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Big Spring independent School District Superintendent Chris Wigington listens to comments during Thursday's school board meeting.

District hires new No. 2 man

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Chris Wigington, superintendent of Big Spring ISD, didn't have far to go to find someone to serve temporarily as his second-in-command.

In fact, he only had to go a little less than 40 miles to the east.

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District approved the hiring of Jim White Thursday night.

White has 33 years in education with 15 of those years in public school administration. He retired in 2010 after serving as the superintendent at Colorado City ISD.

White said it was the call from Wigington, one of his former football players from his coaching days at Sands ISD in the early 1980s that brought him, at least temporarily, out of retirement.

"He called me and asked would you be willing to help, and I said 'Yes, for you,'" White said.

White will serve out the contract of Danny Ferrell, who died earlier this month of a sudden illness.

Ferrell was one of three employee losses in the last three weeks including the deaths of Jim Campbell, athletic trainer, and teacher Carol Green.

In other business, trustees approved:

- A contract with Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the trustee election set for May 9.
- A resolution to hold joint elections with the city of Big Spring.
- Personnel issues.



White

Trustee Kennedy to seek new term

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Tony Kennedy, Big Spring Independent School District trustee, confirmed he will file paperwork to run for another term.

Kennedy has served as a board trustee for District 4 since 2003.

"We (the board) have gone through some extremely rough situations and right now it's a pleasure to serve," Kennedy said Thursday

night during the BSISD board of trustees meeting. "We are able to do more for the district and the kids than we ever have and there is a lot to be accomplished. I am more comfortable with the district than I have ever been."

During Kennedy's 11-year tenure, the district has under gone three

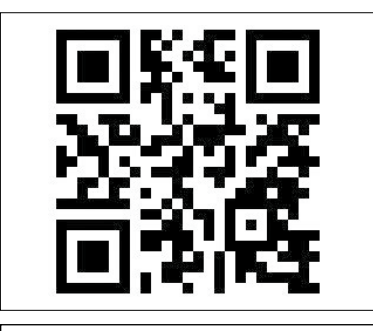


Kennedy

superintendent transitions, seen the construction of four new elementary schools, been classified as a low-performing school district by the Texas Education Agency and has received accredit-warned status by TEA.

Also up for election is Pat DeAnda, who serves District 2.

The first day to file to run for a trustee position is Jan. 28 and filing continues through Feb. 27.



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Man accused in Capitol terror plot due in court

By DAN SEWELL
 Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A 20-year-old Ohio man arrested in an FBI sting and charged with plotting to set off bombs at the U.S. Capitol is scheduled to go before a federal magistrate.

Christopher Lee Cornell has a detention hearing set Friday afternoon. A magistrate could set bond or order that he continue to be held without bond pending a hearing scheduled Jan. 22.

Court records show he was brought before a magistrate Wednesday afternoon soon after his arrest outside a gun shop near Cincinnati. He is charged with plotting to attack the Capitol with pipe bombs and by shooting government officials.

A federal public defender was appointed to represent him. She hasn't commented on the case.

Cornell's father, John Cornell, said his son was taken in by a "snitch" who was trying to help himself. He describes the youth who lived in his parents' apartment in suburban Cincinnati as a "mommy's boy," someone who spent hours playing video games

in his bedroom and had said he was "at peace" after becoming a practicing Muslim.

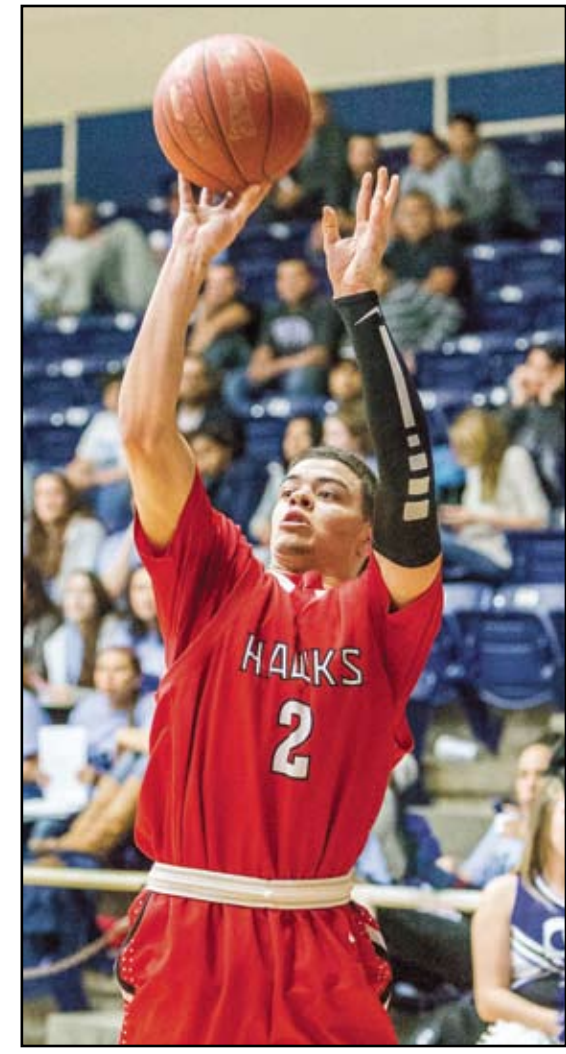
He also expressed distrust of government and the news media, and local police said he disrupted a 9/11 memorial ceremony in 2013.

His arrest came after he posted on Twitter his support for Muslim terrorists and then showed his plans to an FBI informant who contacted him, according to court documents.

"I'm going to fight this," John Cornell said. "But I'm afraid they're going to throw the book at him."

Similar cases in recent years have led to accusations of entrapment. But the FBI has argued such stings are vital for averting deadly terror attacks, and juries have returned tough sentences.

The arrest came with U.S. counterterrorism authorities on high alert against homegrown extremists and "lone wolves" — disaffected or disturbed individuals who hold radical beliefs but have no direct connection



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Howard College guard Rob Gray shoots during the Hawks' game at Odessa College Thursday. Story and photo, Page 7.

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Obituaries

Lou Ritter



Molly Lucille Graham Ritter Raymond Stovall, 96, died Jan. 15, 2015.

Lou was born in Lueders, Texas on July 11, 1918., to Morgan Steele Graham and Emma Brown Graham. Lou married J.E. Virgil (Jack) Ritter Feb. 15, 1934. After Jack's death, she married Dr. Dick Raymond, a long-time Abilene dentist. After his death, Lou married Marvin Stovall.

She is survived by two daughters and son-in-laws, Linda and Richard Light and Dr. Barbara and Ronnie Coan; five grandchildren, Laurie Barraza, Deborah Brungardt, Marlena Jones and Christopher and Patrick Coan; four great-grandchildren, Oscar

and Noah Barraza and Katelyn and Kylee Haynie, sister-in-law, Katherine (Kitty) Atkins, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husbands J.E. Virgil (Jack) Ritter, Dr. Dick Raymond and Marvin Stovall; brothers Don, Brown and Philip (Pete) Graham, half-brothers Tom and Clyde Graham; sister Modell (Cricket) Mitchell; and half-sister Lena Starks.

Funeral services will be held at Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel, 5750 Highway 277 South in Abilene, Texas Monday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m., followed by interment at Bethel Cemetery (Funston). Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Elmwood Funeral Home.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family through the obituary link at www.elmwoodfuneral.com

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ERNESTO SARMIENTO, 44, of 5109 Longshore Road was arrested on a warrant for harassment.
- JUAN RAMON ALVAREZ, 24, 3315 W. Gerald was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50 with previous conviction—shoplifting.
- ROBERT LEE EVANS III, 22, of 1415 E. Sixth St., was arrested on warrants from other agencies.
- JOSHUA NATHANEL SPIVEY, 18, of 710 E. 14th was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2500 block of W. Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 2200 block of Lynn Drive.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 900 block of W. Third St. and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1400

block of State Park Drive.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of N. Birdwell Lane.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- CAROLYN SUE MALENICK, 52, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of reckless driving.
- JUAN RAMON ALVAREZ, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, less than \$50 with previous conviction.
- ROBERT EVANS III, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTRP/unauthorized use of a vehicle and a Palo Pinto County warrant for MTAG/manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- JOSHUA SPIVEY, 18, was booked by the HCSO on warrant for duty on striking unattended vehicle.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host a public forum on re-enrollment to the Health Insurance Marketplace. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you might have and to set up appointments for enrollment. The event will be at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. It is free to attend and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call Amanda Dufor at 268-4699.

• Reservations are being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garret Coliseum to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29.

For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

• The CrossRoads Young Marines IS taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-

hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you do-

Ara Lee Gillette

Ara Lee Gillette, 91, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, in a Colorado City nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

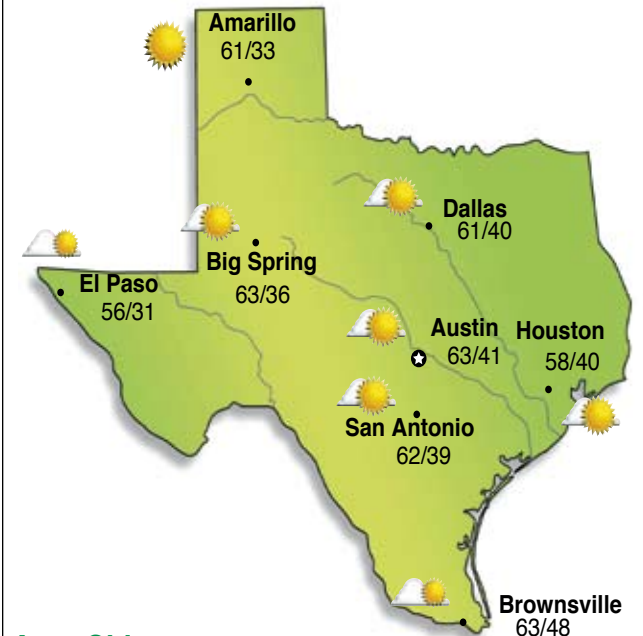
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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63/36 Generally sunny. High 63F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.	67/34 Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	62/40 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	66/39 Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	65/37 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
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Texas At A Glance



nate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure, call 888-995-HOPE.

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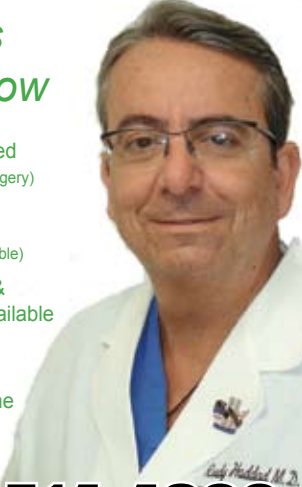
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News in brief

'Birdman,' 'Boyhood' top winners at Critics' Choice Awards, 'Lego Movie' is best animated film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fresh off their Oscar nominations, "Birdman" and "Boyhood" added to their awards-season haul with multiple wins at the Critics' Choice Movie Awards.

The Broadcast Film Critics Associated presented "Birdman" with a leading seven prizes Thursday, but its top honor, best picture, went to Richard Linklater's coming-of-age story, "Boyhood."

Linklater was also named best director, and stars Patricia Arquette and Ellar Coltrane won acting awards.

"Birdman" was recognized for original screenplay, cinematography, editing, acting ensemble, score, and two trophies for star Michael Keaton.

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" claimed three awards, including best comedy. Overlooked by the Oscars, "The Lego Movie" won best animated feature and "Life Itself" won best documentary.

Belgian authorities say 13 people arrested in Belgium, 2 in France in follow-up to firefight

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgian authorities say 13 people have been detained in Belgium and two arrested in France in an anti-terror sweep following a firefight in which two suspected terrorists were killed.

Eric Van der Sypt, a Belgian federal magistrate, said Friday that a dozen searches had led to the discovery of four military-style weapons including Kalashnikov assault rifles.

Belgian police on Thursday moved in on a suspected terrorist hideout in the eastern city of Verviers, killing two suspects and wounding and arresting a third.

Sypt says the terrorists' goal was to kill police on the street or in their offices.

Huge turnout for pope as he urges Filipinos to reject corruption, end 'scandalous' poverty

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Pope Francis called Friday for authorities to reject the corruption that has plagued this Asian nation for decades and urged them to instead work to end its "scandalous" poverty as he brought his message of social justice to Filipinos who cheered him wildly at every turn.

The enthusiastic reception on Francis' first full day in Asia's largest Catholic nation came despite an unprecedented level of security that prevented the pope from diving into the crowds as he typically likes to do. Rather, Francis waved from the car window or popemobile as his motorcade drove through boulevards lined with well-wishers held behind police barricades.

Corruption has wracked the Philippines since the 20-year rule of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, who along with his shoe-loving wife and cronies were suspected of stealing between \$5 billion and \$10 billion before being ousted from power in 1986.

The problem has festered amid a culture of impunity among powerful politicians and their allies, weak law enforcement and a notoriously slow justice system. But Benigno Aquino III won the presidency by a wide margin in 2010 on promises to rid the nation of corruption and poverty. Since then, Congress has begun investigating high-level politicians for corruption and three senators have been detained.

In a speech to Aquino and other officials in the presidential palace, Francis said that more than ever, political leaders must be "outstanding for honesty, integrity and commitment to the common good." He said they must hear the cries of the poor

and address the "glaring and indeed scandalous social inequalities" in society.

Supreme Court needs to act soon — possibly Friday — if gay marriage is to be settled by summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time is running short for the Supreme Court to get same-sex marriage on its calendar if the justices want to tackle the issue before their current term ends in late June.

They might have to decide to jump in at their closed-door conference Friday if they want to resolve the legal debate over gay marriage in the next few months.

The justices would hear the case in April, the last month for oral arguments before the next term begins in October.

Written arguments already would have to be filed on a compressed schedule, though both sides are well versed in the issues after numerous rounds in the lower courts.

Russian opposition figure Navalny says he has been taken in for questioning by 12 police

MOSCOW (AP) — Anti-corruption campaigner and leading Russian opposition figure Alexei Navalny was taken in for questioning on Friday, escorted by a dozen police who he said had intercepted him outside his Moscow apartment building.

Navalny, a vehement foe of President Vladimir Putin, was convicted in late December of fraud and given a 3½-year suspended sentence. The court said that until his appeals are exhausted he must remain under house arrest.

He has been allowed to leave his home in recent days, but has been followed by law enforcement.

'Citizen' board of wealthy Texas donors will help lawmakers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Billionaire political donors and other special interest heavyweights who already spend lavishly on lobbying will begin formally advising Texas lawmakers on crafting bills under a partnership announced Thursday by incoming Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

The new "citizen advisory" panels are virtually unprecedented in the Texas Legislature and drew immediate condemnation from public watchdogs. One group said Patrick alone has personally received a

total of nearly \$2 million in donations from his dozens of hand-picked panelists, who include energy tycoon T. Boone Pickens.

Texas is among a handful of states with no ceiling on campaign contributions, and Republican megadonors who've taken advantage of unlimited spending in election years now have an invitation from inside the Capitol help set policy on everything from education to economic development.

Patrick said ongoing feedback from successful people makes sense

when trying to write good public policy.

"Very often the private sector is asked for help by a candidate, and after they get elected, there's not much follow up," Patrick told reporters. He added that the panels — which he described as "citizen workgroups" — may only come up with four great ideas, "but they'll be four great ideas that otherwise wouldn't have had to continue growing the economy."

The meetings and conversations between members would not be public.

Patrick won't be officially sworn in until Tuesday as lieutenant governor, which unlike in most states, is a position of considerable power in Texas. But the timing served as a reminder of the bolder tone that Patrick, a firebrand tea party leader and conservative talk

radio host, intends to set in the Senate after the chamber spent the previous 11 years run by the more measured David Dewhurst.

Among the 55 panelists named by Patrick are oil magnate S. Javaid Anwar (\$767,000 in political contributions in 2014) and Fort Worth businessman Robert Albritton (\$500,000). Oilman Tim Dunn, who last year donated \$50,000 to Patrick and more than \$2 million to the ultraconservative activist group Empower Texans, is on a panel advising energy policy.

Patrick said the panels weren't "Dan's team" and added that some didn't support him during his most recent campaign. According

to Texas for Public Justice, more than three-quarters of appointees have donated to Patrick at least once since 2005.

Texans for Public Justice, a left-leaning watchdog in Austin, unfavorably compared Patrick's initiative to the American Legislative Exchange Council. That conservative group often proposes model legislation for state lawmakers to push back home.

"It gives this group more access than they already have," founder Craig McDonald said. "It sounds like a shadow government. We've never seen anything like it."

Choosing big campaign donors for in-

fluential roles in state business isn't new. Gov. Rick Perry appointed a number of top financial supporters to positions from university system boards to agency overseers in his 14 years of government. The federal government also of ten partners with businesses on initiatives.

Patrick questioned why anyone would criticize lawmakers for turning to the private sector for ideas.

"They're all really excited about someone in Austin listening to what they have to say," Patrick said.

PLOT

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to a terrorist organization.

The FBI said he had for months sent social media messages and posted video espousing support for Islamic State militants and for violent attacks by others.

Cornell, using the on-line name of Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah, told the informant they should "wage jihad," authorities said in court papers. He allegedly wrote in an instant message that "we should meet up and make our own group in alliance with the Islamic State here and plan operations ourselves."

It was unclear from

court papers if he had made contact with any terrorist groups.

But in recent weeks, his parents noticed a change in him. They thought it was a change for the better: He was helping his mother around the house, cooking meals, sitting with his parents to watch movies, and talking about having become a Muslim.

They said he had a seasonal job at a Kohl's retail store that ended recently.

His parents said they believed he was saving to buy a car.

"I'm in shock," his father said. His mother, Angel Carmen, added tearfully: "I feel like my heart has been ripped out."

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William "Bill" Thompson, 75, died Saturday, January 10, 2015. Visitation, Vigil and Mass will be January 24, 2015.
Albert "Beto" Carrasco, 56, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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Church News



First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. The Children's Choir meets at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday afternoons, followed by the Young Women's Choir at 5:10.

The Male Chorus meets at 5:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The Youth Group meets for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by handbells and regular meeting.

The Children's Sunday School classes' new study, "Down through the Roof," begins Jan. 18. It is based on the story in Luke 5:17-26 in which a paralytic's friends, believing that Jesus could help him, acted on that belief by lowering their friend down through a hole in the roof in front of Jesus. The paralytic was forgiven and healed. Christine Boling will lead the first session using a video to view the story.

The Adult Discovery Class embarks on a Rob Fuquay study entitled "The God We Can Know: Exploring the 'I AM' sayings of Jesus." This study, based on Fuquay's book of the same title, takes participants to the Holy Land to see the places where Jesus stood as he made his "I AM" declarations. The aim of the study is firstly to understand the images Jesus uses to identify himself and to appreciate the historical Jewish roots behind the images of bread, light, good shepherd, gate of the sheep, true vine, way of life, resurrection, and life; secondly to discover how these broad meanings connect with our lives today; and thirdly to help participants experience a closer relationship with Jesus and discover the God who wants to be known.

John Ferguson leads the Covenant Class in the January study "Learning to Pray," a four-session look at prayers as found in Luke, John, Hebrews, and James. The sessions reflect Jesus' teaching about prayer, Jesus' prayer for his disciples, Jesus as intercessor for God's people, and our need to pray for one another.

The Service Committee met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15. The session will have its stated monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Claudie Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Marj Carpenter is the lector for this month. The lectionary for the Second Sunday after Epiphany is 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present as the offertory anthem "Born Among Us in the Manger" by Hector Berlioz.

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

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

First Baptist Church

The congregation of First Baptist Church invites you to join them in worship Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "Shaken and Found Faithful" drawn from Acts 4:23-31. This scripture passage prompts us to find encouragement through functioning together as God's servants, while reminding us that as believers, we are to boldly testify of Christ regardless of our circumstances, and that God sent His Spirit to support and help us.

If you are unable to attend our morning worship

service, go to fbcbig-spring.org and view the service through our live web stream.

Following the service, join us in the Family Life Center for a luncheon to welcome our new music minister Alan Schantz, and wife, Lynda, and daughter, Kylie.

Sunday School classes gather at 9:30 a.m., and are a great way to get acquainted and study the Bible. Greeters are available to help you find a class.

At 5:30 p.m., AWANA, the Bible based program for children grades kindergarten through sixth will meet. All area children are invited and there is no fee to attend.

Evening worship starts at 6, and Pastor Lindsey continues to lead us through an exploration of the Old Testament.

Also, teens meet at 6:15 p.m. for fellowship and Bible Study; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details on the location.

The Discipleship Now weekend retreat for youth will be Jan. 23-25. This is a fun time of fellowship for the teens, as leaders provide Bible based instruction and encouragement. All area youth are invited to attend this in-town event; contact Jonathan at 270-8332 for more information.

Upward Basketball games continue each week; go to fbcbigspring.org for schedule information.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all ages. Join us Jan. 21 for Mexican Stack-Up.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Sunday's schedule offers two worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

Wednesday evening at 6, we gather for Bible Study at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse, and wife, Debbie, invite you to come, bring a friend, and be a part of this dynamic congregation. For more information about BHDC, contact Pastor Waltherhouse at jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

First Church of the Nazarene

We hope you will join us for services and classes: Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes are at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with children's church also at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday evening youth activities are at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday night, we have church supper followed by prayer meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning, well listen into KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can listen to a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org

Did You Ever Wonder?

Jacob begins his journey

Jacob always had been known as a 'man the tents,' meaning that he spent most of his time inside the tents studying God's Word. He was in a sheltered environment.

When he left Isaac's home to seek a wife, he would be walking into the camp of the enemy, so to speak. That part of Abraham's family, which did not accompany him to the land which God gave him, had remained pagan. Though they were not promiscuous, they worshipped idols instead of the One God.

Before actually leaving the Land, Jacob spent 14 more years in study at the academy of Shem and Eber at the city called Salem.

Shem had lived in the generation of the Flood. Eber was part of the generation that built the Tower of Babel. There was much Jacob could learn from them because they had experienced the evil of men who defy God.

As he left Salem, Jacob spent the night alone at Mount Moriah; he made a ring of 12 stones to support his head while he slept. I think he was leaving a place in the center for his ear.

Do you remember this was the place where Abraham built an altar and was prepared to sacrifice his son, Isaac, until God provided the ram? We have already been shown that this place is holy to God.

As Jacob slept, he dreamed. He saw a ladder reaching from the earth into the heavens. The word used here for "ladder" can also be translated "staircase." On the ladder some angels were ascending and some angels were descending. I envision this as a spiral staircase broad enough for the angels to pass each other, some coming to earth and some returning to heaven.

Jacob was preparing to leave God's

Land. The sages have interpreted the angels and the ladder to show that, God had assigned angels to protect Jacob while he was within the Land and others to protect him while he was outside the Land. He would be in a totally different atmosphere when he left the Land and he would need angels with different instructions to protect him. Thus the angels ascending and descending was the "changing of the guard."

And behold! He saw God standing over him! "I am Hashem, God of Abraham and of Isaac. The ground on which you are lying, I will give to you and your descendants. Your offspring shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out powerfully westward, eastward, northward and southward; and all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and by your offspring. Behold, I am with you; I will guard you wherever you go, and I will return you to this soil; for I will not forsake you until I will have done what I have spoken about you." (Gen 28:13-15)

This wonderful blessing for Jacob can have many applications besides the immediate blessing for Jacob, himself.

"As the dust of the earth" can mean too numerous to count; it can also mean "disrespected as the dust of the earth." Think about the captivities in Assyria and Babylon, the dispersion by the Romans and the Holocaust.

There is much more to glean from God's blessing on Jacob. Think of the ways you can see this applying in today's world. Next week I will give you my ideas!

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at (432) 267-7015. We are also on Facebook and Twitter..

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring.

Services are held each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The 10:50 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will continue a message series entitled "Walking with God." The series will help congregation members focus on God's call to live in holiness of heart and life. This Sunday is "On Guarding Your Heart" and is taken from II Peter 3:10-18. The message examines how we to "live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the day of God and speed its coming."

Wednesday Noon Bible Study is back in action after a two-week break for the Christmas holiday. Pastor Ivins is continuing his study in the Book of Acts. Meal service begins at 11:50 a.m. in Garrett. There is a small fee for the meal.

We're also back in the swing of things for "Real Life on Wednesdays." A church-wide meal is served in Garrett Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Groups for all ages begin at 6 p.m. and the adult Celebration Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

We are located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

Please join us this Sunday: Bible study is at 9 a.m.; Worship is at 10:00 a.m. with the message titled "Jesus Begins His Ministry" (Mark 1); and worship service is again at 5 p.m. with the message "The Coming of the Kingdom."

On Wednesdays, the Ladies Class meets at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study and devotion is at 7 p.m.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will continue our series titled, "The Process of Forgiveness." Our message this week is called "Two Wells," and comes from Romans 5:5-8.

On Saturday, Jan. 31, we will have our first Spare It and Share it drive at the church. The concept is simple: Bring whatever you don't need any more and take whatever you can use. We will be receiving at the church on Jan. 29 and 30 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Jan. 31.

The adversary

God's plan for man's redemption is initially revealed through His promise/prophesy in Genesis 3:15, And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel (NKJV).

God is speaking to the serpent in this verse and says that a great conflict will ensue but it will ultimately end with the serpent (Satan) being defeated. Since that day in the garden, Satan has been an active adversary to God and to mankind — that is what the word *satan* means, an adversary. He chose to rebel against God

and has opposed God's plan ever since.

Another name Scripture uses for this enemy of God is the Devil. While we get the word *satan* from the Hebrew language, the English word *devil* comes from the Greek word *diablos* which means "accuser." Satan accuses God to man (Genesis 3:1-5). He paints a picture of God as overbearing and unreasonable. He tells Eve that God is just selfish and trying to hold her and Adam back so they would not be like Him. Through these lies and false accusations, he tempted Eve to disobey God and her husband joined her in that disobedience.

The Devil is still active and making accusations today. To the religious, he plants doubt in the mind by asking, "Has God really said ___?" He wants you to see God as overbearing and unreasonable. Satan wants you to believe that God is the "old fuddy-duddy" who is hold-

ing you back and doesn't want you to have any fun. In response, some religious people turn their backs on God completely while others make a new god in their own image — a god who no longer demands or expects obedience but rather only wants them to be happy and successful in this life. Then there are those people who do not acknowledge God in their lives. The Devil has convinced them to cover their ears and close their eyes to the truth. If a person chooses to accept that they, along with the rest of humanity, are the result of cosmic chance, then to whom do they feel ultimately accountable? No one but themselves.

There is an adversary to God's plan and we should be mindful of him (1Peter 5:8). But thanks be to God that He has promised and proclaimed victory over the Devil through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! (Hebrews 2:14)

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane church of Christ



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Pope weighs in on Charlie Hebdo debate

BY NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Pope Francis began his visit to Asia's largest Catholic nation Thursday with a provocative statement about one of Europe's largest Catholic nations: Referring to the Paris attacks, Francis said there are limits to freedom of expression, especially when it insults or ridicules someone's faith.

Francis made the comments to reporters en route to the Philippines, where hundreds of thousands of people lined Manila's streets to cheer him as he arrived from Sri Lanka for the second and final leg of his Asian tour. Francis said his visit here would focus on the plight of the poor, the exploited and victims of injustice — themes sure to resonate in a nation where poverty afflicts nearly a quarter of its 100 million people.

Before touching down though, Francis weighed in on the debate raging in much of the world following the massacre by Islamic extremists against the satirical French magazine Charlie Hebdo, and subsequent attack on a kosher

supermarket, that left 17 people and the three gunmen dead.

Francis defended freedom of speech as a fundamental right, and even a duty to speak out for the common good. But he said there were limits to free speech, especially when confronting another equally fundamental human right: the freedom of religion.

By way of example, he referred to Alberto Gasbarri, who organizes papal trips and was standing by his side aboard the papal plane.

"If my good friend Dr. Gasbarri says a word against my mother, he can expect a punch," Francis said jokingly, throwing a pretend punch his way. "It's normal. You cannot provoke. You cannot insult the faith of others. You cannot make fun of the faith of others."

He by no means said the violent attack on Charlie Hebdo was justified. Quite the opposite, he said such horrific violence in God's name couldn't be justified and was an "aberration." But he said a reaction of some kind was to be expected.

CHURCH NEWS

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On Wednesday evenings, we are currently involved in a Bible study in the Book of Exodus, tracing back the elements of God's plan that got us to this point in history.

On Sunday evenings we are doing an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Join us this Sunday for fun and fellowship. The children will have activities from 2:30 to 4:30. A "pot luck" meal is at 5 p.m. and games after the meal.

A Pain Management group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. New "Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "Community Groups" meet Wednesday nights at various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more information.

"Grief Share," a grief support group, meets Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. The number of classes will depend on the number of people who sign up. We hope to have groups for men and youth as well as for women. For more information on "Grief Share," visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" fiber crafts and prayer shawl ministry meets at the church Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning a fiber craft (crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, etc.) or have projects you would like to share or just to have some fellowship while crafting, come join us.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Junior kindergarten through junior high this coming year. Visit our website at bigspringclassical.org for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

The Big Spring Christian Academy has started a preschool. It currently is a two day per week preschool and will eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months thru 4 years old. It is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more info, go to www.bscapre-school.org.

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

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 am-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 am - 12:00 pm-Worship Service

Tuesday

Noon -2 p.m. -Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

Noon- Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

Friday

7 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday

7:30 am-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship

10 a.m. - "Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Christian Church

This Sunday is begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity . Worship at First Christian Church will focus on Jesus calling Philip and Nathanael as disciples found in John 1:43-51. Our pastor's mes-

sage will especially look at the story of Nathanael because Nathanael is a good model for Christians today.

Ron and Loretta Farquar will be on hand to greet folks as they arrive. Mrs. Mary Beth Johnson will serve as the worship leader for this coming Sunday, while Joyce Davis and Shelane Roberts will preside at the Lord's Table for communion.

We are delighted to announce that we will kick-off a new youth group next Wednesday, starting at 6:15 p.m. It's called WNJ, which stands for Wednesday Night JAM (Jesus And Me). Sixth graders and older are welcome.

A new aspect of this youth group will be that we will start with enjoying a light supper and doing homework. Once homework is out of the way, we'll play as a group, followed by a lesson and prayer. All activities and lessons will be age appropriate to sixth through ninth grades. Our time together will end at 7:45 p.m. We will meet weekly, except for Spring Break week, on Wednesday, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. starting Jan. 21 in the FCC Fellowship Hall. The youth group will be led by our minister, the Rev. Ken McIntosh.

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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
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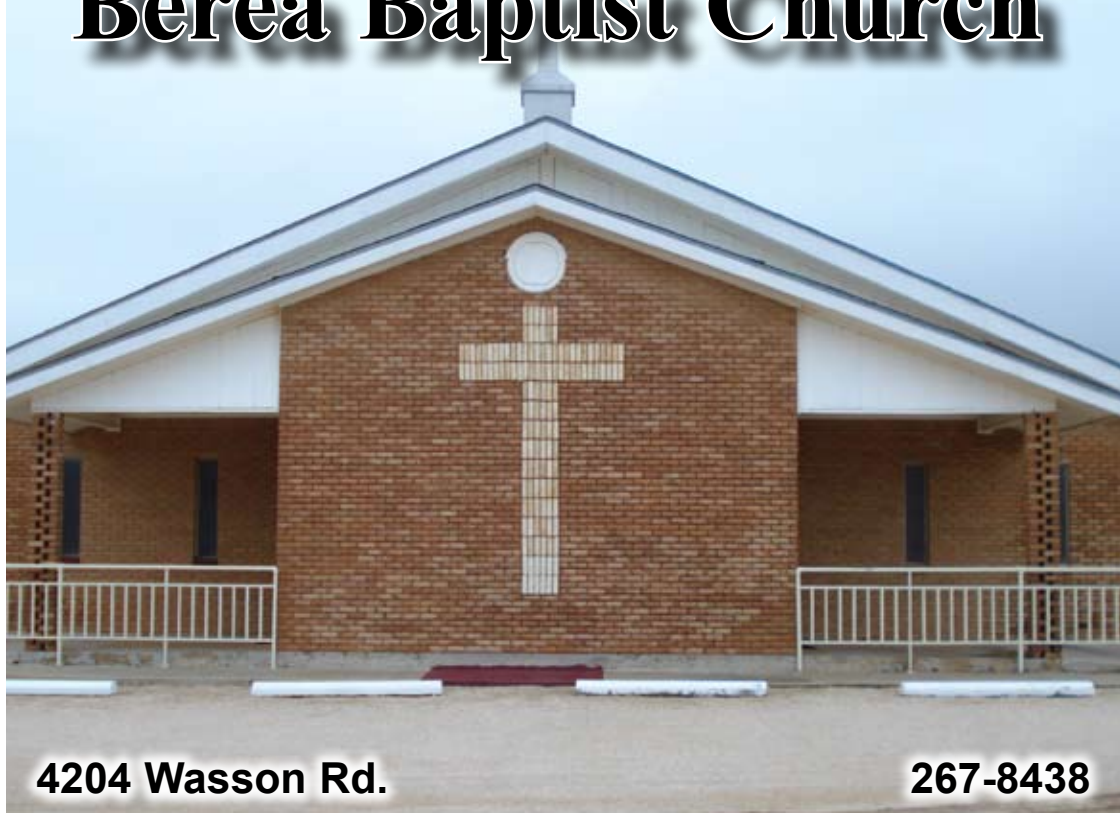
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Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Hawks roll past No. 10 OC, 76-58

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

With three starters sitting on the bench in foul trouble, the Howard College Hawks needed someone to step up Friday night in front of a large crowd in the OC Sports Complex.

Henry Wilson answered the call in a huge way.

The 6-foot-4 sophomore from Williston, Fla., pumped in seven points in just over 15 minutes of play and, more importantly, enabled the Hawks to pound out a thrilling 76-58 victory over the 10th-ranked Odessa College Wranglers.

"Unbelievable is the best way to describe the way we played," said Howard College head coach Scott Raines. "This is a great testament to our guys. They amaze me with their preparation and attention to detail."

With the victory, Howard College improved to 14-4 for the season and remained the only unbeaten team in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings by moving to 5-0. Odessa College, which had entered the game ranked No. 10 in the latest NJCAA.org national poll, suffered its

second straight loss and slipped to 16-4 and 3-2.

"It is a great win for us," said Raines. "Our guys kept their composure and kept playing hard."

Odessa College didn't make the win easy. In fact, the Wranglers used a 13-8 run at the start of the second half to fight their way into a 45-45 draw with just 15:21 left in the contest.

With Niels Bunschoten, Rob Gray and Lis Shoshi all nursing four fouls, Odessa College looked as if it was primed for a late run.

The Hawks, however, keyed by outstanding efforts from Wilson and Travis Charles, the Hawks answered OC's run with a 20-1 run of their own and broke open the contest.

Charles scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half,

Gray ignited Howard's late run at the 14:57 mark of the second half by penetrating the top of the key and driving in for a layup and a 47-45 cushion. Charles tacked on a free throw and knocked down a fadeaway jumper that extended the HC lead to five, at 50-45.

Following a pair

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College sophomore Niels Bunschoten tosses up a three-point shot during the early minutes of the Hawks' 76-58 victory over nationally-ranked Odessa College. The Hawks are the only unbeaten team in the WJAC.

Hawks to face NMMI on Monday

The Howard College men's basketball team won't have much time to celebrate its win over Odessa College. The Hawks, after taking a day off on Friday, will return to action on Monday when they travel to Roswell to play New Mexico Military Institute.

Howard College enters the game with a 5-0 record in WJAC Play.

The Howard College women will also be in action on Monday. The Lady Hawks will face off against Victoria College in a non-conference showdown in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HC defeated Victoria, 61-53, earlier this season.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College's Rafaella Angelidou scores two of her eight first-half points on Thursday in Odessa. The HC women suffered a 65-43 loss.

Slow start dooms Lady Hawks to loss

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The sixth-ranked Odessa College Lady Hawks' misery on Thursday by grinding out a 65-43 victory in the Odessa College Sports Complex.

With the win, the Odessa College women improved their season record to 18-3, and moved to 4-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. Howard College fell to 5-14 and 0-5.

Odessa College, which has won eight of their last nine outings, got off to a quick start against the Lady

Hawks. OC pumped in eightshots from the field in the first 10 minutes of play and raced to a 20-9 lead.

Howard College proved it could score, too. After falling behind by 11, Rafaella Angelidou brought the HC women back. The 5-foot-11 freshman from Thessaloniki, Greece, came off the bench and buried a pair of shots late in the first half and sparked an 8-0 run that enabled the Lady Hawks to claw to within three, at 20-17, with less than 4 minutes left in the opening half.

Tamara York added to the HC run by put-

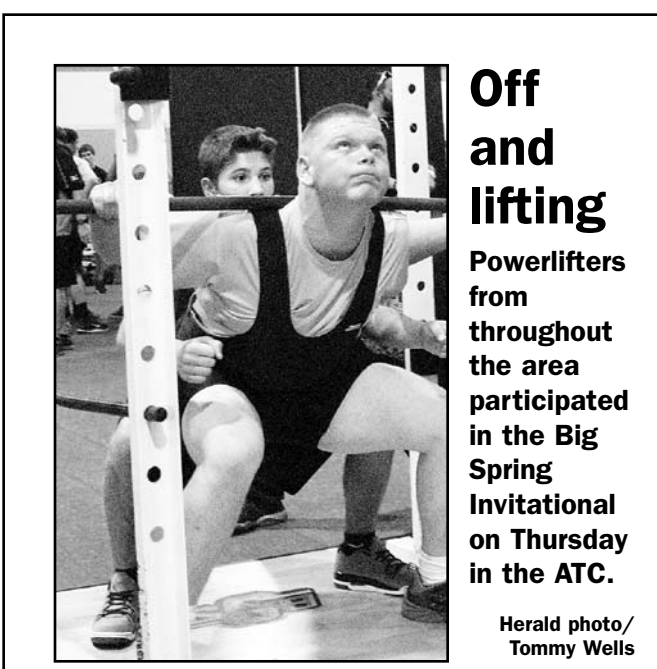
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BSJHS teams move MC games to Tues.

The Big Spring Junior High School boys' seventh and eighth grade teams will have to wait a little longer to play their next games.

BSISD officials announced recently that the Steers' games against Midland Christian have been rescheduled for Tuesday, beginning at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The games had originally been scheduled for Monday.



Off and lifting

Powerlifters from throughout the area participated in the Big Spring Invitational on Thursday in the ATC.

Herald photo/
Tommy Wells

Ali back in Kentucky hospital for 'follow-up'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Muhammad Ali was back in the hospital Thursday for follow-up care related to a severe urinary tract infection, his second stint in the hospital in the last four weeks.

The three-time former heavyweight champion was admitted to a hospital earlier this week, Ali family spokesman Bob Gunnell said Ali is in stable condition.

Ali was hospitalized

on Dec. 20 with what was initially believed to be a mild case of pneumonia. Doctors later determined Ali was suffering from a urinary tract infection, Gunnell said.

"There were still issues with the urinary tract infection," he said.

The man known for his boxing prowess and humanitarian work has been spending his time listening to music, reading and watching old movies, Gunnell said.

Steers tip off 2-4A play

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers will finally get a chance to take to the court in a game that means something tonight.

The Steers will tip off District 2-4A action when they square off against Levelland. The BSHS boys' and girls' teams will both be in action today, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the sub-varsity games.

Big Spring heads into the contest as one of the district's hottest teams — although they have endured an extended break due to inclement weather. The Steers, 13-6 overall, last played on Jan. 6 against Andrews.

In Levelland, Big Spring will be facing off against a team that has opened the year with a 13-7 record. Big Spring and Levelland were scheduled to play in the finals of the Sandhills Invitational in Monahans on Dec. 31 but were forced to cancel the match due to weather concerns.

In other District 2-4A boys' games, Snyder will be traveling to Lubbock to face Estacado, while Sweetwater head to Lamesa.

The Lady Steers will be facing a tough test this evening when they square off against Levelland. The Loboettes are 21-2 overall and own a 2-0 mark in district action.

Levelland is averaging better than 80 points per game in their first two 2-4A bouts.

The BSHS girls, fresh off a 50-40 win over Estacado on Tuesday, enter tonight's showdown at 11-12 overall and 1-1 in district.

BSHS to open '15 baseball season in Feb.

Although the area may be in the middle of winter, some of the Big Spring High School athletes are already turning their attention to spring.

Namely the BSHS baseball athletes.

Big Spring High School Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey released the Steers' upcoming baseball schedule earlier this week. The team will begin practicing for the upcoming season within the next three weeks and take to the field for their first scrimmage on Feb. 10 against Midland High School.

According to the Steers' schedule, Big Spring will play two preseason games before ending the preseason with against an alumni game. The team will begin the 2015 regular season on Feb. 23 with a home game against Abilene Wylie.

The Steers will start district play on March 24 against Estacado.

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KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: Please
comment again about
emotional affairs. My
husband says this is a
bunch of malarkey.

He has been hanging
out quite a bit at a local
establishment, which is
owned by a woman who
is rather flirtatious. She
can get the men who
come there to do little
favors for her, and this
includes my husband. I
also know that he has
been confiding in her and
telling her details about
some problems in our
personal life that I would
like kept quiet in the
community. I believe the
conversations he is
having with her are the
ones he should be having
with me.

Many times when he
comes home after seeing
her, he hardly speaks to
me for hours because he
is all "talked out." He says

Annie's Mailbox

those conversations less
personal. If the two of
you are having problems
that need working out,
please talk to a
professional together.

Dear Annie: We have
5-year-old twins. A year
ago, there was an
argument in the family,
and their uncle left town.
Our kids were close to
their uncle and still
remember him.

The problem is, our son
still asks about this
uncle. We have told him
that the uncle moved to
another town. What is the
best way to explain that
his departure may be
permanent? We don't
think we will ever see
him again. -- Missing
Him

Dear Missing: You
don't know that this rift
is permanent, so there is
no reason to give that
impression to your
children. At this age,
they simply wonder
where their favorite
uncle went. Saying he
moved to another town is
accurate and appropriate.
You don't need to give
details. If your son asks
when his uncle is coming
back, simply tell him you
don't know. Because that
is the truth. If you don't
bring up the subject, your
son will eventually forget
about him. How sad for
all of you.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sagittarius Moon
of Whatever

This Sagittarius moon
has a devil-may-care
attitude and inspires
such things as throwing
one's hands to the air
with a hearty "Whatever!"
Let it go. It's exactly the
moon we needed to get
back to feeling centered
after many recent
emotional and personal
upsets.

ARIES (March 21-April
19). You'll be giving a few
directives. It's better to
tell people what to do,
and not how to do it.
Everyone has a unique
method, and you'll learn
by watching what they
come up with.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). It's actually good that
people mostly disagree
today. If they understood
each other too clearly, it
would cause grief. The
communication of civility
mostly lies in body
language.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). You crave an
aesthetic experience, and
yet you also want it to fit
into your life in a logical,
useful way. This is a lot

to demand of your
environment, but you'll
find what you seek.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). When you largely act
out of intuition, your
decisions sometimes
won't make sense to other
people. Their puzzled
faces will pepper your
experience, but pay no
attention to that. Your
intuition could save the
day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
If there is a great deal of
petty quarreling, it's a
good indication that the
job at hand isn't big
enough. Big challenges
have a way of centering
people and getting them
to focus calmly on what
they can do to make
things better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). When you walk
around and look at the
world, you make
connections with people
everywhere you go. Even
if it's just noticing a
person, it's a connection.
The quality of minor
connections will mean
more to you today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). The rule today is that
if you can say it in fewer
words, do. People will

lose interest very quickly,
especially if your focus is
on something they have a
hard time relating to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Your reluctance to
make new associations
has to do with the hurt of
a past experience and a
vibe you are getting
about a certain person.
You can't put it into
words yet, but it's real, so
don't disregard the
feeling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). You may
accidentally attract
people who will take
advantage of your
compassionate nature.
Take a step back. Your
gifts are valuable, and
you shouldn't give them
to someone who
discounts that value right
off the bat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). By nature, you
are an executive and a
manager, even though
your life doesn't always
reflect that part of your
talent. Today brings a bit
of chaos you'll enjoy
sorting out for someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Telephone
addiction will cause
people to lose
opportunities. You'll be
lucky when you're the
one looking up and
connecting. It's really not
necessary to pick up
every call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). The main issues have
to do with control.
There's a line to walk. If
you too often dominate,
they're repellent. But if you
never take over, it's even
more repellent. Stay in
the moment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Jan. 16). You're teetering
on the edge of adventure
going into this new year.
Not knowing what's next
adds to stress. Make a
plan in February, and
whether or not things
follow, you'll feel terrific.
March will feature new
friends and
responsibilities. You'll
prove your strength. A
July wedding will be
significant. Scorpio and
Cancer people adore you.
Your lucky numbers are:
19, 4, 12, 13 and 28.

**WEEKEND LOVE
FORECAST:** ARIES:
Confident people inspire
confidence in others.
That's why you'll do the
crowd a favor and fake it.
TAURUS: There are times

when you wonder how
well people really know
you. Don't let them get it
wrong without learning
the real you. GEMINI:
Taking risks doesn't
always turn out, but it
will be far better for you
than avoiding them.
CANCER: Losing the
esteem of someone you
care about is one of the
most painful things you
can think of. That's why
you'll bend over
backward to make things
nice. LEO: There's a
combination of skills
needed to manage the
current relationship
puzzle -- all within you.
VIRGO: Focusing on
what you want to achieve
will help you in
relationships. LIBRA:
Someone who will take
care of you is a very
tempting thing to go for,
and yet everyone is
looking for the same
thing. Who will take care
of whom? SCORPIO: The
key is in believing in
your actual self, not your
idealized self.

SAGITTARIUS: Often you
have to travel to find
your people, and the
travel itself might be
what makes the
relationship more
interesting. CAPRICORN:
It won't be what you do
but whom you do it with
that matters. AQUARIUS:
The journey to love will
feel epic indeed. PISCES:
When in doubt, make the
effort to strike up a
conversation.

**COUPLE OF THE
WEEKEND:** The
Sagittarius moon is
reflected by the
Capricorn sun, and in his
last days of the current
solar transit, these two
souls get restless. They
will make the perfect
traveling companions. It
won't matter in the least
that one is doing it for
business and the other
for pleasure. The true
adventure won't be in the
shiny new sights; it will
be in getting to know
each other.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You open **One Spade**, and partner
responds **Two Clubs**. What would
you bid now with each of the follow-
ing four hands?

1. ♠AK952 ♥A7 ♦103 ♣A984
2. ♠KJ875 ♥KJ ♦AQ6 ♣A72
3. ♠A109632 ♥AQ4 ♦KQ7 ♣5
4. ♠AJ863 ♥4 ♦AJ85 ♣AQ5

1. **Four clubs.** An opening bid of
one of a suit indicates about 12 to 21
points in high cards and distribution.
Because this is a very wide range, the
opener at his second turn should
attempt to define the strength and
distribution of his hand. He does this,
if possible, by making a minimum
rebid on a minimum hand, a maxi-
mum rebid on a maximum hand, or
an in-between bid on an in-between
hand.
This hand — with four quick tricks
and attractive distribution — is not a
minimum to begin with, and it rises
even more in value when partner
responds in clubs. Slam is now a dis-
tinct possibility, and these glad tid-
ings are best conveyed by a jump-
raise in clubs.

2. **Three notrump.** Here also you
have values well beyond a minimum
opening bid, so you leap to three
notrump to indicate 18 or 19 high-

card points and a notrump type of
hand.

3. **Two spades.** All hands rise or
fall in value as the bidding pro-
gresses. Thus, had partner responded
two spades, you would have had
enough to jump to four spades.
Hands that fit well rise sharply in
value.
In the same way, hands that fit
badly depreciate in value. While two
clubs is a constructive response
showing 10 or more points, it does
not help your hand one bit — and in
fact hurts it. All that can be done at
this point is to rebid your spades and
hope to hear from partner again. If he
passes two spades, that is probably
the best contract.

4. **Two diamonds.** Here the major
effort is directed toward describing
your 5-1-4-3 distribution. You opt to
jump-raise clubs at the next oppor-
tunity and in this way — having bid
spades, diamonds and clubs — iden-
tify your extra values and singleton
(or void) in hearts.
Your 16 high-card points and club
fit appear to justify an immediate
jump-rebid of some sort, but this
should be deferred until next time in
the interests of painting as precise a
picture of your distribution as possi-
ble.

Tomorrow: Solution to a predicament.
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Sudoku Answer On Page 5

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every
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That means no number is repeated in any row, column or
box.

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	9	8			2	6	1
	6		5	2	3		7
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Today is Friday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2015. There are 349 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 16, 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman issued Special Field Order No. 15, which decreed that 400,000 acres of land in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida would be confiscated, divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. (The order, which was later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expres-

sion, "Forty acres and a mule.") On this date: In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar. In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established. In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.) In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida. In 1942, actress Car-

ole Lombard, 33, her mother Elizabeth and 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas, Nevada, while en route to California from a war-bond promotion tour. In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz space-ships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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THE OTHER COAST

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Bubble-mailer feature
- Staff communication
- Isn't consistent
- Temporary calm
- Paradise Lost setting
- Summon forth
- Its home field is the Rose Bowl
- Go for the gold
- "Inviting Intelligence" group
- Rodeo regular
- Shove off
- Bit produced by a smoke alarm
- Message to squad cars
- Source of family funds
- Stop on the London-Paris train
- Hi-__ monitor
- Landmark near Catania
- One-eighty
- Relief
- Quarters, for example
- Knock down
- Stein filler
- Prep-school events
- Network
- Go astray
- Breaking Bad network
- Light green
- Trooper's device
- Got to it
- Stir up
- Metaphor for a promotion

DOWN

- Blunders
- Monetary gain
- Parcel out
- Thinks ahead
- They're bound to hold recollections
- Nutritive
- Diet-book page
- Partisan
- Person from Mocha
- Wrapped up
- Distant, in verse
- Green-lights
- Vast amount
- Lincoln's birthplace
- Hauls in
- Ludicrous
- Cylinders under sauce
- Orchestral section
- Source of the Golden Fleece
- Vibrant, as crayon colors
- Reins in
- Nintendo forerunner
- Manila's island
- Field of study
- Ordered separately
- December
- elevator music
- Crowning point
- Cheapen
- "Rats!"
- Gauguin
- hangout
- Hannah
- Montana
- prayer
- Sky shade
- Impenetrable
- Bach played it
- Ole Miss rival
- See the country
- What surrounds the four longest answers
- __ Claire, WI
- Bar supply

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WOMEN

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ting back an offensive rebound before Angelidou closed out the run with a turn-around jumper from the baseline – her third basket within a 2 minute span.

Overall, Angelidou scored eight of her 10 points in the first half.

The Lady Wranglers closed out the first half with a 10-2 run and took a 30-19 lead into the half.

Odessa College hit stride in the second half. The Lady Wranglers, despite a solid second-half performance from the Lady Hawks' Bria McCullough, closed out the game with a 35-24 run in

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women

Team	Season	Conf.
	W-L	W-L
New Mexico JC	17-1	5-0
Odessa	18-3	4-1
Midland	12-8	3-2
Frank Phillips	14-3	2-2
Clarendon	11-6	2-2
South Plains	6-11	2-2
Western Texas	8-9	0-4
Howard	5-14	0-5

Thursday's Games – Odessa College 65, Howard College 43; New Mexico JC 58, Midland College 53; Frank Phillips vs. Clarendon, late.

the final 20 minutes of play.

McCullough pumped on 10 of Howard College's final 24 points. She finished the game with a team-high 12 points.

Rosemary Rits also finished in double figures for the HC women, net-

ting 10 points to go along with six rebounds.

As a team, the Lady Hawks pulled down a game-high 44 rebounds in the contest, including 11 from York.

Offensively, the HC women struggled from the floor. The team hit on just 17 of their 51 attempts.

Elise Spann led all OC scorers with 14 points.

In other WJCAC games, the No. 8-ranked New Mexico JC women upended Midland College, 58-53, in Midland.

With the win, NMJC improved to 17-1 for the year and to 5-0 in conference play.



Howard College guard Bria McCullough drives in for a layup during the Lady Hawks' game against Odessa College on Thursday. McCullough finished the contest with a team-high 12 points.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Area teams return to play tonight

The won't be any shortage of basketball action to entertain Crossroads fans this evening. Eight area teams will be in action this evening, including the Coahoma Bulldogs, who will be seeking to give head coach Kim Nichols career win No. 500 when they host Sonora, beginning at 8 p.m.

The Forsan boys' and girls' teams will be traveling to Christoval, while the Sands teams will be in Dawson.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College sophomore Sam Finley drives past Odessa's Jaylen Brantley for a basket during the Hawks' 76-58 win on Thursday.

HAWKS

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OC free throws, the Hawks took flight, reeling off a 14-0 run that enabled Howard to push its lead to 17, at 64-47, with 5:33 left.

Will Ferguson took the HC lead from there. The 6-foot-1 sophomore guard pumped in six of his 12 points in the final 5 minutes of play en route to guiding the Hawks to their third straight win over Odessa College, dating back to last year.

Ferguson was among four HC players to reach double figures offensively in the contest.

Defensively, Howard College dominated the Wranglers throughout the contest. The Hawks outrebounded OC by a staggering 57-40 clip and held a Wranglers to that had entered the game averaging 99.7 points per game to just 58 points on a 17-for-65 shooting effort from the field.

"You can't say enough about how our defense played," said Raines. "They (Odessa) are a good team."

Shoshi and Charles helped spearhead the Hawks' domination of the boards. The two combined for 22 of Howard College's 57 total boards.

The Hawks got off to a quick start against Odessa College in the first half, thanks to a potent outside shooting effort. Howard College picked up clutch three-pointers from Sam Finley, Bunschoten, Gray and Shoshi in the first 12 minutes of play and raced to a 19-12 advan-

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Men

Team	Season	Conf.
	W-L	W-L
Howard	14-4	5-0
South Plains	14-4	4-1
Odessa	16-5	4-2
Frank Phillips	14-5	3-2
New Mexico JC	14-6	3-3
NMMI	8-7	2-3
Midland	12-8	2-4
Western Texas	10-7	1-4
Clarendon	3-15	0-5

Tonight's Games – Howard College 76, Odessa 58; New Mexico JC 66, Midland 64; Frank Phillips d. Clarendon; South Plains 92, NMMI 82.

tage.

The Wranglers caught fire midway through the first half, reeling off a mini 6-0 run that pulled OC to within 21-18 with just under nine minutes to play in the frame.

Gray erased the Wranglers' momentum with one shot. He ignited a 7-0 run by the Hawks by pulling up and draining a three-pointer from the wing. Finley followed moments later with a pair of free throws and a smooth 18-foot jumper that pushed the Hawks to a 28-18 advantage.

Wilson contributed to the HC success later in the half by throwing in five points, including a three-point shot from the right wing with 2:04 left that ended a 9-1 OC spree and send HC into the half clinging to a 37-32 lead.

Finley pumped in nine of his team-high 16 points in the first half.

Ferguson and Shoshi closed out the contest with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Hawks will return to action on Monday with a trip to Roswell to face off with New Mexico Military Institute.

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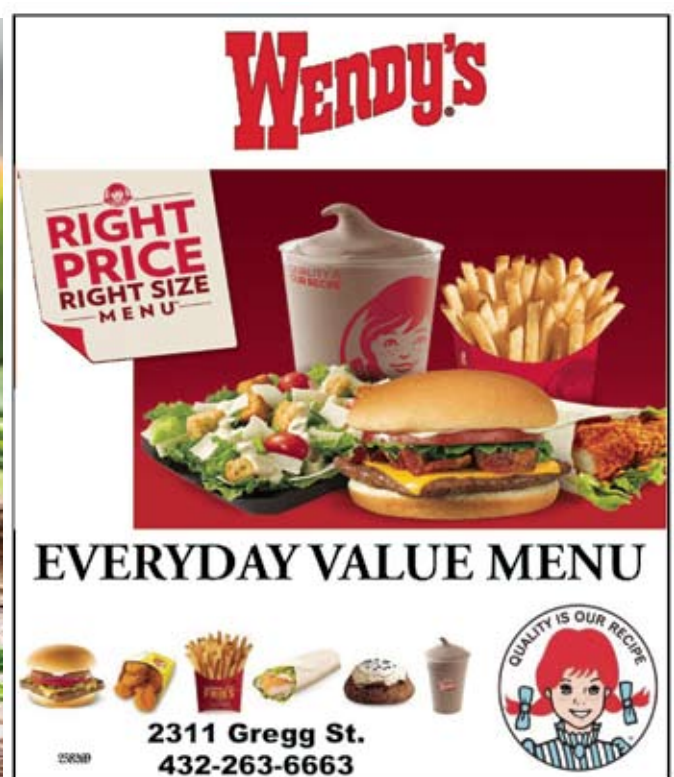
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