at understanding each others as well.

And I was once the type of person who let them breed until it got out of control. At one time I had more than 20 cats in my home. After years of having to find homes for dozens of kittens and trying to treat and care for those that got sick and some that died, I sought the help of my veterinarian. With his help and a group discount, I had six adults spayed and neutered. It was the best decision I ever made as far as having pets goes.

We miss having rambunctious curious little kittens running around the house, but we are happy with Boo Boo, Dusty, Smokey and Chewy growing old with us.

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Out of character: Chinese calligraphy at the Met

NEW YORK (AP) - Large public exhibits of ancient Chinese calligraphy are rare in the United States, as are major shows that can be appreciated by kids as well as adults, novices as well as experts.

"Out of Character" is both. It's the first public showing of highlights from the extensive Chinese calligraphy collection of former Yahoo CEO Jerry Yang and his wife, Akiko

Yamazaki.

"It's meant to be fun and casual," Yang said of the exhibit, on view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through Aug. 17.

In addition to the 45 works that comprised the show in its first stop, at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, it now features a half-dozen works from the Met's collection,

There are novice-friendly features like "decoding cards" that visitors can use to help identify the five major types of calligraphy throughout the exhibit; short videos of a contemporary Bay Area calligrapher at work; and a 17-minute animated movie that works as a contemporary and light-hearted coda.

There are enormous ceiling-to-floor scrolls in big scrawled letters (some

painted by somewhat inebriated calligraphers as a sort of performance art, according to curator Joseph Scheier-Dolberg); more intimate works in delicate, gossamer characters on paper; a work in purposefully blotchy characters on satin; and immense complete works like a rare Buddhist "Lotus Sutra" scroll and a complete book spread page by page across a wall.

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Britain's Mute Swans have royal ally

Queen Elizabeth II is Lord of the Swans in UK's open waters

WINDSOR, England (AP) - The white, long-necked swan gliding along the River Thames looks serene, but his life is full of danger. If the sharp-toothed mink don't get him or his brood, then floods, fish hooks or hooligans with air rifles might.

Fortunately, he has a powerful ally, Queen Elizabeth II.

One of the British monarch's many titles is Seigneur of the Swans, Lord of the Swans, and by ancient tradition she owns all mute swans found in Britain's open waters. In practice, she only exercises that right along the Thames, and every year she sends a flotilla of emissaries in rowing boats to count, measure and check the condition of her flock.

Known as swan upping, the five-day census is a uniquely British mix of ceremony and science that has been taking place since the 12th century. Still, one major aspect of

the census has changed. "In those days, it was all about food," said David Barber, who wears a scarlet jacket and a white swan feather in his nautical cap and bears the glorious title of Queen's Swan Marker. "It was a very important food served at banquets at feasts. Today swan upping is all about conservation and education."

Barber has been leading swan upping expeditions for more than 20 years, accompanied by a zoologist and a score of boatmen clad in three liveries: red for the queen, white for the Worshipful Company of Vintners and blue for the Worshipful Company of Dyers. The last two are medieval London trade guilds granted ownership of some Thames swans in the 15th century.

Swans are now protected by law and no longer risk being turned into supper, but they still face many hazards, from

mink and foxes to dogs, vandals and overhead power cables. Urban sprawl has also encased stretches of riverbank in concrete, endangering the birds' nesting sites.

"You could make (the river) more user-friendly for swans," said Chris Perrins, an Oxford University professor who holds the post of Her Majesty's Swan Warden. "I'd like to see more of an attempt to increase the number of possible nesting sites. But the water itself is getting cleaner."

On the first day of the census Monday, the "swan uppers" those who lift the swans out of the water, made their way upstream in wooden rowing skiffs between banks overhung by willows and chestnut trees.

When a group of cygnets was spotted, an oarsman shouted "All up!" and the boats surrounded the family of birds. Two adults and seven fluffy gray young were quick-

ly hauled ashore, weighed, measured and tagged. Within minutes they were back in the water, flustered but unhurt.

Perrins pronounced the group healthy, a good sign. This winter's severe floods inundated this stretch of the Thames and left a fast-flowing river that washed away many newborn cygnets.

This year's census continues until Friday, moving from Sunbury, on the outskirts of London, to Abingdon, 80 miles (130 kilometers) upstream.

Perrins has been part of the swan census since the 1970s, when the population went into sudden decline. He and his colleagues found the birds had been swallowing lead fishing weights, which were poisoning them. Once the weights were banned, swan numbers rebounded.

"The population has about doubled since then nationally," Perrins said. There are

about 1,000 swans along this stretch of the river, still down from the 1950s' level.

The river has changed over the centuries, from a tranquil waterway to a boat-crammed working thoroughfare to a haven for affluent pleasure-boaters.

Most of the swan uppers are full-time watermen who work on commuter vessels, party boats or tugs. For them, swan upping is both an enjoyable working holiday and a link to ancient traditions.

In one of those rituals, the convoy pauses below Windsor Castle so boatmen can lay down their oars, stand and raise a toast to "the queen, seigneur of the swans."

"We're all very close," said 33-year-old Ross Hunter, a rowing coach and former Thames boat captain. "I know all the guys who do it. A lot of them have known me since I was a child. One used to babysit me. It's kind of a family."

Lush photos and flavors help teach budget cooking

Associated Press
Leanne Brown didn't set out to write a buzz-worthy cookbook for people who want fine-dining taste on a food stamp budget.

Because "Good and Cheap," a beautifully photographed e-book packed with low-cost, fuss-free recipes, actually began simply as a master's thesis for the 29-year-old NYU food studies program graduate.

But after Brown posted it online as a PDF it got attention on Reddit, the social networking and news website, then turned into a surprise hit, spawning a Kickstarter fundraising campaign to cover the cost of printing hardcover copies for the people who need them most.

Her approach to the

cookbook, using the same kind of high-quality photography and innovative flavor combinations that go into cookbooks aimed at people with \$6,000 ranges in their kitchens, is part of a new breed of campaigns to help people eat well on a tight budget. The goal is simple, make it attractive to cook from scratch, almost always the best and cheapest way to eat well without spending a lot.

Recipes in "Good and Cheap" are healthy and enticing. Think vibrant vegetable jambalaya and a fun section called simply "Things on Toast." Brown wrote the book partly because she wanted a thesis that could have a life outside academia. She also wanted to research whether she could eat the kind of food she

likes to cook on a food stamp budget (around \$4.43 a day).

"If you can cook there's so much you can do with limited ingredients," says Brown. "If you don't know how to cook, you'll feel pretty trapped."

Following the success of the PDF version of the book, Brown launched a Kickstarter campaign to pay for a print run with the goal of raising enough money to donate hard copies through organizations serving the low-income community.

The campaign started with a goal of \$10,000 and ended with more than \$144,000.

Other programs aiming to help low-income families eat better by cooking more have taken similar approaches, hoping a gourmet

touch can help sell the idea of saving money by getting in the kitchen.

"It's not about us lecturing people. We need to get people cooking," says Greg Silverman, a restaurateur, chef and director of national partnerships for the Share Our Strength No Kid Hungry Campaign.

For example, the National WIC Association, the education arm of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), produces a popular calendar each year that includes smart food shopping, preparation, cooking and other nutrition tips, as well as easy-to-make, low-cost recipes utilizing WIC foods all professionally photographed.

"We want to make sure that the publica-

tion is attractive and of high quality, something that you would share with anybody regardless of income," says Cecilia Richardson, the association's nutrition program director.

Fact is, eating well requires cooking and shopping well, which is a challenge for people who may be working multiple low-paying jobs and living a bus ride or two away from access to healthy foods.

Share Our Strength, a national nonprofit organization aimed at ending childhood hunger, runs the Cooking Matters program teaching low-income families about food through such programs as grocery store tours led by community volunteers who help demystify food labels and identify healthy and affordable

foods.

Share Our Strength also has a Cooking Matters free app, which includes low-cost recipes, shopping and cooking tips and more.

"We need more low-cost, healthy and delicious recipes out there that people have easy access to," says Silverman. "It's really exciting that (Brown's) book has taken off."

The hard copies of Brown's book will be available in September and sell for \$20, but purchase options include buying additional copies to be donated to needy individuals for just a few dollars more.

Brown also hopes to produce a Spanish edition and is looking for volunteers to help translate the book.

New Mexico, Navajo Nation team for public art

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Not many people have been to Coyote Canyon, a remote spot on the nation's largest American Indian reservation.

Bordered by sandstone outcroppings and dotted with pinon and juniper, the location served as a perfect backdrop for an unprecedented venture into high-tech public art by the Navajo Nation and the state of New Mexico.

With the canyon as their blank canvas, Navajo teacher and artist Bert Benally and Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei teamed up

for the "Pull of the Moon" installation in late June. Benally was on the ground in western New Mexico while Ai, who has been banned from leaving China, participated from afar.

The goal was to temporarily transform the landscape through sand drawings, sculpture and sound. While the public couldn't visit the site, organizers with the Navajo Nation Museum and New Mexico Arts had every bit of the project documented with photographs and video so it could be virtually replicated for the rest of the world to see. In the

last two weeks, they have been working feverishly in preparation for Wednesday's public launch some 220 miles away in Santa Fe.

Aside from a two-dimensional documentary, the scene at Coyote Canyon that June night will be screened inside a giant digital dome. Clouds will be drifting overhead as the flames from Benally's piece illuminates the desert surroundings along

with the interlocking stencils.

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Podiatry and pediatrics added to list of services at Family Medical Center

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center announce the addition of two new service lines — podiatry and pediatrics.

Dr. Carlos Dimidjian — board certified podiatrist — joined the Family Medical Center team on April 15 and Dr. Joseph Chavez — board certified pediatrician — joined the Family Medical Center team as of July 1.

Dr. Chavez received a bachelor of science in biology and his M.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in Albuquerque, N.M. He completed his internship and residency at



Dimidjian

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He has been serving the Howard County community for 15 years.

Dr. Dimidjian graduated from Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine. He completed his medical and surgical residency at Dallas Family Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He has been serving the Howard County Community for more than 25 years.

"We are constantly looking at ways to react to the needs of our community and we feel bringing on Drs. Dimidjian and Chavez is a step forward in answering that call," said Larry Rodgers, CEO at Scenic Mountain Medi-

cal Center. "We are delighted to welcome Drs. Dimidjian and Chavez to our medical staff, and look forward to the added benefit of having podiatry and pediatrics in our arsenal of services SMMC and FMC offers the community."

Dr. Dimidjian's office is located at 1608 W. FM 700 Suite B. Office hours will be Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. He is currently accepting new patients. To make an appointment, call 432-267-1441.

Dr. Chavez will remain located in the Malone and Hogan building on the second floor. Office hours are also Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning in August, new patients will be accepted. To make an appointment, call 432-268-4660.

BBB

Permian Basin seniors targeted by 'grandparent scam'

Better Business Bureau (BBB) recently received an influx of calls from seniors in the Permian Basin who were targeted by a scam commonly referred to as the imposter scam or "grandparent scam."

How the scam works: The scammer preys on the grandparent's desire to aid their grandchildren. Typically, the grandparent receives a frantic phone call from someone who poses as their grandchild.

A scammer, who has done research on the family, explains that he or she is in trouble and needs their help, usually saying they're trapped in another country or involved in a serious accident or emergency. The "grandchild" pleads to the grandparents not to tell his or her parents and asks that they

wire money to help immediately.

John Lafrentz of Midland recently lost \$2,000 to this scam. Lafrentz received a call from someone who said, "Hi, Grandpa."

"I didn't recognize the voice," Lafrentz said. "But that's what my grandchildren call me — not Grandfather, but Grandpa. He said, 'Do you know who this is?' Then I made a mistake. I said my grandson's name and he said, 'Yeah, it is.'"

The fake grandson said he had been in an accident and had been arrested for Driving Under the Influence. He told Lafrentz his friend's father was a lawyer who was working to get the charges dismissed. The fake grandson then put the "lawyer" on the phone. The fake lawyer told Lafrentz he needed \$2,000 and convinced him to send him the money using a pre-paid debit card.

When Lafrentz called the grandson's mother, he discovered he had been scammed. "She said my grandson was at work, but she had seen him recently and he had not been in a wreck," Lafrentz said. "He had not missed work or been in jail."

Senior citizens are frequent targets of scammers. They are often trusting and willing to quickly help a loved one. When it comes to a grandchild in need of help, emotions can run high. Scammers can find ways to take advantage of that. Thieves also know seniors can have Social Security income, pensions, investments and savings. Those assets make seniors attractive targets for con artists.

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BBB warns to you to be wary of the following red flags:

- Urgent callers pressuring quick action
- Callers requesting money
- Callers claiming to be in Canada or another international location
- Callers insisting on secrecy
- Callers requesting that money be sent by wire transfer or a prepaid debit card
- Vague callers who get personal details wrong
- Although variations of this scam have been around for a long time, it has become more sophisticated with the abundance of information on the Internet. Con artists are more often using personal information gleaned from family blogs, social networking sites and online newspapers to add credibility to their calls.
- BBB offers this advice to avoid becoming victim to an imposter scam:
 - Resist the pressure to act quickly. Don't let a potential scammer push you into sending money before you verify the situation.
 - Be skeptical. Ask questions only the grandchild could know the answer to, without revealing too much personal information yourself. Ask the name of a pet, a favorite dish or what school they attend. Your loved one should not get angry about you being too cautious.
 - Verify information. Check with the parents to see if their child is really travelling as they say they are.
 - Don't wire money. Never use a transfer service to send money to someone you haven't verified is the real person, or for an emergency you haven't verified is real.
 - Stay private. Check your privacy settings on all your social media sites. Scammers often make their stories more believable by trolling for information on Facebook, Twitter and similar sites.
 - Know where to turn. If you fall victim to a scam, report the incident immediately to local police, the Texas State Attorney General and your local BBB.
- For more tips you can trust, visit bbb.org. For the latest news and information, follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
- To check out a company and find trustworthy businesses, visit bbb.org.

Texas adds 19,100 jobs in June

AUSTIN — The Texas economy added 19,100 seasonally-adjusted total nonfarm jobs in June for a total of 371,000 jobs added since June 2013. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in June at 5.1 percent, down from 6.4 percent a year ago. Texas' unemployment rate remained below the nation's June unemployment rate of

6.1 percent. "The positive news continues as the Lone Star State's jobs grew at 3.3 percent annually, with 371,000 jobs added over the last year," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Every major industry expanded over the year, with Mining and Logging leading the way at a 7 percent annual

growth rate." Seven of the 11 major industries in Texas showed employment increases over the month, led by a rise of 7,700 jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities. The industry added 90,400 jobs over the year as its annual growth rate reached 4.0 percent, the highest in the industry's recorded history. "Our economy con-

tinues to offer diverse opportunities to job seekers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "From teachers and health care workers to truck drivers and accountants — Texas is hiring. I encourage those seeking these opportunities to take advantage of

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Marijuana edibles becoming cottage industry

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Move over, pot brownies. The proliferation of marijuana edibles for both medical and recreational purposes is giving rise to a cottage industry of baked goods, candies, infused oils, cookbooks and classes that promises a slow burn as more states

legalize the practice and awareness spreads about the best ways to deliver the drug. Edibles and infused products such as snack bars, olive oils and tinctures popular with medical marijuana users have flourished into a gourmet market of chocolate truffles, whoopie pies and hard candies as

Colorado and Washington legalized the recreational use of marijuana in the past year. "You're seeing a lot of these types of products like cannabis cookbooks," said Erik Altieri, spokesman for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "They've always been popular

among a subset of marijuana, but with the fact that more and more people from the mainstream are able to consume, there's a lot more interest." Many pot users turn to edibles because they don't like to inhale or smell the smoke or just

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► Building Permits

Building Permits for June 30, 2014 to July 15, 2014
Kentwood Apartments, 1904 E. 25th St. Commercial reroof. Valuation: \$10,000 Fee: \$60
Justin Moran, 700 N. Lamesa. Commercial alteration/addition. Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25
Kerr management Inc., 2501 Langley. Residential reroof. Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25
Vernon Gamble, 804 W. 15th St. Residential reroof. Val: \$4,000 Fee: \$30
Mark Stephens, 710 Craigmont. Curb cut. Val: \$800 Fee: \$25
Estela Baeza Bermea, 1509 W. 4th St. Residential reroof. Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25
Kerr Management Inc., 2619 Ent. Residential reroof. Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25
CDR Investments, 1901 S. Monticello. Residential reroof. Val: \$2,000 Fee: \$25
Haveli Construction LLC, 2500 Alamesa. Residential electric. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Haveli Construction LLC, 2504 Alamesa. Residential electric. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Karla Gomez, 512 N. Lancaster. Commercial electrical safety. Val: 0 Fee: \$25
Haveli Construction LLC, 2500 Alamesa. Single family housing. Val: \$128,000 Fee: \$684. Residential plumbing. Val: \$2,562 Fee: \$60. Residential sewer tap. Val: \$346 Fee: \$346. Residential water tap. Val: \$512 Fee: \$512.
Haveli Construction LLC, 2502 Alamesa. Single family housing. Val: \$143,000 Fee: \$729. Residential plumbing. Val: \$2,562 Fee: \$60. Residential sewer tap. Val: \$346 Fee: \$346. Residential water tap. Val: \$512 Fee: \$512.
Haveli Construction LLC, 2504 Alamesa. Single family housing. Val: \$142,000 Fee: \$726. Residential plumbing.

Val: \$2,562 Fee: \$60. Residential sewer tap. Val: \$346 Fee: \$346. Residential water tap. Val: \$512 Fee: \$512.
Haveli Construction LLC, 2506 Alamesa. Single family housing. Val: \$145,000 Fee: \$735. Residential plumbing. Val: \$2,562 Fee: \$60. Residential sewer tap. Val: \$346 Fee: \$346. Residential water tap. Val: \$512 Fee: \$512.
Kerr Management, 2613 Albrook. Residential reroof. Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25
Victoria Salgado, 405 NE 9th St. Residential reroof. Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25
Laban Joseph Guidry, 1402 Park Ave. Residential HVAC. Val: \$1,750 Fee: \$35
Sally Saucedo, 624 Settles. Residential HVAC. Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$45
Johnny Corbet Coley Jr., 1604 Stadium. Residential electric. Val: 0 Fee: \$25
Ft. Worth Pipe Services, 3805 Bethel. Mobile home permit. Val: \$14,000 Fee: \$80. Commercial electric Val: \$500 Fee: \$25. Commercial plumbing Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$39
Theresa Conley, 1106 Pennsylvania Ave. Residential gas. Val: \$300 Fee: \$32
H.D. Carroll, 2603 Apache. Residential reroof. Val: \$7,300 Fee: \$50
Luz Martinez, 1007 N. Runnels. Fence. Val: \$2,000 Fee: \$25
Luan Creighton Stallings, 2412 W. Highway 80. Residential HVAC. Val: \$5,200 Fee: \$45
City of Big Spring, 3200 Rickabaugh. Commercial electric. Val: 0 Fee: 0
Marcus Andre Villarreal, 300 Washington. Residential reroof. Val: \$13,000 Fee: \$75
Oscar Granado, 609 N. Runnels. Residential gas. Val: \$200 Fee: \$32

Carol Jo Scott, 506 E. 12th St. Residential electrical. Val: \$600 Fee: \$25
John Crane Production, 3604 Bethel. Commercial water tap. Val: \$2,949 Fee: \$2,949
City of Big Spring, 115 E. 3rd St. Commercial electric. Val: 0 Fee: 0
Robert Ramirez, 705 E. 17th St. Residential reroof. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Michael Nairn, 608 Aylesford. Residential electric. Val: 0 Fee: \$25
Robert F. Jackman, 1902 Owens. Residential electric. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Sterling Creek Property, 2111 Runnels. Residential electric. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Steven Bryan Blackmon, 1606 Vines. Residential HVAC. Val: \$4,650 Fee: \$45
Landon Garrett Wegner, 2402 S. Main. Residential electric. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
James Norman Bowen Jr., 1717 Purdue. Residential HVAC. Val: \$5,400 Fee: \$45
Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 N. Highway 87 no. 702. Commercial plumbing. Val: \$450 Fee: \$30
Delia Gonzalez, 2625 Albrook. Fence. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Lora Ethel Spivey, 710 E. 14th St. Accessory building. Val: \$2,200 Fee: \$25
Frank Delbosquez, 704 San Antonio. Residential electrical safety. Val: 0 Fee: \$25
Robert Legg, 1018 Baylor. Residential plumbing. Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32
Miss Royale, 1509 S. Gregg. Commercial reroof. Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25
Jessica Arguello, 633 Manor Ln. Residential gas. Val: \$500 Fee: \$32
Karen K. Matteson, 3702 Caroline. Residential plumb-

ing. Val: \$200 Fee: 0
A.C. Mize, 803 E. 14th St. Residential electrical. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Building Code Recap
Single family housing detached 4 projects 4 segments Val: \$558,000 Fee: \$2,874
Res Re-roof 10 projects 10 segments Val: \$38,300 Fee: \$330
Res Elec 10 projects 10 segments Val: \$3,600 Fee: \$250
Res Plumb 2 projects 2 segments Val: \$11,450 Fee: \$272
Res HVAC 5 projects 5 segments Val: \$20,000 Fee: \$215
Res Gas 4 projects 4 segments Val: \$1,200 Fee: \$128
Res Water Tap 0 projects 4 segments Val: \$2,048 Fee: \$2,048
Res Sewer Tap 0 projects 4 segments Val: \$1,384 Fee: \$1,384
Res Curb Cut 1 project 1 segment Val: \$800 Fee: \$25
Mobile Home Permit 1 project 1 segment Val: \$14,000 Fee: \$80
Com Water Tap 1 project 1 segment Val: \$2,949 Fee: \$2,949
Com Re-Roof 2 projects 2 segments Val: \$12,500 Fee: \$85
Com Elec 3 projects 4 segments Val: \$500 Fee: \$50
Com Plumb 1 project 2 segments Val: \$3,450 Fee: \$69
Other Nonresidential Buildings 1 project 1 segment Val: \$2,200 Fee: \$25
Structures Other Than Buildings 2 projects 2 buildings Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$50
Nonresidential and Non-housekeeping Add/Alt 1 project 1 segment Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:
 Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. 6th St., Big Spring
 Marcus Joe Anderson, 3306 Auburn St., Big Spring
 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. no. 19, Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Jessica Lynn Banks, 6403 CR 1200, Big Spring
 William Riley Bounds, 1810 Corsicana, Dallas
 Tiffany Burke-Mendoza, 1503 Robin, Big Spring
 Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Roy DeWayne Carter, 5320 Wasson, Big Spring
 Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir, Big Spring
 Okytra Larae Cole, 1903 Runnels, Big Spring
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 Stefan Deal, 8102 Casie Ln. apt. 1131, Fort Worth
 Manuel DeLosrios, 707 Lorilla St., Big Spring
 Teana L. Demeny-Roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring
 Shiloh Sharee Dennis, 4651 E. CR 490, Stanton
 Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. 2nd St., Meadow
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 John Randall Evatt, 608 S. Louisiana apt. C, Amarillo
 Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
 Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave., Midland
 Andy Lee Flores, 1302 Kendall, Big Spring
 Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
 Pedro Garcia, 806 Johnson, Big Spring
 Rosa M. George, 509 W. 2nd St., Stanton
 Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 538 Westover Rd. apt. 211, Big Spring
 Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. no. 1224, Abilene
 James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. no. 502, At-lanta
 Eugene Frank Gulley, 1201 Floydada, Wellington, Texas
 Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
 Joe Guzman, 1313 Mesquite, Big Spring
 Dylan Hammons, 4404 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring
 Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., Big Spring
 April M. Horton, 1705 Charles St., Portsmouth,

Ohio
 Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring
 Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas no. 198, Odessa
 Christopher Shawn Jones, Vanham Ave., Wilson
 Albert Leal, 2522 Albrook, Big Spring
 Richard Leos, 509 W. 8th St., Big Spring
 Jesse Paul Lopez, 1011 Scurry, Big Spring
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
 Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland
 Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring
 Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iona, Lamesa
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 Jacob Montoya, 149 Whipowheel, Rockdale
 Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Courtney Pl. no. 108, Big Spring
 Melissa Chu-Lai Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring
 Robert Scott Ochoa, 2607 Chanute, Big Spring
 Cresencio Inez Padilla, P.O. box 2567, Big Spring
 James Michael Perez, 1603 Owens, Big Spring
 Michael Lynn Perkins, 11681 CR 4164, Hermling
 Fred Allen Perry, 509 Reed Rd., Big Spring
 Taylor James Perry, 2105 Sidney Baker no. 228, Kerrville
 Jarum Renee Pryor, 602 N. Plaza, Big Lake
 Martin Sosa Puga, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 Randy Randolph, 237 W. 21st St., Ft. Stockton
 Shenna Leean Reeves, 615 Gene Lee Rd., Mineral Wells
 John Daniel Renteria, 4221 CR A 3500, Knott
 Sheila Fay Richardson, 1707 Donley, Big Spring
 John Troy Riddle, 801 Industrial Loop no. 65, Breckenridge
 Liza Leigh Rios, 1002 Main no. 30, Big Spring
 Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
 Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring
 Miguel Andres Sanchez, 64 McCaleb Rd., Montgomery
 Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper, Wilson

Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East Davis Rd., Big Spring
 Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. 40th St. no. A, Corsicana
 Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Big Spring
 Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80 apt. 155, Big Spring
 Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring
 Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 no. 18, Big Spring
 Abram Heinrichs Unger, 503 NE 4th St., Big Spring
 Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Rd., apt. 133, Big Spring
 Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State St., Big Spring
 Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Ak.
 Linda Cortez White, 6601 E. Robinson Rd., Coahoma
 Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connolly St., Big Spring
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 28, Big Spring
 Byran Paul Williams, 1409 E. Main, Big Spring
 Cynthia Sue Williams, 101 Legend Hills Blvd. apt 514, Llano
 Alma Jean Yanez, 1608 Sycamore, Big Spring
 Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring
 James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn Ave., Big Spring

Marriage Licenses
 Randy E. Veerkamp Jr., 20 and Laurie E. Drown, 20, both of New Mexico
 Nick A. Denton, 26 and Samantha G. Charlton, 25, both of Big Spring

District Court Filings
 Howard County et al vs Benito Rodriguez and Nancy Rodriguez – Tax Ally Financial Inc. vs Sandra Solis – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Centerpoint Brine Inc. vs Raptor Oil and Gas LLC – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Deanna Ellen Jackson vs David Wayne Estes – Divorce
 The State of Texas vs Sears Methodist Retirement System Inc. and Senior Dimensions Inc. - Other injury or damage
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bian Duke Trejo – Divorce Cavalry SPV, I LLC, assignee of GE Money Bank vs Mitzi Knight – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Andrew Hernandez and Larry Ashbrook vs Lloyd Nichols – Civil suit
 Ofelia Alcantar vs Hector Castro and Lupe Castro – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Sondra Qualls vs Thomas Caldwell and Carson Kendall – Accounts, notes and contracts
 Brian Keith Allen vs Katie Lynn Allen – Divorce

State of Texas vs Richard Arthur Dexter. Probated judgment. Deadly conduct. \$1,000 fine, 180 days in jail and \$278 court cost
 State of Texas vs Daniel Rios. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$332 court cost and 120 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Britney Christian. Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence. Theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500. \$500 fine, \$382 court cost and 55 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Elizabeth Newsome. Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence. DWLI with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution. \$500 fine, \$282.10 court cost and 90 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Michael Everet Barnett. Judgment and sentence. Theft of service \$500 but less than \$1,500. \$500 fine, \$332 court cost and 60 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Daniel Rios. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$332 court cost and 120 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Nicholes Hernandez Limon. Judgment and sentence. Evading arrest/detention. \$500 fine, \$287 court cost and 30 days in jail.
 State of Texas vs Carrie Diane Garitson. Judgment and sentence. Driving while intoxicated. \$100 fine, \$457.10 court cost and 30 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Daniel Rios. Judgment and sentence. Assault causing bodily injury. \$200 fine, \$332 court cost and 120 days in jail

State of Texas vs Judy Ann Mata. Judgment and sentence. Fail to report a felony with serious bodily injury or death. \$200 fine, \$332 court cost and 180 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Eddie Jay White. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property \$500 but less than \$1,500. \$200 fine, 180 days in jail and \$337 court cost
 State of Texas vs Steven Leonard Williams. Judgment and sentence. Criminal trespass. \$287 court cost
 State of Texas vs Dominick Hornsby. Judgment and sentence. Driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution. \$200 fine, \$287.10 court cost and 20 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Ismael Saiz. Probated judgment. Criminal mischief inp/int/divert public water. \$200 fine, 180 days in jail and \$337 court cost
 State of Texas vs Francisco Luciano Hernandez. Probated judgment deferred adjudication. Graftiti with pecuniary loss less than \$1,500. \$200 fine and \$287 court cost
 State of Texas vs Samantha Donnel Evans. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property \$50 less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$287 court cost and 30 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Elisa Sanchez Ortiz. Judgment and sentence. Fail to identify fugitive giving false information. \$200 fine, \$282 court cost and 20 days in jail
 State of Texas vs Kandice Kaelyn Hodnett. Probated judgment deferred adjudication. Theft of property \$50 less than \$500. \$200 fine and \$287 court cost
 State of Texas vs Natasha Judy Loya. Probated judgment deferred adjudication. Possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces in a drug free zone. \$200 fine and \$287 court cost
 State of Texas vs Luke Edward Hockenjos. Probated judgment. Driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 cour cost
 State of Texas vs Randy Orlando Ramos. Probated judgment. Criminal trespass. \$200 fine, 180 days

in jail and \$287 court cost
 State of Texas vs Mitchell McCullough White. Probated judgment. Driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 court cost
 State of Texas vs Michael Andre Trombley. Probated judgment. Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 court cost
 State of Texas vs Brandon Joe Robinson. Judgment and sentence. Assault causing bodily injury. \$200 fine, \$237 court cost and 30 days in jail
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 Warranty Deeds With Vendors Leins
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 Date: July 7, 2014
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 Grantee: Terry Huitt
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 Date: July 3, 2014
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 Grantor: Rodolfo Hernandez
 Grantee: Lisa Hernandez
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 Date: July 8, 2014

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Merrimac Coup

South dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A K J 6 5 4 2

WEST
 ♠ 10 7 5 2
 ♥ J 10 4 3 2
 ♦ Q J 10
 ♣ 9

EAST
 ♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ 10 8 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ K Q 8 5
 ♦ K 7 6 4 3
 ♣ Q

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

Opening lead — three of hearts.

The Merrimac Coup is featured in many books on the play of the cards, but it seldom occurs in real life. However, the opportunity to use it arose on this deal from the 1979 world championship. The hand was played at six tables, and at four of them East proved equal to the task.

South was declarer in three notrump at all six tables. In the Brazil-United States match, the opening lead at the first table was a heart. After taking the ace, East

returned the king of spades! This was the Merrimac Coup, a defensive play aimed at killing a vital entry to dummy. In the actual case, South went down one after the king-of-spades play.

At the other table, West's lead was the queen of diamonds. Here, too, East won with the ace and returned the king of spades, and declarer also finished down one.

In the match between the Far East and Australia, the opening lead at both tables was a heart. At one table, the Far East declarer made four notrump after the Australian East won the lead with the ace and mechanically returned the nine of hearts. At the other table, East took the heart lead with the ace and returned the king of spades to sink the contract.

In the match between Italy and a Caribbean team, both Souths made the contract. At the first table, West led the diamond queen, and instead of playing the ace, East signaled with the nine. This allowed the Italian declarer to score 10 tricks.

At the second table, West led a heart to his partner's ace, and East found the killing king-of-spades lead. However, West, for reasons unknown, later discarded two hearts when the A-K-J of clubs were played, and declarer wound up with nine tricks.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 3B

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

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JOB

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the workforce services available through TWC by visiting their local Workforce Solutions office for help finding the job that's right for them."

Education and Health Services continued to offer employment opportunities with the addition of 7,400 jobs in June.

This industry has gained 52,600 jobs over the past 12 months, bumping its annual growth rate up to 3.6 percent, its highest level since June 2010.

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Obama opens Eastern Seaboard to oil exploration

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Obama administration is reopening the Eastern Seaboard to offshore oil and gas exploration, announcing final approval Friday of sonic cannons that can pinpoint energy deposits deep beneath the ocean floor.

The decision promises to create plenty of jobs and thrills the oil industry, but dismays environmentalists worried about the immediate impact as well as the long-term implications

of oil development. The cannons fill waters shared by whales and turtles with sound waves 100 times louder than a jet engine. Saving endangered species was the environmental groups' best hope of extending a ban against offshore drilling off the U.S. Atlantic coast.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management disclosed its final approval first to The Associated Press ahead of an announcement later Friday.

The approval opens

the outer continental shelf from Delaware to Florida to exploration by energy companies preparing to apply for drilling leases in 2018, when current congressional limits are set to expire. The bureau is moving ahead despite acknowledging that thousands of sea creatures will be harmed.

"The bureau's decision reflects a carefully analyzed and balanced approach that will allow us to increase our understanding of potential offshore resources while

protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments," acting BOEM Director Walter Cruickshank said in a statement.

These sonic cannons are already in use in the western Gulf of Mexico, off Alaska and other offshore oil operations around the world. They are towed behind boats, sending strong pulses of sound into the ocean every 10 seconds or so. The pulses reverberate beneath the sea floor and bounce back to the surface, where they are

measured by hydrophones. Computers then translate the data into high resolution, three-dimensional images.

"It's like a sonogram of the Earth," said Andy Radford, a petroleum engineer at the American Petroleum Institute, an oil and gas trade association in Washington DC. "You can't see the oil and gas, but you can see the structures in the earth that might hold oil and gas."

The surveys can have other benefits, includ-

ing mapping habitats for marine life, identifying solid undersea flooring for wind energy turbines, and locating spots where sand can be collected for beach restoration. But fossil fuel mostly funds this research, which produces data held as energy company secrets and disclosed only to the government.

"They paid for it, so I can see why they don't want to share," said John Jaeger, a University of Florida geology professor.

INDUSTRY

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want variety. For many people who are sick or in pain, controlled doses of edibles or tinctures can deliver a longer-lasting therapeutic dose that doesn't give them the high.

And there's money to be made.

BlueKudu, in Denver, started producing marijuana chocolate bars for medicinal purposes three years ago. Since recreational use became legal this year in Colorado, owner Andrew Schrot said, the wholesale business has more than doubled its sales from several hundred chocolate bars sold a day through dispensaries to more than 1,000, at \$9 to \$17 a piece.

"There seems to be quite a bit of intrigue about the infused products from the general public and consumer, especially tourists," Schrot said.

Cooking classes have sprung up. One in Denver — led by a chef who has turned out chocolate-covered bacon and Swedish meatballs with a marijuana-infused glaze — has grown so

popular that it will be offered every week in August. It's also part of a vacation package that provides pot tourists with a stay at a cannabis-friendly hotel (vaporizer and private smoke deck included), a visit to dispensaries and growing operations, and the cooking class.

Students are advised not to smoke before they come to class because there's a lot to learn about the dosing and they will be sampling foods along the way.

"By the end of the class, everybody's pretty stoned," said founder J.J. Walker.

Mountain High Suckers in Denver sells lollipops and lozenges for medical marijuana users and plans to release treats for recreational users at the end of August. The company hopes they will take off. "People are turning the corner and making lots of money in the rec department, and we expect to almost double the business in a year," said Chad Tribble, co-owner of Mountain High Suckers in Denver.

High Times, a 40-year-old monthly magazine based in New York, has always featured a cook-

ing column with a recipe. At least 40,000 people attended its Cannabis Cup in Denver in April, a sort of trade show that includes judging of marijuana edibles, said editor-in-chief Chris Simunek.

"Like everything else in marijuana at the moment, it's sort of experiencing a renaissance where the more people get interested, the more experiments they do with it," Simunek said.

The magazine said its "Official High Times Cannabis Cookbook" is the top-selling title of the five it offers.

It's not just a hobby or business; there's a science involved.

THC, marijuana's psychoactive chemi-

cal, must be smoked or heated — as in cooked — to be activated. When ingested rather than inhaled, it provides a longer-lasting and often more intense feeling.

Users of pot edibles, such as cookies, are often advised to eat only a portion so they don't get too high. Education about proper dosing has become a priority after at least one death and a handful of hospital visits were linked to consuming too much of an edible.

At the New England Grassroots Institute in Quincy, Mass., Mike and Melissa Fitzgerald conduct cooking classes on the use of marijuana as part of the daily diet.

"We really don't do

this to be high as a kite," said Melissa Fitzgerald. "You really have to take people's health seriously and have a purpose."

The Washington state Liquor Control Board adopted rules to require recreational marijuana products to be labeled clearly as such; to be scored so a serving size is easy to distinguish; and to be approved by the board before sale.

In Vermont — one of 22 states that allow the use of medical marijuana, along with the District of Columbia — the Legislature this year passed a bill that allows more people to get medical marijuana and called for a study of financial effects if the state were to allow rec-

reational use.

Bridget Conry, general manager of Champlain Valley Dispensary in Burlington, Vermont, and of Southern Vermont Wellness, another medical marijuana dispensary in Brattleboro, is already creating infused olive oils, tinctures and a gluten-free cracker. She expects soon to be making pestos and other infused foods, in manageable amounts that allow people to control dosing.

"We've always come from the perspective of like, who eats a quarter of a cookie?" Conry said. "We're trying to make our things portion-specific, because you know you want to eat the whole cookie."



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Oscar de la Renta exhibit opens Saturday at Bush library in Dallas

BY JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press DALLAS (AP) — As former first lady Laura Bush gazed at the elegant knee-length Oscar de la Renta dress and coat she wore to the swearing-in ceremony at her husband's 2005 inauguration, she recalled that white turned out to be the perfect color choice.

"The floor of the platform was a beautiful sky blue, which I didn't know that it would be ... So the white dress with snow all out on the ground and then this beautiful sky blue platform really looked perfect," Bush said. Turning her eyes to the silvery gown she wore that night, she said: "He made it so sparkling and so beautiful with the crystals."

The ensembles are among more than 60 featured in a new retrospective of de la Renta's career that opens Saturday at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas. "Oscar de la Renta: Five Decades of Style," runs through Oct. 5.

"To me, this is such a great example of what Oscar really tries to do — whether it's for first ladies or the lady on the street, he really tries to understand what people want, what people need, he tries to get people. And I think that this is really a reflection of his great relationship with Mrs. Bush,"

said Alex Bolen, chief executive officer of Oscar de la Renta, as well as the designer's son-in-law.

The exhibit featuring designs from the beginning of de la Renta's career in the 1960s to present day is arranged by themes, from gowns inspired by de la Renta's love of gardening to those showing the Spanish influence on his works to gowns worn on red carpets and by first ladies, including Bush, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Nancy Reagan.

Bush said the exhibit was the designer's idea. "He called me and said, 'May I do a show there? I'd love to.' Of course I was thrilled, I'd always envisioned that we do a show of clothes," Bush said.

Her daughter Jenna Bush Hager's wedding dress is among those displayed, along with Bush's turquoise mother-of-the-bride dress.

"When Jenna married, there was just one designer she wanted to design her dress, and that was Oscar," Bush said, adding, "Of course she thought it was the prettiest dress ever, and it is."

Bush said she was able to wear many of the dresses to multiple events, including a blue silk dress she wore not only for a Vogue photo shoot but also on other occasions including a dinner for then-



Oh, Charlie Brown...

Children with First United Methodist Church Kids With a Purpose visited the Big Spring Herald recently touring the business, watching the press run and visiting with staff. At right, young Tanner poses for a picture stating his grandmother is a daily Herald reader. Tanner

also led a campaign during the visit to bring the comic strip Charlie Brown (Peanuts) to the daily comics page. For now at least, Charlie and his friends can be seen every Sunday in the comics section.



French President Nicolas Sarkozy and for her White House portrait.

"One of the great things about his clothes is that you can wear them over and over," she said. "They last longer than a year: Both they stay in fashion longer than a year and then they also obviously are so beautifully made they last for a

long time."

De la Renta's designs were also featured last year at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Arkansas — including a teal pantsuit Hillary Clinton wore when she was sworn in as senator.

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