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## Murder indictment handed down

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man has been indicted in a May shooting that left one man dead and another seriously injured. Nicholas Hernandez Limon, 25, was indicted on charges of murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon during this week's session of the Howard County Grand Jury. Limon is charged with mur-



Limon

der in connection with the shooting death of Dylan Headrick, 17, of Big Spring, which occurred at Moss Lake the evening of May 18. Headrick was killed and Rudy Hernandez II, 19, was seriously injured in the shooting, which occurred at one of the lake's west side pavilions.

Both victims were transported via ambulance to the hospital, where Headrick was declared dead from gunshot wounds to the chest. Hernandez, who was wounded in the abdomen, eventually recovered. After talking to "numerous" witnesses, Big Spring police applied for and received an arrest warrant charging Limon for murder. Shortly thereafter, Limon surrendered to authorities in Lamesa.

If convicted, Limon faces a possible sentence of between five and 99 years, or life, in prison for the murder charge and between two and 20 years in prison for the aggravated assault. Others indicted during the grand jury session were:  
 • Rudolph Avalos Jr., 27, 1805 Winston, burglary of a habitation (enhanced to first degree felony).  
 • Felicia Guadalupe Fleet, 34, 705 Alabama, tampering

with a governmental record (third degree felony).  
 • Luis Alberto Garfias, 26, 1300 Johnson, evading arrest with prior conviction (state jail felony).  
 • Whitney Gonzales, 22, 1319 Sycamore, tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony).  
 • Michael Shae Jackman, 28, 7405 NCR 19, theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000  
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## Peace officer pact to get look Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider signing off on a mutual aid law enforcement task force agreement with the city of Big Spring when they meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the third floor courtroom of the county courthouse. The agreement, which was approved by the Big Spring city council Tuesday, would result in greater cooperation between law enforcement agencies, proponents said. Task force activities would include assistance and cooperation from law enforcement officers regularly employed by the county with criminal investigations or other law enforcement activity being conducted by city officers. Those activities include the use of personnel, crime scene, tactical, Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT), or other units from the City, and may involve, execution of search and arrest warrants or any other activity related to law enforcement, upon request from the particular county agency. In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:  
 • A public hearing and possible action on a tax abatement agreement with Inverenergy.  
 • Approval of the Howard County 911 District budget.  
 • A contract with Parks Fuel for temporary fuel tanks.  
 • Invoices, purchase requests and a budget work session.  
 • Personnel matters.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.



Courtesy photo/Breanna Conner  
**The Rev. Carroll Kohl and wife Leighrene smile at each other while holding a Coca-Cola can with the word soulmate on the side. The photo has been posted to the Coca-Cola company's website among others submitted from around the world. The photograph can be found at www.coca-colacompany.com/snapshots.**

## 'Soulmates' photo earns recognition on Coca-Cola website

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

If a picture is worth a 1,000 words then it's definitely worth using in an international marketing campaign. One local couple found that fact out after posing for a photo at the request of their granddaughter recently. "One day someone brought in a carton of Coca-Cola, and we were sitting around having lunch," said the Rev. Carroll Kohl. "Our granddaughter, Breanna Conner, picked one up, and it said soulmate. She said she wanted to take a picture for a Coca-Cola contest. She said 'hold this up and look at each other.' Of course you do anything for your grandchild." The photo was uploaded to the Coca-Cola Company website and was chosen to be featured in Snapshots: Moments of Happiness From Our Readers gallery. Kohl, who at the time of his interview, said he was a bit oblivious to the situation. He didn't know about the posting until a family member brought up the fact and hasn't actually been to the website, yet. He admits he is not much of a computer person. "I don't even do Facebook. I am too busy getting my daily activities done," he said. He has seen the photograph of himself and his wife, Leighrene smiling at each other holding the can with the word soulmate featured clearly on the side. If an image can capture years of love and commitment into one instant — this one certainly did its job well. The caption for the photo on the website quotes the couple's daughter, Angela Newton, "This is my favorite. Taken of my mom and dad. Married 55 years ... forever soulmates." Carroll is a retired Lutheran pastor although in reality he continues to serve in his pastoral duties. He was the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for a number years and also served at the VAMC. The couple moved to Big Spring in 1972 and have four children, daughters Dana Rodriguez and Angela Newton, both of Big Spring, and Glenda Ramsey of Wichita Falls, Texas; and one son, Thomas, who lives in Grandbury, Texas. The photo can be found at www.coca-colacompany.com/snapshots. The photo is current No. 7 on the image gallery. Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

## Howard College slates public hearing on tax abatement

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

A public hearing is scheduled Monday over a proposed tax abatement agreement between Inverenergy Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC and the Howard County Junior College District. "The proposal is a PILT agreement (payment in lieu of taxes)," said Dr. Cheryl

Sparks, Howard College president. "They have proposed to pay \$835 per mega watt." The proposed wind farm will consist of 67 turbines on acreage located north of the city of Big Spring and will produce approximately 120 mega watts of energy once operational. Courtney Timmons of Inverenergy, who visited with the

board in June, said the company estimates the project will be an almost \$170 million capital investment and create approximately 300 jobs for the construction phase. Company representatives estimate the business will create six to seven full-time jobs once operational. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2015, he said.

Individuals wishing to speak during the tax hearing must sign up before the Howard College trustees meeting begins which is 12:30 p.m. in the college's Tumbleweed Room, located in the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Following the hearing, trustees are expected to

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# Obituary

## Severo M. Montes



Severo M. Montes, 60, of Big Spring, died Thursday July 24, 2014, at his residence. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Mona Lu Tonn of Spring Tabernacle officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born to Emsrosiana and Porfidio Montes July 19, 1954, in San Miguel, Mexico. He had been in the community for 15 years. He married Guadalupe Aguilar in Big Spring on Aug. 26, 2006. He was a truck driver for Globe and was a member of Spring Tabernacle.

He is survived by his wife Lupe Montes of Big Spring; three sons, Gregory Aguilar and wife Krystle of Big Spring, Salvador Aguilar and wife Clara of Big Spring and Adan Trujillo and wife Silvia Tambien of Mexico; two daughters, Mary Graica and Rose Parnell, both of Big Spring; one sister; one brother; 15 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today:

- **ASHLEY NICOLE SIGLER**, 20, of 538 Westover no. 133, was arrested Friday on a warrant for theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- **BRANDON DAKOTA FEASTER**, 22, of 4202 Hamilton, was arrested Friday on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.
- **CORY ALLEN LOVE**, 24, of 3155 Camelot Ln., Belton, Texas, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- **SHAWNTINA MARIE THORPE**, 47, of 502 Young, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.
- **BEN RAY JOHNSON**, 48, of 903 Abrams, was arrested Friday on a warrant for criminal mischief impair/interrupt/divert public water.
- **DAVID WAYNE OBRIEN**, 35, of 5807 Walter Rd., was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct noise.
- **JEFFREY PAUL CARTER**, 51, of 1202 Jeffery Rd., was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/shelter.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at the 6500 block of Center Point Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported at the 1200 block of Monticello, the 1400 block of Stadium, the 1700 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the 1600 block of Robin.

# Support Groups

## MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY

- Noon — Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or [kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com](mailto:kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com)

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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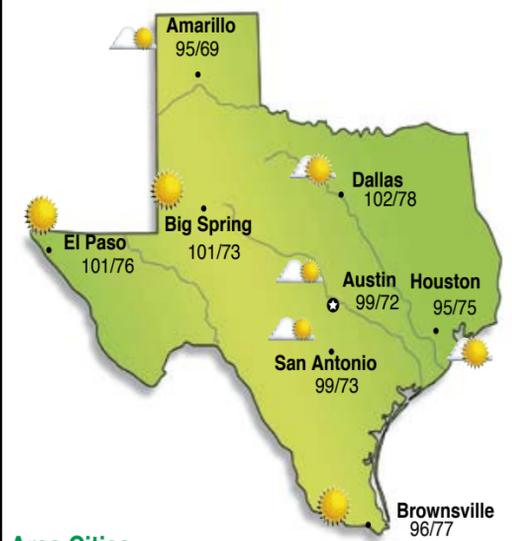
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 7/27	Mon 7/28	Tue 7/29	Wed 7/30	Thu 7/31
<b>101/73</b> Sunny skies. Hot. High 101F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>98/73</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/73</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>98/72</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	<b>94/68</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:58 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:58 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:59 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:00 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:00 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:44 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	76	mst sunny	Kingsville	96	75	sunny
Amarillo	95	69	pt sunny	Livingston	96	73	pt sunny
Austin	99	72	pt sunny	Longview	97	75	mst sunny
Beaumont	92	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	98	72	sunny
Brownsville	96	77	sunny	Lufkin	97	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	101	71	sunny	Midland	100	74	sunny
Corpus Christi	92	79	sunny	Raymondville	101	78	sunny
Corsicana	101	76	sunny	Rosenberg	95	74	pt sunny
Dallas	102	78	mst sunny	San Antonio	99	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	79	sunny	San Marcos	99	72	pt sunny
El Paso	101	76	sunny	Sulphur Springs	99	76	sunny
Fort Stockton	99	73	mst sunny	Sweetwater	101	75	sunny
Gainesville	101	74	mst sunny	Tyler	97	75	mst sunny
Greenville	99	75	mst sunny	Weatherford	102	77	mst sunny
Houston	95	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	103	76	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	95	75	mst sunny	Minneapolis	75	58	pt sunny
Boston	80	70	t-storm	New York	84	72	t-storm
Chicago	83	60	t-storm	Phoenix	104	81	pt sunny
Dallas	102	78	mst sunny	San Francisco	73	58	mst sunny
Denver	82	60	t-storm	Seattle	77	56	sunny
Houston	95	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	90	65	t-storm
Los Angeles	85	67	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	71	t-storm
Miami	89	78	t-storm				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Sun 7/27	Mon 7/28	Tue 7/29	Wed 7/30	Thu 7/31
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
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Emergency personnel responded to a vehicle accident on Stadium Street Friday afternoon. According to witnesses on the scene, an elderly man was backing out of his driveway when he blacked out and the vehicle crashed into another home. No more information was available at the time of the accident.

HEARING

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discuss the application before calling on a vote on the issue.

In other business, trustees are:

- Expected to nominate someone to fill a vacancy on the Howard County Appraisal District board of Directors.
- Accept gifts from the Big Spring Area Community Foundation, Robinson Drilling of Texas and the San Angelo Health Foundation.
- Hear updates on construction and repair projects and also the upcoming proposed budget and legislative appropriation requests.
- Consider personnel matters and financial reports.

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

INDICTED

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(state jail felony).

- Latisha Lynn Jetton, 25, 303 Croze, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).
- Rodney Joseph Keleman, 29, 1101 S. Scurry, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).

felony).

- Richard David McCutchan, 46, county detention center, criminal mischief (state jail felony).
- Sophia Conception Marmolejo, 30, county detention center, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Stacy Lynn Pendleton, 38, 1800 Lancaster, sex offender duty to

register annually (enhanced to second degree felony).

- Jose Alfredo Rodriguez, 46, Lubbock, evading arrest (third degree felony).
- Anthony Robert Sanchez Jr., 27, 2813 Coronado, driving while intoxicated (third degree felony).
- Christie Shelby, 22, Limon, Colo., tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony).
- Jennifer Janee Terrell, 40, 602 George, tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony).
- James M. Thompson,

35, Midland, two counts of forgery (state jail felony).

- Rigoberto Vasquez, 18, county detention center, evading arrest (third degree felony).
- Amy Monique Webber, 43, 3214 Oasis, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Simon Garcia Jr., 43, 1511.5 Scurry, theft over \$20,000/less than \$100,000 (third degree felony).
- Francesca Christine Gibbs, 1900 MLK, fraudulent attempt to obtain controlled substance prescription (third degree felony).
- Michael Scott Jackman, 27, 1703 Jennings, injury to a child (state

jail felony).

- Regina Veitch Kemnitz, 42, 1205 Robin, two counts of forgery (state jail felony).
- Debra Lynn Knott, 52, 106 E. 22<sup>nd</sup>, debit card abuse (state jail felony).
- Mark Matthew Lindem, 36, 2507 Albrook, two counts of theft over \$500/less than \$1,500 with two prior convictions (enhanced to state jail felony).
- Rickie Josh Lindsey, 40, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 149, forgery (state jail felony).

Valentin C. Quintana, 37, 1201 FM 461, evading arrest and possession of prohibited weapon (both third degree felonies).

- Stephanie A. Sterling, 35, 1312 Sycamore, theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

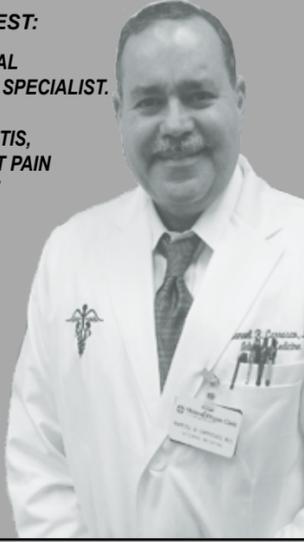
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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we live peacefully together, though we may have differing opinions.

Amen

# The cliff dwellings at Puye

New Mexico is just a few miles west of us and we go there often, always finding new places to explore.

Susan made reservations at a Hilton property north of Santa Fe named Buffalo Thunder. When we arrived there we were amazed to see an extremely impressive hotel and motel complex with a casino and a 36-hole golf course. The course is spectacular, especially when you consider it was laid out in the mountains. The place has five restaurants on the premises along with all the amenities you would expect to find at a beautiful resort.

It is fun to have nice surprises when you really don't know what to expect. We had no plans and no schedule, a perfect way to travel on a weekend getaway.

The man at the desk suggested we have supper at a place just down the road. We sat next to a couple of women who worked at Los Alamos and asked them what was there to do and see in the neighborhood. They both replied, "You must go to Puye." Having never heard of the

place, we asked about it. It is a National Historic site where ancestors of the Santa Clara Pueblo live.

We went there the next morning. It is near Espanola, just a short drive from Buffalo Thunder. We were the first two tourists of the day and we were fortunate to have a young college student guide who was enthusiastic about his ancestry and the cliff dwellings.

Between 900 and 1580, some 1,500 Indians lived in the area where they hunted game and grew crops. Estimates are the Puye constructed their community about 1250. It is on two levels, with access to the top mesa by paths, stairways and ladders. The dwellings at the base of the cliff had more than 700 rooms.

Some people lived in caves cut into the side of the cliff.

The area was inhabited until 1590 when drought forced the villagers to move to the valley below. Their descendants live at the Santa Clara Pueblo, 10 miles east of the cliff dwellings. In the original Tewa language of the people, Puye translate into the phrase "where the rabbits meet."

We stayed there a couple of hours. It's a pretty strenuous trek, climbing up narrow rock crevices with sharp edges and ladders that led us to the caves

and a panoramic view of the valley below.

Since we didn't have a schedule, we visited a couple of wineries, stopped a couple of times to photograph or admire vistas and wandered about aimlessly.

We visited Bandolier National Monument near Los Alamos, another national monument with cliff dwellings.

It is certainly a worthwhile visit and geared up for large numbers of tourists. Buses take people from downtown to the site because parking is at a premium.

I guess it was our laidback attitude, but when we saw all the hordes of people at Bandolier, we didn't enjoy it as much as we did back at Puye, when we had our own personal guide and didn't run into anyone else at the ruins.

I can't say enough good things about our visit to the Los Alamos museums, which describe how the atomic bomb was created. It was a colossal achievement of teamwork and dedication.

As on most of our short trips, we find that you can do a lot and see interesting places without traveling very far.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Attack

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
According to local area news reports, an elderly woman was taken from her home near the 600 block of Washington around 12:30 a.m., Thursday, July 17. The reports further claimed the assailant was a "Hispanic male under 6' and that the woman was forced into her car and taken out to 'Radio Tower Road,' where she was sexually assaulted, stabbed numerous times and left

for dead. The woman's car was later found near the 1400 block of East Second Street in Big Spring.

Rumors at nearly every level claimed the attacker may have been some "out-of-towner" that picked the elderly woman at random. However, the nature of the crime, the routes the attacker took, instead point to a dangerous serial elderly rapist and murderer that lives in Big Spring, and premeditates his crimes.

According to the FBI's report

on "Sexual homicide of elderly females, linking offender characteristics to victim and crime scene attributes," data results of 604 cases reported to law enforcement over a 24 year period, show that 81 percent of the victims are Caucasian; that the offender is more than 55 percent of the time to be "non-white," and when the data could be established, 54 percent of the time the assailant was a stranger to the victim,

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# Flipping out over flip-tops

Somewhere between the admonition to avoid looks at gift horse's mouths and the dangers of Greeks bearing gifts should be warnings about acceptance of gifts from offspring. This is particularly true if they are "far out" presents and/or are received at non-holiday/anniversary/birthday calendar junctures.

At such times, offspring — in this case, our youngest of three daughters — flashes her best smile, gurgling something about "just because" at the same time.

And just about every time such occurs, there's a "cause."

A while back, Jeanie gave my wife and me almost 1.5 pounds of toothpaste. Unopened, the three tubes bore the familiar red and blue lettering on a brand Procter and Gamble has claimed for nigh unto 60 years.

What a bonanza, thought I, glad her family "doesn't care for" the Crest Pro-Health Whitening toothpaste.

I mean doesn't the Crest identification suggest immediate credibility on a product that has been in our bathrooms for decades? Memories reclaimed childhood days, when there were many "tooth brushings" between occasional purchases of tooth powder. We often "made do" with applications of salt and soda on our brushes, which we used until there were more holes where bristles used to be than numbers of bristles still limply connected.

For a couple of months, we've used the toothpaste, and we have no complaints. I feel sure

it meets the mark of what New York dentists believe toothpaste should do.

Its container, however, leaves much to be desired. It has an easy "flip-top" opener. However, closure is something else.

We have resorted to using duct tape to keep the blamed tube closed. Failing to do so assures clean-ups of puddles of leaked toothpaste wherever the tubes are laid to rest—in the medicine chest, on the counter, in drawers—wherever.

Must we find a tiny refrigerator to make certain our toothpaste maintains "non-ooze" consistency? (One solution might be to glue the flip-top shut, then to extract toothpaste from the bottom end, securing it after each use with a clothespin.)

We've tried common sense approaches, even standing the tube upside down on the flat surface of the flip-top. Alas, there's a gooey mess, inside and outside the cap. Usually, within hours the tube is an island in a pool of paste.

And, no, it won't stand "right side up," because its bottom isn't flat. Arggggh! Now we know, up close, of the oft-heard stories about the difficulty of getting toothpaste back into the tube.

Remembered fondly are the old-fashioned, screw-on caps. Why, pray tell, did Crest "fix" what wasn't broken?

Maybe a young engineering graduate whose dad runs the place decided on flip-tops. Or, more likely, near kin of a major P&G stockholder.

I don't care if they manufactured 40 trillion containers to last until mid-century, why are we consumers taking this sitting down?

Sadly, it's the way we take most things. We trudge along, thinking there's little we can

do. Never has there been a time when the sands of time have yearned more for folks with courage to draw the line.

Colgate doesn't get off "scot-free" in my take-down move. Early on, I tried their dental strips, applying them daily for two weeks, as instructed. When I finished, my teeth were still crooked.

(Aside: I'm not sure we should believe the New York study claiming that Vassar women prefer Colgate men to tooth decay, two to one.)

Let us arise and be heard! We shouldn't have to empty our toothpaste into Mason jars to maintain bathroom tidiness.

Educators form committees to study thorny issues. I assembled a neighborhood group, and one friend has provided critical illumination; she said most caps such as this also screw off.

Uh, so does ours, we now confess with some embarrassment. But, there's goop "globbing" out at the threads, too.

In the past two years, we've made major purchases — a mattress, washer/dryer and leather recliner — and all have fallen short. Appliance problems were quickly remedied; stay tuned on the mattress and recliner.

If you have consumer issues, send an email. With voices united, we'll send Procter and Gamble — and other manufacturing behemoths — what lawyers might call "class action gripes." We're "up to here," and aren't going to take it anymore.

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# Walking The Red Road

## Faith and Family Part One — The Creator

When first given the opportunity to write this column, I gladly accepted. I told Bill, the editor at the Herald, that I would stay from politics and religion. He seemed

to think that was a good idea. Either one can get you into trouble. Recently, Bill suggested that I did write about Native American spirituality. So, at Bill's suggestion, I will do my best to explain my beliefs and

those of my brothers and sisters. About two and a half years ago, my neighbor called me, terrified. She was having trouble breathing.



RANDY  
MCKINNEY

My neighbor is an older lady with no husband, no children and no close family. I told her I would be right over. I got her to the hospital and then got her home.

For four months I took her meals each day and did her shopping for her. I took her to her doctors appointments and picked up her prescriptions. I also gave her support, telling her she could get through this. I told her all she needed was faith in the Creator and herself.

During this time she got in touch with a niece she had not talked to in years. The niece, Linda, came to see her. Linda was aware of what I had been doing for her aunt and aware of my Native American beliefs. Linda asked me why I was doing all this for her aunt. My reply was simple.

I told her that I felt the Creator had set me on this path, to care for an elder in need. Linda said, so you believe in God? I replied of course I do. She said, I'm sure we don't have the same God. I said, Linda, of course we have the same God, there is only one Creator.

I told her that we may have different names for him and worship him in different ways, but there is only one Creator. It is not how you believe that matters, but that you do believe. That is what matters.

I have had people of the Christian faith come by to visit me. We have had good talks about our faiths and the slight differences. And we have all agreed that having faith in the Creator is what matters most.

In the Native American faith the Creator is a separate being. However a part of him is within all of us as well as every thing he has created. You just need to know how to find him within yourself. The best place to look is in your heart.

Two of the young men who have visited me asked where I went to worship. We were on my front porch and I said look around you. The grass, the trees, the rocks and the sky— this

is my church. When I need to pray I simply go outside, look up to the sky and pray. We believe anyone can speak directly to the Creator, but it is best outside in the world that he created.

When we pray we rarely pray for ourselves, we pray for others. It is allowed to pray for yourself as long as you pray for others as well. We do not pray for material or worldly things. Mostly we pray for those who are sick or have lost their way and need the Creator's help. If we pray for ourselves it is only for guidance and the help to stay on the path the Creator has given us to walk.

When I pray, I start out by thanking the Creator for the day he has given me, and all he has done for me. I finish by asking him for three things for myself and those praying with me. I ask him to keep my heart true, my spirit free and my feet on

the path. If something very important or special is to be prayed for it is a ceremonial prayer. Sage is lit, the four directions, Earth Mother and the Creator are recognized. Then the prayer is said. Anytime someone is in great need of the Creator's help I pray this way. It has worked many times for me, the prayer is always answered.

We do have a church in a way. We have a sweat lodge ceremony once a month that lasts all evening. The sweat lodge is a small circular hut about four feet tall, about 12 feet across. Heated rocks are placed in the middle of the lodge. Sage and tobacco are placed on the rocks then water that has been blessed is poured on them to create steam. With the door flap closed it is pitch black inside, all you can see is the glow of the rocks.

Inside the lodge we sing ceremonial songs

and people speak, one at a time. Some pray, some tell what is in their hearts, some ask questions. Some seek advice from the Creator, some just sit quietly.

The lodge is a purification ceremony for body and spirit. The temperature can reach 120 degrees. The strange thing is that when you leave the lodge between rounds, covered with sweat, it dries and you are not sticky or dirty feeling. I have had many questions answered in the lodge and have also been healed in the lodge.

Once again I am out of space. I will pick back up on this in my next column. Until then have faith and believe in the Creator. With this all is possible. No matter what you call him or how you worship him, have faith.

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### LETTERS

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and further, that the average age of the offender was 27 years old. In 92 percent of the cases the victim was raped, and data examined (from multiple law enforcement sources) also show that the offender, in the majority of cases, lived within six blocks of the victim.

It is my opinion that a newspaper inform an otherwise innocent public about such facts; this kind of information goes a long way in preventing another such attack.

Sincerely,

MR. D. DEUKE EUKEL  
BIG SPRING RESIDENT

### Cemetery woes

TO THE EDITOR:

On July 8, 2014, we laid to rest my uncle Henry Valverde at Mount Olive Cemetery. In that event, the headstone of a family member next to him had to be moved. On July 22, I returned to Big Spring to visit the gravesite of my family members. It was then when I and my mother noticed that the headstone next to my uncle was never replaced and was broken in two pieces.

Two weeks after the funeral — and you would think they would have the respect to move the headstone back that the cemetery moved. So we went to the office to notify them about it. This was when we contacted Rebecca Pritchett. We asked them to please return the headstone of our family member back and we asked why the headstone was in two pieces. She told us that if they had to move a headstone to dig the hole, it was not their fault if the headstone was damaged in the process. Then she said she would let the guys know about it and see what they can do, after they took care of another funeral. My mother left her phone number to be contacted.

Not hearing anything by late afternoon July 24, I returned to Mount Olive and see if it was corrected. I returned and nothing was done. Took pictures of the area and returned to the office. There I was met by Mrs. Pritchett again. I had to remind her again why I was there. Two days and nothing was done.

She told me that the guys put it back. I then had to show her that it was not put back, but was in the same spot as two days ago. She then said that I could send her pictures of where it was to be placed. You would think that would be her job to know where it went if they moved the headstone in the first place. Also would like to know who is in charge of the upkeep of the cemetery.

The front area that can be seen off the road is kept clean. Go to the Hispanic Catholic area and it is totally different. Of what I have been told, the city took responsibility over it from the Catholic Church.

Thank you,

JULIAN HERRERA  
BIG SPRING

### Fortunate

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to comment on how fortunate Big Spring is to have a rehab facility like Dora Roberts. Due to knee surgery I recently finished having physical therapy there. I can't say enough about the wonderful, qualified staff.

Jason Sims, physical therapist, is encouraging, compassionate and great at what he does. All the staff are friendly, caring and help keep you going.

From walking in the front door to the therapy room, you feel truly at ease and cared for. The staff and facility are excellent and definitely an asset for Big Spring and surrounding communities.

SHELANE ROBERTS

### What's with the windmills?

TO THE EDITOR:

The last thing I want to convey in this letter is negativity. I just don't fully understand how we can be so excited about all the wind energy electric producing windmills that for several years have gone up and have now become part of our landscape.

Where is all the electricity going? What is the benefit from this? I certainly haven't received a decrease in my bill. Nor has anyone else that I know.

In my opinion, these huge monstrosities are ugly and have totally ruined our view of West Texas. Unless someone can convince me otherwise, I certainly don't believe in giving the corporations that own them any kind of tax break or incentive to build more of these things.

If you look, most of the time half of them are not even turning. Are they broke? Or is this by some engineering design that they shut down? I don't know if it's true, but I've been told that the electricity generated is going to larger cities in east and south Texas. Does the wind not blow there as well?

Geez. Give me a break. I sincerely would like some answers from anyone that knows or cares. And I would encourage anyone that feels the same as I to speak up and voice your opinion as well.

Thank you,

DALTON LEWIS  
BIG SPRING




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## News Briefs

### Police hunt for 2 who carjacked SUV, killed 3 kids

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police are searching for two men who carjacked an SUV and plowed into a group of children and adults selling fruit to raise money for their church, killing three siblings and critically injuring their mother and the carjacking victim. Another woman was hurt but is in stable condition.

The men carjacked a real estate agent at gunpoint Friday morning, forcing her into the backseat of her Toyota 4Runner. The SUV sped out of control about a mile from where the carjacking occurred, slamming into the children and adults manning the fruit stand, Philadelphia police said.

"Three innocent children had their lives taken," Philadelphia Homicide Capt. John Clark said of the victims, ages 7, 10 and 15.

The suspects fled on foot.

"There are no words to describe how I feel right now," said police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, "but we do need to find these two guys."

More than \$100,000 in rewards is being offered for the suspects' capture. Police also asked nearby businesses for surveillance video and pleaded with anyone with information to come forward.

Police said the suspects may have blown a tire as they turned a corner at high speed. The car ended up in a wooded area, its front end smashed against a stand of trees.

"Something obviously went horribly wrong," Clark said.

### U.S. evacuates embassy in Libya amid clashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States shut down its embassy in Libya on Saturday and evacuated its diplomats to neighboring Tunisia under U.S. military escort amid a significant deterioration in security in Tripoli as fighting intensified between rival militias, the State Department said.

"Due to the ongoing violence resulting from clashes between Libyan militias in the immediate vicinity of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, we have temporarily relocated all of our personnel out of Libya," spokeswoman Marie Harf said.

The withdrawal underscored the Obama administration's concern about the heightened risk to American diplomats abroad, particularly in Libya where memories of the deadly 2012 attack on the U.S. mission in the eastern city of Benghazi are still vivid and the political uproar over it remain fresh ahead of a new congressional investigation into the incident.

"Securing our facilities and ensuring the safety of our personnel are top department priorities, and we did not make this decision lightly," Harf said. "Security has to come first. Regrettably, we had to take this step because the location of our embassy is in very close proximity to intense fighting and ongoing violence between armed Libyan factions."

The evacuation was accompanied by the release of a new State Department travel warning for Libya urging Americans not to go to the country and recommending that those already there leave immediately.

### Obama urges Central American leaders, House Republicans to help slow influx of young migrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pressing for swift action, President Barack Obama on Friday urged Central American presidents and congressional Republicans to help ease the influx of minors and migrant families crossing the southwest border of the U.S.

He emphasized to the regional leaders that despite U.S. compassion for migrant children, those who do not have a proper claim to remain in the U.S. will be turned back.

While citing progress in stemming the flow, Obama called on House Republicans to act urgently on his request for emergency spending. With one week left before Congress' August recess, Republicans on Friday were trying to unite behind a plan that would spend about one-fourth of the amount in Obama's proposal.

"It is my hope that Speaker Boehner and House

Republicans will not leave town for the month of August for their vacations without doing something to help solve this problem," Obama said after meeting with Vice President Joe Biden and the presidents of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. "We need action and less talk."

Obama played down a proposed pilot program that his administration is considering that would give refugee status to young people from Honduras. White House officials said the plan, which could be expanded to Guatemala and El Salvador, would involve screening youths in their home countries to determine whether they qualify for refugee status.

### Official: Suspect in deadly hospital shooting had history of gun arrests

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — A psychiatric patient who killed his caseworker — and grazed his psychiatrist before the doctor pulled out his own weapon and fired back — has a lengthy history of gun arrests, violence and mental health problems, authorities said.

Dr. Lee Silverman emptied his gun's chamber, striking patient Richard Plotts several times, Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan said. Plotts by then had shot the caseworker in the face and fired several shots at Silverman, including one that grazed his temple and another that struck his thumb, he said.

Plotts had 39 unspent bullets on him when he was wrestled to the ground at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby, just southwest of Philadelphia, and police believe he had planned to use them.

"If the doctor did not have a firearm, (and) the doctor did not utilize the firearm, he'd be dead today, and I believe that other people in that facility would also be dead," Whelan said.

Police in Upper Darby, where Plotts lived, were aware of at least three mental health commitments — including once after he cut his wrists and once when he threatened suicide — but said such stays can last just one to three days.

### Amazon worker piloted drone around Space Needle

SEATTLE (AP) — An Amazon.com employee from out of town was the operator of a drone that buzzed the Seattle Space Needle this week, police said.

Witnesses told police they saw the craft fly back into a fifth-floor room of a nearby hotel. Police contacted the man and he admitted operating the drone equipped with a camera Tuesday. He told authorities he wanted to try out the craft he recently purchased at a hobby shop.

Police had received reports that the drone had crashed into the landmark of Seattle's 1962 World's Fair, but they saw no evidence of that.

The man showed officers video taken during the drone's flight, police said. It showed people waving from the Space Needle's observation deck but no indication that it had struck the tower.

The man agreed not to fly his drone in public while in town.

Amazon.com Inc. recently asked the Federal Aviation Administration for permission to use drones as part of plans to deliver packages to customers in 30 minutes or less.

The FAA allows hobbyists and model aircraft makers to fly drones, but commercial use is mostly banned. Amazon is asking for an exemption so it

can test its drones in the U.S.

### House votes to boost child tax credit for some

WASHINGTON (AP) — More families with higher incomes could claim the popular child tax credit under a bill that won approval Friday in the House. But in a dispute that divides Republicans and Democrats, millions of the poorest low-income families would still lose the credit in 2018, when enhancements championed by President Barack Obama are set to expire.

The bill would gradually boost the amount of the \$1,000-per-child tax credit by tying it to inflation, so it would go up as consumer prices rise. It also aims to make a dent in illegal immigration by prohibiting people without Social Security numbers from claiming a portion of the credit reserved for low-income families.

With nearly all Republicans voting in favor and most Democrats opposed, the bill cleared the House by a vote of 237-173. The White House threatened to veto the bill, though the Democratic-controlled Senate is unlikely to pass it.

About 37 million taxpayers claimed the credit in 2012, reducing their tax bills by nearly \$57 billion.

House Republicans say the bill would strengthen the tax credit by increasing it as inflation rises, and by making it available to even more middle-income families. "It is time we make some simple improvements to the child tax credit, so it keeps up with the cost of raising children," said Rep. Dave Camp R-Mich., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The White House said the bill favors high-income taxpayers over the poor, while adding \$90 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade.

Five million of the poorest low-income families would lose the credit in 2018, the White House said. An additional 6 million low-income families would see the amount of their tax credits reduced.

### Sudoku Answer on Page 5

## sudoku

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By Steve Becker

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Opening lead — three of hearts.

Partscore hands may lack the dramatic appeal of game or slam hands, but they can be highly instructive nevertheless.

Consider this deal where East wins the opening heart lead with the king and continues with the ace, on which West discards a club. What should East do next?

It might seem automatic for East to return a heart for his partner to ruff, but if he does this, South makes the contract because his only remain-

ing losers are a spade and a club.

The heart return at trick three is not as automatic as it might seem. In fact, East should work out that a heart return might well hand South the contract.

He knows that his side needs six tricks, and can see that an immediate heart ruff will account for only five. He should therefore look for a means of acquiring another trick, and should conclude that his best chance by far would be to negotiate a club ruff for himself. So, after cashing the K-A of hearts, East should next play the A-8 of clubs.

Declarer is helpless against this maneuver. As soon as he leads a trump, East takes the ace and gives his partner a heart ruff. West then returns the compliment by giving East a club ruff, and South goes down one.

It is, of course, tempting for East to continue with a heart at trick three, but when the matter is examined in the cold light of day, it becomes obvious that there is no real need for an immediate heart ruff. Since East has the ace of spades, he knows West's trumps cannot be drawn before the ace of trumps is dislodged. The heart ruff can therefore wait until East has laid the groundwork for the club ruff that defeats the contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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# Judge says Texas man innocent in rape

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man who prosecutors say did not commit a 1990 rape for which he served 12 years in prison should be exonerated based on recent DNA testing he did not request, a judge recommended Friday.

Dallas County Criminal District Court Judge Gracie Lewis found 57-year-old Michael Phillips to be innocent, saying his conviction should be vacated. The matter now goes to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals; it was not immediately clear when the court would rule.

The National Registry of Exonerations said it's the first U.S. case it knows of in which an innocent defendant was identified as a result of a systematic screening and DNA testing of past convictions by a prosecutor's office, rather than being initiated by a defendant or the defendant's representatives.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins sought the exoneration after DNA testing iden-



Michael Phillips, AP photo

tified another man as the culprit in the rape of a 16-year-old girl at a motel where both men lived.

Watkins has an ongoing project of reviewing untested rape kits, even without defendants initiating the request. Should the appeals court decide in Phillips' favor, it would be the 34th exoneration by Watkins'

Conviction Integrity Unit. On Friday, almost a dozen other men who had been exonerated were in the audience to greet him.

"This is a great day for Mr. Phillips but a terrible day for our justice system," Watkins said during the hearing.

Phillips served 12 years in prison after entering a plea deal that

he said his attorney advised him to take, fearing a jury would not side with a black man accused of raping a white girl who picked him out of a photo lineup. He was released in 2002, but his failure to register as a sex offender later landed him back in jail for six months. He now lives in a nursing home.

Phillips, who suffers from sickle cell anemia and uses a wheelchair, spoke only briefly during the hearing, saying that he was appreciative.

"I never imagined I would live to see my name cleared," he said in a news release Thursday. "I always told everyone I was innocent and now people will finally believe me."

After the hearing, Watkins said: "Twelve years of his life are gone. His father died not knowing that his son didn't commit this crime. His mother died, not knowing that he didn't commit this crime. So there's a lot. He's got brothers and sisters that are no longer living that had endured the 12 years that he spent in prison not knowing if he committed this crime."

Police and prosecutors have long aided some exonerations without having special conviction-review units, and many still do. But since Watkins started his Conviction Integrity Unit in

2007, several more prosecutors' offices across the country have created such staff teams or expert panels to review wrongful-conviction claims.

In the Dallas County unit, DNA preserved by the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in sexual assault kits is tested. Because DNA samples weren't routinely collected from sexual assault suspects in 1990, there was none from Phillips to compare to the profile from the semen in the rape kit, Watkins said in a news release. But when the semen was put into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System, another person was identified as the perpetrator.

That man's DNA profile was added to the database this year after he was sentenced to six months in jail for burglary. The man has denied committing the rape, and the district attorney's office says the statute of limitations has expired.

# Deadly fungus spreads in Everglades, killing trees

MIAMI (AP) — A fungus carried by an invasive beetle from southeast Asia is felling trees across the Everglades, and experts have not found a way to stop the blight from spreading.

Then there's a bigger problem — the damage may be leaving Florida's fragile wetlands open to even more of an

incursion from exotic plants threatening to choke the unique Everglades and undermine billions of dollars' worth of restoration projects.

Since first detected on the edge of Miami's western suburbs in 2011, laurel wilt has killed swamp bay trees scattered across 330,000 acres of the Everglades, a roughly 2 million-acre

system that includes Everglades National Park. The fungus is spread by the tiny redbay ambrosia beetle, which likely arrived in this country in a shipment of wood packing material.

The same fungus also plagues commercial avocado trees and redbay trees elsewhere in Florida and the Southeast. While the state has been working with the avocado industry to mitigate the damage, there's been no way to contain it in swamp bay or redbay trees. Experts say the best defense would be stopping invasive pests from crossing U.S. borders in the first place.

Hundreds of millions of redbay trees have succumbed across six states since 2002, said Jason Smith,

an expert in forest pathology at the University of Florida.

"It's amazing how much of an impact this one little tiny beetle that's no bigger than Lincoln's nose on a penny has done," Smith said in a recent interview. "And it continues to spread."

This summer, Smith will survey the national park for living swamp bay trees to collect samples in the hopes of propagating new trees resistant to the pathogen from their cuttings or seeds. The South Florida Water Management District, the state agency that oversees Everglades restoration, also plans to ramp up its monitoring and maintenance of the tree islands where swamp bays are found.

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Coffee @ Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m..  
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
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Hobbs Casino, 9:00 a.m.
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Splash In, 11:00 a.m.  
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Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
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- Aug. 19** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Dragon China."
- Aug. 20** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 22** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee @ Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m.  
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 25** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 26** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Cowboy's."
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# Browns fans flock to see Johnny Football

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — They came to see what he's all about, to see if Johnny Football can be the one to lead the Browns back to glory.

On Saturday, Manzielmania grew even bigger.

With No. 2 jerseys ringing the field, celebrated rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel began his quest to win Cleveland's starting job.

Strutting onto the field with his usual swagger, Man-

ziel is taking part in his first NFL training camp practice and thousands of fans have arrived to get an up-close look at the 21-year-old sensation who electrified college football with his uncanny playmaking. Fans began lining up outside the Browns' training complex at 5 a.m. to secure the closest possible spots near the practice fields.

Manziel, the former Heisman Trophy winner who was

drafted in the first round by the Browns, walked out of Cleveland's locker room at 9:22 a.m. as House of Pain's "Jump Around" blared through loudspeakers.

On Friday, Manziel, who will battle Brian Hoyer to be the starter, acknowledged he made "some rookie mistakes" with an offseason filled with partying.

He vows to be all about football now, and his every

move will be dissected over the next few weeks as he and Hoyer compete.

Hoyer took the first reps with Cleveland's starting offense, and his first pass was a completion to wide receiver Austin Miles.

Manziel was behind center a few plays later, and after dropping deep in the pocket, his first pass attempt toward the sidelined sailed long, beyond the outstretched hands

of receiver Charles Johnson.

The incompleting didn't discourage the many Manziel fans, who are confident he can make the Browns winners. "I loved watching him play in college," said Sam Wilson of North Canton, Ohio, who came to camp with his girlfriend, Savannah Meadows. "I think he's kind of a football genius and I think he'll turn it around. I have faith in him."

## Confident Cardinals open camp expecting success

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — After going 10-6 and barely missing the playoffs, the Arizona Cardinals are a confident but wary bunch as they open their second training camp under coach Bruce Arians.

"You can ariens the energy" among the players, said defensive tackle Darnell Dockett. "These guys, they know the sacrifices we're going to have to make. It's not going to be easy. It ain't just show up and try to get by."

Arians had the same observation.

"It's more confidence than optimism," he said. "They know how tough it will be, but they have all the confidence in the world they will get it done."

The players went through conditioning tests Friday in the air conditioned comfort of University of Phoenix Stadium while temperatures outside reached 108 degrees.

Arians, who seems to genuinely enjoy dealing with the media, joked he couldn't decide which reporter to make run the test, too.

The players, he said, were in

excellent condition.

Arians even joked that big nose tackle Dan Williams, who has had weight issues in the past, "looked as sexy in the run test as he's ever looked."

While the elements are there for a reasons, several questions remain.

First and foremost is the competition — the NFC West is loaded with Super Bowl champion Seattle, powerful San Francisco and much-improved St. Louis.

Running back Andre Ellington welcomed the challenge.

"We thrive on them," he said. The team's dynamic inside linebackers of a year ago — Daryl Washington and Karlos Dansby — are gone. There is competition at right guard, right tackle, tight end and strong safety.

Free safety Tyrann Mathieu probably will miss the first few games of the regular season recovering from knee surgery. He estimated that he will be sidelined for 6 to 8 weeks.

That would put him back for the Monday night opener Sept. 8 against San Diego at the ear-

liest, and he'd miss two games at most. Of course, it could be longer.

Mathieu and nose tackle Alameda Ta'amu opened camp on the physically unable to perform list. Both ran the drill on Friday.

"It's a matter of getting them in football shape," Arians said. "and not pushing them too fast. They're too good of young players to push too fast."

A year ago, Arians was immersed in teaching his system to the players. This year, they know it well.

"It's so much easier. The daily process just runs easy now. It's night and day," he said. "That first year is always tough. I really like the way our team battled through the second half of the season. It makes this one more important and easier to get started. We have a good taste in our mouth but we're not satisfied."

The players seemed eager to get started.

"It's like you can't wait for Christmas Day," Ellington said. "Everybody wants to get this thing going."

## Rangers use record 31st pitcher, beat A's

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jerome Williams became the record 31st pitcher for Texas this season, Neftali Feliz was back in a familiar finishing role and the Rangers finally got a home victory in July.

Williams pitched six solid innings in an unlikely start and Feliz got his first save in three seasons for the Rangers in a 4-1 victory over AL West-leading Oakland on Friday night.

"I'm happy to be back in the role, and the more happy I feel because I got a win for the team," Feliz said through an interpreter after working around two runners in a scoreless ninth. "I like to have that adrenaline flow through me, because I feel fans pulling for me to finish."

Feliz, the closer again after Joakim Soria was traded to Detroit earlier this week, got his first regular-season save since 2011. The former All-Star's last opportunity, before moving to the rotation and then getting hurt and needing Tommy John surgery, was a blown save in Game 6 of the 2011 World Series against St. Louis.

"He got it done. I'm more than certain the more he gets the ball, the easier it will probably come," manager Ron Washington said. "We'll just keep giving him

## Cowboys LB McClain convicted in Alabama

DECATUR, Ala. (AP) — A judge on Friday convicted Dallas Cowboys linebacker Rolando McClain of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct in his Alabama hometown and imposed an 18-day jail term that could interrupt the player's bid to restart his career.

Municipal Judge Billy Cook convicted McClain on the misdemeanor counts after a non-jury trial that lasted about three hours. McClain was accused of yelling an obscenity at police trying to arrest him during a disturbance in a crowded city park in 2013.

McClain won't have

to report for his jail sentence until after an appeal is complete in state court. Cook also ordered McClain to pay \$1,572 in fines and court costs. It's unclear how long an appeal might take.

The judge signed a document stating McClain, 25, was free to leave the state while challenging the conviction.

Defense attorney Harvey Steinberg said McClain would head to Cowboys training camp in Oxnard, California, within hours of the trial. "My attitude is I think I ran into the only person in the entire state of Alabama that would convict Rolando McClain based on this evidence."

"I didn't think I was going to come to Texas because I played for the rival," Williams said. "I can't really look at the future right now. I can only look at the present." Texas purchased Williams' contract from Triple-A Round Rock as planned Friday to start in place of Nick Tepesch, who pitched in relief in the Rangers' 14-inning loss to the New York Yankees Tuesday night.

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## Keuchel better, but Astros lose

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros hope his latest start is a big step in the right direction.

After another loss Friday night, a 2-0 setback to the Miami Marlins, the Astros are a season-high 19 games under .500. Keuchel, though, pitched seven strong innings in defeat.

Miami starter Brad Hand was even better, tossing three-hit ball into the eighth inning. Jeff Mathis hit a two-run double for the Marlins, who have won five of six.

Keuchel (9-7) gave up four runs or more in each of his previous five starts. But this time, he allowed only two runs — none earned — and nine hits with seven strikeouts.

"I was just able to throw the four-seam and the two-seam to try to keep them off balance with the movement," Keuchel said. "A lot of guys know I have some sink on my fastball. They see one certain spot. If it's lower than the spot, they say they'll take it and it will be a ball, so I kept them honest with the four-seam as well." The Marlins took advantage of an error by center fielder Enrique Hernandez in the seventh. With one out, Hernandez misplayed a sharp line drive by Jarrod Saltalamacchia. Adeiny Hechavarria then reached on an infield single with two outs before Mathis drove in both runners with a double.

"I have to make a bet-

ter pitch right there," Keuchel said.

Hernandez, a utility player, is playing center because Houston's other three center fielders — George Springer, Alex Pressley and Dexter Fowler — are all on the disabled list. "It was kind of knuckling a little bit," Hernandez said. "I should have read it a little bit longer. I broke in, and it felt like it was over me. I should have made that play; it cost us the game."

Hand (2-2) struck out four and walked two in a career-high 7 1-3 innings to earn his second straight win. Donovan Solano and Giancarlo Stanton each had two hits for the Marlins.

"(Hand) threw his fast-

balls on the outer third, breaking balls to the righties' back foot, and he just attacked the strike zone," Astros manager Bo Porter said. "I felt like we had some pitches that we could have hit, but we did not put those in play efficiently." Houston, which has lost three straight, did not get a runner past second base. Chris Carter reached second in the first, and Jason Castro doubled in the eighth to chase Hand.

Bryan Morris got two outs in the eighth, and Steve Cishek pitched a perfect ninth for his 25th save. Hand cruised through the first five innings, allowing just two baserunners, and retired seven of his first eight batters.

as a method of payment. Campers attending the skills camp will need to inform instructors of any physical problems they may have prior to participating in the event. To enter, or for more information, contact Lynn Osbourne at 254-246-2148.

## 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 information, 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. No checks will be accepted

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# Horsey and Whiteford share lead at Russian Open

MOSCOW (AP) — England's David Horsey and Scotland's Peter Whiteford share the lead, four shots clear of their nearest rivals, heading into the final round of the Russian Open. Horsey, who led the opening two rounds, shot a 2-under-par 70 on Saturday to reach 13-under 203 and was joined by Whiteford who shot a 66 at a sunny but windy Tselevo Golf and

Polo Club in suburban Moscow. Scotland's Scott Jamieson (69), Italy's Andrea Pavan (64) and Belgium's Thomas Pieters (72) share third place at 9-under. Horsey is one of just three players in the event ranked inside the world's top-200 and is seeking his third European Tour win, three years after his

previous title. Horsey had five birdies but also dropped three shots, and holed out from a greenside bunker to salvage par at the last. "Pete (Whiteford) started like a train and I was just trying to tell myself to concentrate on my own game," said Horsey. "I just kept reminding myself to stay patient and concentrate on my own game, not what Pete

was doing. "I didn't quite maintain it that well on the back nine, but I kept myself in there and hopefully it'll be a little better tomorrow." Whiteford is aiming for his first victory in his 181st tour event, having twice been a runner-up. "It hasn't been the best season this year. It's been pretty brutal really," Whiteford said.

"I'm not confident at all but that front nine today helps massively and I'm glad Dave and I have put a bit of breathing space between us and the next guys. It might be a bit like match play on the front nine tomorrow." Pavan's flawless round of 64 was laced with eight birdies, including four in succession from the 13th hole.

## Scoreboard

BASKETBALL				
WNBA				
Eastern Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	15	8	.652	—
Washington	12	13	.480	4
Indiana	11	13	.458	4½
New York	10	13	.435	5
Chicago	10	14	.417	5½
Connecticut	10	15	.400	6
Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Phoenix	20	3	.870	—
Minnesota	19	6	.760	2
San Antonio	12	13	.480	9
Los Angeles	10	14	.417	10½
Seattle	9	17	.346	12½
Tulsa	8	17	.320	13
Friday's Games				
Washington	82	Tulsa	77	
Chicago	79	Atlanta	75	
Minnesota	88	San Antonio	78	
Saturday's Games				
Los Angeles	at Seattle	4	p.m.	
Indiana	at San Antonio	8	p.m.	
New York	at Phoenix	10	p.m.	
Sunday's Games				
Minnesota	at Connecticut	3	p.m.	
Atlanta	at Washington	4	p.m.	
Chicago	at Tulsa	4:30	p.m.	
Monday's Games				
Indiana	at Los Angeles	10:30	p.m.	

Cleveland	at Kansas City	7:10	p.m.	
Miami	at Houston	7:10	p.m.	
Oakland	at Texas	8:05	p.m.	
Detroit	at L.A. Angels	9:05	p.m.	
Sunday's Games				
Toronto	(Happ 8-5)	at N.Y. Yankees	(Greene 2-1), 1:05 p.m.	
Boston	(Peavy 1-9)	at Tampa Bay	(Archer 6-5), 1:40 p.m.	
Chicago	White Sox	(Carroll 4-6)	at Minnesota	(Pino 1-3), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland	(Salazar 2-4)	at Kansas City	(B.Chen 2-2), 2:10 p.m.	
Miami	(Ja.Turner 3-6)	at Houston	(Oberholtzer 2-7), 2:10 p.m.	
Detroit	(Porcello 12-5)	at L.A. Angels	(H.Santiago 2-7), 3:35 p.m.	
Baltimore	(Mi.Gonzalez 5-5)	at Seattle	(Elias 8-8), 4:10 p.m.	
Oakland	(Kazmir 11-3)	at Texas	(Mikolas 1-2), 7:05 p.m.	

Washington	(Fister 9-2)	at Cincinnati	(Latos 2-2), 1:10 p.m.	
Arizona	(Nuno 0-1)	at Philadelphia	(R.Hernandez 4-8), 1:35 p.m.	
Miami	(Ja.Turner 3-6)	at Houston	(Oberholtzer 2-7), 2:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets	(deGrom 4-5)	at Milwaukee	(J.Nelson 1-1), 2:10 p.m.	
St. Louis	(Wainwright 12-5)	at Chicago	Cubs (Hendricks 1-0), 2:20 p.m.	
Pittsburgh	(Volquez 8-7)	at Colorado	(F.Morales 5-5), 4:10 p.m.	
San Diego	(Stults 3-12)	at Atlanta	(Minor 3-6), 5:05 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers	(Ryu 11-5)	at San Francisco	(Y.Petit 3-3), 8:07 p.m.	
Texas League				
North Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arkansas	18	17	.514	—
NW Arkansas	17	18	.486	1
x-Tulsa	16	19	.457	2
Springfield	14	21	.400	4
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Midland	21	14	.600	—
x-Frisco	19	16	.543	2
San Antonio	18	17	.514	3
Corpus Christi	17	18	.486	4
x-cinched	first half			
Friday's Games				
NW Arkansas	4	Springfield	1	
Frisco	7	San Antonio	4	
Tulsa	5	Arkansas	2	
Corpus Christi	6	Midland	3	
Saturday's Games				
San Antonio	at Frisco	8:05	p.m.	
Tulsa	at Arkansas	8:10	p.m.	
Midland	at Corpus Christi	8:10	p.m.	
Springfield	at Northwest	Arkansas	8:35	
Arkansas	8:35	p.m.		
Springfield	at Northwest	Arkansas	7:05	
San Antonio	at Frisco	7:05	p.m.	
Tulsa	at Arkansas	7:10	p.m.	
Midland	at Corpus Christi	7:10	p.m.	

z-Cleveland	16	1	.941	935	733
x-Pittsburgh	14	3	.824	951	744
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	987	885
Iowa	6	11	.353	805	974
SEATTLE MARINERS	—				
Activated	1B-DH	Kendrys Morales	Optioned	DH-1B	Jesus Montero
Montero	to Tacoma	(PCL).			
TEXAS RANGERS	—				
Purchased	the contract	of RHP Jerome Williams	from Round Rock	(PCL).	Placed
OF Jake Smolinski	on the 15-day	DL, retroactive	to July 22.	Released	RHP Justin Marks.
Activated	LHP Joseph Ortiz	from the 60-day	DL and optioned	to him	Frisco
(Texas).	Transferred	3B Kevin Kouzmanoff	from the 15-	to the	60-day
DL.					
National League					
MIAMI MARLINS	—	Recalled	C J.T. Realmuto	from Jacksonville	(SL).
Optioned	RHP Anthony DeSclafani	to New Orleans.			
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS	—	Purchased	the contract	of 2B Dan Uggla	from Fresno
(PCL).	Placed	2B Marco Scutaro	and INF Ehire	Adrianza	on the 15-day
DL.	Designated	LHP Jose De Paula	and INF Nick Noonan	for assignment.	

BASKETBALL				
National Basketball Association				
ATLANTA HAWKS	—	Signed	F Adreian Payne.	
CHARLOTTE HORNETS	—	Signed	F Noah Vonleh.	
Re-signed	G Janner Pargo.			
LOS ANGELES LAKERS	—	Agreed	to terms	with G/F Xavier Henry
on a one-year	contract.			
ORLANDO MAGIC	—	Signed	G Luke Ridnour.	
FOOTBALL				
National Football League				
NFL AND NFL PLAYERS	ASSOCIATION	—	Named	Derrick Brooks
as appeals	officer.			
ARIZONA CARDINALS	—	Signed	WR Reggie Dunn.	
ATLANTA FALCONS	—	Waived	WR Darius Johnson.	
BUFFALO BILLS	—	Signed	CB Bobby Felder.	Added
LB Randall Johnson	to the active	roster.	Released	DT Colby Way.
CHICAGO BEARS	—	Signed	G/C Dylan Gandy	to a one-year
contract.				

BASEBALL				
American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	57	45	.559	—
New York	54	48	.529	3
Toronto	50	50	.519	4
Tampa Bay	50	53	.485	7½
Boston	47	56	.456	10½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	57	43	.570	—
Kansas City	52	50	.510	6
Cleveland	51	52	.495	7½
Chicago	50	54	.481	9
Minnesota	46	56	.451	12
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	63	39	.618	—
Los Angeles	61	41	.598	2
Seattle	53	50	.515	10½
Houston	42	61	.408	21½
Texas	41	62	.398	22½
Friday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees	6	Toronto	4	
Tampa Bay	6	Boston	4	
Texas	4	Oakland	1	
Chicago	White Sox	9		
Minnesota	5	Kansas City	6	
Cleveland	4	Miami	2	
Houston	0	L.A. Angels	2	
Detroit	1	Baltimore	2	
Seattle	1	10	innings	
Saturday's Games				
Toronto	at N.Y. Yankees	1:05	p.m.	
Baltimore	at Seattle	4:10	p.m.	
Boston	at Tampa Bay	7:10	p.m.	
Chicago	White Sox	at	Minnesota	
7:10	p.m.			

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	56	44	.560	—
Atlanta	55	48	.534	2½
Miami	49	53	.480	8
New York	49	54	.476	8½
Philadelphia	45	58	.437	12½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	58	46	.558	—
Pittsburgh	54	48	.529	3
St. Louis	54	48	.529	3
Cincinnati	51	51	.500	6
Chicago	42	59	.416	14½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	57	46	.553	—
Los Angeles	57	47	.548	½
San Diego	46	56	.451	10½
Arizona	44	59	.427	13
Colorado	42	60	.412	14½
Friday's Games				
Chicago	Cubs	7	St. Louis	6
Philadelphia	9	Arizona	5	
Washington	4	Cincinnati	1	
San Diego	5	Atlanta	2	
Miami	2	Houston	0	
N.Y. Mets	3	Milwaukee	2	
Colorado	8	Pittsburgh	1	
L.A. Dodgers	8	San Francisco	1	
Saturday's Games				
St. Louis	at Chicago	Cubs	4:05	p.m.
Washington	at Cincinnati	4:05	p.m.	
Arizona	at Philadelphia	7:05	p.m.	
Miami	at Houston	7:10	p.m.	
N.Y. Mets	at Milwaukee	7:10	p.m.	
San Diego	at Atlanta	7:10	p.m.	
Pittsburgh	at Colorado	8:10	p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers	at San Francisco	9:05	p.m.	
Sunday's Games				

Football					
Arena Football League					
National Conference					
West Division					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
z-Arizona	15	2	.882	1101	841
Los Angeles	3	14	.176	663	957
San Antonio	2	15	.118	743	1017
Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
y-San Jose	12	5	.706	927	680
x-Spokane	10	7	.588	912	803
x-Portland	5	12	.294	768	920
American Conference					
South Division					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Orlando	10	7	.588	949	907
Tampa Bay	8	9	.471	855	897
Jacksonville	6	11	.353	826	826
New Orleans	3	14	.176	735	973
East Division					

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# Mike Tyson gets a standing ovation at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP) — He didn't always stay on topic, and not everything he said was politically correct or easy to understand, but most of the audience at the Comic-Con panel for Mike Tyson's new animated Adult Swim series roared with laughter throughout.

Actor Rob Corddry moderated the session featuring producer Hugh Davidson and stars Tyson, Jim Rash

and Rachel Ramras.

On "Mike Tyson Mysteries," a cartoon version of Tyson teams up with a pigeon to solve cases. Ramras voices the character of Tyson's adopted Korean daughter. When this was brought up on the panel, Tyson interrupted, saying he thought until that moment that she was Chinese. He then commented that he "never adopted a Chinese girl in real life."

When Rash was answering a question about doing voice work, Tyson interrupted to point out an audience member who resembled Jerry Garcia.

"And that's the end of my answer," Rash said with a laugh.

Tyson then went on a tangent about a Garcia documentary he watched.

At another point, he launched into why he's glad

he's no longer boxing.

"Listen, I'm glad I don't have to punch people no more. God, that was stressful," he lamented. "That's why I don't like doing it. I got punched enough, too. You (get) hit with the lawsuits afterward. You knock the guy out quick (and) you're so geeked up, you hit somebody else, you've got an officer involved and the next thing you know you've got

a lawyer, you've got a jury .... you've got a witness involved in your life."

"Somebody recorded that last bit, right?" Davidson asked. When Tyson was asked whether he would ever help write for the show, he said, "That'd be beautiful, but you'd have to spell."

At the end of the panel, many audience members cheered, pumped their fists and gave a standing ovation.

## Morales surprised by return to Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — When Kendrys Morales returned to Seattle earlier this month as a member of the Minnesota Twins, he said that he'd "moved on" after his one season with the Mariners.

On Friday, he moved back in.

Morales, who turned down larger offers from Seattle last winter and eventually signed with Minnesota as a free agent, was reacquired in a trade Thursday. Wearing jersey No. 21, Morales was batting fourth as the designated hitter against the Baltimore Orioles on Friday night.

"It caught me by surprise," Morales said through an interpreter. "It sort of came together quickly. It's a surprise and I'm glad to be here."

The Mariners traded minor league pitcher Stephen Pryor to get the 31-year-old Morales. They hope that he can bolster their slumping lineup.

"I just want him to be a stabilizer, drive in runs, good at-bats, productive at-bats," Mariners manager Lloyd Mc-

Clendon said. "I can tell you this, he's not going to be overwhelmed by any situation. He'll be a nice piece to have in our lineup."

Morales hit 23 home runs with 80 RBIs last year in his one season with the Mariners. He then turned down a \$14.1 million qualifying offer and became a free agent, and also rejected other overtures this year from Seattle. Morales finally decided to sign with the Twins on June 8.

"I made the decision last year to be a 100 percent free agent and I don't feel bad about the decision," said Morales, who has been represented by agent Scott Boras.

Morales did not deliver what the Twins had hoped. After missing all of spring training and two months of the season, he was immediately thrown into the lineup and hit just .234 with one home run and 18 RBIs in 39 games.

Morales said that his time with Minnesota served as a kind of spring training. He believes that he's rounding into shape. "I'm getting a few more at-bats under my belt," he said.

## Baseball HOF cuts election eligibility

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — The Baseball Hall of Fame has reduced the number of years a player can remain eligible to be voted in by the writers to 10 years from 15, giving Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens less time to be considered. The Hall of Fame announced

the changes Saturday. They are effective immediately and will be reflected in 2015 Hall of Fame voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Bonds and Clemens, record-breaking stars whose careers have been tainted by allegations of performance-enhanc-

ing drug use, have been on the ballot the last two years.

The BBWAA will allow three players — Don Mattingly, Lee Smith and Alan Trammell — who have been on the ballot between 10-15 years to complete a 15-year stay.

## MLB Leaders

### American Leaders

BATTING — Altuve, Houston, .337; Cano, Seattle, .330; Beltre, Texas, .325; VMartinez, Detroit, .322; MiCabrera, Detroit, .316; Brantley, Cleveland, .315; Chisenhall, Cleveland, .313.

RUNS — Dozier, Minnesota, 72; Trout, Los Angeles, 72; Brantley, Cleveland, 68; Donaldson, Oakland, 68; Kinsler, Detroit, 66; Bautista, Toronto, 65; MiCabrera, Detroit, 63.

RBI — MiCabrera, Detroit, 81; JAbreu, Chicago, 77; Trout, Los Angeles, 76; NCruz, Baltimore, 75; Ortiz, Boston, 73; Donaldson, Oakland, 72; Moss, Oakland, 71.

HITS — Altuve, Houston, 142; McCabrera, Toronto, 131; Cano, Seattle, 127; Markakis, Baltimore, 123; Brantley, Cleveland, 122; AJones, Baltimore, 122; Kinsler, Detroit, 121.

DOUBLES — MiCabrera, Detroit, 36; Altuve, Houston, 30; Trout, Los Angeles, 30; Plouffe, Minnesota, 29; Hosmer, Kansas City, 27; Kinsler, Detroit, 27; Pedroia, Boston, 27.

TRIPLES — Rios, Texas, 8; Bourn, Cleveland, 7; Eaton, Chicago, 7; Gardner, New York, 6; De Aza, Chicago, 5; AJackson, Detroit, 5; LMartin, Texas, 5; Odor, Texas, 5; Trout, Los Angeles, 5.

HOME RUNS — JAbreu, Chicago, 30; NCruz, Baltimore, 29; Encarnacion, Toronto, 26;

Ortiz, Boston, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Moss, Oakland, 23; Donaldson, Oakland, 21; VMartinez, Detroit, 21.

STOLEN BASES — Altuve, Houston, 41; Ellsbury, New York, 28; RDavis, Detroit, 25; AEscobar, Kansas City, 22; Andrus, Texas, 20; JJones, Seattle, 20; JDyson, Kansas City, 19; Reyes, Toronto, 19.

PITCHING — Scherzer, Detroit, 12-3; Tanaka, New York, 12-4; Porcello, Detroit, 12-5; 8 tied at 11.

ERA — FHernandez, Seattle, 1.99; Kazmir, Oakland, 2.32; Tanaka, New York, 2.51; Lester, Boston, 2.52; Richards, Los Angeles, 2.62; Gray, Oakland, 2.72; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.77.

STRIKEOUTS — Price, Tampa Bay, 183; FHernandez, Seattle, 173; Kluber, Cleveland, 162; Scherzer, Detroit, 161; Darvish, Texas, 159; Lester, Boston, 149; Richards, Los Angeles, 139.

SAVES — Rodney, Seattle, 27; Holland, Kansas City, 26; DavRobertson, New York, 26; Perkins, Minnesota, 24; Nathan, Detroit, 21; Uehara, Boston, 20; Britton, Baltimore, 19.

National League  
BATTING — Tulowitzki, Colorado, .340; MaAdams, St. Louis, .319; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, .318; Lucroy, Milwaukee, .314; Morneau, Colorado, .312; Goldschmidt, Arizona, .312; McGehee, Miami,

.311.  
RUNS — Pence, San Francisco, 73; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 72; Rendon, Washington, 71; Rizzo, Chicago, 71; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 71; FFreeman, Atlanta, 68; Stanton, Miami, 66.

RBI — Goldschmidt, Arizona, 66; Stanton, Miami, 66; AdGonzalez, Los Angeles, 65; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 63; Desmond, Washington, 62; Braun, Milwaukee, 60; Howard, Philadelphia, 60; Morneau, Colorado, 60.

HITS — Pence, San Francisco, 125; McGehee, Miami, 122; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 120; DanMurphy, New York, 118; CGomez, Milwaukee, 115; Lucroy, Milwaukee, 115.

DOUBLES — Goldschmidt, Arizona, 39; Lucroy, Milwaukee, 33; AMcCutchen, Pittsburgh, 29; Span, Washington, 29; FFreeman, Atlanta, 28; SCastro, Chicago, 27; Puig, Los Angeles, 27.

TRIPLES — DGordon, Los Angeles, 9; BCrawford, San Francisco, 8; Braun, Milwaukee, 6; BHamilton, Cincinnati, 6; Segura, Milwaukee, 6; Yelich, Miami, 6; 10 tied at 5.

HOME RUNS — Rizzo, Chicago, 25; Stanton, Miami, 23; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 21; Frazier, Cincinnati, 20; Byrd, Philadelphia, 19; Goldschmidt,

Arizona, 18; JUpton, Atlanta, 18.  
STOLEN BASES — DGordon, Los Angeles, 45; BHamilton, Cincinnati, 41; Revere, Philadelphia, 28; EYoung, New York, 26; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 21; CGomez, Milwaukee, 19; Rollins, Philadelphia, 19.

PITCHING — Simon, Cincinnati, 12-5; Wainwright, St. Louis, 12-5; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 12-7; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 11-2; Lohse, Milwaukee, 11-4; Ryu, Los Angeles, 11-5; JDe La Rosa, Colorado, 11-6; WPeralta, Milwaukee, 11-6; Greinke, Los Angeles, 11-6; Lynn, St. Louis, 11-7.

ERA — Kershaw, Los Angeles, 1.92; Wainwright, St. Louis, 2.02; Cueto, Cincinnati, 2.18; Beckett, Los Angeles, 2.52; HALvarez, Miami, 2.62; Teheran, Atlanta, 2.64; Hudson, San Francisco, 2.65; TRoss, San Diego, 2.65.

STRIKEOUTS — Strasburg, Washington, 163; Cueto, Cincinnati, 148; TRoss, San Diego, 143; Kennedy, San Diego, 143; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 141; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 134; Miley, Arizona, 131.

SAVES — Rosenthal, St. Louis, 30; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 30; Jansen, Los Angeles, 29; FrRodriguez, Milwaukee, 29; Cishek, Miami, 25; Street, San Diego, 24; Papelbon, Philadelphia, 24; RSoriano, Washington, 24; AReed, Arizona, 24.

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Procees from the duck race went to Isaiah 58 and service projects sponsored by The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. This past year, 100 books were given to Head Start, furnished 16 boys and girls bicycles as an incentive for perfect attendance at the BSISD four elementary schools, and sent five high school juniors from Coahoma, Forsan and Big Spring to a weeklong leadership camp in New Mexico.

Top inset: James, Sophie and Max Deleon watch as the ducks float past them in the lazy river feature at the McEwen Family Aquatic Center in the Comanche Trail Park.

Middle photo at right: John Scott calls out the number of one of the winning ducks. Scott's wife, Cynthia won tickets to a Rangers game in the contest.

Bottom right: Big Spring High School football players were interviewed by the Under West Texas Skies telecast.

Bottom left: Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson also attended the event.

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Maternal grandparents are Darla Estill of Coahoma and Dusty and Patty Choate of Big Spring.

Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Mary Holguin of Coahoma. Great-grandparents are Darlene and the late Bill Hipp; Carroll and Joyce Choate of Big Spring and Teresa Boothe of Stanton.

Parker was welcomed home by her brothers, Dominic and Samuel and her sister, KimberLynn.

► Menus

Senior Center

Monday: Baked steak with onion gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail, bread and milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken breast, macaroni salad, okra/onions/peppers, chocolate cake, bread and milk.

Wednesday: Beef and chicken fajitas, tortillas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, bananas and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, oranges and grapes, rolls and milk.

Friday: Menu not available.

New Hope Christian School

Monday: Hamburger on a bun, French fries, Pork N Beans and milk.

Tuesday: Nacho grande, tossed salad, refried beans and milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese with ham, corn, green beans, bread and milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak, broccoli with cheese, carrots, bread and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, English muffin, peaches and milk. Snack, granola bar and milk. Lunch, barbecue on a bun, carrots, Ranch Style Beans and milk.

Atlanta Cyclorama painting to move across town

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed says the massive Atlanta Cyclorama painting, which has been on display in Grant Park for the past century, will be moved to the Atlanta History Center in the city's Buckhead area.

Reed announced the move Wednesday, saying it will take two years to complete and also will involve extensive restoration work.

The 128-year-old painting depicts the Battle of Atlanta during the

American Civil War.

The mayor said the painting will be housed in a new 23,000-square-foot addition to be constructed at the Atlanta History Center.

The painting, which dates to 1885, has been shown in Grant Park since 1893 and was moved to its present building in the park in 1921. A description from the Atlanta Cyclorama says the painting weighs more than 10,000 pounds and has a 358-foot circumference.

Detroit museum to start putting up art in suburbs

WIXOM, Mich. (AP) The Detroit Institute of Arts is going to start putting up reproductions of paintings at outdoor sites throughout the area.

This marks the fifth year of the DIA's Inside/Out project.

More than 80 high-quality reproductions of masterpieces from the museum's collection will be placed in eight communities this summer.

That's to begin in Wixom on Thursday.

Workers are scheduled to continue the installation process in Brownstown Township and Dearborn on Friday; in Detroit's downtown and riverfront areas on Saturday and Sunday; in St. Clair Shores and Mount Clemens on Monday; and in Royal Oak and Oak Park on Tuesday.

Over the past four years, the DIA has installed hundreds of reproductions in dozens of communities across Michigan.

Museums plan Piero di Cosimo exhibit in US, Italy

WASHINGTON (AP)

Renaissance artist Piero di Cosimo's career in painting will be examined next year in a major exhibition being planned for Washington and Florence, Italy.

The National Gallery of Art in Washington will announce Friday that it is organizing the first major retrospective of Piero's paintings with the Uffizi Gallery Museum in Florence.

Curators said "Piero di Cosimo: The Poetry of Painting in Renaissance Florence" will include about 40 of the artist's most compelling works. Some are borrowed from churches in Italy, while others come from museum collections.

Piero began his career around 1480 and was a contemporary of Michelangelo, Leonardo and Botticelli. His paintings included

altarpieces, portraits and scenes of fables and mythological fantasies.

The show will include one of Piero's greatest masterpieces, "Madonna and Child Enthroned with Saints Elizabeth of Hungary, Catherine of Alexandria, Peter, and John the Evangelist with Angels," curators said. It was completed in 1493 and is held by the Museo degli Innocenti in Florence.

This is the first collaboration between the National Gallery and the Uffizi. The show will be on view in Washington from February to May 2015. A different version of the exhibit will be shown in Florence to include works by Piero's contemporaries from June 23 through September 2015.

The only other exhibition on Piero di Cosimo in the United States was in 1938 in New York City and included just seven paintings, curators said.

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# Teen craft nights boost creativity, family ties

Associated Press  
A few months ago, I launched a diabolical plan to entice my teenage daughters to spend more time with me, and to semi-shelter them from the maddening world.

I started a Friday Crafting Night for my two girls and their friends.

Brad Sachs, a psychologist who works with adolescents and families, calls family crafting “a lovely metaphor for what parents need to do at this point in child development.”

“We can’t abdicate our authority; they still need us. On the other hand, we can’t craft them. We need to supply them with the materials and the capacity to craft themselves.”

Teenagers want to spend time with us, on their terms, says Sachs, of Columbia, Maryland.

For crafting nights, that means they pick the friends, the food and the crafts; I pull it all together and step back (but stick around. ‘Ai I’m here to connect and get crafty, too).

Teenagers also want (and need) to build independence and identities separate from their families, but our society places too much emphasis on that and not enough on their need to connect, says Sachs, author of “The Good Enough Teen: How to Raise Adolescents with Love and Acceptance (Despite How Impossible They Can Be)” (HarperCollins, 2005).

“Of course you don’t want to suffocate them, but you also want to help them find ways to be with adults in healthy ways,” he says.

Crafting nights are just one way. Hiking, playing games, sitting around a campfire, ‘Ai

there are plenty of activities that foster family closeness.

I opened crafting nights to my high-school girls’ friends, female and male, to gin up interest.

Deanna Kaylor Lenz, of Overland Park, Kansas, says her daughters are hooked on crafting just with her. Years ago, she introduced Sydney, now 20 and Elyssa, 14, to scrapbooking. It didn’t take, but sewing, painting, photography, jewelry making, beadwork, knitting and upcycling used furniture did.

“They’ll just sit with me and do whatever craft they’re working on. I have weird daughters who like to be with me,” Lenz says with a laugh.

Four teens attended my first crafting night last spring to glitter cheap papier-mache boxes. Since then, we’ve hosted several crafting nights.

Lenz suggests introducing

teenagers to Pinterest, the online “pinning” site for inspirational ideas and images, and taking them shopping for supplies.

My crafting nights fumbled along until daughters Hope Clarke, 16, and Grace Clarke, 15, found Pinterest. Now they craft on their own and bring ideas to crafting night.

Recently, they wanted to make fake cupcakes by piping white caulk onto squatty mason jars and decorating them with glitter and faux gemstones. They also chose to make “Thought Bubbles” glue-soaked yarn wrapped around balloons that create airy yarn orbs for hanging (after the balloons are popped). Both projects were found on Pinterest, the “bubbles” pinned by the youthful clothing store Free People.

Bottom line: Teenagers will

craft with you if a project instills a sense of achievement and pride. “Being able to say, ‘I made it,’ especially after a friend asks about an item, “I think that’s a real inspiration,” says Lenz.

My daughter Hope likes to make things for her bedroom. “I like to be creative,” she says. “I like crafting and talking and listening to music with my friends.”

Sachs notes that teenagers spend a lot of time studying for school and college-entrance exams, not to mention keeping up on phones and other screens, and relatively little time developing their imaginations.

“We underestimate the redemptive power of the creative spirit while raising children,” says Sachs, but it has “inestimable value for their development.”

## Small is sometimes better in the vegetable world

Associated Press  
Truman Capote famously told friends that the very wealthy eat better vegetables, tiny ones. So there’s another plus for gardening: It’s easier to eat the way the super-rich do.

Not that smaller is always better in the world of vegetables.

A cucumber picked undersize does not taste better than one allowed to swell up before harvest, as long as that full-size one is picked before its skin yellows and seeds start to harden.

Similarly, the taste of baby carrots can’t compare with fully grown ones, unless the “baby” size is how big the carrots are supposed to be when fully mature.

A certain degree of maturity is needed before a carrot can store energy, which translates to sweetness, in its fleshy roots.

Some varieties of carrots, such as Caracas and Atlas, never grow large; when mature and tasty, the roots are still no more than a few inches long.

“Baby carrots” that you buy in the supermarket, incidentally, are not actually babies, but are full-size carrots cut into smaller pieces.

### MANY WAYS TO BABY VEGETABLES

There’s no arguing that tiny vegetables are more fun and convenient to eat.

That must be what accounts for the popularity of supermarket cherry tomatoes.

The bulk of these, unfortunately, are the variety Red Cherry, which doesn’t taste nearly as good as Sungold, which has a delectable sweet-tart flavor.

Miniature cauliflower “minicauli” is another tiny vegetable that is fun and convenient. This one tastes pretty much the same as full-size cauliflower.

The way to grow minicaulis is by planting out any variety of cauliflower at a 6-inch spacing each way and letting competition among the plants keep them dwarf as they mature.

### BETTER BECAUSE THEY ARE BABIES

Of course, tiny vegetables’ main draw is their perceived gustatory superiority. And it’s true: Many vegetables are most delicate, tender and tasty at this stage.

Fine examples of vegetables that reach gustatory perfection early in their growth are zucchini and other summer squashes.

You can even pick zucchinis before their blossoms have wilted and been shed, eating the tasty blossoms along with the fruit.

Every gardener knows how fast a zucchini can grow from the size of a carrot to that of a baseball bat. A few days’ delay in harvest rapidly plumps up zucchini and the wallet of any farmer who is paid for poundage, thus accounting for the extra cost of vegetables harvested while still tiny. For a backyard gardener, though, frequent picking of tiny

zucchinis yields better taste and keeps the kitchen from being overrun with oversize specimens.

### DIFFERENT BECAUSE THEY ARE BABIES

And then there are vegetables that take on a different character if picked while still tiny; they’re not necessarily better, but they are different.

As green beans mature, the seeds within the pods expand and contribute to the flavor and texture. When baby-size, beans are almost all pod.

Baby corn is similarly quite different from large ears of sweet corn whose kernels are plumped full of milky, sweet juice. But they’re both good.

Any variety of lettuce, especially heading lettuces, takes on a different taste and textural quality as it matures.

As lettuces grow up, the leaves of some varieties turn buttery. Those of other varieties become crisp only along their ribs, and still other varieties become crisp-heads.

Flavors may also take on distinctive qualities.

Pretty much all varieties of lettuce taste similar and are good eating when young, with diaphanous, soft leaves and delicate flavor.

Like other tiny vegetables, they’re easy to grow, and eating them makes you feel rich.

## Arizona bands finds wallet in Texas, locates and returns it to owner

PHOENIX (AP) A band known as The Black Moods apparently pulled off a good deed.

KSAZ-TV reports () the Arizona band recently returned a wallet after members did some investigating to find its owner.

According to the band, members found the wallet filled with cash and credit cards at a gas station in Tyler, Texas. The Black Moods is on tour throughout Texas this month.

Lead singer Josh Kennedy and his band mates then used social media to find the wallet’s owner and documented their quest in a video.

They recently found the father of the woman who lost her wallet and handed it over in Austin, Texas.

Kennedy says the band returned it because they are “firm believers in karma” and never considered keeping the cash.

## Naked thieves take burgers

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) A southwest Florida waitress has dubbed the trio of naked hamburger thieves who broke into a southwest Florida eatery “dumb, dumber and dumbest.”

In fact, waitress Nancy Sansevieri is still laughing after police released surveillance video Wednesday showing the college-aged men, ‘Ai two naked and one clad in underwear, ‘Ai stealing 60 hamburgers from Doc’s Beach House in Bonita Beach.

Police say the men broke in early Sunday and left a trail of red peppers on the beach.

Doc’s general manager Lou Bangert told the News-Press of Fort Myers that he’s never witnessed such a crime in the restaurant’s 27-year history.

Thieves have broken in and taken money from the cash register, but he says no one has ever slammed through a door completely naked looking for beef.

## Man run over by own truck

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) A man in Florida apparently got a dose of road rage karma when police say he was run over by his own pickup truck after getting out to bang on another driver’s window.

It happened Tuesday evening in Gainesville, Florida.

The Gainesville Sun reports 48-year-old Joseph Carl had been drinking and drove into a vehicle stopped at a red light. He got out of his truck without putting it in park and began banging on the window of a woman’s car. When the frightened woman drove away, there was nothing holding his truck in place.

The truck rolled into Carl. A police report says he was taken to the hospital where he was treated for fractures in his hand and foot.

He’s charged with DUI and DUI property damage. It isn’t known whether he’s obtained a lawyer.

## Thousands of birds nest near abandoned Austin mall

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Outside an abandoned Austin shopping mall is a little-known visual phenomenon to rival the bat flights from the downtown Congress Avenue bridge.

Six oak trees stand in a bank parking lot on the north side of Highland Mall. For decades, every July, birds called purple martins have flocked to the trees by the thousands to roost for the night. And the spectacle draws dozens of bird-watchers each night.

The birds, which are the largest North American swallow breed, migrate to the spot in July and August as they head north from Brazil to breed. The Purple Martin Conservation Association says flocks have shown up on National Weather Service radar.

The Travis Audubon Society holds watching parties from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday evening in July.

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# Officials: Hay production outlook mixed across Texas

By **ROBERT BURNS**  
AgriLife reporter

COLLEGE STATION — While some parts of Texas have been lucky when it comes to hay production, others will likely have an expensive go at feeding cattle this winter, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

“We’ve been blessed with rainfall during our spring and even during the mid-summer in East Texas,” said Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton. “So hay production in the eastern part of the state has been higher than other areas.”

Though the rest of the state has received some rain, drought conditions persist, which has of course pretty much stymied hay production

in much of the state, Corriher-Olson said.

“Part of Central Texas, around Waco and along the I-35 corridor, did receive some rainfall, but not as much as we have had in East Texas, and probably did not provide much improvement in hay production,” she said.

West Central Texas also received some good rains in late May and early June, which helped hay production, but the area remains under moderate to severe drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Though hay production has been good in East Texas, it hasn’t been as good as it might have been because of the frequent rains, Corriher-Olson noted. Mid-summer is usually a drier time for East Texas,

which is conducive to curing and harvesting hay.

But frequent rains have made it a challenge in some areas to get the hay in.

She also said she hasn’t seen much hay moving out of East Texas or out of the state.

“Some are rebuilding their stocks, and many have pastures that are still recovering from the drought of 2011 and subsequent droughts,” Corriher-Olson said.

With pastures still in recovery, livestock producers will need hay to make up for lack of grazing.

She also noted that with the chances of a moderately strong El Niño this fall, the prospects for winter pasture are better than they have been in years. A strong El Niño usually

means a wetter late fall and winter for all of the Southwest and Southeast U.S.

“This presents us with an excellent chance to reduce costs and preserve hay stocks, not just in East Texas but in Central Texas and other areas too,” she said.

Corriher-Olson will be conducting a training, “Winter Pastures for Central and East Texas,” Aug. 12, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton. For more information on the training, go to [today.agrilife.org/?p=41113](http://today.agrilife.org/?p=41113).

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

# Market shrugs off global tensions

By **STEVE ROTHWELL**  
AP Markets Writer

A war breaks out between Israel and Hamas. An airliner is shot out of the sky in Ukraine. A Portuguese bank’s finances look shaky.

And the U.S. stock market’s response? After dipping briefly on the bad news, it climbs higher.

The market’s resilience this year — which has pushed it to a series of records and extended its five-year bull run — is driven by investors’ optimism over the growth of the U.S. economy and record corporate earnings. That helped the market overcome its latest dip, on July 17th, when a passenger jet was shot down in eastern Ukraine and Israel invaded

the Gaza Strip, raising investor worries that conflicts around the world could escalate and destabilize financial markets.

As they have all year, investors responded by using it as an opportunity to buy stocks. In fact, they’ve “bought on the dip” consistently for three years, keeping

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**Be resourceful.** Check the Chamber of Commerce website where you will be vacationing for suggestions and links to recreational ideas. Or consider a staycation — a budget vacation where you visit nearby attractions but sleep in your own bed at night.

**Timing is everything.** If you do plan on traveling outside of your immediate area, aim for the off-season. Prices are usually substantially lower, and you won’t have to deal with the crowds. Off-season depends on where you are: summer can be a terrific time to visit a ski resort, where you can get nice rooms and all the non-skiing amenities for a fraction of the cost of a winter trip.

**Make it short and sweet.** You don’t have to go on a two-week trip in order to feel refreshed after a vacation. Take a long weekend or two, and maximize your itinerary by planning activities well ahead of time.

**Avoid unnecessary costs.** Don’t find yourself trapped by additional charges or fees. For example, avoid hotel room phones, which often carry hefty surcharges.

**Pack your own meals.** When on the road, avoid gas station convenience stores, which generally have higher prices. Also, check your local visitors’ center or websites for coupons to local restaurants.

Transport yourself. Choose a location with lots to see and do, and walk from place to place. Also, consider using the local bus or transit service rather than driving and parking.

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the market's slips from becoming slides. Stock pullbacks since 2011 have been rare and relatively small, and none have become severe enough to qualify as a correction, Wall Street parlance for a fall of 10 percent or more from a peak.

The lack of a correction for such a long period is unusual, because the Standard & Poor's 500 index experiences such a decline on average every 18 months, according to S&P Capital IQ research.

Many investors say that the uninterrupted rally is justified by the outlook for stocks. Central banks worldwide have policies in place aimed at stimulating economic growth, and U.S. corporate profits continue to rise, even in the first quarter, when the economy contracted.

That has driven the S&P 500 up 7 percent this year, not including reinvested dividends, adding to a 30 percent surge in 2013.

"The fundamental underpinnings of this bull market remain very

much intact," says Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for wealth management at Northern Trust.

In the U.S., the Federal Reserve has held short-term interest rates at close to zero for almost five years, and has bought \$3 trillion of bonds to hold down long-term rates.

The Fed has been winding down its stimulus, but a rate increase isn't expected until at least 2015.

The European Central Bank in June introduced a raft of unusual measures meant to revive the eurozone economy by getting credit flowing to companies. Japan's central bank is also trying to stimulate that nation's economy.

While these policies have cut borrowing costs, they have also reduced the yields on bonds — and the income they generate for investors.

As a result, investors have shifted their money to other assets, such as stocks, in the hunt for better income. That dynamic has supported the rally in stocks.

Utilities, which are regarded by some investors as a proxy for bonds because they are

relatively stable and pay rich dividends, are the biggest gainers in the S&P 500 this year. Their dividend yield — which measures how much a company pays out in dividends each year compared with its stock price — stands at 3.5 percent. The yield on the 10-year government Treasury is 2.5 percent.

The stock market could suffer a sharp, but short, correction later this year once the Fed finishes withdrawing its stimulus and investors start to focus on when exactly the central bank will begin raising interest rates next year, says Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners.

"The market is going to focus more and more on when the Fed moves," said Pavlik. "That's the biggest chance for a correction to come at us."

But for now, investors are focused on company profits, and the outlook remains strong. Earnings for S&P 500 companies are expected to climb 7.8 percent in 2014, their fifth straight year of growth, helping investors overcome concerns about the Fed and rising political tensions.

"People are looking for

something to justify a significant correction," says Dan Morris, global investment strategist for TIAA-CREF. "Yes, volatility is going to come back, that's obvious, but in terms of any kind of 10-plus percent correction, we just don't see it."

The S&P 500 index has risen almost 72 percent since the end of the last market correction in October 2011. It has closed at an all-time high 27 times since the start of the year.

Stocks have managed to rise even as the outlook for growth weakens.

The International Monetary Fund said Thursday that the global economy expanded less than it had previously forecast, slowed by weaker growth in the United States, Russia and developing economies. The lending organization predicted that global growth will be 3.4 percent in 2014, below its April forecast of 3.7 percent.

In Europe, growth is recovering but weak. During the first quarter of 2014, the eurozone grew by a paltry 0.2 percent.

Last week's market action, a big dip followed by a quick rebound, has happened on other occasions this year.

The S&P 500 slumped 1.2 percent July 17, the biggest one day drop in more than three months, as investors worried that geopolitical tensions would escalate after a Malaysian airliner was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine. But instead of marking the start of a wider decline, the market rebounded on Friday as investors focused on strong corporate earnings in the U.S.

Stocks also fell on July 10, although to a lesser degree, following worries about the soundness of Espirito Santo International, a holding company that is the largest shareholder in a group of firms, including the parent of Portugal's largest bank, Banco Espirito Santo. The specter of a European debt crises prompted investors to push down the stock market 0.4 percent and snap up less risky assets like gold and government bonds.

And in June, after a breakaway al-Qaida group seized large swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria, threatening to destabilize the entire region, stocks managed a 1.9 gain for the month.

In April, stocks plunged as investors dumped biotech and Internet stocks. The

technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index slumped to its worst day since 2011 and dragged down other major indexes. Between April 3 and April 11 the S&P 500 dropped 4 percent, but by the middle of May the stock market had recovered and was trading at record levels again.

The biggest one-day drop of 2014 was on Feb. 3. The index slumped 2.3 percent, falling to its lowest level of the year, as investors worried about the outlook for global growth and the impact of an unusually harsh winter on the U.S. economy. Since then the S&P 500 has gained 5.2 percent.

While those drops were significant, they pale next to the losses experienced during a correction.

During the last such slide, which ran from April to October 2011, the S&P 500 declined more than 19 percent on concerns about the fallout from Europe's debt crisis and impact of the U.S. government's credit rating being lowered.

Northern Trust's Nixon says that it's only natural that the longer the market goes without a correction, the more investors will worry that a sell-off is imminent and avoid buying stocks.

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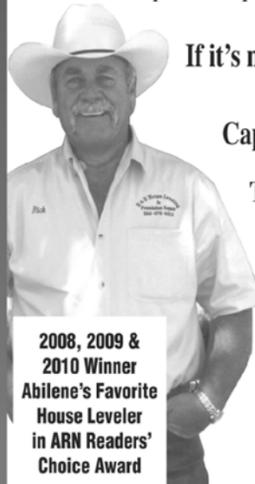
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**Help Wanted**

**POSITION AVAILABLE** for (1) Full-Time 38-40 hours weekly, working with developmentally disabled individuals. Must pass criminal background check and have a valid Tx DL. Weekend work included. Call 432-263-1408 for directions or come by 1315 South Baylor Blvd. Contact: Teresa or Mary.

**SHELL STAR STOP** looking for Assistant Managers and New Team Members. Full & Part time employees needed. Apply in person at any Shell Star Stop in Big Spring. Drug Free Environment.



**WESTERN TRUCK**

Trailer & Welding is now hiring for Experienced Diesel Technician  
\*Need Drivers Licence  
\*Own tools Required  
\*Excellent Pay Scale  
\*Great Working Conditions  
\*Monday through Friday  
\*8AM to 5PM  
Apply in person at:  
212 NE 12th,  
Big Spring, Tx 79720  
or  
Fax Your Resume and Salary Requirements to:  
(432)264-9645

**WESTERN CONTAINER**

Now Hiring Professional OTR Truck Drivers

We offer:  
Competitive Pay; Safety bonuses;  
Fuel bonuses; Downtime Pay  
Paid Training; Home Most Weekends

Benefits: \*Excellent health care benefit package through Coca-Cola;  
\*Company paid life and disability insurance; \*401k plan with dollar-for-dollar matching up to 6%;\* Paid-time-off program;\* 10 paid holidays\*

Must have CDL license with 2 years verifiable over-the-road or regional driving experience; Excellent driving record with no accidents or tickets in the last 2 years; Ability to pass background check, DOT physical and drug screen.

Send resume to:  
[wccjobsbs@coca-cola.com](mailto:wccjobsbs@coca-cola.com)  
Or apply at:  
1600 1st Ave  
Big Spring, TX 79720

**WESTSIDE COMMUNITY**

Day Care Center is seeking to fill the following job opportunities: **DAY CARE DIRECTOR, COOK, AND TEACHER.** For more information call 432-263-7841

**SUPER 8** has an opening available for full time front desk person. Must have experience, weekends a must. Must be able to work various hours. Please apply within at 2900 E I 20 Big Spring Texas.

**Items for Sale**

**12X24 FT** custom building with 4 Ft. covered porch, finished inside, has heating and A/C corner desk, and cabinets. \$5,000. Call 432-264-2926.

**FOR SALE** Bar table and chair and misc. 432-816-1107.

**Miscellaneous**

**3 GENTLEMANLY** experienced prairie dog shooters looking to have some fun hunting. We are curious and polite. Please call (512)833-5300.

**Pets**

Kittens, 8 weeks old, ready for adoption, and free to good homes. Litter trained. Call (432) 466-4608.

**REWARD for BOXER** LOST off Driver Road July 3. Male Brindle Color, 9 years, goes by ROCKO. Call 432-425-5087.

**Real Estate for Rent**

Swimming Pool  
Carports,  
Most Utilities Paid,  
Senior Citizen  
Discounts  
1 & 2 Bedrooms &  
1 or 2 Baths  
Unfurnished

**KENTWOOD APARTMENTS**

1904 East 25th Street  
267-5444  
263-5555

**1303 STANFORD**, 2 Bdrm, 1 bath FOR SALE SINGLE CARE GARAGE WITH WASHER AND DRYER HOOK UP \$40,000 CASH ONLY, NO OWNER FINANCE Call (432)816-5570

**1810 MORRISON-** Clean and Updated. 3bdrm, 1 1/2bath, garage, office, large dining, fenced yard, storage unit, security system. \$1,300.00 Deposit \$1,500.00 Month call 432-816-7797

**4200 PARKWAY**, 3 bdr/1bth, with carport, fenced yard, no pets, non-smoker preferred, no HUD, \$900.00 month, \$900.00 deposit, call 432-270-3849.

**5TH WHEEL** Camper for Rent with 2 slides, Includes electric, water & trash. Private location, South Big Spring. Call (432)935-0102.

**622 STATE** 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, CA/CH with garage. \$800.00 month, \$800.00 deposit. No smoking, no pets. No HUD. References Required. Call (432)270-3849.

**AFFORDABLE COUNTRY** Living- OASIS RV Park has Spaces & Travel Trailers for Rent, also weekly rentals. Call 432-517-0062 or 264-9907.

**REMODELED YESTERYEAR** Classic, Nice! Spacious 2br1bath, glassed sunroom. 775. Non-smoking/Pets. Lease. Credit report qualification. Broker 432-270-0707

Travel Trailers for rent. Peaceful Country setting. Call Cindy 432-213-0243

**Real Estate for Rent**

**32FT. CAMPER** for rent, Utilities included, \$900 a month 432-257-7666

**FOR RENT** 2 bed1bath CH/A, new carpet, 725/month, 350 deposit. 908 Nolan. Call 417-276-8083

**OFFICE SUITE for rent. 1502 Scurry. 3 offices with conference room. Please call 213-1496**

**RV SPOTS** Available. \$475/month all bills paid. 7400 S Service Rd Big Spring, TX Call Danny @ 432-296-1213

**Real Estate for Sale**

**1407 PRINCETON** 3 bedroom/1 bath. \$50,000 cash only, no owner finance. Call 432-816-5570.

**2800 SQAURE** ft building. Formerly the Sunset Bar on approximately 1.5 acres. 1800 N Birdwell Lane. \$65,500. Call 432-263-6292.

**Want to Buy**

**NEED CASH?** Will buy minerals in Midland, Howard, Ector, or Glasscock county. Call 512-970-9995

**Public Notice**

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2014 AT THE DORA ROBERTS COMMUNITY CENTER, LAKE ROOM, 100 WHIPKEY DR, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:**

A zoning change from SF-2, Single Family Dwelling District (Tract 1) and AG, Agricultural District (Tract 2) to LC, Light Commercial District for a 29.4 acre property located on the west side of US Hwy 87, south of Village Road and north of Johansen Road. Applicant: CarTex Engineering Services, Inc. (Gary Jones).

**Public Notice**

**BSISD - PUBLIC HEARING**

There will be a public meeting regarding eligibility for special education services on July 28, 2014 at the Special Education Office, 12000 Goliad Street, at 5:30 PM. Administrators and Parents of children with disabilities who are served in private and/or home schools that reside in the Big Spring Independent School District are encouraged to attend as well as the general public. For more information please contact Carol Walston, Special Education Director, at 432-264-4106.

**Legals**

Notice of Public Sale  
Sale of property is to satisfy a land-lord's lien. Sale to be held at BK Self Storage at 1409 N. FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 on August 7, 2014, at 8:00 am. Cleanup deposit is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Buyer is required to sign bid-der contract prior to auction. Unit items sold for cash to highest bidder. Tenants Name: Carla Pavovsky. General Description of property: Misc. house goods. #8393 July 27, 2014; August 3, 2014

**Legals**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO:  
Antonio Flores  
if living, and if any or all of the above name Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

All of the N/40' of Lt 5, Bk 3, Wright's Airport Annex Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas;

All of the Lt 7, Bk 3, Wright's Airport Annex Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; All of the S/10' Lt 5 and lot 6, Bk 3, Wright's Airport Annex Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas;

Which said property is delinquent to plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$950.61, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ANTONIO FLORES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 25, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANTONIO FLORES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6275 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiffs, defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleading now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up her respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 1 day of September, 2014 before the honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure off the constitutional statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 22 day of July, A.D. 2014  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.

**Legals**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO:  
Tina Hilario  
if living, and if any or all of the above name Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 13, Bk2, Stardust Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,212.77, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TINA HILARIO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 5, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TINA HILARIO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6317 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiffs, defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleading now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up her respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 1 day of September, 2014 before the honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure off the constitutional statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 18 day of July, A.D. 2014  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.

**Legals**

NOTICE:  
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED AND ARE AT 5715 WEST I-20: ON JULY 19, 2014 AT 12:00 - 200 FORD FOCUS - BLACK. GEORGA LICENSE PLATE. VIN - 1FAFP3831YW398291 - PICKED UP ON M/M 161 #8392 JULY 27, 2014



**West Texas Centers**

**Mental Health Rehab Provider:** Employee will perform psychosocial rehabilitation and skills training services to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities of mental illness. Services will be delivered primarily in the community.

**Mental Health Part Time Crisis Worker:** Employee will be responsible for responding to mental health crisis calls after hours and on weekends, and also participating with an on-call team.

**MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker:** Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor s degree in Social Work field or Bachelor s degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon.-Fri.

**MH Primary Care Worker:** Provides Triage/Liason with primary care hospital, performs behavioral health consultation and follow up, care management. Provides behavioral health assessments and referrals.

**Mental Health Team Coordinators;** Employee will assists individuals in gaining access to medical, social, vocational and educational services. Some positions require participation in crisis call rotation.

These positions must have a Bachelors degree with a major in Social work or a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. All Employees must live within 70 miles of the duty site. Employees will be required to have a personal vehicle available with WTC reimbursement provided. Travel requirements depend upon the position. Extensive training is provided. Flexible Schedules. Salaries range from: \$33,000 to \$41,000 depending on the position.

**MH Peer Provider:** uses their life experience in mental health recovery to assist6 other adults in their mental health recovery. Performs direct services that engage clients in activities designed to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities that result from their diagnosed mental illness and to increase the ability of the individual to live and work within the community. Requires flexible hours, involves completing paperwork. Travel and the use of a personal vehicle are required. Must have a valid Texas driver s license. Must have High School diploma or GEd \$10.59 hr (\$847.38 bi weekly \$22,032 annually.)

Applications available at 409 Runnels or [www.wtcmhmr.org](http://www.wtcmhmr.org) or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE



**West Texas Centers**

**Position 322: Provider Service Part Time positions.** This position provides services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services range from skills training, to assistance with daily living activities. Services are provided in the home, the community in a vocational setting. Schedules are flexible. Hrly \$12.90.

**Position 200: Support Service Manager:** Responsible for the hiring, training, ongoing supervision and scheduling of the Support Services Technicians. Will participate in Service Planning/IDT meetings, develop Action Plans, and monitor service delivery. May be required to work flexible hours. May be required to use personal vehicle with reimbursement. \$10.59 hr. High School Diploma or GED.

**IDD LVN:** Provides nursing for clients, families, and staff. Responsible for the nursing care and treatment of clients who live in a variety of community settings. Services include, but are not limited to, participation in interdisciplinary team processes; initial and ongoing assessment of the client s health status; administration of medication and/or provision of treatments; provision of health education to the client; instruction of family members or service providers in areas including medications, CPR, first aid, infection control, and signs and symptoms of illness. Supervised by Regional RN. May be required to work flexible hours. Licensed to practice as a licensed vocational nurse in the State of Texas. 2 years experience required. \$15.72 hr. (\$1257.69 bi weekly and \$32,700 annually).

**IDD Office Clerk:** performs routine clerical duties under the direction of the Office Manager/Area Supervisor. Duties will include typing, transcribing, calculating, sorting, filing, data entry, distributing mail, copying materials for staff in the Services Department. The clerk will work closely with professional staff. The clerk will also perform duties in support of skilled professional medical personnel and other personnel who provide services. \$9.30hr High school diploma or GED. Will be required to take Word and Excel test.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or [www.wtcmhmr.org](http://www.wtcmhmr.org) or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE



**West Texas Centers**

West Texas Centers has an opening for a Mental Health Counselor. This position will be responsible for providing a combination of both counseling duties and intake eligibility assessments as assigned. Duties of this position will be responsible for providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to an individual, group, or family depending on assignment. Advantage if received State training in CBT, CPT, TF-CBT and having CBT Competency requirements met (training will be provided if needed). Other duties of this position may require routine interactions with individuals with mental illness and their families to complete eligibility diagnostic assessments and making level of care recommendations. Must be licensed by the State of Texas as an LPC, LCSW, LMFT. Travel required within assigned service area. Position will be based out of Big Spring. Employee will participate on Crisis Consult Rotation by phone, providing support to Crisis Duty Staff and Authorizing options for interventions. Employee must have a valid Texas driver s license and a driving record that is acceptable for insurability through the Center s insurance carrier. \$21.84 per hr \$45,420 annually.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or [www.wtcmhmr.org](http://www.wtcmhmr.org) or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO:

Maryann Garza if living, and if any or all of the above name Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

S/2 of Lts 10 & Lt 11, Bk, 5, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$800.18, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein. You are hereby notified that suit

has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MARYANN GARZA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July, 25, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARYANN GARZA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6238 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law. All parties to this suit, including plaintiffs, defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties

shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleading now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up her respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 1 day of September, 2014 before the honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure off the constitutional statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 17 day of July, A.D. 2014 Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.

Legals

THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you." To: Anthony Rice, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Intervener's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday September 8, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Intervener's Petition was filed in said court on the 4/8/2014 in the entitled cause 49214, IN RE:ISABELLA RICE, Cause number 49438

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship as is more fully shown by the Intervener's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 24th day of July, 2014.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas #8387 July, 27

Legals

THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you." To: Lloyd Nichols Defendant, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday September, 2014, before the honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 7/16/2014 in the entitled cause ANDREW HERNANDEZ AND LARRY ASHBROOK VS LLOYD NICHOLS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Adverse Possession and Trespasso Try Title as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand seal of said at office this 16th day of July, 2014.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas #83781 July 20, 27, 2014



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www.bigspringherald.com

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Legals

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Diana Valdez if living, and if any or all of the above name Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit: Lt 9, Bk, 10, Hall Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,431.75, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein. You are hereby notified that suit

against DIANA VALDEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 30, 2013, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DIANA VALDEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6238 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law. All parties to this suit, including plaintiffs, defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties

answer to all claims and pleading now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up her respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 1 day of September, 2014 before the honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure off the constitutional statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 17 day of July, A.D. 2014 Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.

Legals

Application for Exception to Statewide Rules (SWR) 26 and/or 27

Notice is hereby given that ConocoPhillips Company, Operator 172232, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in the S 1/2 of Section 141 Block 29 W&NW RR Co Survey, W 1/2 of Section 142 Block 29 W&NW RR Co survey and Section 152 Block 29 W&NW RR Co survey in Howard and Glasscock Counties, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Ken Andersen of ConocoPhillips Company, in Midland, Texas at 3300 North A Street, Bldg 6-120, Midland, Texas 79705-5490, (432) 688-9020 by August 10, 2014. #8376 July 20, 27, 2014; August 3, 10, 2014

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on July 12, 2014 at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants. #9 Nathan Garrard #102 Nathan Garrard #49 Naticidaad Robles #122 Irene Quintero #142 Ben Crawford Sr. #180 Vanessa torrez #231 Vance Gaston #323 Tanya Dhane #14 Barbra Spurgin # 8380 July 20, 27, 2014

Answer to previous puzzle

COMBAT	BTQB	YDS
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ODD	DELI	BOMBE
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ALIVE	HIT	THE
TIN	LABOR	VESPA
OPTS	CONCH	YARD
YAHOO	DUAL	MOO
SNOOZE	BUTTON	
REM	OVER	TRAUMA
UMA	NANA	IRISES
SAS	ENDS	PYLONS

Legals

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 11, 2014 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 15, 2014

Address: Railroad commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling permit unit P.O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TEXAS.US

Field 37/38 Case No.0290217 Status/Permit No. 786982

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Lease Lines : 11.0 F N C L, 1320.0 F EAST L Survey Lines : 1980.0 F SOUTH L, 1320.0 F EAST L

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Lease Lines : 660.0 F N C L, 1320.0 F EAST L Survey Lines : 660.0 F SOUTH L, 1320.0 F EAST L

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Did in
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- 15 Byzantine
- 16 As directed
- 17 Ship-to-shore message
- 18 Iowa's state rock
- 19 Grand Rapids-to-Ann Arbor dir.
- 20 pH test specimen
- 21 Continue, à la Gatsby
- 22 Scrap
- 23 Targets with barbs
- 24 Nez Perce National Forest locale
- 27 Chargers' restraints
- 30 Bridge element
- 32 Most-watched 2012-13 TV series
- 33 Point
- 34 Notation after "A new broom sweeps clean"
- 35 Name that is a past participle
- 37 County north of Galway
- 38 Syllable used by Stephen Foster
- 39 Maker of a Cheese Creations line
- 40 Do fast weaving
- 42 Recent West Point grad
- 45 Better
- 46 Not spontaneous
- 47 Sanction
- 49 Ogre's state
- 50 Runway frequenter
- 51 CD recording
- 54 Unsalvageable
- 55 Two-wheeled tool

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- 11 Qualmishness
- 12 Valley of the Sun city
- 13 "Nice job!"
- 14 Picked up
- 21 The bulk of speeches
- 22 Insubstantial
- 23 Metaphor for an urgent need
- 24 Possible airline carry-ons
- 25 One of two women with three stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 26 Honolulu Harbor landmark
- 28 "The only horrible thing in the world is \_\_\_": Wilde
- 29 Jazz Age dance
- 31 Traditional Jamaican music maker
- 36 Cry from Sesame Street's Sherlock Hemlock
- 37 Untold
- 39 College boards
- 41 Teflon product
- 43 Possible airline carry-on
- 44 Something borrowed
- 48 Language spoken in Oklahoma
- 49 "Capitalize on it" sloganeer
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- 56 Setting for PD James whodunits

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# House votes to limit tax credits for immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a bill Friday that would gradually increase the popular child tax credit and make it available to more families with higher incomes.

However, millions of low-income families would lose the \$1,000-a-child credit in 2018, when enhancements championed by President Barack Obama are set to expire.

The bill also aims to make a dent in illegal immigration by prohibiting people without Social Security numbers from claiming a portion of the credit reserved for low-income families.

The bill passed by a vote of 237-173.

House Republicans say the bill strengthens the tax credit by increasing it as inflation rises, and by making it available to more middle-income families.

"It is time we make some simple improvements to the child tax credit, so it keeps up with the cost of raising children," said Rep. Dave Camp R-Mich., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The White House threatened to veto the bill, saying it favors high-income taxpayers over the poor, while adding \$90 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade.

Five million of the poorest low-income families would lose the credit in 2018, the White House said. An additional 6 million low-income families would see their tax credits reduced.

The bill "would raise

taxes for millions of struggling working families while enacting expensive new tax cuts without offsetting their costs, reflecting fundamentally misplaced priorities," the White House said.

House Republicans dispute the Democrats' argument, saying the bill is silent on low-income families. Current law calls for the enhancement for low-income income families to expire.

The bill simply lets it happen.

Under current law, the child tax credit is gradually reduced and phased out for individuals making more than \$75,000 a year and married couples making more than \$110,000 a year.

House Republicans say the income limit for married couples amounts to a marriage penalty because it's less than double the limit for single tax filers.

The bill would increase the income threshold for married couples to \$150,000, allowing more families with higher incomes to claim it. The bill would index the income limits to inflation, meaning they would increase over time as consumer prices rise.

The amount of the credit would also increase with inflation.

At the other end of the income spectrum, the child tax credit is also available to families that don't make enough money to pay any federal income taxes. These families get payments similar to tax refunds when they file their tax returns.

# Russian execs fear crash backlash

MOSCOW (AP) — Having for months dismissed Western sanctions on Russia as toothless, business leaders here are now afraid that the downing of the Malaysian jetliner will bring about an international isolation that will cause serious and lasting economic damage.

Throughout the Ukrainian crisis, U.S. and European sanctions had mainly targeted a handful of individuals, sparing economic ties. Then last week the U.S. imposed penalties on some of Russia's largest corporations. And when the airliner was shot down just a day later in Ukraine, allegedly by separatists with Moscow's support, concern grew in Russia that the sanctions would only get worse as President Vladimir Putin shows little sign of cooperation.

Reinforcing those concerns, the European Union said Friday it is planning newer, tougher penalties on businesses.

"Over the past few months, there was a sense that Mr. Putin acted decisively, forcefully, and correctly, and that everybody else in the world would accommodate themselves to that reality and we'd get back to something like business as usual," said Bernard Sucher, a Moscow-based entrepreneur and board member of Aton, an independent investment bank. "Now we're talking about real fear."

It's not clear how quickly that fear and the country's overall economic pain might soften Putin's foreign policies. He keeps tight control over business leaders and still enjoys a high popularity rating. But some analysts note the fear of tougher sanc-

tions may in fact already be having an impact, for example by keeping Russia from trying to annex eastern Ukraine the way it did with Crimea in March.

After that move, which triggered a deep freeze in relations with the West, stock markets in Russia dropped only to later rebound as investors understood the country's trade relations would remain largely unscathed. Europe, which is in frail economic health, dared not block energy imports from Russia or the trade in goods such as cars. Oil companies like BP and ExxonMobil continued their operations in Russia, with some even signing new deals.

The U.S. took a tougher stance, but until last week was also careful to limit sanctions to asset freezes on individuals who were perceived to have had a hand in destabilizing Ukraine.

On July 16, the night before the Malaysia Airlines jet was shot down, Russian markets appeared to have fully recovered, with the MICEX stock index adding 23 percent since March 1.

Then last week, the U.S. announced new sanctions that had investors in Russia fear a turn for the worse. The U.S. shut off its financial markets for a broad swath of defense companies as well as Russia's largest oil company, Rosneft, gas producer Novatek, which is half-owned by a close Putin ally, and a major bank, VEB. The move offered business executives a glimpse of what they had thought would never happen: serious international isolation.

According to Alexis Rodzianko, president of the Ameri-

can Chamber of Commerce in Russia, those sanctions were the first to really pack a punch because they were "broader and more specific: they went beyond the symbolic."

Rodzianko said anecdotal evidence suggests some investment decisions were delayed, "particularly when people were just considering coming in to the market."

When the Malaysian airliner went down one day later, investors worried conditions would deteriorate further.

The stock market has fallen over 6 percent since Thursday last week. Investors keep pulling money out of the country. They withdrew \$74.6 billion in the first six months of the year, a figure forecast to reach \$100 billion for the whole of 2014 — almost twice the \$60 billion in withdrawals seen last year.

Growth, meanwhile, is nosediving. The International Monetary Fund this week slashed its forecast for 2014 from 1.3 percent to 0.2 percent. And the currency is unstable — Russia's central bank on Friday raised its key interest rate by half a point to 8 percent, saying the heightened geopolitical risks are putting pressure on the ruble.

Even the world of sports has been drawn in. FIFA, the governing body for world soccer, faced calls from German lawmakers to move the 2018 World Cup from Russia, but swiftly rejected the notion.

EU countries, meanwhile, are stepping up the pressure. On Friday they reached a preliminary agreement to follow the U.S. in sanctioning businesses.



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### Tomorrow's Horoscope

#### Venus Opposes Pluto

Unlike some others in the animal kingdom, human babies come into the world so utterly helpless that they cannot live without a nurturer to feed, warm and protect them. To be human is to be dependent on other humans. The point is driven home today, as the opposition of Venus and Pluto highlights our vulnerability and calls for compassion.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Think of your relationships as a dance and try different moves. Just as new music makes you move differently, new environments will highlight different aspects of your relationship.



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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Choose your battles carefully, as most of them aren't worth fighting. You won't agree with all you hear, but that doesn't mean you have to speak out against it. A disapproving look, in many cases, says all you need to say.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You appreciate discreet people, the type who respect your privacy and are only as interested in you as you want them to be. This takes great social intelligence, and you can't expect it from everyone.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll spend time with the one who gets your style, taste and language. The hours will be satisfying, educational and peppered with shared laughter.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Look beyond what people are doing and into what they are feeling, because understanding the emotions of a situation will be more important than understanding the logistics of it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be changed by what you take on, especially if you fall in love with it in the process. The deeper your involvement and love the more profound the change.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You strive to contribute to a healthy, functional environment even when faced with largely dysfunctional elements. You keep rearranging things to see whether you can come up with a configuration that works.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You usually regard yourself as a pronoun, but today you feel more like a verb. You are action personified. There's a feeling of invincibility in your constant doing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one who understands you doesn't need an explanation from you, and your explanation will not make a difference to the one who doesn't understand you. Therefore, declare yourself and don't explain it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The way you dress will change the dynamics of a situation. As Mark Twain said, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may suddenly feel self-conscious in a

relationship or have the overall sense that it's not working. You know the goal, and you know the obstacle, and it's not enough. Raise the stakes.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When every action has an obstacle, that's drama. It's good in the theater, but bad in life. Some things may be hard — perhaps the best and most important things — but not everything. Embrace what's easy. Revel in it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 27). You don't expect the world to comply with your standards, but you do everything possible to create the world you want. A project will be carried through by your strength and will in August. With the expansion of your personal property comes increased responsibility. Love and adventure are linked in September. Pisces and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 38 and 42.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Weeks ago, it was retrograde-mayhem, but the innermost retrograde planets have all decided to fly straight, setting life on a more logical course. But don't be so quick to make sense of it. Distant Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are still retrograde, encouraging thought and review. Introverted types may get so deeply and creatively entwined with memories that an entirely new retro-reality may start to form. Memory doesn't always serve a vigilant master. The line between what happened and what didn't will go fuzzy as wishes have their way with history.

On a side note, these are dramatic times. Try not to get too sentimental, unless you're having fun with it. After all, this week under the Leo sun is all about entertainment, which starts with you. If it's interesting to you, it's interesting. If it's funny to you, it's funny. If it's sad to you, it's sad. Believe in your own reactions. Chances are, someone else will share them.

The progression of the Leo sun keeps us focused on the action, how we're performing it and the entertainment value, too. People want to shine during this time, to do a good job, earn the applause and have an influence. Feed your creative soul.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "SNL" alumnus Maya Rudolph has caused a commotion in movies such as "Bridesmaids" and "The Way Way Back." This Leo funny lady was born when the sun, Mercury and Mars were all in the sign of show business. She's a natural-born entertainer who is on the fast track this year. Look for this lovely Leo in the upcoming "The Nest," a film about two sisters who decide to throw one last party before their parents sell the family home.

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