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*Stand up for the Steers*

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Big Spring fans were of different shapes and sizes (and smiles, apparently) during the Steers' basketball game vs. Sweetwater in Steer Gym Friday night. Related stories and photos, Page 8A.

## Chamber banquet Tuesday

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The suspense is gathering as the recipients of the Big Spring Man and Woman of the Year will be revealed Tuesday night at the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

"We are so excited to announce the names of the Man and Woman of the Year recipients," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Our nomination committee thoughtfully and carefully weighed the acts of work each of the nominees have given throughout the years. All the nominees deserve recognition for the countless hours and contributions they have given to our community. It was a difficult choice, and we can't wait to reveal the committee's choice to our Chamber members and Howard County residents



ValVerde

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## County to hear plan to rename I-20 stretch after fallen troopers

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will hear from an area law enforcement official who wants to rename a stretch of Interstate 20 after two fallen state troopers when they meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the county courthouse's third floor courtroom.

Charles Hall, a constable from Midland, is garnering support to



Wiseman

rename a portion of I-20 east of Salem Road after former Department of Public Safety Troopers Troy Hogue and Jimmy Parks, Big Spring residents who were killed in the line of duty.

"Constable Hall is going to ask us to consider (the renaming)," Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. "I

really don't know what the commissioners will do ... but I believe we have the right to rename part of the highway."

In other action Monday, commissioners will consider:

- A proposal to remove a stop sign at Poplar and Dogwood streets.
- Discussion and possible action concerning a road grant.
- Invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.

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## Patrick further sidelines Dems

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Democrats in the Texas Senate were further sidelined by the Republican majority Friday as Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick announced committee appointments with the minority party in charge of only two panels.

Patrick, a tea party favorite, had warned he was under no obligation to appoint Democrats to leadership positions for the 2015 session. The only two Democrats to get them were the longest-serving member of the Senate and a border lawmaker who has sided with the GOP in critical votes in the last two years.

Among the key new roles for Republicans was Sen. Jane Nelson of Flower Mound being appointed the first female chair of the

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## 12-year-old prodigy to highlight symphony's upcoming concert

Herald Staff Report



Elizabeth Ruth Aoki

Elizabeth Ruth Aoki will be the guest performer during the third performance of the 2014-2015 Big Spring Symphony Orchestra season.

The 12-year old violin prodigy has performed in numerous concerts and has played for world leaders as well as appeared in several documentaries and on major network television shows. She began her musical training at the age of 5 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and currently studies with Masao Kawasaki in The Juilliard School's Pre-College Division. Elizabeth plays an 1810 Ceruti half-size violin with a Sartory bow. She will perform Paganini's Violin

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## Obituaries

## Sue Noel



Sue Noel, 75, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Gilstrap Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 5, 1939, in Welch, Texas and married Don Noel May 27, 1977 in Lamesa, Texas.

Sue graduated from Dawson High School in Welch, Texas in 1957. She moved to Lubbock and worked at Time D/C Credit Union for 13 years. She then moved to Odessa and worked for Odessa 66 Credit Union, retiring as vice president after 24 years. She then moved to Big Spring in 2008.

Survivors include her husband, Don Noel of Big

Spring; four sons, Kelley Stewart and wife, Sandra of Lamesa, Victor Noel of Big Spring, Kelly Don Noel and wife, Lisa of Grand Junction, Colo. and Justin Noel and wife, Grainne of Celina; four daughters, Emily Uzzle and husband, Mark of Grapevine, Gwyn Burns of Big Spring, Shelley Kerby of Leander and Lana Elaine Young and husband, Larry of Jarrell; two brothers, Jerry Kelley of Las Cruces, N.M. and Jackie Kelley of Lamesa; two sisters, Marie Kidd of Lamesa and Pat Hinkle of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Alice Bingham Kelley; one sister, Peggy Blair; and one brother, Leonard Kelley.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Dora Hernandez

Dora Hernandez, 94, of San Antonio and formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2015. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

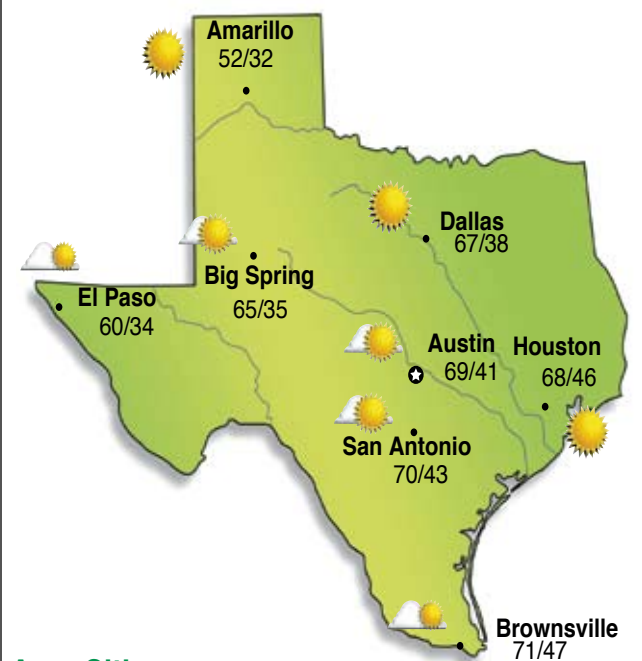
## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 1/25	Mon 1/26	Tue 1/27	Wed 1/28	Thu 1/29
<b>65/35</b>	<b>69/44</b>	<b>69/45</b>	<b>71/47</b>	<b>63/39</b>
Sun and a few passing clouds. High around 65F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. High in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. High in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Plenty of sun. High in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. High in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
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<b>Sunset:</b> 6:12 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:13 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:14 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:15 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:16 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	65	39	mst sunny	Kingsville	72	45	pt sunny
Amarillo	52	32	sunny	Livingston	65	40	sunny
Austin	69	41	mst sunny	Longview	65	36	sunny
Beaumont	66	40	sunny	Lubbock	61	33	mst sunny
Brownsville	71	47	pt sunny	Lufkin	67	39	sunny
Brownwood	66	35	pt sunny	Midland	64	37	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	69	43	pt sunny	Raymondville	71	45	pt sunny
Corsicana	66	38	sunny	Rosenberg	67	41	sunny
Dallas	67	38	sunny	San Antonio	70	43	mst sunny
Del Rio	68	40	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	43	sunny
El Paso	60	34	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	38	sunny
Fort Stockton	61	37	pt sunny	Sweetwater	64	39	mst sunny
Gainesville	64	36	sunny	Tyler	65	37	sunny
Greenville	66	36	sunny	Weatherford	67	39	mst sunny
Houston	68	46	sunny	Wichita Falls	65	36	windy

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOSEPH SHELDON HOOD, 51, of 2200 S. Main St was arrested on warrants for theft, less than \$50 and possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- GLORIA DOMINGO MARTINEZ, 50, of 1613 Harding St. was arrested on a warrant for duty on striking unattended vehicle, less than \$200.

- SHANE ALAN KNOWLTON, 28, of 1809 Mittel Avenue was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia and assault/family violence threat or

offensive touch.

- JUAN ROBERTO CALDERON, 28, of 3303 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place was arrested on a charge of cruelty to animals-kill/serious injury/poisons.

- JOSHUA EDWARD HYDEN, 38, of 1708 S. Owens St. was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500-shoplifting.

- STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN, 35, of 1507 Hilltop Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway Drive and in the area of FM 700

and Goliad Streets.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of S. Birdwell Lane, the 200 block of W. Third St., and in the area of 17<sup>th</sup> and Scurry Streets.

- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main St., the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue, and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2100 block of Wasson Road and the 700 block of West I-20.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> and Benton Street and in the 3300 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

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

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

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the

mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

## FRIDAY

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

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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**Take note**

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- Reservations are being taken for transportation to the 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. 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](http://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.
- 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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings.

**Oregon focus of efforts to expand background checks**

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Fresh off a victory in Washington state, a leading gun control group backed by billionaire Michael Bloomberg is hoping to make Oregon its next prize in a campaign to require gun sales to go through universal background checks.

Everytown for Gun Safety backed a voter-approved initiative in Washington last year that made the state the 17th in the country to expand background checks past the federal standard applying only to licensed gun dealers.

"This is our top priority," said the group's spokeswoman Erika Soto Lamb.

The organization came out of a merger last year between Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. It has been spending tens of millions of dollars on political operations.

Now its attention is on Oregon, where the state Legislature narrowly failed to pass legisla-

tion two years running to require background checks for private gun sales.

According to state records, Everytown spent nearly \$600,000 on the 2014 election — \$450,000 in contributions to candidates and committees, and \$110,000 on other grassroots efforts.

Part of that was devoted to strengthening the Democratic majority in the state Senate, the key battleground.

Democrats ended up expanding their majority by two seats to 18-12 in the Senate. The party holds a stronger majority in the House. Gov. John Kitzhaber, a Democrat, is a longtime supporter and is expected to sign the bill if it passes.

"There's a loophole there that can be closed," said Lamb.

Oregon voters extended background checks to require them for sales at gun shows in 2000.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, plans to introduce legislation to expand that to private gun sales.

**PATRICK**

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powerful Finance Committee.

"I promised Texas voters that we would get the job done and we have the team in place to get to work," Patrick said in a statement.

The two Democrats given chairmanships were John Whitmire of

Houston, who will keep role as head of the Criminal Justice Committee, and Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville, who will lead Intergovernmental Relations.

Lucio's position will be seen as a reward for siding with Republicans on abortion restrictions that sparked weeks of protests at the state Capitol in 2013, and earlier this week on a rule

change that boosted Republican voting power.

Republicans hold a 20-11 majority in the upper chamber and Lucio voted with the GOP on Wednesday to reduce the number of Senators needed to bring bills to a vote from 21 to 19. The rule change cast aside nearly 70 years of Senate tradition and delivered on a Patrick campaign promise to boost

Republican power.

The only Republican who didn't cast a vote for the rule change, Sen. Craig Estes of Wichita Falls, was stripped of his chairmanship over a panel that oversees agricultural affairs.

Last session under Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Democrats had six of 18 chairmanships — but the Senate voted this week to cut

the total number of committees to 14. Patrick, who defeated Dewhurst in the GOP primary last year, then ensured the minority party will run just two of them.

Also notable was that the three-member panel on border security includes only one senator, Lucio, whose district lies on the Texas border with Mexico. The others on the panel, Sen. Brian

Birdwell, R-Granbury, and Sen. Bob Hall, are from North Texas.

District 31 Sen. Kel Seiger was named chairman of the Senate's Higher Education Committee.

**CHAMBER**

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Tuesday night."

Receptionist of the prestigious award will be named at the annual Chamber banquet —

"Hand in Hand Bringing Businesses Together" — set for 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garret Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Radio personality Tumbleweed Smith will be the guest speaker for the event.

This year's committee selected the recipients from a list of nominees submitted from Chamber of Commerce members. Each nominee was evaluated on their record of accomplishments to help improve

the community. This year, the Chamber wanted to recognized those in the community who give back but not always receive public credit for their hard work, ValVerde said.

Last year's recipients

were Pascal Odom, 2014 Man of the Year, and Erma Dunne, 2014 Woman of the Year.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641.

Contact Lyndel Moody 263-7331, ext. 234, or by [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

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**PRODIGY**

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Concerto Number One with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

Also returning, is symphony fan-favorite Maestro John Giordano, Music Director Emeritus of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

He will be the guest conductor for the evening.

The repertoire will include the Romeo & Juliet Fantasy Overture by

Tchaikovsky, Oblivion by Piazzola and Carmen Suite Number One.

Because of ongoing renovation at the Municipal Auditorium, the concert will be in the First Baptist Church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults, \$15 for

seniors. All students are admitted free. An adult must accompany children. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring

Area Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelry, the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Visitor's Center and HEB.

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William J. "Bill" Thompson, 75, died Saturday. Services were held at 11 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Leonard "Byrd" Jones, 71, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at the Nash Christian Church in Nash, Oklahoma. Burial will be at New Home Cemetery in Nash, Oklahoma.

Camie Spurgin, 34, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Dora Hernandez, 94, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, January 22, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

—FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

## Absorbed

Many people ask me how a white man can consider himself to be an Indian. This question is placed to me only by members of the white society. My Native American brothers and sisters do not question it. I have been accepted into the Native American culture — I have been absorbed.

When the Europeans first came to North America there were many that encountered the Native Americans and were welcomed into their camps. Some early explorers and adventurers liked the Native American culture more than the one they came from.

Many were accepted into the tribe and took Native American wives. Remember hostilities between whites and Indians did not exist at this time. Many early whites were absorbed into the tribe.

Later on, after hostilities developed, the Native Americans were well known to have taken white captives. Many of these captives were treated well and were taken

into the tribe. They were treated just as any other member of the tribe - they had been absorbed.

It has been said the Sioux treated their female captives quite well. However in all tribes a captive had to earn their place within the tribe. This was accomplished by simply accepting the ways of the tribe and the culture.

One of the primary reasons for taking captives was simple. The Native Americans tribes or Nations populations had become depleted by the diseases brought to America by the Europeans. The Native Americans had no resistance to these diseases and at times nearly the entire tribe was wiped out by them.

Many captives accepted their new lives and enjoyed their new culture. Then a new problem developed.

Once the whites increased hostilities toward the Indians many white captives were discovered and returned to white society. Many against their wishes.

Many of the recaptured captives ran away at any opportunity to return to their Native American tribe. Some even doing this several times. There were other instances when a tribe would go to rescue one of their own who had been retaken by the whites.

In the early days of the Republic of Texas a boy was captured and raised by the Comanche. He was discovered many years later and returned to the white society.

He managed to fit back in to an extent and was accepted back into the white society. However most times he went about town dressed in his buckskins and feathers.

He had been given a small house in Austin. Even though the house contained a bed, he always slept on a buffalo hide spread out on the floor. He retained many of his Indian ways.

Then there were the worst cases such as Cynthia Ann Parker. Cynthia was captured by the Comanche in a raid on Fort Parker. She became a member of the tribe, married and gave birth to a son, Quanah Parker.

A few years after this she was discovered, recaptured by the whites and returned to her white family.

Longing for her Comanche family, her tribe and the Comanche way of life within two weeks she had starved herself to death.

I thoroughly enjoy going to a performance of the symphony but I would rather be dancing at a powwow. The Native Americans have become my people.

I have lived most of my life in the white society and have been comfortable with it. However I am most comfortable with my Native American brothers and sisters. I feel more at home with them than I do my own family.

So how can a white man believe he is an Indian? Well, you should know by now, I have been absorbed and found my true place in life.

*Randy A McKinney is a member of the Sunrise Wind clan of Two Bear Claws and vice president of the Powwow Committee of Big Spring*

## DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

# Musings on 2014

Last year I learned a lot. It was a Saturday that I called my wife's favorite store in Midland, 40 miles away and bought three gift cards. I asked the store to just mail them, so I could get them early the next week. I was told that the store only uses FedEx to deliver items.

The next Wednesday, I called the store because I had not yet received the gift cards. The person at the store told me FedEx had picked up the cards at 5 PM Monday. I asked for the tracking number and looked it up.

The cards went from Midland to the Metroplex and then elsewhere and were due to be delivered the following Tuesday, 10 days after I placed the order.

What? A store 40 miles away sends a package and it won't arrive for ten days? Since the store is part of a chain, I realized I probably should have ordered the gift cards from the chain's website.

One of the enjoyable things I

did late last year was seeing the movie St. Vincent. Everybody involved with the movie should get Academy awards, especially the writer who knows how to spin a tale that evokes all kind of emotions.

We missed it when it was in our area, so we traveled to Lubbock to see it. It was worth the trip, especially when we found gas for less than \$2 a gallon. Everybody in the Permian Basin is ready for the prices to start going up. When gas is \$4 a gallon, the West Texas economy soars.

I got to watch an old TV tower come down. It stood nearly 500 feet tall and was once used by a TV station in Big Spring that shut down years ago. The most fascinating thing was seeing two guys, with the help of small engines, slowly glide to the top of the tower on a cable.

Once they got everything set and were back on the ground, the guide wires began to wiggle in the wind and the tower came crashing down, folding into itself in two places. The sound of clanging steel was fascinating as it hit the ground, creating a cloud of dust.

In its heyday in the '60s, the TV station operated with primitive equipment. An audio cas-

sette recorder and Polaroid camera were valued equipment.

During the 6 p.m. news, a young lady modeled clothes from Hemphill Wells Department Store.

A popular guy in town did commercials for a grocery store that had an impressive delicatessen. Every night, he ate friend chicken, pies and other foods and didn't pay a whole lot of attention to etiquette. He had a big family and often took food home with him.

One Thanksgiving eve someone pulled a trick on him. The store had laid out a beautiful display of holiday food. The man was looking forward to taking it to his family.

Someone posing as the chef from the store told the station manager that he thought it would be great if everybody who worked at the station went to the table and started eating the food.

The guy was on the air when he saw the staff enjoying the holiday feast. He could hardly continue.

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## America for me

A candidate for political office — pontificating for the “umpteenth” time on the campaign stump — spewed words at 200 per minute, with gusts to 250. At full bluster, he quoted the old line about “standing on the shoulders of others gone before.”

“If his shoulders are as slick as his speeches, you won't find any footprints on ‘em,” one critic muttered.

This is, however, a great truth worth revisiting. Many shoulders of folks who've gone on—as well as those still serving in military and public service posts—have helped America “stay stitched” at a time when more values are on trial than we have enough gavels for.

Upon exiting movies recently — “Unbroken,” then “American Sniper” — I thought of this sobering quote. May God be thanked for others' shoulders on which we stand in a world where too many choose to hunker down.

“One nation under God” and other patriotic thoughts flooded. Immediately I remembered the band playing the National Anthem at a high school football game in Mineral Wells, Texas, some 25 years ago. The entire stadium was pin-drop quiet. I was thankful for the reverence of the moment, and figured Fort Wolters, a long-time military base there, probably fostered this attitude of gratitude. (Mineral Wells' Vietnam Memorial Wall, with names updated annually as on the Wall in Washington, DC, attracts many visitors

from throughout the state and beyond.)

A friend recently mentioned his understandable pride in his grandson, Spencer Seay. Spencer spent seven years in the U.S. Army, including two tours in Iraq. He and wife Lauren — Cleburne residents and CHS graduates — were in Dallas for the national premiere showing of “American Sniper.”

Their experience warrants re-telling: Seated next to them in the sold-out theater were several teenage boys. They were boisterous during previews, and Lauren worried that they might spoil their outing.

At movie's end, she realized they had heard nothing from any of them — except for the several times they wept.

She lauded hero Chris Kyle — on whose life the movie centers — for his love of God, family and country. She recommends the book, too.

Also recalled was an organization called “Bugles Across America” (buglesacrossamerica.org). Founded in 2000 by Tom J. Day, BAA continues to expand under his presidential leadership. A Marine vet, he works passionately arranging for live buglers to play taps at funerals throughout the country. He and 7,500 other buglers play taps for burials — military or civilian — at no charge. (Day also has opened a museum next door to his home near Chicago, IL.)

Day himself has played taps at 5,500 funerals to date, starting with his drum-and-bugle corps membership at age 10. For years, alongside of him almost every time is his 32-year-old daughter who has cerebral palsy and autism.

If you want some “red, white and blue” cheer, visit the website. You'll be thrilled to learn

more about these BAA patriots, ages 10-92. They are real live heroes of our Uncle Sam, even if few were born on the Fourth of July.

Growing numbers of folks are learning about the organization. The website provides contact information for families who want taps played for burial of loved ones. (Pentagon sources confirm that some 3,500 WWII vets die monthly, and 40 percent of their families are requesting BAA buglers.)

Irrespective of faith, creed, color or conviction, “whosoever will” are granted bugle tributes. Yes, sometimes wrong notes are hit, but aren't they during life, too?

Tom remembers one service that went awry.

Scheduled to play taps for a highly decorated Vietnam veteran, he decided to affix the shiny bayonet to his rifle for his three-shot tribute prior to taps. The first shot sounded strange, and on the second, the barrel exploded, sending the bayonet 15 feet into the air, “stabbing” the earth seconds later at the priest's feet. (“God, just help me to get taps right,” Day prayed.) The rest went well. The family insisted on making photos. The priest laughed, saying he couldn't wait to get back to the rec'dn't tell the nuns about the bugler who almost killed him.

We hope to take our six grandchildren to Chicago to meet Tom. We want to know a bonafide patriot who has “been there, done that,” and, at age 75, still is....

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# News in brief

## Obama to cut short India trip to visit Saudi Arabia to pay respects after king's death

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will cut short his three-day trip to India to travel to Saudi Arabia to pay respects following the death of King Abdullah, U.S. and Indian officials said Saturday, hours before the U.S. president was to depart for New Delhi.

The schedule change means Obama will skip plans to visit the Taj Mahal, the white marble monument of love. Pradeep Bhatnagar, a top state official based in the city of Agra, where the Taj Mahal is located, said U.S. security officials informed him of the cancellation Saturday.

However, the more substantive portions of Obama's trip to India appeared unlikely to be impacted by his decision to travel to Saudi Arabia. The president was due to arrive in India Sunday for meetings with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then attend Monday's annual Republic Day festivities, which mark the day in 1950 that India's constitution came into force.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president and first lady Michelle Obama would travel to Riyadh on Tuesday and meet with new Saudi King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud. Vice President Joe Biden was originally to lead a U.S. delegation to the kingdom, but Earnest said the White House changed plans after determining that Biden's trip coincided with Obama's departure from India.

Biden will not join the president in Saudi Arabia and will instead remain in Washington.

## Rocket fire hits east Ukraine port city of Mariupol, police say 10 killed

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A crowded open-air market in Ukraine's strategically important coastal city of Mariupol came under rocket fire Saturday morning, killing at least 10 people, regional police said.

Mariupol lies on the Azov Sea and is the major city between mainland Russia and the Russia-annexed Crimean Peninsula. Heavy fighting in the region in the autumn raised fears that Russian-backed separatist forces would try to establish a land link between Russia and Crimea.

Rebel forces have positions within 10 kilometers (six miles) from Mariupol's eastern outskirts.

The Interior Ministry said rockets struck homes, setting them alight, as well as the market and shops. A Ukrainian military checkpoint on a road leading out of the city toward rebel-held areas was also hit, police said.

Rocket strikes on Mariupol come as separatists have declared their inten-

tion to mount a multi-pronged offensive aimed at vastly increasing the territory under their control. That would definitively upend recent European attempts to mediate an end to the fighting.

## Japan won't give up on effort save 2 IS hostages 'until the very end' after deadline passes

TOKYO (AP) — Japan promised Saturday not to give up "until the very end" on efforts to rescue two Japanese hostages threatened with beheading by Islamic militants demanding a \$200 million ransom, after a deadline passed with no word from the captors.

Militants affiliated with the Islamic State group posted an online warning Friday afternoon that the "countdown has begun" for the extremists to kill 47-year-old Kenji Goto and 42-year-old Haruna Yukawa. The extremists gave Prime Minister Shinzo Abe 72 hours to pay the ransom, and the deadline expired Friday.

The posting, which appeared on a forum popular among Islamic State militants and sympathizers, did not show any images of the hostages, who are believed to be held somewhere in Syria.

Yasuhide Nakayama, a deputy foreign minister sent to Amman, Jordan, said he was working around the clock to coordinate efforts to save the hostages.

"We will not rule out any possibility, and we are verifying all information thoroughly," he said. "We will not give up. I believe it is my duty to ensure we will definitely get them back home, and I will do my utmost to do so."

## Success of ECB's stimulus plan requires risk-taking from the zone's 340 million people

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The fate of the European Central Bank's aggressive plan to stimulate the economy out of stagnation lies with the 340 million people in the 19-country euro alliance.

The critical question: Will enough of them make private decisions to consume, hire, invest, expand — in other words, to take risks?

The ECB plans to pump more than 1 trillion euros in new money into the region's economy. That flood of cash should — in theory — make credit more available and reduce borrowing rates. It should boost inflation, demand and employment.

But central bank policies merely lay the groundwork. Borrowing and spending depend on businesses seeing profits and consumers feeling more confident and prosperous.

So how do Europeans feel? A series of vignettes from across the eurozone

offers an early collective answer.

## In test of Christie's blunt style, New Jersey governor to speak to Iowa social conservatives

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Chris Christie is no stranger to Iowa. Republican audiences have cheered the New Jersey governor's famously frank talk as he's campaigned in the state — officially for others, not himself — during the past five years.

Still, Christie will venture into new Iowa territory on Saturday, speaking to an audience full of the kinds of strict social conservatives who have held sway in the state's leadoff presidential caucuses for a generation.

"He has the opportunity to open some eyes there," says state Rep. Chip Baltimore, a Republican lawmaker who met the governor last week.

Christie is steadily working his way toward a widely expected run for president in 2016. Few would pick him to emerge as the Iowa caucuses' favorite among the state's robust Christian right. The reason will be on stage with Christie: Ted Cruz, Rick Santorum, Mike Huckabee, Rick Perry and a few others, each considering a presidential bid and carrying a more natural appeal among evangelical voters.

Yet Christie sees the Iowa Freedom Summit, hosted by conservative Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, as a chance to set himself apart from the likely candidates to whom he's most often compared: former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and 2012 presidential nominee Mitt

Romney.

Neither will be at the forum, which is expected to draw nearly 100 reporters to Iowa for the first big event of the 2016 GOP campaign.

## Advocates cheer ruling overturning Alabama gay marriage ban, state seeks to put order on hold

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Alabama attorney general is asking a federal judge to stay a ruling that overturned Alabama's ban on gay marriage, as advocates cheer what once seemed an improbable victory in the deeply conservative state.

Attorney General Luther Strange's office asked a federal judge on Friday to put the ruling on hold since the U.S. Supreme Court plans to take up the issue of gay marriage this term, "resolving the issues on a nationwide basis."

U.S. District Callie V.S. Granade on Friday ruled in favor of two Mobile women who sued to challenge Alabama's refusal to recognize their 2008 marriage performed in California, records show.

The ruling is the latest in a string of wins for advocates of marriage rights. Judges have also struck down bans in several other Southern states, including the Carolinas, Florida, Mississippi and Virginia. The U.S. Supreme Court announced this month that it will take up the issue of whether gay couples have a fundamental right to marry and if states can ban such unions.

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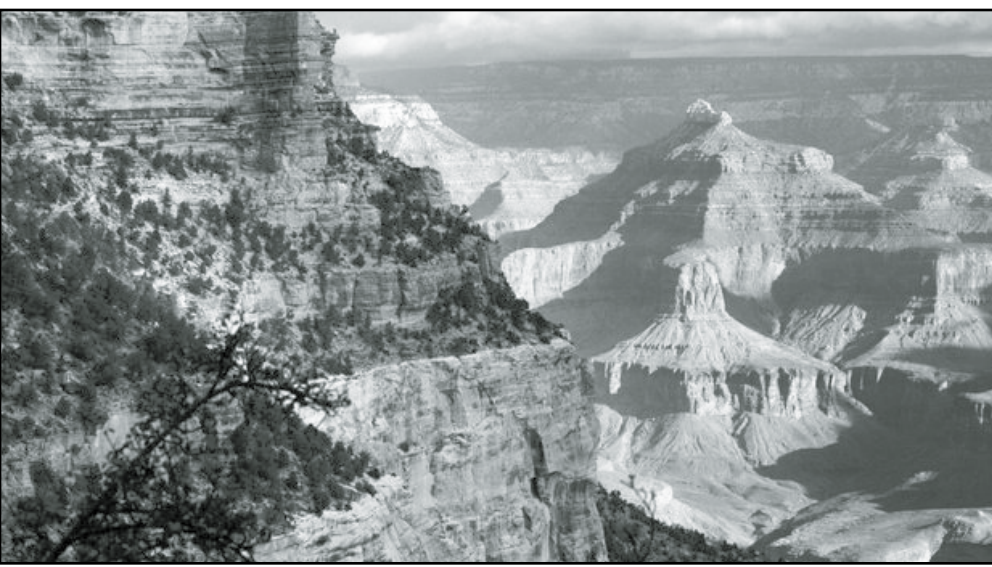
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This Oct. 22, 2012 file photo shows a view from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

## Company seeks to exclusive rights to historic names at Grand Canyon

**BY FELICIA FONSECA**  
Associated Press  
FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — To those who know and love the Grand Canyon, the names of its historic

lodges are synonymous with the national park itself.

Phantom Ranch, Bright Angel Lodge, El Tovar — all bring to mind a place coveted

worldwide for its sweeping views, river rapids and history told through layers of geology.

But the fate of those names is up for debate after a longtime Grand Canyon concessionaire applied to trademark them.

Approval of its bid would mean Xanterra Parks & Resorts could

charge future concessionaires to use roughly 20 names of the park's most popular properties. It also could walk away with those names, leaving the iconic lodges and other facilities to adopt a new identity.

The National Park Service is weighing how to respond with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to what a spokesman described as relatively uncharted territory.

Park Service spokesman Jeff Olson said he's aware of only two other national parks where companies have registered for trademarks for names: Yosemite in California and Hot Springs in Arkansas.

"This is a new issue for us," Olson wrote in an email.

Xanterra applied for the trademarks just before its contract to manage South Rim hotels, restaurants and mule rides expired at the end of December. The company later won a temporary contract and can bid on a new one expected sometime this year.

The Greenwood Village, Colorado-based company and its predecessors have operated at the Grand Canyon for more than a century. Places like the famed El Tovar Hotel, which overlooks the canyon, were housing visitors before the Grand Canyon was named a national monument and, later, a national park.

Experts say the intent of the trademark applications is clear: to stifle competition for the upcoming concessions contract or earn money for the value Xanterra has created in the names.

"They're just playing a card," said Kristelia Garcia, an associate professor at the University of Colorado Law School.

Xanterra declined to comment.

The National Park Service wouldn't say whether it would oppose Xanterra's trademark applications. But going forward, the agency says it will include language in contracts that tells concessionaires how names and logos associated with the park can be used.

A recent change to a contract proposal at California's Yosemite National Park reflected that with hundreds of names of park identifiers.

Yosemite concessionaire Delaware North Parks & Resorts placed the value of its intellectual property — including trademarks it bought in 1993 for names like The Ahwahnee Hotel and Curry Village — at \$51 million.

The Park Service says the value of the well-known lodge and cabin names is closer to \$3.5 million. But future concessionaires aren't

required to pay it. A successor instead could choose to rename those places, the agency said in the contract proposal. Bidding on it ended this week.

Derrick Crandall, counsel at the National Park Hospitality Association, said park concessionaires have invested time and money to create brands and market them to the public, building up goodwill in the names. It's not unlike what happens with hotels and businesses outside national parks, he said.

"If the next concessionaire decides, 'I don't want to pay that intellectual property,' and they want a new name, that's fine," Crandall said. "It's legitimate to say there's some kind of payment due."

Doug Sylvester, dean of Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, said Xanterra has a good case for winning approval for the federal trademarks but suggested the Park Service oppose the move so it could include the right by any concessionaire to use those names as part of a contract.

"To lose those names is to devalue those particular operations," he said. "I do think for those who are familiar with the Grand Canyon, those names themselves have some value."

For the public, the effect could be its attachment to names that have been staples of the Grand Canyon for decades. El Tovar — named after a Spanish conquistador who never made it to the Grand Canyon — harkens back to a railroad company that set up lodging for passengers amid a remarkable landscape.

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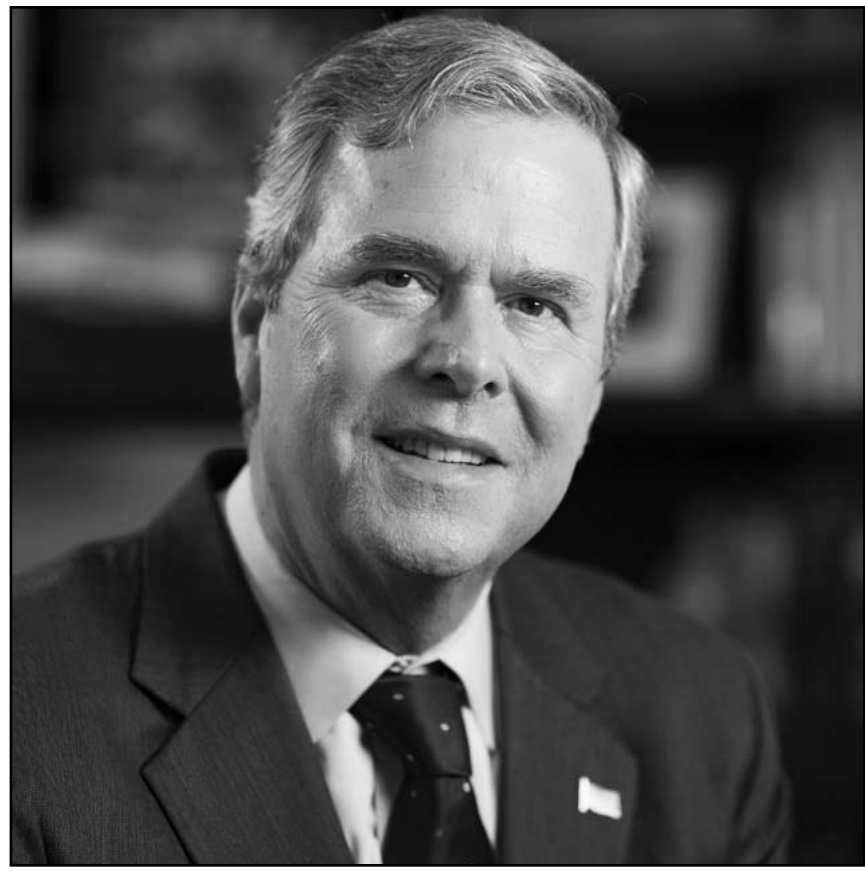
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# Eyeing 2016, Jeb Bush signals focus on middle class



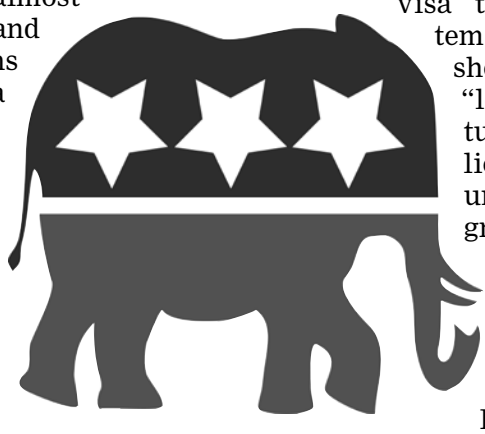
BY MICHAEL J. MISHAK

Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In his first public event since taking steps toward a presidential run, Jeb Bush on Friday called on political leaders to overhaul the country's immigration and education systems, increase job training programs and ease energy regulations to spur economic growth. "We're in the fifth, almost sixth year of a recovery and 60 percent of Americans believe we're still in a recession," Bush told the annual convention of the National Automobile Dealers Association. "They're not dumb. It's because they are in a recession." While Bush agreed to appear at the convention long before he began exploring a White House bid, his comments offered the most detailed picture yet of what a presidential campaign might look like. He outlined a wide-ranging policy agenda that he said would boost the country's lagging

middle class and restore U.S. standing abroad. Bush, like several of his potential GOP rivals, is hoping to tap a spirit of economic populism amid an uneven recovery. But his remarks also showed how he is trying to appeal to the GOP base without shifting his positions on issues that remain deeply unpopular with conservative voters. Winning applause from the overflow crowd, Bush called President Barack Obama's health care law a "monstrosity" and a "job killer." Without naming specific executive actions, he said the next occupant of the White House should "roll back the things where the president has gone beyond his constitutional authority." On energy, Bush won cheers when he called on government to ease regulations on hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking" — even though "it's not cool on the coasts" — and to open federal lands and waters to energy exploration. Such changes could "reindustrialize" the nation, he said. On immigration, however, Bush struck a more centrist tone, maintaining his longstanding support for a comprehensive overhaul and calling immigrants "an engine of economic vitality." The government needs to first secure the border, increase workplace enforcement and stiffen the visa tracking system, he said. It should also give "legalized status" to the millions of undocumented immigrants in the U.S. illegally, he said, but they should pay fines, learn English and "get in the back of the line" for citizenship so they can be "full partners" in the economy. Bush cast Obama as a


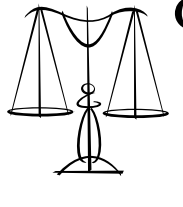
weak leader on foreign policy, one afraid to exercise American power on the world stage. He blamed the president for the rise of the Islamic State group in the Middle East, saying the U.S. should have intervened much earlier. "Each time he had a chance to engage and protect American interests, he pulled back. And now we've got a huge problem," Bush said. Citing the presidencies of Lyndon Johnson and his father, George H.W. Bush, among others, Bush called for strong yet conciliatory leadership to break Washington gridlock and foster "a climate of consensus and compromise." "We're not going to win votes as Republicans unless we can lay out a hopeful, optimistic message," he said. "Hope and a positive agenda wins out over anger and reaction every day of the week." The former governor has already started laying the groundwork for a potential campaign by hiring staff for his political action committee, reaching out to key GOP leaders in early-voting states and keeping an aggressive fundraising schedule. On Thursday, Bush met in Utah with Mitt Romney, the GOP's 2012 presidential nominee and another possible candidate in 2016. Bush told the crowd Friday that they "put aside" any awkwardness of their competing bids and discussed policy. He said they would make their decisions independent of each other.

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<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	\$ 16,793,065	\$ -	\$ 1,869,562	\$ 18,662,627
Instructional Resources and Media Services	421,838		5,956	427,794
Curriculum and Staff Development	440,967		641,077	1,082,044
Instructional Leadership	494,367		9,561	503,928
School Leadership	2,306,462		5,692	2,312,154
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	1,038,590		307,318	1,345,908
Social Work Services	78,948		7,929	86,877
Health Services	320,014		-	320,014
Student Transportation	908,085		-	908,085
Food Services	-		2,807,930	2,807,930
Extracurricular Activities	1,333,487		-	1,333,487
General Administration	999,449		-	999,449
Plant Maintenance and Operations	5,162,537		1,603	5,164,140
Security and Monitoring Services	294,327		-	294,327
Data Processing Services	1,131,556		-	1,131,556
Debt Service - Principal	-	2,250,000		2,250,000
Debt Service - Interest	-	2,833,005		2,833,005
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	198,056		428,897	626,953
Other Intergovernmental Charges	339,835			339,835
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 32,261,583</b>	<b>\$ 5,083,005</b>	<b>\$ 6,085,525</b>	<b>\$ 43,430,113</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (876,909)	\$ 312,467	\$ (538,494)	\$ (1,102,936)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Capital Related Debt Issued		4,515,000		4,515,000
Transfers In	52,744		166,987	219,731
Transfers Out (Use)	(166,987)		(52,744)	(219,731)
Other Uses		(4,435,000)		(4,435,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ (114,243)</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>	<b>\$ 114,243</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ (991,152)</b>	<b>\$ 392,467</b>	<b>\$ (424,251)</b>	<b>\$ (1,022,936)</b>
Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1, 2013)	15,608,265	1,031,276	715,774	17,355,315
Fund Balances - Ending (August 31, 2014)	\$ 14,617,113	\$ 1,423,743	\$ 291,523	\$ 16,332,379

FOR SAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT					
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE					
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014					
Data	10	50	60	Other	Total
Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects	Funds	Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,505,308	\$ 3,076,122	\$ 7,507	\$ 295,335	\$ 10,884,272
5800 State Program Revenues	2,509,198	-	-	122,883	2,632,081
5900 Federal Program Revenues	10,415	-	-	270,703	281,118
5020 <b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,024,921</b>	<b>3,076,122</b>	<b>7,507</b>	<b>688,921</b>	<b>13,797,471</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	3,495,155	-	-	228,148	3,723,303
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	53,490	-	-	-	53,490
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	87,193	-	-	854	88,047
0023 School Leadership	366,215	-	-	-	366,215
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	142,784	-	-	-	142,784
0033 Health Services	53,481	-	-	-	53,481
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	335,533	-	-	-	335,533
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	483,997	483,997
0036 Extracurricular Activities	443,096	-	-	-	443,096
0041 General Administration	477,923	-	-	-	477,923
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	754,946	-	-	-	754,946
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	77,984	-	-	-	77,984
0053 Data Processing Services	297,924	-	-	-	297,924
0061 Community Services	-	-	-	6,500	6,500
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	-	1,915,000	-	-	1,915,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	-	1,089,222	-	-	1,089,222
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	367	-	-	367
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,226,493	-	3,855,116	-	5,081,609
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	3,200,458	-	3,855,116	-	3,200,458
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	115,554	-	-	-	115,554
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	142,892	-	-	-	142,892
6030 <b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>11,277,121</b>	<b>3,004,589</b>	<b>3,855,116</b>	<b>719,499</b>	<b>18,856,325</b>
1100 <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(1,252,200)</b>	<b>71,533</b>	<b>(3,847,609)</b>	<b>(30,578)</b>	<b>(5,058,854)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	2,290	-	-	-	2,290
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	29,841	29,841
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(29,841)	-	-	-	(29,841)
7080 <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(27,551)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,841</b>	<b>2,290</b>
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS:</b>					
7918 Chapter 313 PILOT Revenue	930,137	-	-	-	930,137
8912 Chapter 313 Tax Credit Payment	(435,857)	-	-	-	(435,857)
1200 <b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(785,471)</b>	<b>71,533</b>	<b>(3,847,609)</b>	<b>(737)</b>	<b>(4,562,284)</b>
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	7,433,976	74,576	23,519,392	5,797	31,033,741
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(4,244)	539	-	-	(3,705)
3000 <b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 6,644,261</b>	<b>\$ 146,648</b>	<b>\$ 19,671,783</b>	<b>\$ 5,060</b>	<b>\$ 26,467,752</b>

## Lucas, 'Cats roll past Sands

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

**ACKERLY** – Beau Lucas and Kyle Garza both pumped in more than 20 points on Friday and helped the fourth-ranked Grady Wildcats take a huge step toward their District 11-A championship with a 79-59 victory over the state-ranked Sands Mustangs.

Grady, which lit of the Sands defense from the perimeter throughout the contest, improved to 4-0 in district play. The Wildcats, now 20-2 overall, knocked down 15 three-point shots in the contest, including six by Lucas and four from Braeden Jones.

Sands, now 3-1 in district play, held its own early. Dayton Eddleman and the SHS offense hit the ground running against Grady, pounding out a 22-19 run in the first eight minutes of play.

The Wildcats regrouped in the second. Grady put together a 23-11 spree in the second quarter and took a 42-33 lead into the half.

The Wildcats closed out the contest with a 37-26 run in the second half.

Lucas finished as the game's top scorer by netting 23 points. Garza and Jones both contributed 22 and 14, respectively.

Cole Avery also hit double figures for the Wildcats, netting 13.

Eddleman led all SHS scorers with 18 points. Dylan Segundo and Juan Diaz added 14 and 10, respectively.

## Forsan boys, girls sweeps pair from McCamey

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Ian Park pumped in a game-high 18 points and Garrett Evans added eight more on Friday and powered the Forsan Buffaloes to a thrilling 58-52 victory over the McCamey Badgers in a crucial District 8-2A showdown in Forsan.

After battling to an 11-11 deadlock in the first quarter, the Buffaloes took control. Forsan outscored McCamey by a 19-13 clip in the frame and took a 30-24 cushion into the half.

McCamey, which hit on 14 of their 26 free throw attempts in the contest, battled back to within 41-36 in the third.

The Buffaloes, who collected points from nine different players in the game, closed out the win with a 17-16 run in the fourth.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes, now 6-3  
See **BUFFS** on Page 10A

## LL registration to continue on Jan. 31

Big Spring Little League will hold signups for the upcoming season starting on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at the Springtown Plaza (formerly Big Spring Mall) on the end by Beall's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The league is open to players ranging in ages from 4-16. Parents registering their children should bring a birth certificate.

Registration fees are \$90 per child and the league provides the entire uniform.

Signups will also be held Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also on Feb. 9-13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Individuals interested in coaching please sign up early and let a board member know.



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**Tyler Bryan stretches back for one of his 11 rebounds during the second half of the Steers' 51-43 victory over Sweetwater on Friday night in the Steer Gym. Bryan and Ty Sealy (far left) both finished with double-doubles in the contest.**

## Steers wear down Sweetwater

### Win over Sweetwater moved Steers into second in 2-4A race

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Sometimes ugly can be downright beautiful. Just ask the Big Spring High School Steers, if you need proof.

Big Spring, despite struggling with its perimeter shooting game, used the water erosion approach to perfection against Sweetwater on Friday night in front of a large crowd in the Steer Gym. They simply wore them down with Tyler Bryan and Ty Sealy.

The two BSHS seniors, with plenty of help from seniors Tobyn Tannehill, Matt Yanez and Dee Parker, posted a 34-25 run in the final two quarters of play en route to claiming a tough 51-43 come-from-behind win.

With the victory, Big Spring moved to 15-7 for the season and, more importantly, moved into a three-way tie for second in the District 2-4A standings with Lamesa and Levelland with

### District 2-4A Standings Boys

Team	Season W-L	District W-L
Big Spring	3-0	17-7
Lubbock Estacado	2-1	15-7
Lamesa	2-1	14-7
Levelland	2-1	15-8
Snyder	0-3	7-15
Sweetwater	0-3	7-9

Friday's Games – Levelland 82, Snyder 44; Big Spring 51, Sweetwater 43; Lubbock Estacado 101, Lamesa 65.

Tuesday's Games – Sweetwater at Snyder, Levelland at Lubbock Estacado; Lamesa at Big Spring.

a 2-1 record.

Sweetwater got off to a solid start. The Mustangs pushed in four free throws in the final 2:06 of the opening frame and raced to a 9-6 cushion.

Sealy managed to keep the Steers close in the opening frame. He scored four of his game-high 14 points in the frame, including a layup off a pass inside from Bryan with 8 seconds left that pulled Big Spring to within one, at 9-8, at the start of the second.

Yanez also contributed to the Steers' success in the first. He knocked down a three-point shot at the 3:21 mark to

give Big Spring a 6-3 lead – a lead that stood for just over a minute before the Mustangs pieced together a 6-0 run.

Sweetwater, now 7-9 overall continued the attack early in the second. The Mustangs opened the period with three straight baskets and pushed their lead to six, at 14-8 with just over five minutes left in the first half.

Tannehill snapped the Sweetwater run moments later. The senior ended a BSHS scoring drought that spanned almost 4 minutes by pushing home an offensive rebound. Just 21 seconds later, Bryan took a pass from Tannehill underneath the basket for a layup that cut the Steers' deficit to 14-12.

After Sweetwater had scored twice in the ensuing two minutes to push its lead back to four, at 18-14, Kei-Shawn Broussard enabled Big Spring to end the half on a high note by hitting a three-point shot from the corner with 5 seconds left. Broussard's trey, which enabled BSHS to go into the half down 18-17, was set up moments earlier by a Bryan steal at midcourt.

The Steers began wearing down the Mustangs' inside in the third, thanks

See **STEERS** on Page 10A



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**Tiffani Ruiz shoots over a Sweetwater defender during the first half of the Lady Steers' 45-28 victory on Friday.**

## Rodriguez, Lady Steers sink Sweetwater with FT barrage

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Friday's showdown with the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs might not have been a work of art, but the Big Spring High School Lady Steers aren't complaining.

Big Spring scored points from the free throw line and rolled to a 45-28 victory in a crucial District 2-4A showdown in the Steer Gym.

With the victory, the Lady Steers even their season record at 13-13 and, more importantly, moved into a tie with Lamesa for second place in the District 2-4A race, heading into Tuesday's

### District 2-4A Standings Girls

Team	Season W-L	District W-L
Levelland	5-0	24-2
Big Spring	3-2	13-13
Lamesa	3-2	9-11
Snyder	2-3	6-17
Estacado	2-3	5-21
Sweetwater	0-5	3-15

Friday's Games – Levelland 88, Snyder 43; Big Spring 45, Sweetwater 28; Lubbock Estacado 45, Lamesa 35.

Tuesday's Games – Sweetwater at Snyder, Levelland at Lubbock Estacado, Lamesa at Big Spring.

rematch.

Just how good were the Lady Steers from the charity stripe? Consider this, Big Spring managed just four points

from the field – on shots from Stefanie Diaz and Mercedes Ruiz in the third quarter. In that time, the BSHS girls went to the free throw line 33 times, including 15 times in the fourth quarter by Diaz and Julianna Rodriguez.

As a team, Big Spring shot 44 free throws in the contest. The Lady Steers went 6-for-11 from the free throw line the first half.

Rodriguez, who finished the game with 11 points, and August Alexander got the Big Spring offense going early. After Rodriguez

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# Cubs' Hall of Famer Ernie Banks dies

Even as the Chicago Cubs lost one game after another, Ernie Banks never lost hope. That was the charm of "Mr. Cub." Banks, the Hall of Fame slugger and two-time MVP who always maintained his boundless enthusiasm for baseball despite decades of playing on miserable teams, died Friday night. He was 83. The Cubs announced Banks' death, but did not provide a cause. Banks hit 512 home runs during his 19-year career and was fond of

saying, "It's a great day for baseball. Let's play two." In fact, that sunny finish to his famous catchphrase adorns his statue outside Wrigley Field. And on a cold winter night Friday in Chicago, the ballpark marquee carried the sad news for the entire town to see: Ernie Banks. "Mr. Cub." 1931-2015. "Words cannot express how important Ernie Banks will always be to the Chicago Cubs, the city of Chicago and Major League Baseball. He

was one of the greatest players of all time," Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement. "He was a pioneer in the major leagues. And more importantly, he was the warmest and most sincere person I've ever known." "Approachable, ever optimistic and kind hearted, Ernie Banks is and always will be Mr. Cub. My family and I grieve the loss of such a great and good-hearted man, but we look forward to celebrating Ernie's life in the days ahead."

## Big game ... The Howard College Hawks will return to action on Monday in Snyder against Western Texas. HC is coming off a stunning loss to New Mexico JC on Thursday.

Photo courtesy/ Cindy Smith



# FORSAN

Continued from Page 8A in district, rode the hot hand of Kendall Phillips to a 37-30 win over McCamey in girls' action. Phillips scored a game-high 16 points - 15 of which came via five three-point shots.

## Coahoma to face Reagan Co.

The Coahoma boys' and girls' basketball teams will return to play on Tuesday against Reagan County on Tuesday in Big Lake.

# Scoreboard

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**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Agreed to terms with INF Marwin Gonzalez on a one-year contract.  
**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Agreed to terms with OF Jordan Schafer on a one-year contract.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Agreed to terms with INF Eric Sogard on a one-year contract.  
**TEXAS RANGERS** — Agreed to terms with INF-DH Mitch Moreland on a one-year contract and with RHP Ross Ohlendorf on a minor league contract.

**NEW YORK METS** — Named Luis Rojas manager of St. Lucie (FSL) and Jose Lege manager of Savannah (SAL).  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Vogelsong on a one-year contract.  
**AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS** — Traded RHP Erik Draxton to Bridgeport for INF Juan Martinez.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**DALLAS COWBOYS** — Signed DE Lavar Edwards and S Keelan Johnson to the reserve/future list.  
**DENVER BRONCOS** — Named Bill Kollar defensive line coach.  
**HOUSTON TEXANS** — Promoted Brian Gaine to director of player personnel and Jon Carr to director of college scouting.  
**NEW YORK JETS** — Named Kacy Rodgers defensive coordinator and

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# BSJHS teams shine against Midland Christian

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade A Steers turned in a stellar team effort on Monday against the Midland Christian Mustangs.

The Steers' defensive player of the game was John Prado, who held Midland Christian's best player to five points.

C.J. Harris had his best game of his year offensively, finishing with 13 points, 14 rebounds and four steals. He also led the team in hustle plays.

Nathan Hilario also had an awesome night from behind the three-point arc. He hit three 3-point field goals and finished with nine points.

Other players who played big were Zephaniah Nelson with five points and Abel (Clark) Magana, who chalked up five points and 10 rebounds.

The BSJHS eighth grade B team came out on fire in the first quarter and dominated Midland Christian to the

tune to 46-19.

The win marked the second week in a row the Steers put out a great defensive effort.

BSJHS was led offensively by Jason Miramontez, who netted 11 points, and Brendon Martinez, who chipped in 10. Junior Young had six points, while Calen Rodriguez added four. Jacob Hernandez and Brett Beringer both tallied three, while Elias Arredondo, Jaiden Walker and Nathan Letz each had two. Carlos

Garcia chipped in one.

With the win, the Steers improved to 7-2 for the season.

The eighth grade A had a game that came down to the wire. The Steers held off a late run by Midland Christian and won 52-50.

Big Spring had four players in double digits, including Jeremiah Cooley and Kobe Gutierrez with 12 points each. Cooley also added 12 rebounds and two block shots.

Other offensive con-

tributors were Chan-ning Miller, who had 10 points and 15 rebounds, and Jaden Luddington, who finished with 10 points, seven rebounds, five assist, and seven

steals.

The Big Spring teams will see their next action on Monday when they travel to Levelland. Games will begin at 5 p.m.



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Big Spring senior Matt Yanez puts up a shot during the second half of the Steers' 51-43 victory over Sweetwater.

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### STEERS

Continued from Page 8A to a three-point shot by Tannehill that forced the Mustangs defenders to expand their defense.

With Sweetwater holding a 22-19 cushion, Tannehill knocked down a trey from the baseline and knotted the game at 22-22 with 4:38 left.

Bryan and Sealy, who had been limited to just seven points in the first 16 minutes of play, took over from there. The two combined to score the Steers' next six points and gave Big Spring a 29-28 lead with 2:38 left in the third.

Tannehill and Parker capped a 8-2 run in the final 3:06 of the third with baskets that sent Big Spring into the fourth holding a 33-30 advantage.

As a team, the Steers outscored Sweetwater by an 16-12 clip in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Tannehill led the Steers' third-quarter assault by scoring five

points. He finished the game with nine points and seven rebounds.

Bryan, who has been held to just three points in the first half, also chalked up five in the frame.

Yanez delivered the death blow for the Mustangs early in the fourth. After struggling for much of the game to get shots fall, the BSJHS senior pulled up from the top of the key with 6:35 left in regulation and buried a three-point shot that staked Big Spring to a 39-34 advantage.

Sweetwater never recovered.

Yanez finished the game with nine points.

Sealy and Bryan, both of who posted double-doubles in the contest, made sure of that. The two teamed for 10 of the Steers' final 16 points.

Sealy finished the game with 11 rebounds, while Bryan chalked up 12 points and 11 boards.

The Steers will return to district play on Tuesday when they host Lamesa.

### GIRLS

Continued from Page 8A opened the scoring with a three-point shot, Alexander followed moments later by pushing back a missed shot.

Less than a minute later, Rodriguez managed to work her way into the paint and pushed back a rebound to give the Lady Steers a 7-4 lead heading into the second.

The Lady Steers blew the game open in the second. Big Spring opened the frame with a 14-2 run that ballooned its lead to 21-6 with 1:39 left in the first half.

After Alexander had ignited the run with a three-point shot off the glass, the Diamonique Mayes and the Lady Steers reeled off an 11-0 spree.

Mayes, who finished with double-digit totals in rebounds for the second straight game, pumped in five of her eight points in the BSJHS run.

Sparked by the run, the Lady Steers took a commanding 23-11 lead into the half.

Offensively, the baskets stopped coming for

Big Spring in the second half - mostly because they spent most of their time at the free throw. The Lady Steers' first four points of the third quarter came on free throws from Rodriguez, Mays and Jackie Castillo. Mercedes Ruiz netted Big Spring's first basket of the second half with a shot from the floor with 1 minute left in the stanza. She also tacked on a free throw.

Diaz's basket - which also came with a free throw shot - came 56 seconds later on the final play of the frame.

All 12 of the Lady Steers fourth quarter points came from the charity stripe.

Castillo, who converted six of her 10 free throw opportunities, finished as the Lady Steers' second-leading scorer with nine. Mayes added eight points.

Diaz, who knocked down five shots from the free throw line, added seven.

The Lady Steers will return to play on Tuesday when they tip off the start of the second half of their District 2-4A slate against Lamesa.

# A Look...

## Inside Big Spring's newest long-term skilled care center



**T**he Big Spring Center for Skilled Care recently opened for a grand tour to the public this month.

It is located at 3701 Wasson Road in Big Spring and is a 120-bed, 45,000 square foot facility that features a therapy gym, a grand dining room, a daily activity program and a number of inviting lounge areas for family members and visitors.

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## Swinney, Berend to marry

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Brenn's grandparents are Jan Foresyth and the late Jerry Foresyth of Big Spring, Texas, and Melva Swinney and the late Joe Swinney of Big Spring.

Beau's grandparents are Beverly Wilde and the late Clarence Wilde of Archer City, Texas, Della Allen and the late James Allen, as well as the late Herbert Berend of Windthorst, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2011 graduate of Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is an imaging tech for Bass Companies in Fort Worth, Texas.

The future groom is a 2006 graduate of Windthorst High School and a 2010 graduate of Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science in Geosciences. Beau will graduate in May with a Master of Science in Earth and Environmental Science, with an emphasis in Petroleum Geology, from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is an operations geologist for Newark E&P Operating in Fort Worth.

Brenn and Beau will be joined in the sacrament of marriage on May 16, 2015, at The Orchard in Azle, with a reception to follow.

# Menus

## Big Spring ISD

**Monday**  
Breakfast: assorted cereal, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: spaghetti or rib patty sandwich, broccoli with ranch, garden salad, strawberries and bananas, carrots, bread sticks, milk.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, apples, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: crispy tacos or chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, charro beans, garden salad, applesauce, milk.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: pancake on stick, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken strips or Salisbury steak, rolls, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruity Jello, milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Teriyaki beef sandwich or beef and bean burrito, baked chips, garden salad, broccoli with ranch, green beans, orange smiles.

**Friday**  
Breakfast: grape BPJ Uncrustables, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: sloppy Joe sliders or hot dogs, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit cup, milk.

## Sands CISD

**Monday**  
Breakfast: cereal variety, cheese stick, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, carrot coins, breadsticks, sliced peaches, pudding.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: blueberry muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: chicken enchiladas, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, tortilla chips (high school) cinnamon applesauce.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: pancake wrap, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, rolls, strawberries.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: pizza, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: beef and bean burritos, salsa, tortilla chips (high school), broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles.

**Friday**  
Breakfast: cinnamon breakfast, pastry, yogurt, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookies (high school). See, **MENUS**, Page 3B



Megan Swinney and Beau Berend



## Five Generations

Pictured are Sarah West, long time resident of Big Spring now residing in McKinney, Texas; Karon West Saunders; Kristi Saunders Rooks; Kalie Rooks Stufflebean; and Asher Stufflebean, born Dec. 2, 2014.

(Courtesy photo)

## Scholarship contest for area students

STANTON – The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) is sponsoring an essay contest for graduating seniors.

One senior student from each of the high schools located in the district's coverage area, Forsan, Grady, Sands and Stanton, will be awarded a scholarship. All senior students who are planning to attend college are eligible to enter the essay contest.

Each winner of the contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The essays are due no later than March 3, 2015. They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W St. Peter, Stanton, Tx.

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# Boy Scouts collect food for regional food bank



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Pictured are local Joshua Patridge, Pack 305, Jordan Amos, Pack 305, and Markus Boyd, Troop 1.



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Various scouts, parents and leaders assisting customers with Scouting for Food bags as they enter HEB, during Scouting for Food Event.

### Special to the Herald

Local scouts representing several different Packs and Troops went door to door and worked the doors at HEB Saturday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as a part of the BSA National "Scouting for Food" event.

Food collected locally will be given to the West Texas Food Bank to assist them to replenish depleted supplies following the busy holiday season. While an exact total is not available, four 55-gallon barrels were filled for an estimated weight in excess of 1,000 pounds.

# MENUS

Continued from 2B

## New Hope Christian School

- Monday**  
Breakfast: cereal, orange juice, milk, (graham crackers and milk, snack); Lunch: hotdogs on a bun, ranch style, beans, pears, milk.
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast: waffles, strawberries and milk, (apple slices and sliced cheese, snack); Lunch: macaroni and cheese with ham, green beans, carrot sticks and milk.
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast: butter toast, mixed fruit, milk, (vanilla wafers and banana pudding, snack); Lunch, pizza casserole, buttered corn, salad, milk.
- Thursday**  
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, pineapple, milk, (banana halves and peanut butter, snack); Lunch, grilled chicken, broccoli with cheese, mashed potatoes, milk.
- Friday**  
Breakfast: granola bar, peaches, milk, (goldfish and apricots); Lunch, cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, veggie sticks, milk.

## In bike-loving Colorado town, ambulances get racks for rides

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — In a testament to how much one Colorado city loves its bikes, cyclists who need to go to the hospital no longer have to leave their valuable rides behind.

Poudre (POO'-dur) Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, home of Colorado State University, has equipped all 14 of its ambulances with bike racks after encountering increasing numbers of cyclists who had bicycle accidents or medical emergencies while riding.

Spokeswoman Kelly Tracer said Friday that some people were reluctant to leave their bikes, which can cost more than some cars, locked up at the scene. Plus, ambulance workers were spending too much time going back to unlock the bikes once patients could retrieve them.

The Coloradoan reports that the hospital spent about \$5,000 to install the racks, or \$356 per ambulance.

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# Final results for the Howard County Stockshow

### Steers

Grand champion, Barrett Howe, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by Patricia Barr.  
Reserve champion, Seth Brooks, Coahoma FFA; buckle donated by the Chris Evans family.  
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Jr. Showmanship steer, Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by Bob Nichols family.

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Reserve champion, Kelsey Allen, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by Wolf Farms.  
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Jr. showmanship, Isabella Cox, Coahoma FFA; buckle donated by Iden Ag.

### Lambs

Grand champion, Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA; buckle donated by Reggie Hambrick family.  
Reserve champion, Brynn Workman, Coahoma FFA; buckle donated by Hamlin Cattle Co.  
Sr. showmanship, Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA; buckle donated by Mike Moates family.  
Jr. showmanship, Brance Workman, Coahoma FFA; buckle donated by Wolf Dirt Contractors.

### Goats

Grand champion,

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Reserve champion, Dalton Ogle Vaughn, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by J&K Klassic Kleaners.

Sr. showmanship, Dalton Ogle Vaughn, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by the Walker Brumley family.

Jr. showmanship, Emilee Custer, Coahoma FFA; buckle donated by Elbow Creek Hay & Reed.

### Rabbits

Grand champion, Brynn Workman, Coahoma FFA; buckle donated by Big Spring Realty.

Reserve champion, Vance Ott, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by the Dean Gatman Family.

Sr. showmanship, Faith Parum, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by Pam Pope, CPA.

Jr. showmanship,

Vance Ott, Howard County 4-H; buckle donated by A to Z Rabbitry.

### Scholarship

Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H, \$500 Hezzie & Melba Read.

Coley Rinard, Coahoma FFA, \$500 Shorty Barr Memorial  
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Christian Gamble, Howard County 4-H, \$250 Big Spring Herald.

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- Feb. 10 – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
Supper Club, "Al's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 12 – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 13 – VALENTINE POT LUCK & BINGO, 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 16 – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives on Tuesday presented Heritage Museum officials with a "We Appreciate Your Investment in the Community" banner in recognition of the museum's contributions to this area.

# King's death unsettles oil market, futures prices waver

By JONATHAN FAHEY  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Oil prices rose initially on news of the death of Saudi Arabia's powerful King Abdullah, but the increase was moderate and short-lived.

The king's death is unlikely to lead to a change in the kingdom's immense crude production or change the course of oil prices in the coming months, analysts say.

The benchmark U.S. crude futures contract rose more than \$2 a barrel in the hours after the king's death was an-

nounced Thursday evening in New York. But by the time commodity markets opened Friday those gains had been largely erased.

In morning trading, U.S. oil was up 18 cents to \$46.49 a barrel. Brent crude, an international benchmark, was up 80 cents to \$49.32 a barrel in London.

The small rise reflects added uncertainty about Saudi oil policy because the country's new absolute monarch, Abdullah's 79-year-old half brother Prince Salman, is in poor health.

"It is necessary to stay watchful about Saudi politics," said Oh Jeong-seok, head of commodity markets at state-run Korea Center for International Finance. "As he is nearly 80 years old and his health isn't in good condition, that itself is uncertain. The price of oil goes up when there is an uncertainty."

Still, the months-long slump in oil prices that is providing a boost to the stumbling world economy is unlikely to reverse unless Saudi Arabia cuts production or world demand starts

strengthening again. Some analysts think Saudi production won't be lowered anytime soon because the country wants to maintain its market share.

Oil prices have plummeted nearly 60 percent since June. Global supplies have soared, thanks partly to a boom in U.S. shale oil production, at a time when growth in global demand for crude has slowed.

Saudi Arabia occupies a unique position in world oil markets.

See OIL, Page 5B

# Cyber security

If you shop online a lot, you may forget about the potential danger, from phishing emails to unsecure websites to smishing texts, technology can be a minefield of hackers and scammers.

Your BBB wants to remind you that the eighth annual Data Privacy Day is just around the corner. Data Privacy Day on Jan. 28 is dedicated to helping the public better understand how to protect personal information and navigate the online world.

The National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) urges all businesses to create a culture of privacy by initiating more transparent data collection and usage practices and, where possible, offering easy-to-use controls for consumers to manage their information.

To help companies build trust with consumers about how their personal information is collect-

ed and used, NCSA developed simple tips specifically for businesses to initiate. To help business's address the public's growing privacy concerns check out these five tips:

- If you collect it, protect it. Follow reasonable security measures to keep individuals' personal information safe from inappropriate and unauthorized access.

- Be open and honest about how you collect, use and share consumers' personal information. Think about how the consumer may expect their data to be used.

- Build trust by doing what you say you will do. Communicate clearly and concisely to the public about what privacy means to your organization and the steps you take to achieve and maintain privacy.

- Create a culture of privacy in your organization. Explain to and educate employees about the importance and impact of protecting consumer and employee information as well as the role they play in keeping it safe.

- Conduct due diligence and maintain oversight of partners and vendors. You are also responsible for how they collect and use personal information.

For more tips you can trust, visit [bbb.org](http://bbb.org).



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On Jan. 15, the Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions presented Children's Miracle Network representative Keri Burroughs with a check for more than \$17,000. The chapter includes Big Spring Education Employees FCU, Citizen's FCU, Complex Community FCU, Cosden FCU, Howard County Credit Union and Electric Utilities Credit Union. In the photo, from left, are Jim Weaver, Burroughs, Carol Jeter and Cindy Carlile.

# Economy gauge increases 0.5 percent in December

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — An index designed to predict the future health of the U.S. economy posted a fourth straight solid gain in December.

The Conference Board said Friday that its index of leading indicators increased 0.5 percent in December after a revised gain of 0.4 percent in November. The index also posted solid gains in September and October after a flat reading in August.

The December increase reflected widespread strength with eight of the 10 forward-pointing indicators that make up the index showing strength.

"The short-term outlook is getting brighter and the economy continues to build momentum," said Ataman Ozyildirim, a Conference Board economist. "Still, a lack of growth in residential construction and average weekly hours in manufacturing remains

See GAUGE, Page 5B

# Public Records

## Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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# NAR: U.S. home sales rise in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans purchased homes in December, yet total sales slipped in 2014 as first-time buyers struggled to find houses.

The National Association of Realtors said Friday that sales of existing homes rose 2.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.04 million. But over the course of the entire year, sales fell 3.1 percent to 4.93 million.

Only 29 percent of sales went to first-time buyers last month, compared to a historical average of 40 percent. Prospective buyers were priced out of the market due to rising home values and relatively stagnant incomes. Still, af-

fordability has improved in recent months as mortgage rates have plunged, leading to the possibility of stronger sales in 2015.

"Sales will increase throughout 2015 as potential buyers feel more comfortable about the economic outlook and lenders are willing to make loans," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services.

Median home prices increased 6 percent over the past 12 months to \$209,500.

There were relatively few listings in December, as the supply of homes on the market dropped to 4.4 months from 5.1 months in November, the Realtors said. The supply was the lowest in two

years.

Much of the gains in sales came from the West, with additional growth in the South.

Home-buying appears poised to improve, however.

"There are good supporting factors behind the housing market," said Jennifer Lee, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Strong job growth over the previous year has added nearly 3 million new paychecks to the economy. Mortgage rates have fallen sharply, and home values are rising at a slower clip, giving prospective buyers some financial leeway.

The Realtors expect sales will rise 8 percent this year to 5.3 million homes. Much of that growth will hinge on

first-time buyers getting out of the rental market.

Jed Kolko, chief economist at Trulia, predicts that much of the growth will occur in the suburbs.

For starters, the suburbs are more affordable, with prices rising 5.7 percent per square foot last year, compared to an 8.1 percent surge in urban neighborhoods. Secondly, urban populations have risen in recent years because of what Kolko calls a "demographic jolt" from twenty-somethings renting close to downtown, a pattern that will soon reverse itself.

"As millennials get older, many will follow a familiar path: They'll partner up, have kids, and move to the sub-

urbs," Kolko said.

Analysts expect the resilient U.S. economy to provide a tail wind this year, too. Employers added an average of 246,000 jobs a month last year as the unemployment rate dropped from 6.7 percent to 5.6 percent. While average hourly wages grew only slightly faster than inflation, the additional number of paychecks coupled by younger workers who are starting to move up the career ladder should put more first-time buyers in a better position.

Borrowing costs have also plummeted. With growing signs of a weakened global economy, investors have sought to shelter their money in U.S. Treasuries.

## McDonald's earnings fall; changes afoot GAUGE

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's isn't lovin' it, and it's going to do something about it.

The world's largest hamburger chain reported falling earnings and sales for its fourth quarter on Friday and says it is going to take action this year to save money and bring customers back.

It's also making changes to its menu and looking to offer customers more options to custom-

ize their burgers.

But the fast-food giant said its problems won't be fixed overnight: It expects sales to remain weak through the first half of this year while it deals with the fallout from a food-safety scandal in China, global economic uncertainty and shifting tastes among diners.

While it works to rev sales back up, it's cutting major investments. McDonald's plans just

over 1,000 restaurant openings this year.

Worldwide sales at locations open at least 13 months edged down 0.9 percent.

In the U.S., the metric declined 1.7 percent on fewer customer visits, tough competition and increased expenses.

The performance was an improvement though, as the figure fell 3.3 percent globally and in the U.S. in the third quarter.

The Oak Brook, Illinois-based company is dealing with competition on a number of fronts, including convenience stores that are selling more food and smaller chains that market themselves as being of higher quality.

In hopes of changing negative perceptions about its food, McDonald's recently invited customers to ask questions about its ingredients and sourcing.

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a concern."

The largest positive contributors to the index were the spread in interest rates, a fall in weekly unemployment claims, consumer expectations and new orders to manufacturers of capital goods excluding aircraft.

The only negative contributor to the index in December was a drop in building permits. Average weekly manufactur-

ing hours held steady, meaning it did not add or subtract from the overall index reading.

The economy grew by 5 percent in the July-September quarter last year, the fastest pace in more than a decade. Economists expect that growth in the final three months was probably around 3 percent and they are looking for growth to continue at a 3 percent pace in 2015. If that forecast occurs, it would be the strongest annual economic growth since 2005.

## OIL

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It is one of the world's biggest producers, it has the strongest voice within OPEC as its largest exporter, and it is the only oil producer that has the ability to significantly increase

or decrease output in response to changing market conditions.

Despite a big drop in oil revenue, Saudi Arabia has declined to cut production on its own or back a cut by OPEC in an effort to reverse the price decline. The country produced 9.6 million barrels a day in January, according

to Platts, the energy information division of McGraw Hill.

That's enough to satisfy 11 percent of global demand.

The question now is whether Abdullah's successor Prince Salman will change the kingdom's oil policy.

Saudi oil minister Ali Al-Naimi has expressed

a desire to retire, but he is expected to stay on at least through OPEC's next scheduled meeting, in June.

"Naimi is a market-calming voice, and very well-respected," said Frank Verrastro of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Naimi will likely stay on during this period of

uncertainty."

Salman's son is the country's deputy oil minister, but Verrastro said it's unlikely he will replace Naimi because Saudi Arabia does not have a history of naming members of the royal family to that position.

Larry Goldstein, a veteran oil adviser at the

Energy Policy Research Foundation, said he expects that, if anything, the king's death could delay any decision by Saudi Arabia on whether to cut production or back an OPEC cut. That would help keep oil prices low.

"Continuity and stability is what they will be looking for," he said.

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# NFL players find second careers as entrepreneurs



In this Jan. 16, 2015, photo, former Tennessee Titans running back Eddie George poses for photos at an urban improvement project designed and constructed by his landscape and design company, The Edge, in Nashville, Tenn. George is one of many pros who become entrepreneurs after their playing days were over. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

BY JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As Eddie George neared the end of his nine seasons in the NFL, the running back began pondering his next play.

“Something I’d worked on for most of my adult life was coming to an end, and it was really depressing, the unknown,” says George, a Heisman Trophy

winner who played for the Houston Oilers, Tennessee Titans and Dallas Cowboys from 1996 to 2005.

George used his landscape architecture degree from Ohio State University to help found the Edge Group, a company that does landscaping and design projects in Columbus and Toledo, Ohio, and Nashville, Tennessee.

Many pro football players would like to start

their own businesses after they leave the field, and now they can seek help from programs specifically designed to help retired athletes navigate the obstacles of entrepreneurship.

For some, building a business is a lifestyle choice. They want to keep working. Others need to earn a living. Although the minimum NFL salary this year is \$420,000, many players don’t make the big money for very long. The average football career is 3.5 years, according to the players union, the NFL Players Association. The NFL says it is six years.

George was 30 when he retired, and many players are out of the game at a younger age. The money they earn in a short playing career isn’t enough to last.

## ANSWERING A NEED

A branch of the players union called The Trust sponsors entrepreneurship workshops at Babson College. The NFL has a similar program at some of the country’s top business schools.

Trust founders “felt there was a void in the entrepreneurial space, the obvious need for our players to learn more about owning their own businesses,” says Bahati VanPelt, executive director of the organization, which was started in 2013.

He says football players have skills that help them as entrepreneurs: They know how to work toward a goal, be team members and achieve something even when the odds are stacked against them.

Both programs introduce players to small-business basics, including how to evaluate whether entrepreneurship is for them and how to analyze balance sheets.

## GOING BACK TO SCHOOL PAYS OFF

George’s path to business ownership began when he was about halfway through his NFL days. He had left Ohio State for the Oilers before graduating and decided while recovering from a foot injury to finish his degree. He earned it in 2001.

“I didn’t know when or how my career was going to end. I wanted to prepare myself,” he says.

George and four business partners launched the Edge in 2002. George expected to focus on design, but found himself doing marketing and seeking new clients. By the time the recession hit in 2007, the company had revenue of about \$3 million. But when the real estate market collapsed, landscape design wasn’t a priority for corporate clients. George and his partners cut the payroll by 30 percent to keep the company alive.

The Edge’s revenue has returned to pre-recession levels, says George, who has also been a college football analyst on Fox Sports and earned an MBA from Northwestern University in 2011.

## LEARNING THE NUTS AND BOLTS

Deuce McAllister, a running back with the New Orleans Saints from 2001 to 2009, has co-owned businesses, including a trucking operation, a real estate development company, a car dealership and restaurants in Jackson, Mississippi, and New Orleans. He started the trucking company soon after he was picked in the first round of the 2001 draft, using his signing bonus to finance it. McAllister grew up in a small business family — his father also was in trucking — so entrepreneurship seemed like a natural path.

He has had mixed success. The car dealership, which opened in 2005 failed within five years because of the recession. But condos that his real estate business developed are running at about 90 percent of capacity, and the company is also involved in commercial development.

Looking back, he says, he didn’t have the right partners to keep the dealership going through the recession. He realizes his football player’s optimism may have prevented him from closing the showroom sooner.

“As a player, you always think you can get a first down. That can hurt you to a fault,” he says.

McAllister learned from that failure that a business like selling cars, which demanded he be at the dealership daily, didn’t fit with his desire to be involved with several businesses at once. At a Babson workshop, he got a better understanding of what it takes to run a company.

“When the accountants and I are going through (profit and loss statements), I’m going to understand what they’re saying,” McAllister says.

## YOU’RE THE BOSS NOW

Ainsley Battles’ football career and its unexpected end helped him prepare for entrepreneurship’s unpredictability. Battles has been working on Joccupation.com, a social media site for athletes, since a hamstring injury sidelined him for good in 2004. He spent four seasons as a safety with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Jacksonville Jaguars.

Battles had partners in the beginning, but when the first version of the site failed during the recession, they couldn’t agree on how to change it. So now he works on his own, hoping to take on new partners. He wants to make Joccupation an online community where athletes can share their experiences with each other and non-players as well.

Battles, who teaches high school social studies in Lawrenceville, Georgia, while working on his company, learned at a Babson workshop that he has to be the one in charge.

“We’re used to being on the field,” he says. “As an entrepreneur, we’re moving into the front office.”

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**Grand Champion Goat**  
shown by Bryce Hamlin  
(goat showmanship)

Pictured above are All Showman from left, top row, Will McMorris, Reagan Hamlin, Hanna Dorrow, Cassie Brooks, Jryan Gicklhorn; middle row, Veronica Hernandez, Angelica Rogers, Katy Brooks, Emile Wilde' kneeling, Madlyn Nichols, Del Rae Miller, Bryce Hamlin, Wylie Gaskins; and front, Joseph Mosino. The show was held on Dec 19.

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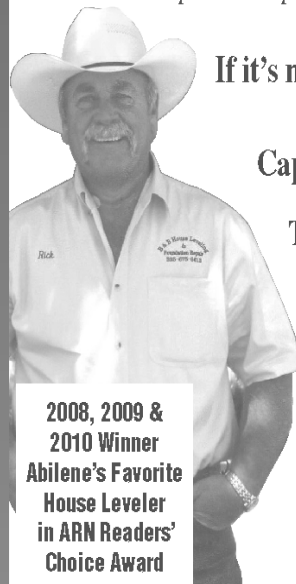
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**Legals**

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Date/Time: Monday, February 2,  
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read aloud in the City Council  
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#8574 January 11, 18, & 25, 2015

**Energy Moon**

What does the world  
need now? According to  
one song it's "love sweet  
love," but according to the  
sun,  
Mercury  
and Venus  
in  
Aquarius it  
may be  
something  
more along  
the lines of  
food and  
clean water  
for all,  
medical  
supplies for  
the war-  
torn, ect. Aquarius  
planets activate our  
philanthropic spirit and  
the Aries moon gives the  
energy to act.



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**CANCER** (June 22-July  
22). There's something  
you're getting paid (in  
some form) to do now  
that you would do  
anyway even if payment  
were not forthcoming.  
That's where you need to  
put more of your time  
and energy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).  
If you do it the same way  
most other people would,  
you'll be replaceable in  
the position. They need  
the thing that makes you  
irreplaceable in the  
position. Lean into your  
originality.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.  
22). Relating to people  
outside of your usual  
circle will help you hear  
yourself more objectively.  
This kind of self-  
consciousness can be  
positive. It will help you  
see an attitude or social  
habit you'd like to  
improve upon.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct.  
23). The reason you'll  
walk away with the prize  
today is that you're  
willing to work harder  
than the others. Most of  
that work will happen in  
the way of strategy and  
preparation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.  
21). If you surround  
yourself with narcissists,  
prepare to be ignored. It's  
not as negative as it  
sounds. Such a  
circumstance can afford  
you the opportunity you  
need to focus inwardly.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.  
22-Dec. 21). There won't  
be a perfect moment, but  
if you act on the

imperfect one you will  
greatly improve it. Win  
or lose, you'll gain the  
benefit of experience and  
help a Leo in some  
indirect way in the  
process.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-  
Jan. 19). It's usually not  
possible to make a big  
difference in the world all  
at once, but the small  
differences you make in  
your immediate  
surroundings will ripple  
out from those closest to  
you and far beyond.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-  
Feb. 18). As long as you  
are making requests,  
what about more love,  
respect, tenderness and  
attention? Hey, it can  
happen! You'll make  
subtle changes in your  
behavior to attract a  
sweeter kind of  
treatment.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March  
20). Some people have  
more of a talent for self-  
promotion than for the  
talent they are  
supposedly promoting.  
Look beyond the  
marketing of things and  
into what's being  
marketed.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**  
(Jan. 25). Because you  
take joy in the good  
fortune of others, you  
find much to be joyful  
about this year, and the  
good vibes will in turn  
increase your own  
blessings. The one you  
meet in February will  
inspire you to set a goal  
that will shape your year.  
March brings new  
friends. June and  
September are financial  
highs. Aries and Scorpio

adore you. Your lucky  
numbers are: 11, 23, 14, 3  
and 19.

**FORECAST FOR THE  
WEEK AHEAD:** A global  
mindset prevails at the  
start of the week with the  
sun, Mercury and Venus  
in Aquarius, activating  
our sense of duty. The  
energetic Aries moon  
wants action and will see  
the way to make a swift  
difference. Keep in mind  
that you don't have to do  
grand things to improve  
the world. The caring you  
give to people in your  
immediate environment  
means more than you  
realize. And if you  
happen to also extend  
respect, courteousness,  
kindness and compassion  
to the strangers around  
you, it's a contribution to  
the ideal of world peace.  
Venus has a change of  
heart this week, which in  
turn changes the way  
many people think about  
love. Archaeologists have  
determined that modern  
humans have been on  
this planet for around  
200,000 years. Many  
historians claim that  
romantic love is only 800  
years old. There's an  
entire section of the  
population who would  
argue that romantic love  
doesn't exist at, that it is  
merely a conceit

perpetuated to sell  
diamonds, greeting cards  
and theater tickets.  
Whatever your belief is  
about romantic love,  
Venus moves into Pisces  
to challenge it and  
encourage you to imagine  
what love might be to  
you, were you to take  
away the limitations you  
put on it.

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2	3	1	5	4	6	9	8	7
4	5	6	9	8	7	2	3	1
6	9	4	8	1	5	7	2	3
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Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1** '80s bestseller that became an Android app in 2013
- 9** Gardeners may work on them
- 14** Square
- 15** Psychological distress
- 16** Buffet
- 17** Touching palms, perhaps
- 18** Original milieu of 1 Across
- 19** Contemporary conversation starter
- 20** They're often seen on S&L doors
- 21** Vibe
- 22** Auspicious
- 25** Without limits, older-style
- 27** Its flowers are used in sambuca
- 29** Cooper's costar in *The Fountainhead*
- 31** Hampton Court Palace planner
- 32** Headed for a stall, quite possibly
- 35** Chart-topping instrumental of '76
- 38** *Time's* Best Comedy Sketch of the 20th Century
- 39** Crop grown at Washington's Mount Vernon
- 40** Carriers of terse slogans
- 41** E, as in some 37 Down telecasts
- 46** Rephrase
- 48** Group in a shell
- 50** Traverse
- 51** Index
- 52** Jive

- 54** Realized
  - 56** Less loose
  - 58** Tina Fey wields one in commercials
  - 60** Trepidation
  - 61** Break up
  - 62** They're sometimes called "sallies"
  - 63** Shakedown party
- DOWN**
- 1** Brand of smoothies
  - 2** Herb in spinach pie
  - 3** Joined (together)
  - 4** Shout from a Looney Tunes mouse
  - 5** Alerted nonverbally
  - 6** Any of the Seven Dwarfs
  - 7** Cutting-edge Stone Age invention

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- 8** Org. with a Lesson Plans web page
- 9** First inductee in the Modern Drummer Hall of Fame
- 10** Tennis-ball feature
- 11** Rush
- 12** Budding
- 13** Emo selection
- 15** Big-12 team
- 19** Fish with a prehensile tail
- 23** Essentially
- 24** 1992 Nestlé acquisition
- 26** Book on the Celebrate the Century stamp sheet with FDR
- 28** The Cowboys' #9
- 30** Grumman craft with no seats
- 33** Let out
- 34** Trade grp. with an airport-screening webinar
- 35** Scrollwork from its bow can be seen in Bangor
- 36** What you might do for your own sake
- 37** Owner of Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight
- 38** "Whee!"
- 42** Sleuth, at times
- 43** Lichtenstein's area
- 44** Word from the Latin for "tuned away"
- 45** Surpassing in rarity?
- 47** Duds
- 49** "\_\_\_ triumph from toil and risk": Teddy Roosevelt
- 53** Dig this
- 55** Fair
- 57** Dirt collector
- 58** Stock extension
- 59** Fraternalize

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# Cassatt String Quartet returns to Permian Basin



The Cassatt String Quartet to perform Feb. 1-7.

### Special to the Herald

The New York based Cassatt String Quartet — Muneke Otani, violin, Jennifer Leshnowar, violin, Sarah Adams, viola and Elizabeth Anderson, cello — will perform its Ninth annual residency, “Cassatt in the Basin!,” Feb. 1 – 7.

This residency aims to give “Basin” area students the opportunity to study with artist teachers, to develop both chamber music and orchestra skills, and to develop chamber music audiences of the future.

The Cassatt String Quartet offers student quartet coachings, master classes (in which the Cassatt String Quartet will hear and critique students performing their pieces, with demonstrations by the quartet of proper communication, interpretation and performance technique), open rehearsals and concert performances. All teachers and students from ECISD, MISD, Odessa College, Midland College, UTPB and other communities in the Permian Basin are welcome to attend any educational and performance events.

Cassatt in the Basin has received grants from the Permian Basin Youth Chavaram, Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities, Rea Charitable Trust, ECISD, MISD, UTPB, Odessa College, Midland College, the Odessa American, Woods Boots, Jim’s Big & Tall Men, Carl P. Jones and the orchestra booster clubs of Permian, Odessa and Lee High Schools.

The Cassatt’s second violinist, Jennifer Leshnowar is a graduate of Permian High School and a former member of the Thouvenel String Quartet, formerly in residence with the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. She was the principal second violinist with the MOSC from 1991-1994. She is also a former student of Dorothy Croft, long time leader in music education and other cultural activities in Odessa. Additionally, Leshnowar is a graduate of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and Peabody Conservatory. Acclaimed as one of America’s outstanding

ensembles, the Manhattan based Cassatt String Quartet has performed throughout North America, Europe, and the Far East, with appearances at New York’s Alice Tully Hall and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Tanglewood Music Theater, the Kennedy Center and Library of Congress in Washington, DC, the Theatre des Champs-Élysées in Paris and Maeda Hall in Tokyo.

### Weeklong schedule is as follows:

• Sunday, Feb. 1, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., open rehearsal, Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free

to the public.

• Monday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., Concert/Lecture, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N FM 1788, Midland. Free and open to the public.

“Playing for Our Lives” is an historical and musical window into World War II’s darkest hour. Also featured in the program is Dr. Robert Abzug, historian and Gerald Cohen, composer/cantor. Dr. Abzug is the director of the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at U. T. Austin and noted historian on World War II. He will explore the musical and cultural impact of Terezin, the Nazi’s “model” concentration camp. The event is hosted by The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) in partnership with the Jewish Philanthropic Union and the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

• Thursday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m., Lecture/Demonstration, Midland College, Allison Fine Arts Building Wagner & Brown Auditorium, 3600 N Garfield St., Midland. “The Art of Possibility,” features Maestro Benjamin Zander and the Cassatt String Quartet. Together, they will illustrate the principles from Mr. Zander’s acclaimed book, “The Art of Possibility” using Mozart’s Quartet, KV. 136.

Maestro Zander, conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and the Boston Youth Orchestra, is highly sought after worldwide both as a conductor and motivational speaker, as seen on TED talks. The event is free to the public, however, tickets are required. Tickets will become available beginning Jan. 28 at 9:00 a.m. and can be picked up from the Allison Fine Arts division office.

• Friday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Lecture/Demonstration, Odessa College, Jack Rogers Auditorium, 201 W. University, Odessa, “The Art of Possibility.” Free and open to the public.

• Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Masterclass, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center,

The Wagner Noel Theater, 1310 N FM 1788, Midland. The Open Masterclass will be held by Maestro Benjamin Zander and the Cassatt String Quartet. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact, Jan Mayfield at jmayfieldgmvla@gmail.com



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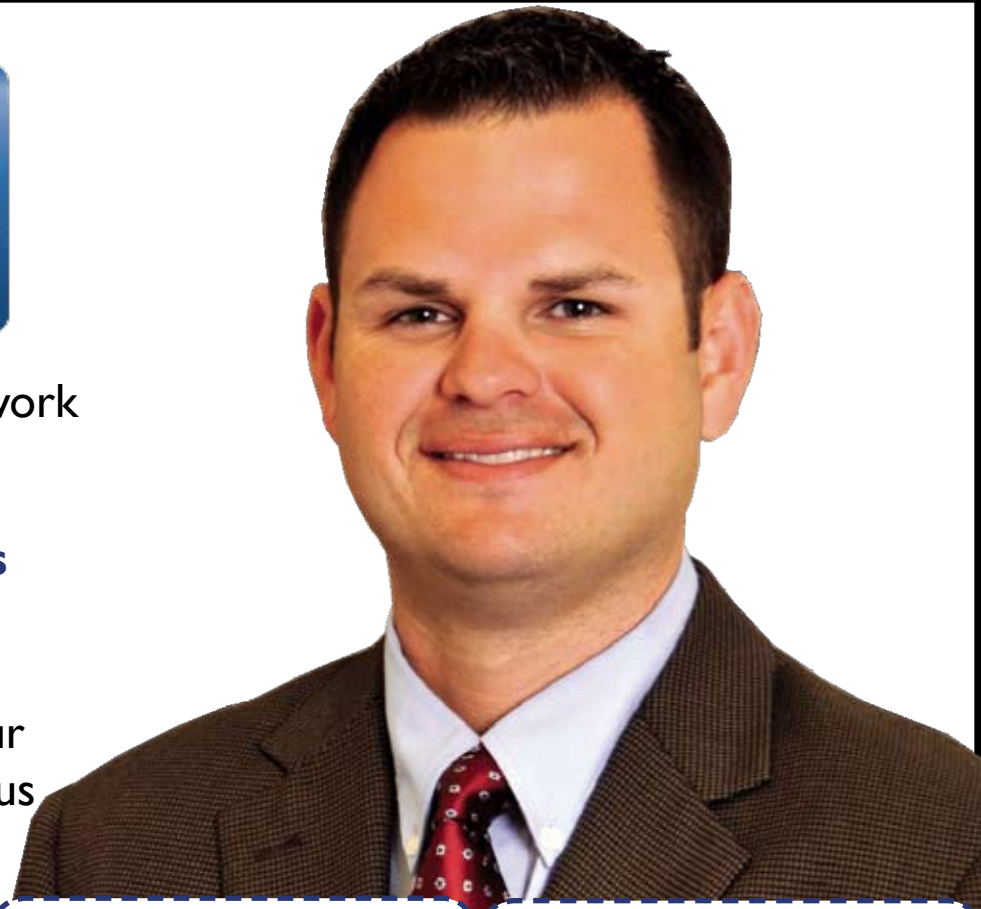


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