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City Public Works Director Johnny Womack addressed city council members during their meeting Tuesday evening. At left is City Attorney Linda Sjogren.

Best results plan, wind energy taxes on BSISD agenda

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A presentation of a plan to improve academics and consideration of an agreement with a wind energy company regarding limitation of taxes on appraised property values are on tap for the next Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees meeting.

District officials are expected to present a breakdown of a plan for three elementary campuses and district wide on how BSISD will improve academic performance. For the past several years, BSISD has been attempting to climb out of its low performance status designation given by the Texas Education Agency. Last academic year, the district made gains toward that goal. Big Spring Junior High

and Moss Elementary met standards after state ratings were released. The high school received a met-standards for the second year in a row. That leaves Goliad, Marcy and Washington Elementary and the district as a whole with "improvement required" ratings.

In other business, trustees are expected to consider inking a deal between the district and Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC to limit taxes on appraised property where a potential new wind farm is being considered by the company. The company has already secured agreements with Howard County and Howard College on this issue.

Public hearings for both the See **BSISD**, Page 3

Council agrees on pact for railway expansion

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

They'll be working on the railroad ... some more.

During their Tuesday meeting, Big Spring City Council members unanimously approved a performance agreement with the local Economic Development Corporation that will result in expansion of the railroad spur at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

This marks the third phase of rail spur construction at the airpark.

The \$1.5 million project will extend the spur along the tarmac east of the main runway at the airport, making it much easier for airpark tenants to load and unload their products unto railroad cars, Airpark Manager Jim Little said.

EDC Executive Director Terry Wegman said officials plan to hire a contractor soon to oversee the project, which will add 3,800 feet to the existing spur.

"We haven't selected the contractor yet, but we will send out requests for proposals within the next few days," Wegman said.

No timeline has been set for the project, although Wegman hopes construction will be completed by next summer.

Also Tuesday, the council approved an agreement which will radically change the utility bills city water customers receive.

Instead of the postcards customers have received for many years, a more detailed explanation of charges will be mailed out, City Public

Works Director Johnny Womack said.

"This will allow us to provide customers more information concerning their bills," Womack said. "Also under this agreement, we can e-mail statements to customers, which could save us money in paper costs."

The change should take effect early next year.

In other business Tuesday, the council approved:

- A rezoning of about 188 acres encompassing the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and adjacent property from Light Industrial to Single-Family 2 usage. City officials hope to sell the property (excluding the sports complex) to housing developers.

- The annexation of 12.5 acres of property south and west of Ann Drive in the Kentwood subdivision. The property was zoned for single-family usage.

- Financing of roofing repairs at the John Crane Production Solutions building at the airpark. Repairs are estimated to cost \$142,000.

- An agreement with Emergicon LLC to provide emergency medical service billing and collection services.

- An agreement with Howard College to allow the college to use equipment at the landfill for heavy equipment operator's courses.

Holiday activities to continue here

Herald Staff Report

THURSDAY, Dec. 11

Big Spring Junior High School band students perform Christmas music. The program will be divided into performances by three bands and begins at 6 p.m. in the school gym, 624 E. Sixth St.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, Dec. 12-14

One hundred individuals and several live animals make up the cast for the Live Drive-Through Nativity at First Church of the Nazarene.

Times are 6:30-9:30 each evening of the drive-through, now in its 28th year.

Motorists drive along a lighted trail past various scenes that tell the story of the life of Christ while listening to a professionally produced cassette tape or compact disc, played in their car stereo.

The entrance to the Nativity Drive-Through is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard, then turn south onto Lancaster. The church is located at 1400 Lancaster.

There is no charge. Donations are accepted.

SATURDAY, Dec. 13

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. All students are admitted free.

UPCOMING Festival of Lights

A million lights strong, the Festival of Lights will be on display Dec. 15-31 each evening from dark-30 until 10 at Comanche Trail Park. For more information on this year's festival, contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 264-2516 or 263-8235.



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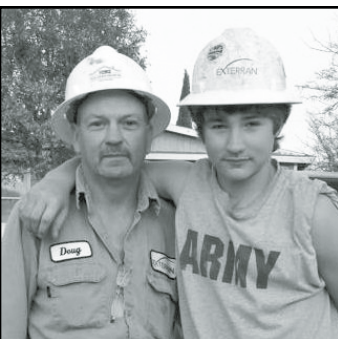
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Obituaries

Douglas Patrick and Markus Irwin



Douglas Patrick Irwin, age 43, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, due to a car accident in Andrews County, Texas.

He was born in Fort Stockton, Texas on March 17, 1971, to Billy Gene Irwin and Velma Correne Stidham. He worked as an oilfield

mechanic for Best Services.

Doug was a feisty redneck and a hard working man who was often seen wearing a hard hat. A country boy, he loved wearing boots and cowboy hats and played guitar, singing old country songs.

Doug is survived by his wife of six years, Georganna (King) Irwin of Big Spring; son, Dallas Irwin of Florida; daughter, Tonya Hunter of Odessa; brothers, Billy Gene Irwin Jr. of Larose, La., and Bruce Irwin of Worcester, Mass.; and one granddaughter, Payton Hunter of Odessa.

Tragically, his son, Markus Irwin, was with Douglas in the car accident and both Doug and Markus lost their lives.

Markus Patrick "Boo" Irwin was born in Odessa on July 26, 1999, to Doug and Michelle Carrisa Allen. He was a student, a sophomore at Coahoma High School.

Markus is survived by his mother, Carissa Allen and husband Richard of Terlingua; sister, Katherine Monica McLain of San Angelo; brother, Dallas William Irwin of Florida; grandmother, Mona McAuley of Terlingua; step-mom, Georganna Irwin of Big Spring; uncle, Scott Turner and wife Jennifer and their daughter Jessica, all of Ft. Davis; uncles, Billy Irwin and Bruce Irwin and Bruce's daughter Jennifer; cousins, Scott and Leticia Walters and their children, Matthew, Dillon, Ashe, and Whitney; aunt, Alecia Deaver of Odessa and her children, Brad, Robert, Aidan, and Kerry; best friend, Patrick Orona; and many other extended family members.

Memorial services for Doug and Markus will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at Acres West Funeral Chapel, officiated by Chaplain Larry Hood.

An additional funeral service for Markus will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at Terlingua Ghost Town Cemetery, officiated by George Goss. Please have any flowers for this service delivered to Mona McAuley in Terlingua.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West and condolences may be sent to the family online at acreswestfuneral.com.

Paid obituary

Billy Ray Wells



Billy Ray Wells, 40, of Midland, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at Belvue Church of Christ, 611 Carroll St., Stanton. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 North St.

Charles, Stanton.

Billy was born Jan. 11, 1974, in Andrews and grew up in Odessa. He was a construction contractor his whole life.

He is survived by his father, Johnny W. Wells and wife, Jan of Stanton; his mother, Donna Stroope of Midland; one daughter, Tamblyn Young of South Carolina; two granddaughters; two sisters, Trisha Wells of Odessa and Kasey Peters of Spring Branch; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends in South Carolina.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Lucia Pickett

Lucia Pickett, 94, of Denton, formerly of Stanton, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, in a Denton hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Wynfred Hocker

Wynfred Hocker, 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Lusk

Charles Lusk, 90, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carla Sabrina CuvIELLO



Carla Sabrina CuvIELLO, 46, of Big Spring, Texas, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born on June 13, 1968, in Big Spring, the daughter of Constance Howard and Freddie Williams.

She obtained her cosmetology license from Aladdin Beauty College shortly after graduating high school. She then married Michael CuvIELLO III in 1989 in Elizabeth City, N.C.; together they traveled the world together and had two children, Michael and Chanel.

She worked as a dietician at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years until her health declined. She was also a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother, Constance Howard of Big Spring; her father, Freddie Williams of Big Spring; her children, Michael CuvIELLO IV and Chanel CuvIELLO, both of Big Spring; two siblings, Fulani Williams and Freddie Williams Jr., both of Big Spring; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Cassandra Howard; her grandmother, Eldora King; her great-grandmother, Inez Benjamin; her grandfather, Leroy McGruder; and multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police/Sheriff

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

- MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO, 42, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ANDREW AGUILAR, 45, of 1615 Canary, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- TONYA RENEE COGBURN, 44, of 1610 S. Johnson St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

- PATRICIA ANN BACON, 42, of 3509 S. Service Rd. no. 13, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

- MARION THOMAS DISON, 45, of 609 E. 13, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of controlled substance, expired motor vehicle inspection, fail to appear and a warrant from another agency.

- GROVER CLEVELAND, 64, of 1700 Lancaster no. 614, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 1400 block of Dixie and the 1500 block of E. 3rd.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 600 block of S. Aylesford.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 200 block of Scurry.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 2400 block of Driver Rd.

- FORGERY was reported at the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

- HIT AND RUN was reported at the 1400 block of Boeing.

- THEFT reported at the 2000 block of S. Gregg and the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 at the time of this report.

- PATRICIA ANN BACON was booked by BSPD on a warrant for fail to maintain financial responsibility, speeding – 85 miles per hour in a 75 mile per hour zone and violate promise to appear.

- MARION THOMAS DISON was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram, fail to display or expired motor vehicle inspection and violate promise to appear.

- GROVER CLEVELAND was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- WILLIAM OWEN FOGLE was booked by BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor.

- BENJAMIN EDWARD MOORE was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for harassment.

- MICHA ZANE SCHIGUT was booked by Reagan County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.

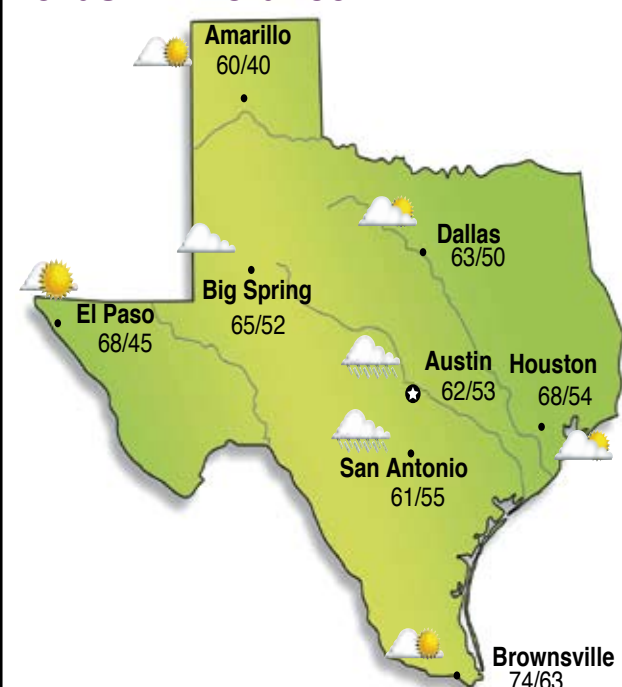
Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 12/11	Fri 12/12	Sat 12/13	Sun 12/14	Mon 12/15
65/52	67/52	73/54	73/53	63/41
Overcast. Slight chance of a rain shower. High around 65F.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	51	cloudy	Kingsville	73	61	cloudy
Amarillo	60	40	pt sunny	Livingston	62	49	cloudy
Austin	62	53	rain	Longview	58	44	cloudy
Beaumont	63	46	pt sunny	Lubbock	63	45	cloudy
Brownsville	74	63	pt sunny	Lufkin	63	47	cloudy
Brownwood	63	51	cloudy	Midland	65	50	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	61	cloudy	Raymondville	75	62	cloudy
Corsicana	64	48	cloudy	Rosenberg	69	54	cloudy
Dallas	63	50	cloudy	San Antonio	61	55	rain
Del Rio	61	56	rain	San Marcos	62	54	rain
El Paso	68	45	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	46	cloudy
Fort Stockton	63	47	pt sunny	Sweetwater	62	51	cloudy
Gainesville	60	47	cloudy	Tyler	60	47	cloudy
Greenville	61	46	cloudy	Weatherford	62	50	cloudy
Houston	68	54	cloudy	Wichita Falls	61	49	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	29	sunny	Minneapolis	31	23	pt sunny
Boston	44	37	rain	New York	39	33	mixed
Chicago	33	24	pt sunny	Phoenix	75	55	sunny
Dallas	63	50	cloudy	San Francisco	65	60	cloudy
Denver	58	32	sunny	Seattle	57	48	rain
Houston	68	54	cloudy	St. Louis	39	29	cloudy
Los Angeles	71	56	mst sunny	Washington, DC	45	33	windy
Miami	68	51	sunny				

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Texas briefs

Suspected drug cartel member arrested in Texas

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say another suspected Mexican drug cartel member has been arrested in South Texas and charged with money laundering.

Juan Francisco Martinez-Ramirez remains in custody pending a federal court hearing Friday in McAllen.

The 32-year-old Martinez-Ramirez was arrested Monday night at a home in Mission. Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Wendell Campbell says Martinez-Ramirez tried to flee when he saw agents approach but was caught.

A judge on Tuesday denied bond for Martinez-Ramirez, whose case follows the Oct. 9 arrest of the suspected head of the Gulf Cartel. Juan Francisco Saez-Tamez was captured while shopping in Edinburg. Saez-Tamez was indicted last year on drug and money laundering counts.

Information wasn't immediately available on an attorney for Martinez-Ramirez, who allegedly was a high-ranking Gulf Cartel member.

City cancels deal with Corpus Christi firefighters

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas city has canceled a labor agreement with firefighters amid stalled talks on a new contract.

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday formally dissolved the deal with the Professional Fire Fighters Association Local Union 936.

City officials say emergency services will continue despite the canceled contract. A clause would have required certain funding to continue uninterrupted even without an agreement.

A city statement says the contract expired July 31 and Corpus Christi leaders have sought to resume negotiations.

A union statement Tuesday night says association representatives have made numerous offers to resume talks, plus provided an updated contract proposal on Dec. 2.

City figures show the fire department, with about 430 personnel, had a more than \$47 million budget in fiscal 2014.

2 dead in Dallas assisted living complex fire

DALLAS (AP) — A fire at a senior assisted living complex in Dallas left two people dead and several hurt early Wednesday, a fire official said.

Two bodies were discovered in an upper-floor unit where the blaze apparently started, said Jason Evans, a Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman. Firefighters had extinguished the fire and were searching the four-story structure when they found the victims, Evans said.

Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the fire that was reported just after 2 a.m., Evans said.

The complex is home to about 300 senior residents, many with mobility issues, he said. Firefighters helped some residents climb down truck ladders from upper-level balconies and helped others to walk out of the building.

Names of the two people who died and the cause of their deaths were not immediately released.

Former Texas teacher indicted in child porn case

ALVIN, Texas (AP) — A former Houston-area high school teacher has been indicted in a child pornography case.

Forty-five-year-old Scott Burns was being held without bond on Wednesday. Federal prosecutors say he is a flight risk and a danger to the community.

Prosecutors say the Alvin High School teacher received and possessed child pornography from February 2012 to March 2013. School district officials say Burns' employment ended in March after he was accused of using adult former students as the subjects of sexually suggestive photos and paintings.

Burns is charged with two counts of possessing child pornography. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

It wasn't immediately clear if Burns has an attorney.

South Texas man finds grenade while cleaning lot

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Authorities in South Texas say a grenade discovered by a man cleaning up a lot is inert.

Fifty-four-year-old Juan Perez tells KRGV-TV he picked up the grenade at the lot near Mission on

Tuesday before he realized what it was. He says it weighed about 3 pounds and had a pin.

The McAllen Police Department bomb squad was called in to remove the grenade and search for others. Hidalgo County sheriff's deputies say the grenade wasn't able to explode and that no others were found.

It's unclear why the grenade was in the lot. Deputies say it could be linked to a recent police chase in the area

Police: West Texas 18-year-old spits on officers

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas man has been indicted on two felony charges after police say he spit on a pair of officers.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports Tuesday that 18-year-old Daniel Cuellar III has been charged with two counts of harassment of a public servant.

San Angelo Police Officer Jennifer Kuhlmann says he spit on the back of her head during an October drug arrest. Tom Green County Jail Officer Adam Cooper was asked to help restrain Cuellar. He says Cuellar spit in his face, eyes and mouth.

Cuellar faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted.

Online jail records didn't indicate an attorney.

Trooper: Man killed in fiery West Texas crash

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Authorities in West Texas say a man has died after his pickup truck was crushed between a semitrailer and a piece of heavy machinery and the truck caught fire.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Shawn Baxter tells the San Angelo Standard-Times (that the four-vehicle crash happened Tuesday evening near Goodfellow Air Force Base. He says the truck had its hazard lights on and was following behind a cotton-harvesting machine.

Baxter says the semitrailer carrying peanuts collided with the back of the pickup, which hit the machine. An oncoming vehicle then hit the machine.

The truck driver died at the scene. It's unclear how many people were involved. Baxter says others suffered minor injuries.

No identities have been released and no charges have been reported.

Sheriff: \$1M found in Texas semitrailer after fire

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — Authorities in northeast Texas are working to identify the owner of about \$1 million in cash that was discovered stashed in a semitrailer after the truck's driver was killed.

Harrison County Sheriff Tom McCool tells the Longview News-Journal the 36-year-old driver from North Carolina was fatally struck by a pickup truck after the semitrailer hauling furniture caught fire on Dec. 2 and he watched it burn on Interstate 20. A semitrailer passenger tells deputies he doesn't know who the money belongs to.

Deputies say the money was wrapped in plastic

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targeted academic improvement plans and the potential tax agreement with Gunsight is scheduled to be held at the top of the meeting when trustees meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school boardroom, 707 11th Place.

Also on the agenda, trustees will

- Consider retaining Gravely and Pearson LLP to initiate contemplated litigation regarding existing facilities.
- Recognize Moss

Elementary School for receiving a top 25 percent student progress award for 2014.

- Consider approval of the 2014 tax roll.
- Consider approval of the Memorial Tree Project resolution.
- Consider financial and personnel matters.
- Consider a donation to the high school art department.

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

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and aluminum foil. They believe it's associated with organized crime.

McCool says the cash will be divided up between his office and the district attorney.

He says a mechanical problem started the fire. Authorities say they won't charge the pickup truck driver.

Police: East Texas man, 77, shoots intruder

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Police say a 77-year-old East Texas man has fatally shot a would-be burglar who broke into his home.

Tyler Police Detective Andy Erbaugh says 44-year-old Luke Garrison of Brownsboro was killed Tuesday morning. He says Bobby Shaw of Tyler lives alone and shot Garrison once in the chest with a shotgun.

Erbaugh says Garrison was shirtless and wielding an unspecified tool. Shaw says Garrison charged at him.

No other injuries were reported. Garrison's widow tells police that he suffered from mental health problems.

An autopsy has been ordered. Police are investigating.

Austin-area city to keep armored vehicle

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Elected officials of an Austin suburb have decided to keep an armored military vehicle.

KXAN-TV reports Georgetown council members voted Tuesday to fund operation costs for the MRAP, or mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle.

Police Chief Wayne Nero says the department got the vehicle for free but it needs about \$2,500 in operational costs. He says it broke down in traffic on its first trip out for a paint job.

Councilman Tommy Gonzalez voted against keeping the vehicle. He says the county already has a handful of military vehicles and he'd rather spend money on a police cruiser or reducing city debt.

Texas man turns himself in for pit bull attack

BROWNWOOD, Texas (AP) — A West Texas man charged with trying to kill a pit bull with a knife and hammer has turned himself in to authorities.

KTXS-TV reports 54-year-old Thommy Wesley Wade surrendered after being indicted on one count of cruelty to a livestock animal. He was being held Wednesday morning at the Brown County jail on \$10,000 bond.

Brownwood police responded to Wade's house in October. They found Wade and his dog named Bruiser in the backyard.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us always remember, oh Lord, there are those whose challenges are more severe than ours.
Amen

How often do you think about what you're thinking about? How often do you find yourself in a negative thought process? I think most of us end up there if we're not careful. There's negativity all over the news, all over your Facebook and Twitter. If you're not careful, it will affect your thoughts, your actions, and eat you from the inside out. Our thoughts are important. They form how we treat people and ourselves. Thinking wrongly about people or situations can be very destructive to vital areas of your life, such as your relationships, self-worth, your job, and your emotional health. So being intentionally positive in our thinking is not only a good thing to do, it's necessary for our lives to be productive and fulfilling. I read this quote recently and it made me evaluate my own thoughts: "Positive thinking will never have a negative effect on your work." In that statement you can change the word "work" to other areas of your life as well.

There's so much bad news in our world and too often that's all we hear. The horrific events, the tragedies and catastrophes seem to always grab the headlines. It's been oft discussed why the human mind seems to be drawn to the negative, but I think it's time to refocus and take a look at the good that's all around us. Truth is, folks, the whole world isn't rotten and everything that's going on isn't apocalyptic. What better time of the year than this holiday season to positively change our thinking?

One of the best ways to facilitate positive thoughts is to focus our energy on people or things that strengthen, build up, encourage and bless our lives. Too often we allow the things in life that have the opposite effect on our emotional wellbeing to dominate our thoughts; the people

who have hurt us, the situations that left us reeling, questions we can't answer and the events happening in the world that we cannot even control.

If you have time I want to challenge you to do something. Grab a piece of paper and a pen and take this little quiz: 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world. 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners. 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest. 4. Name 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize. 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor/actress. 6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday. These are not second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one: 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school. 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time. 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile. 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel, appreciated and special. 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. 6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you. Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care enough to pour into your life and love you. Your life will be much happier if you remember the good and forget the bad that's happened to you.

There is no way I could address this vitally important issue without referencing the greatest commentary ever written to guide us on this journey. It's from the biblical book of Philippians when the Apostle Paul concludes his letter to the folks in Philippi by encouraging them to focus on the positive, and he

closes with thanks and praise that can encourage us.

I begin with verse 4 where he says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" But it's hard to rejoice when we have persecution and personal disagreements, isn't it? Even when we are facing severe trials and tests, we can have hope and joy because of our faith in God. We have much to be happy about because we have the ability through Christ to make it through any and all of the battles of life because we are not fighting alone.

"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near," Paul exhorts. This is good advice for anyone, anytime, whether in a time of persecution or a personal squabble. Gentleness is better than retaliation.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (v. 6). We are encouraged to pray about everything that concerns us, confident that God will take care of our needs. Rather than worrying or fighting back, we can be thankful, even in times of trial. Paul is helping the Philippians to concentrate on the positive.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (v. 7). With confident prayer, we can have inner peace. Although circumstances around us may be in turmoil, we can have a peace that by normal standards doesn't make sense. But faith in Christ, not the circumstances of this world, is a solid foundation.

And then, the greatest formula for getting our "stinkin' thinkin'" turned around is spelled out for us in verse 8: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." If you want inner peace and interpersonal peace, then think on good things. Love

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UC's motto: Take the Money and run

When California Gov. Jerry Brown was pushing Proposition 30 in 2012, he sold it with the promise that the income and sales tax increases in his measure would put off sharp tuition increases in the UC and CSU systems. Sacramento increased state funding for the University of California and California State University by 5 percent annually for two years and then 4 percent annually for the next two years. Budget documents heralded a four-year deal that would keep tuition flat.

Two years into the deal, UC solons say there never was a deal to freeze tuition for four years. At the urging of UC President Janet Napolitano, the UC Board of Regents voted last month to raise tuition substantially — by up to 28 percent over five years — because there never was a meeting at which university officials pledged not to raise fees.

UC took the money. Now the regents are running from the understanding. If the regents' case of amnesia strikes you as cheesy, you are not alone. At last month's meeting of the Board of Regents, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom observed that no one at UC spoke out when politicians and newspapers were reporting there would be no tuition increases. "I don't know of any formal correspondence we sent to clarify and correct that," he hectorred. CSU just passed a budget that kept tuition flat. And: "I don't recall

any op-eds we put out. I don't recall anyone standing up here in the last two years saying, 'We never, sir, agreed to that, Mr. Governor.'"

Regents by virtue of their elected positions, Brown and Newsom both voted against the tuition increase.

Regent Richard Blum, a wealthy financier married to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, voted in favor of the tuition increase because he wants to retain star academics. "I have, in the last year, funded a chair for somebody at Berkeley who was dramatically underpaid," Blum explained, "one of our superstars who was going to leave."

Blum has been a generous patron to the UC system, but I think he's wrong to contribute to the academic pay spiral.

At the most recent regents meeting, Brown countered that he finds top talent willing to take pay cuts to serve on the California Supreme Court and in his government.

At some point, Brown warned, there will be another recession, and UC's failure to contain costs won't be a benefit.

Freshman Republican Assemblywoman Young Kim shrewdly sees an opening. Shortly after being sworn in to office Monday, The Sacramento Bee reported, she introduced a bill to freeze tuition at UC and CSU while the Proposition 30 temporary tax hikes remain in effect. Likewise, Democratic state Sen. Ricardo Lara has introduced a constitutional amendment to put UC decision-making under the Legislature's control.

This is where the Democratic Legislature should tell UC to keep tuition steady for the next two years — or watch Sacra-

mento yank the \$120 million in funding increases slated for each of the next two years. Instead, state Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon rewarded Napolitano's gambit by proposing a \$75 million increase for both UC and CSU. Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, a regent who also voted against the tuition hike, wants to raise UC's budget by an extra \$50 million.

That leaves Brown to play the role of adult in the room by steering the Legislature toward the light or using his line-item veto to send the message that when a California governor makes promises to the voters, he keeps them.

"I think (Brown) has the moral high ground," former Gov. Gray Davis told me. "The promise of Prop 30 was, 'If taxes are raised, tuition will not be.'" Davis doesn't like to watch the system treating "students as (ATMs) and constantly extracting more money." Some Sacto insiders think Napolitano has the edge in this fight, but Davis noted, "I never think it's a good idea to bet against Jerry Brown."

Napolitano argues that her higher tuition will help families by making university costs "as predictable as possible." But her actions show that the only predictable thing about UC is that whatever voters and Sacramento allot for higher education, UC biggies will demand more.

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News in brief

Key clues that helped find bin Laden didn't come from harsh interrogations, investigators say

WASHINGTON (AP) — After Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in May 2011, top CIA officials secretly told lawmakers that information gleaned from brutal interrogations played a key role in what was one of the spy agency's greatest successes.

Then-CIA Director Leon Panetta repeated that assertion in public, and it found its way into a critically acclaimed movie about the operation, "Zero Dark Thirty," which depicts a detainee offering up the identity of bin Laden's courier, Abu Ahmad al-Kuwaiti, after being tortured at a secret CIA interrogation site. As it turned out, bin Laden was living in al-Kuwaiti's walled family compound, so tracking the courier was the key to finding the al-Qaida leader.

But the CIA's story, like the Hollywood one, is just not true, the Senate report on CIA interrogations concludes in a 14,000-word section of the report's public summary.

"A review of CIA records found that the initial intelligence obtained, as well as the information the CIA identified as the most critical or the most valuable on Abu Ahmad al-Kuwaiti, was not related to the use of the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques," the Senate investigation found.

CIA officials disagree, and maintain that detainees subjected to coercive tactics provided crucial details.

With torture report's release, Obama again confronts long legacy of Bush-era policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — For President Barack Obama, the long-delayed release of a scathing Senate report on harsh CIA interrogations underscores the degree to which the legacy of George W. Bush's national security policies has shadowed the man elected to change or end them.

While Obama banned waterboarding and other tactics upon taking office, his administration struggled for years with how to publicly reveal the scope of the program. Even as Obama claims closure in the torture debate, big chunks of Bush's national security apparatus remain in place, including the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and sweeping government surveillance programs. Obama has also thrust the U.S. back into a military conflict in Iraq and faces questions about his ability to end the Afghanistan war by the time he leaves office.

"It's been a lot harder to move certain things than they anticipated," said Ken Gude, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a White House-aligned think tank. "There have been other areas in which they intentionally have not made much progress."

To some former Bush administration officials, Obama's mixed record in dismantling his predecessor's national security apparatus has vindicated the necessity of the steps they took in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"When you say things in campaigns and then you actually get into office and you're confronted by the breadth and scope of what the national security infrastructure is all about, it's a totally different perspective," said Michael Allen, who worked at the White House and State Department during the Bush administration.

South African judge rules prosecutors can appeal verdict in Pistorius case

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South African prosecutors can appeal double-

amputee Olympian Oscar Pistorius' acquittal on murder charges for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Judge Thokozile Masipa announced the ruling in a Pretoria court, saying she was satisfied that chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel had raised "questions of law" that should be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Appeal.

"This might have a practical effect on the conviction," Masipa said.

Nathi Mncube, the prosecution spokesman, said he hopes the appeal will be "expedited," but acknowledged that the process can take a long time.

In arguing for an appeal, the prosecution said the judge — who in October found the Paralympic champion guilty of culpable homicide and gave him a five-year prison term — incorrectly interpreted a legal principle. Under that principle, a person should be found guilty of murder if he foresaw the possibility of a person dying because of his actions, and went ahead with those actions anyway.

Hundreds in Northern California protest against police killings; more protests planned

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of protesters angered at the killing of unarmed black men by white police officers marched through downtown Berkeley streets, briefly blocking traffic on a state highway, and delaying metro and train services in the area as protests continued in Northern California.

Organizers of a protest planned for Wednesday morning in Oakland said they expect hundreds of white people to come out and help shut down a federal building.

"As white people, we are outraged by the constant and ongoing violations against black people's lives from Ferguson to Oakland to San Francisco to Cleveland to Staten Island," said Jason Wallach of Showing Up for Racial Justice, one of the organizations involved in the demonstration expected to be replicated in 27 cities.

In Berkeley, protesters stopped at City Hall late Tuesday, where a city councilman addressed the crowd and said he will ask for an investigation into police response to the protest on Saturday, when the latest wave of demonstrations began.

The Bay Area Rapid Transit downtown Berkeley and McArthur stations were closed as a precaution, and Amtrak train service was suspended between the Oakland Coliseum station stop and Richmond because of the protest. A Berkeley City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday night was canceled after threats to disrupt it, said Mayor Tom Bates.

Nut rage spat in first class cabin is the latest stumble for Korean Air family

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — When South Koreans heard that a Korean Air Lines executive delayed a flight because she was angry at being served macadamia nuts in a bag there was outrage but no surprise.

For many it was only the latest example of the high and mighty behavior they'd come to expect from the families who make up Korea's dynastic business elite and dominate the economy.

In the headline hogging incident now dubbed "nutrage," Cho Hyun-ah, the airline's head of cabin service and daughter

of its chairman, ordered a senior crew member off the plane, forcing it to return to the gate at John F. Kennedy airport in New York City.

Cho had quarreled with flight attendants in first class after one of them offered her bagged nuts instead of nuts served on a plate. Amid the storm of criticism, Cho resigned Tuesday as head of cabin service but remained an executive at the airline. That sparked another furor and Cho on Wednesday submitted a letter of resignation quitting all her roles.

Korean Air had defended her actions as a "natural" attempt to improve customer service. Yet for a public that has lost patience with impunity and double standards, it was an ugly display of entitlement.

Big \$1.1 trillion spending bill faces first test Thursday in House; many unhappy with it

WASHINGTON (AP) — A huge, \$1.1 trillion spending bill funding every corner of government faces its first test in the House, where conserva-

tives are unhappy because it fails to challenge President Barack Obama's immigration policy and many Democrats are displeased because it weakens the 2010 Dodd-Frank regulation of risky financial instruments.

Another provision drawing fire would allow pensions to be cut for current retirees covered by some economically-distressed multiemployer plans, part of a package agreed to unexpectedly Tuesday after secretive talks.

The 1,603-page measure was unveiled late Tuesday and will be scrutinized in advance of a House vote Thursday. But support from the top leaders in both the House and the Senate appears to cement its passage and prevent a government shutdown Thursday midnight, despite the presence of items in the legislation for lawmakers of all persuasions to dislike.

Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the measure "will allow us to fulfill our constitutional duty to responsibly fund the federal government and avoid a shutdown."

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You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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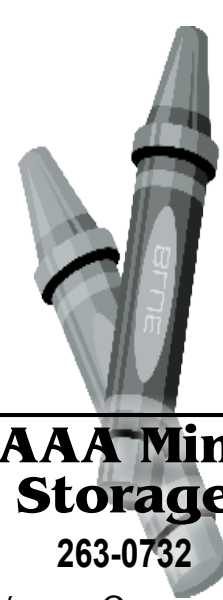
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Steers put 15 on all-district team



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Big Spring's Tobyn Tannehill leaps over a Graham defender for extra yardage early in the season. Tannehill was among 15 BSHS players receiving praise from the District 3-4A coaches earlier this week. District champion Wylie had the most first- and second-team selections with 18, while Stephenville tallied 17.

Big Spring offense has six starters recognized by coaches

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Throughout the 2014 high school football season, Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey reached to his team to strive for excellence and to expect to be an elite team. The Steers more than bought into the advice as they rolled through a 9-3 season, captured the district runner-up honors and reached the regional quarterfinals for a second year in a row.

Earlier this week, the coaches of the five teams in District 3-4A showered high praise on Ritchey's squad by naming 15 players to the 2014 all-district rosters, including 11 on the first and second teams.

Foremost among the Steers' honored was Big Spring quarterback Tobyn Tannehill, who was tabbed one of the district's top performers. The 6-foot-1, 170-pounder capped his high school career by winning the 3-4A Offensive MVP honors.

As a senior, Tannehill shredded opposing defenses with his arm and legs. He threw for 1,858 yards and 21 touchdowns this season, and rushed for 1,547 yards and 13 scores. Overall, he amassed 3,405 yards and 34 TDs.

Running backs Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander also received big-time honors. The Steers' rushing tandem were among only three backs named to the first-team roster, joining Stephenville's Kaegun Williams.

Hill was a versatile standout for Big Spring, rolling up huge numbers as a running back and receiver. As a rusher, he gained 1,089 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. As a receiver, he caught 23 passes for 481 yards and eight TDs. Hill was also named to the first-

team as a special teams standout. As a return man, he averaged better than 19.5 yards per return during his senior campaign.

Alexander earned first-team honors after a dynamic sophomore season. The 5-foot-9, 230-pound back rushed for 793 yards and 17 touchdowns on just 113 attempts this season.

Another pair BSHS standouts that turned heads this season were tight end Garrett Wigington and wide receiver Matt Yanez.

Yanez was the Steers' top receiver this season, leading the team in receptions (44) and yards (671).

Joining Yanez on the first-team as receivers were Stephenville's Darian Brown and Wylie's Jaxson Money.

Wigington proved to be one of the better two-way players in the state this past season. The 5-foot-10, 189-pound junior was among the district's top tight ends, catching 21 passes for 270 yards and four TDs.

Wigington was also a first-team selection at linebacker, where he led the Steers in tackles with 121, including 14 that were behind the line. He also registered a team-high six sacks in 2014.

Charlie Boling rounded out the Steers' first-team selections. He helped anchor a BSHS offensive line that rolled up almost 400 yards per game this fall.

Joining Wigington on the first-team defense were juniors Nathan Schneider and Manuel Galvan.

Schneider finished the year with 59 tackles and two sacks, and tied for the team lead in interceptions with Allen Ryle with three.

Galvan had 87 tackles from his outside linebacker position.



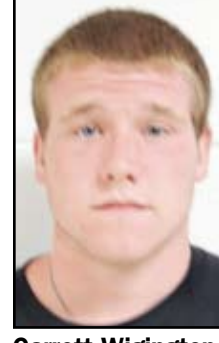
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Offensive MVP



Hunter Hill
1st Team RB



Preston Alexander
1st Team RB



Garrett Wigington
1st Team TE/LB



Matt Yanez
1st Team WR



Charlie Boling
1st Team OL



Nathan Schneider
1st Team DL



Manuel Galvan
1st Team OLB

Grady rallies for 54-43 win over BS

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LENORAH - For the first 16 minutes of Tuesday night's showdown with the Grady Lady Wildcats, the Big Spring Lady Steers managed to play stifling defense.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, the final 16 minutes didn't go as well.

After building a 20-14 halftime advantage, the Lady Steers fell victim to a hot-shooting Lady Wildcats' offense. Grady, backed by seven three-point shots, pounded out a 40-24 run in the final two quarters and claimed a stunning 54-43 come-from-behind decision.

With the loss, Big Spring slipped to 6-7 for the season.

The Lady Steers opened the game nicely. The Lady Steers held Grady in check much of the first quarter and raced to a 10-3 advantage.

Big Spring, which was paced offensively by Tiffani Ruiz and Julianna Rodriguez, tacked on nine more points in the second and built a 6-point cushion, at 20-13, at the half.

Ruiz finished the game with a team-high 13 points. Rodriguez also hit double figures by netting 12.

The second half belonged to Carli Richards and the Lady Wildcats. Richards, who knocked down four three-point shots in the game, powered a dominating 22-11 run in the third that enabled Grady to take a 36-31 lead into the fourth.

Richards finished the game with 20 points.

Grady also picked up a double-digit effort from Britney Garza, who finished with 15.

Big Spring and Grady will be competing in the Andrews tournament beginning tomorrow.

Coahoma, Forsan nail down wins

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes both nailed down big wins on Tuesday in non-district boys' basketball action.

The Bulldogs pounded out an 18-6 run in the final eight minutes of play and claimed a 50-45 victory over Post. Coahoma had trailed by as many as 10 points in the second half before rallying.

Braxton Iden, Kyler Franks and Kody Barber all scored into double figures for CHS. Iden finished with 18 points, while Franks and Barber added 17 and 12, respectively.

Forsan collected 15 points from Dalton Ogle and 12 more from Jacob Valdez and took a thrilling 40-39 victory over Highland.

The Buffaloes took the upper hand in the third. They broke a 21-21 halftime deadlock with an 11-4 run in the first eight minutes of the second half.

No. 7 Wildcats roll past GC, 70-27

Braeden Jones pumped in a game-high 25 points and powered the Grady Wildcats to a staggering 70-27 rout of the Garden City Bearkats on Tuesday in non-district boys' basketball play.

The Wildcats, who entered the game ranked No. 7 in the latest Class A poll, did most of their damage early in the contest. Grady outscored Garden City by a 23-2 clip in the first eight minutes and never looked back.

As a team, Grady buried 11 three-point shots in the game, including seven by Jones.

BC, Hooptown tournaments to start

The Borden County and Stanton basketball tournament will swing into action on Thursday.

Forsan will play Roby at noon the first round of the BC tournament.

The Coahoma teams will play in the Hooptown tourney in Stanton.

2014 District 3-4A All-District Selections

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Tobyn Tannehill Big Spring

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Legals

An open hearing notifying the public of the insufficient performance, the improvements in performance expected by the TEA, and the intervention measures in place for the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) and three campuses in the district not meeting improvement required in the 2013-2014 school year will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Board Room. At the public hearing, the following Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP) will be shared. If you would like to preview these plans ahead of time, they are available on the BSISD website and on the subsequent campus webpages. Paper copies may be obtained at the district office at 708 East 11th Place. 2014-15 District Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) 2014-15 Goliad Elementary TIP. 2014-15 Marcy Elementary TIP 2014-15 Washington Elementary TIP #8544 December 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2014

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT Glasscock County, Texas ("County"), by and through its Commissioners Court, gives notice under Chapter 2007, Texas Government Code ("Chapter"), that the County adopted and approved a Takings Impact Assessment ("TIA") at the December 8, 2014 public meeting of the Glasscock County Commissioners Court regarding the following governmental action ("Project"): Proposed Glasscock County, Texas Regulations for Sexually Oriented Businesses ("Regulations") pursuant to Chapter 243, Texas Local Government Code ("Chapter 243") and other authority. The County proposes to adopt the Regulations with all notice procedures required by law for use, application, and enforcement in the unincorporated area of the County. The Regulations and TIA may be inspected and copies obtained at : Office of County Judge, Glasscock County, Texas, Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie Street, Garden City, Texas 79739. The County made the following determinations in the TIA. The County is a covered governmental entity under Chapter 2007. Enactment of the Regulations will involve the adoption and approval of rules governing sexually oriented businesses in the unincorporated area of the County. As stated in the TIA: (1) the County is authorized to regulate sexually oriented businesses in the unincorporated area pursuant to Chapter 243; (2) the County may do so to protect public health, safety, and welfare, said issues being recognized as worthwhile public purposes and in the public interest; (3) enactment of the Regulations shall accomplish or substantially achieve all public purposes associated with this Project; (4) the unrestricted operation of sexually oriented businesses is detrimental to public health, safety, and welfare of Glasscock County by, among other things, contributing to the decline of residential and business neighborhoods, the increase of health risks, and the growth of criminal activity; (5) the Regulations comply with that authority granted to the County by chapter 243 and other authority because they (a) are content neutral, (b) are narrowly tailored to serve a significant or substantial governmental interest, and (c) leave open ample alternative forms or channels or communication; (6) no new public interests are purported to be created, established, or transferred to the County by the Regulations; (7) no new burdens or restrictions are imposed or created by Regulations with respect to any private real property; and (8) no taking of private real property or rights in private real property as defined by Chapter 2007 will occur as a result of the enactment of the Regulations. The Regulations are authorized to be enacted by the County pursuant to the express and implied authority described in the TIA and Regulations. Therefore, a "No Private Real Property Impact Determination" was made by the County in the TIA pursuant to Chapter 2007. The County gives notice of its intent to engage in the governmental action through final enactment of the Regulations. **SIGNED** on the 8th day of December, 2014. **Kim Halffmann**, County Judge Glasscock County, Texas #8547 December 10, 2014

Sudoku Answer On Page 3

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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7		3	4		5		8	
	6	5		8	3		9	

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

spirit in which they are revealed that seems to matter most now. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It takes a big person to observe others without feeling the need to judge them. Non-judgment allows for deeper insight and an even-minded, more effective way of dealing with others. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Frugality can be exciting, as it engages your creativity. The challenge of getting the most out of the least will be most satisfying, and later you may even brag about it to envious friends. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know right away what you're interested in and what you're not interested in. Those who try to hard sell you are wasting their time. You'll find a polite way to cut short such efforts. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your perfectionist instincts will lead you astray or make you late. Instead of thinking too deeply into things, keep it simple. Show up on time, and get to the bottom of what needs to happen. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Wishes, spells, curses - these are the instruments of fairytales written off by many as poppycock. You, however, see the value in

entertaining such fantasy, if only for metaphoric relevance. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your favorite people are those you can go anywhere with -- to the gas station or the dump or to a fancy party -- and it's always the same: You feel comfortable and have fun. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Trust is the basis for all of the important interactions. Sales, friendship, romance, exchanges of service and more will go smoothly only after trust has been established. If it can't be established, don't go forward. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a talent for uncovering people's real motivation. Actually, all you do is find a friendly, appropriate way to ask, but you'd be surprised how many people forget to do this. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll present ideas and solutions -- the best ones will not be free! Let others know the whole price up front, and anticipate the objections that could arise. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 10). You are a deep person who sees the depth in others. This year you'll attract kindred souls, work on projects with like minds

and forge meaningful relationships with people who truly "get" you. The sense of belonging will provide comfort and tranquility while inspiring you to confidently show up as who you really are. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 2, 33, 50 and 13. **HOLIDAY HACKS 2014:** Each sign approaches the holidays differently. For some, it's a dreaded and stressful time of year when moods need careful management. For others, it's a highlight. In recent columns, we've looked at "life hacks" to make the holidays merrier for Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo and Virgo (see archives). As the sign of art, design and beauty, LIBRA enjoys the environmental transformation that happens this time of year. Libra derives so much pleasure from the lovely details of everything from decorations to packaging to table settings to fashion and beyond that Libra's holiday hack is simple: archive. Capture joyful moments and each experience of beauty in a photo, or jot down a note. Note what food was eaten, what gifts were given and received, who was there, what was talked about, recipes, music, impressions and more. Keep all of these field notes in one place. It doesn't have to be fancy -- a shoebox or a computer file will do. There will be times in 2015 when inspiration, morale or spirits are low. That's when pulling out this trove of memories and notes will provide uplift and get Libra back in the mindset of love, sharing and happiness. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Superstar chef Bobby Flay is a Sagittarius whose travels have inspired him to share the flavors he's culled from all over the world. Sagittarians are passionate adventurers, but for those who like to stay home, tasting the food and drink of a region is one way to journey without a plane ticket. Flay's natal Mercury and Mars in earth signs indicates strong personal drive and a tireless work ethic.

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS IN HEALTHCARE

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is hosting a healthcare career fair on Thursday, December 11! We are a brand new, state of the art facility opening our doors this winter in Big Spring, TX! Come join us at the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, located in the Birdwell Building at 1001 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, TX. We are hosting two information sessions from 9am-noon and again from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Come join us to learn more about exciting opportunities with Big Spring Center for Skilled Care!

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Experts Are Human Too

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ Q J 10 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A 6 5 4
 ♣ Q J 8

WEST
 ♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 8 5 2
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ A 7 5 2

EAST
 ♠ —
 ♥ J 9 7 6 3
 ♦ Q J 10 9
 ♣ K 10 6 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 8 7 4 3
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ 8 7 2
 ♣ 9 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2♠ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — two of hearts.

You might think that when the best players in the world gather each year to participate in the world championship, they might perform miracles that would dazzle and astound the average bridge player. But, alas, that is not always the case. It turns out that experts are human too, and they make mistakes like anyone else. For an example of how they sometimes miss the mark, consider this deal from the 1979 world championship match between Italy and the United States. At both tables, South opened with

a weak two-spade bid, and North raised to game. When a U.S. pair was North-South, the Italian West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew three rounds of trumps ending in his hand, then led the four of clubs, West following low as East took dummy's jack with the king. East returned the queen of diamonds, overtaken by West with the king, which South allowed to hold. West continued with a diamond, but by now the bird had flown the coop. Declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to the king of hearts and led a second club. West won with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Since West had no more diamonds, South was able to discard his second diamond loscr on the queen of clubs to make his game. At the second table, the play followed similar lines, and the Italian South also made four spades. Both Wests botched the defense when declarer first led a club toward dummy. To defeat the contract, West had to rise with the ace and shift to the king of diamonds. A difficult play, no doubt, but far from impossible. Furthermore, not only was there a defensive slip at both tables, but the bidding also left something to be desired: Three notrump was ice-cold against any lie of the cards!

Tomorrow: Interchangeability.
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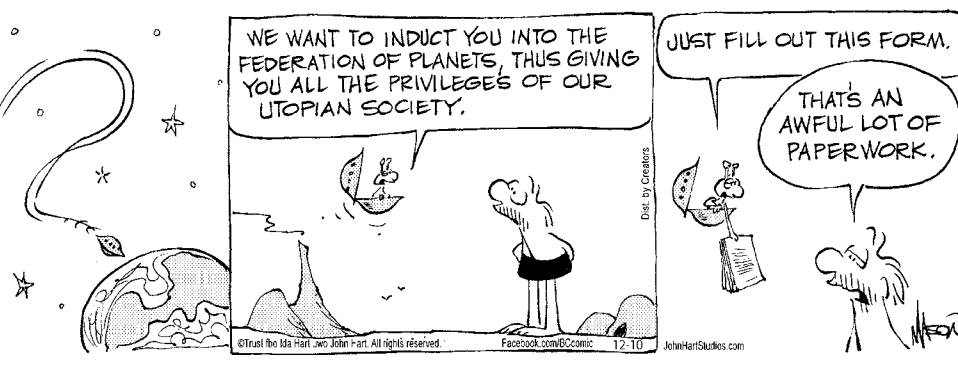
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"Wouldn't it be easier if we just TEXTED Santa our wish list?"

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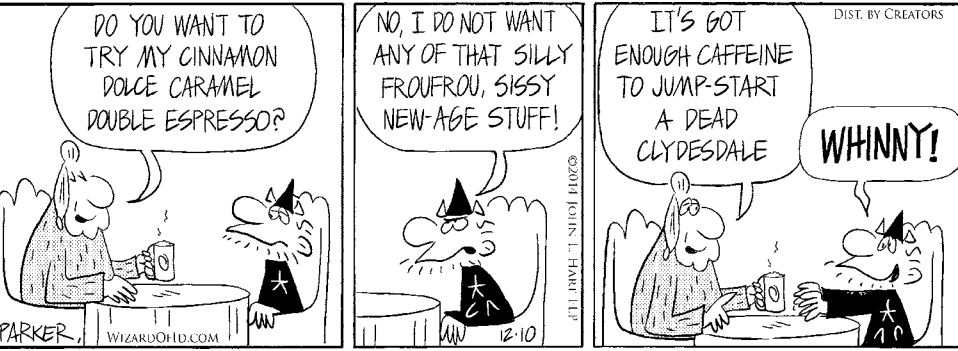
This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2014. There are 21 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 10, 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo...

Gallaudet, a pioneer of educating the deaf, was born in Philadelphia. In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize...

the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award. In 1962, "Lawrence of Arabia," David Lean's epic film starring Peter O'Toole as British military officer T.E. Lawrence, had its royal gala premiere in London. In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona.

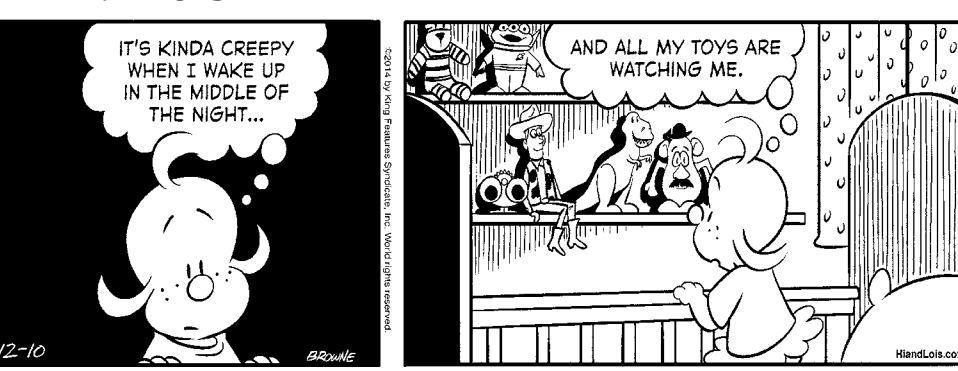
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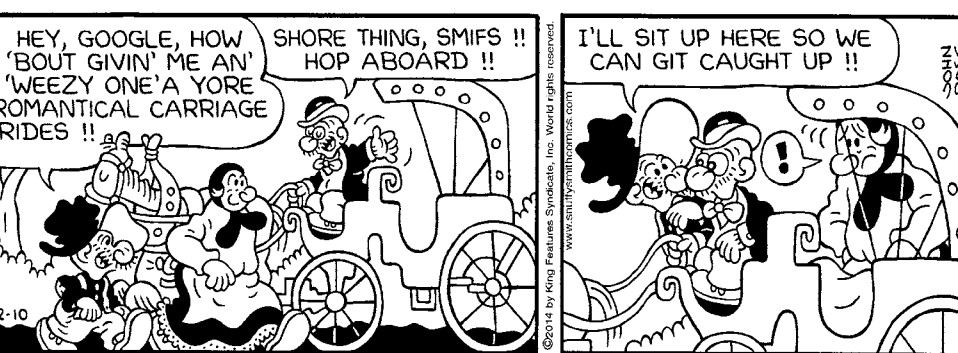
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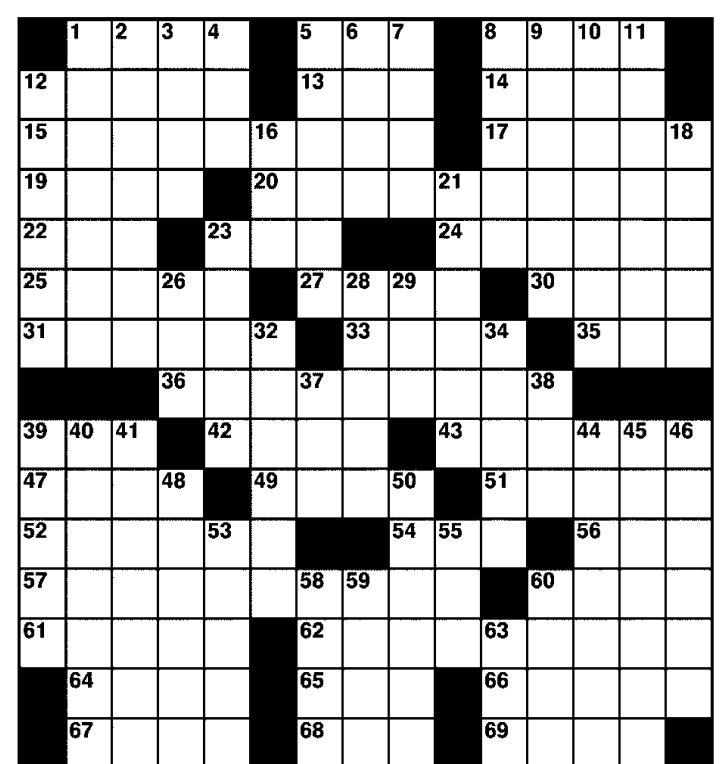
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Recedes neighborhood 5 Corporation designation 8 Country singer McEntire 12 Crouch down 13 Scratch up 14 Wicked 15 Figurative serving for the apologetic 17 South African grassland 19 Ready to harvest 20 Abrupt way to quit 22 ___ and outs (intricacies) 23 In favor of 24 Varnish ingredients 25 "Common" parts of speech 27 Canine in Oz 30 Not fooled by 31 Yanks living abroad, for short 33 Region south of San Diego 35 USMC bigwig 36 Touchy subject 39 Old PC screen 42 Remove the rind from 43 Big game-show prize 47 Roll-call response 49 Sports defeat 51 Without help 52 Orbital high point 54 On the ___ (fleeing) 56 Sharp knock 57 Sore loser's attitude 60 London neighborhood 61 Fire remnant 62 Ne'er-do-wells 64 Otherwise 65 Quiche ingredient 66 Prove false 67 Hatchling's home 68 Golf peg 69 Did the backstroke 6 Catch red-handed 7 "Street" reputation 8 Cabaret show 9 Extremely 10 Ripping off 11 Pasta specification 12 Hallowed place 16 Earth-friendly prefix 18 Actress Cicely 21 USC athlete 23 Camera setting 26 Slangy turndown 28 English-horn cousins 29 Body art, for short 32 Not as newsworthy 34 Top sports squad 37 Virtuoso 38 Symbol of wisdom 39 Pursue 40 Take-back agents 41 Misfortune 44 Toyota model 45 Disneyland's locale 46 Calm state 48 Exit 50 Heavy hammer 53 Marsh bird 55 ___ matter of fact 58 Assist in wrongdoing 59 Book leaf 60 Gush forth 63 Nova broadcaster



Scoreboard

National Football League American Conference

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	378 253
Miami	7	6	0	.538	314 260
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	281 241
N.Y. Jets	2	11	0	.154	214 349

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	407 307
Houston	7	6	0	.538	314 260
Tennessee	2	11	0	.154	220 374
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	199 356

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	4	1	.654	281 289
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	362 319
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	356 255
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	276 270

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	3	0	.769	385 293
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	279 249
Kansas City	7	6	0	.538	291 241
Oakland	2	11	0	.154	200 350

National Conference

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	389 309
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	343 301
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	293 326
Washington	3	10	0	.231	244 346

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	328 342
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	333 359
Carolina	4	8	1	.346	269 341
Tampa Bay	2	11	0	.154	237 348

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	423 304
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	265 224
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	263 281
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281 378

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	10	3	0	.769	275 238
Seattle	9	4	0	.692	322 235
San Fran.	7	6	0	.538	244 268
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	285 285

Monday's Game
Green Bay 43, Atlanta 37

Thursday, Dec. 11
Arizona at St. Louis, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS CLASS 6A DIVISION I State Semifinals

Allen (14-0) vs. Dallas Skyline (14-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Ford Stadium

Cypress Ranch (12-2) vs. Converse Judson (10-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome

CLASS 6A DIVISION II State Semifinals
Cedar Hill (12-2) vs. Spring Westfield (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Georgetown ISD Stadium
Katy (13-1) vs. Cibolo Steele (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I State Semifinals
Aledo (13-1) vs. Tyler (12-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium
Temple (12-1) vs. Austin Vandegrift (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION II State Semifinals
Canutillo (13-1) vs. Ennis (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Crosby (13-1) vs. Cedar Park (11-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Austin's Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I State Semifinals
Graham (12-2) vs. Argyle (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo
Navasota (14-0) vs. Liberty Hill (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II State Semifinals
Celina (12-2) vs. Gilmer (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Ford Stadium
West Orange-Stark (12-2) vs. Sinton (11-3), TBD

CLASS 3A DIVISION I State Semifinals
Shallowater (13-1) vs. Mineola (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Cameron Yoe (10-4) vs. Edna (9-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center

CLASS 3A DIVISION II State Semifinals
Sonora (11-2) vs. Waskom (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose
Newton (11-3) vs. Blanco (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waller

CLASS 2A DIVISION I State Semifinals
Canadian (13-0) vs. Mart (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Centerville (10-3) vs. Mason (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Georgetown ISD Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II State Semifinals
Seagraves (13-0) vs. Albany (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Tenaha (11-1) vs. Bremond (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches' Bryce Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION I State Championship
Crowell (13-0) vs. May (12-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

State Championship
Groom (13-1) vs. Throckmorton (13-0), noon Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	16	6	.727	—
Brooklyn	8	11	.421	6½
Boston	7	12	.368	7½
New York	4	19	.174	12½
Philadelphia	2	18	.100	13

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	14	6	.700	—
Washington	14	6	.700	—
Miami	10	11	.476	4½
Orlando	9	14	.391	6½
Charlotte	5	15	.250	9

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	13	7	.650	—
Chicago	12	8	.600	1
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	3½
Indiana	7	14	.333	6½
Detroit	3	19	.136	11

Western Conference Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	17	4	.810	—
Houston	16	4	.800	½
San Antonio	15	6	.714	2
Dallas	16	7	.696	2
New Orleans	10	10	.500	6½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	17	4	.810	—
Denver	9	12	.429	8
Oklahoma City	8	13	.381	9
Utah	6	16	.273	11½
Minnesota	4	16	.200	12½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	18	2	.900	—
L.A. Clippers	15	5	.750	3
Phoenix	12	11	.522	7½
Sacramento	11	11	.500	8
L.A. Lakers	6	16	.273	13

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 105, Toronto 101
Portland 98, Detroit 86
New Orleans 104, New York 93
Oklahoma City 114, Milwaukee 101
Memphis 114, Dallas 105
Miami 103, Phoenix 97
Utah 100, San Antonio 96
L.A. Lakers 98, Sacramento 95

Wednesday's Games
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed C Rob Brantly off waivers from Miami.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Claimed OF/1B Marc Krauss off waivers from Houston.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Acquired INF Joey Wendle from Cleveland for 1B-OF Brandon Moss.

TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed LHP Scott Barnes off waivers from Baltimore.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed 1B/OF Chris Colabello off waivers from Minnesota.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with OF Yasmany Tomas on a six-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Claimed RHP Josh Lindblom off waivers from Oakland. Assigned RHP Angel Sanchez outright to Indianapolis (IL).

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Named Dennis Pelfrey manager.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed INF Grant Butler.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed C Tyler Clark and OF Zach Esquerra.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled G Jordan Adams from Iowa (NBADL).

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Recalled G Russ Smith from assignment in the NBA Development League.

FOOTBALL National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed RB Andre Ellington on injured reserve. Signed S Chris Clemons.

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed WR Mike Williams on the waived/injured list. Signed WR Deonte Thompson.

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed WR Brandon Marshall on the injured reserve list. Signed WR Josh Bellamy from the practice squad. Signed LB Jonathan Brown to the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived CB Micah Pellerin.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DT Bruce Gaston from Arizona's practice squad. Placed DT Luther Robinson on injured reserve.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed WR Rashad Ross to the practice squad.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed S Maurice Leggett to a contract extension through 2017.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Winnipeg F Evander Kane two games for boarding Anaheim D Clayton Stoner during a Dec. 7 game.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled D Nathan Beaulieu from Hamilton (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed defenseman Adam Larsson on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 2. Activated F Martin Havlat off injured reserve.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Fired coach Paul MacLean. Named Dave Cameron coach.

COLLEGE

GEORGIA STATE — Announced that men's freshman basketball G Jeff Thomas was declared ineligible to play this season by the NCAA.

HOUSTON — Fired football coach Tony Levine. Named David Gibbs interim coach.

KANSAS — Named David Beaty football coach. Suspended basketball F Jamari Traylor one game after he was arrested over the weekend for interfering with a police officer.

LANDER — Announced the resignation of men's soccer coach Van Taylor to become school's director of development.

TENNESSEE — Signed football coach Butch Jones to a two-year contract extension through the 2020 season.

BSJHS 7th graders take 2nd at 'B' tourney

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade girls' basketball team turned in an impressive effort this past weekend at the BSJHS B Team Tournament. The Lady Steers posted a 2-1 record in the two-day tournament, which began on Dec. 6, and finished second overall.

Big Spring opened the tournament on a sour note, falling to Snyder in the first round by 24-8 setback.

Leading the Lady Steers was Marisa Salazar who scored four points, and tallied six steals, five blocks and two rebounds. Mackenzie Rodriques and Joselyn "Hope" Cook also added 2 points.

Defensively, Madison Kuykendall had two steals and eight rebounds for the BSJHS squad. Diondra Villalobos had three steals and three rebounds.

In their second round game against Andrews, the Lady Steers rolled to a 31-8 victory.

Leading the team was Villalobos with 10 points, four steals and five rebounds. Obri Guzman, Kuykendall and Bethany Saiz each had four points, while Rodriques added three and Salazar, Mariah Chavarria and Amaya Cobos netting two.

"Each member of the team played excellent defense," said BSJHS coach Audrey Dunn. Lastly, the B team clinched second in the overall standings with a thrilling 26-22 overtime win over Seminole.

Rodriques and Salazar each had five points, while Kuykendall pushed ins six points and grabbed six rebounds.

Villalobos finished with four points and a team-high seven rebounds. Chavarria also had four points.

The BSJHS eighth grade didn't fair as well in the eighth grade tournament.

The Lady Steers opened the tournament on a high note. The defeated Snyder, 37-8, in the first-round showdown.

Defensively, Kailey Mathews led in rebounds, along with Anisa Cervantes and Hallie Hyatt.

Offensively, every member of the team scored, led by Jesusita Cerda's 10 points. Madison Bosley and Mathews each added six.

The Lady Steers suffered a 33-10 loss to Andrews in the second round.

Defensively, Mathews starred for Big Spring by grabbing a season-high 19 rebounds to go with four points.

Big Spring dropped a 27-16 decision to Seminole in their final game 16-27.

Defensively, Mathews and Hyatt led in rebounds.

The leading scorers of this game were Hyatt and Mathews, who both scored four points.

The Lady Steers will be traveling to Kermit on Thursday, Dec. 11, and Saturday, Dec. 13, to take part in the Kermit "A" team tournament.

Lady Steers go 2-2 in Snyder tournament

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' freshman basketball tournament posted a 2-2 record at the Snyder Freshman Basketball Tournament this past weekend.

With the two wins, Big Spring ran its season record to 2-4.

Big Spring opened the tournament with a tough 31-16 loss to Midland High School.

The Lady Steers came roaring back in the second round. Big Spring got points from seven different players and rolled to a 38-31 victory over Snyder.

The Lady Steers proved their win over Snyder was no fluke in the third round. Big Spring took a 38-36 win over the Lady Tigers in a third-round rematch.

The Greenwood Rangerettes ended Big Spring's two-game win streak in the final round by claiming a 42-29 victory.


Evans led all scorers against Greenwood with 12 points.

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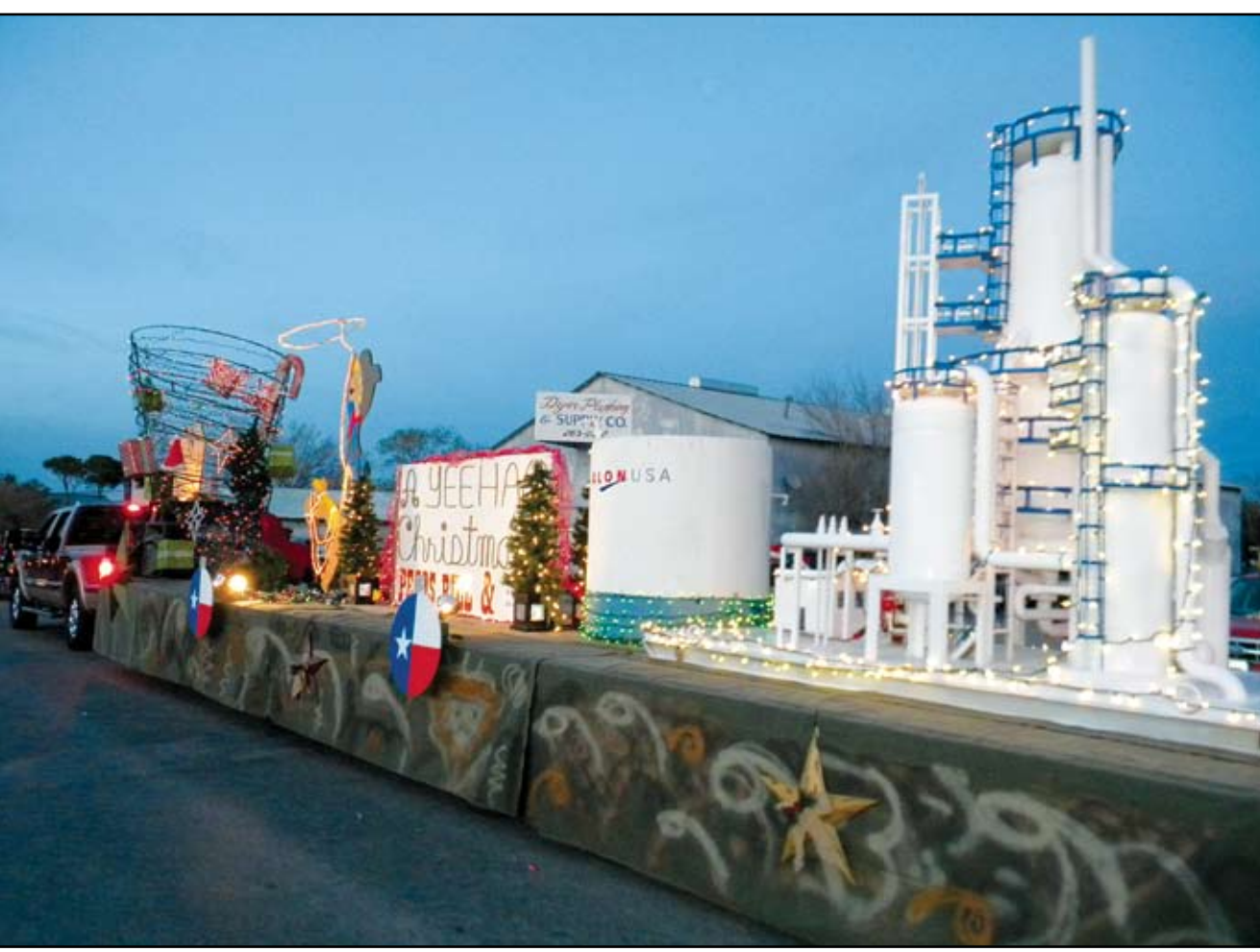
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