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Police probe Friday shooting

19-year-old victim in Lubbock hospital
 Special to the Herald

Big Spring police are investigating a Friday night shooting that left a local teenager in serious condition.

Police responded to 1606 Kentucky at about 11:40 p.m. Friday in reference to a shooting, a BSPD news release stated.

"Upon arrival it was learned the female victim had been driven to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by her boyfriend in a private vehicle," the release stated. "Officers secured the residence ... while additional officers responded to (the hospital)."

The 19-year-old female victim, who has not been identified, suffered a gunshot wound to the upper torso and was subsequently flown by helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock for treatment.

BSPD investigators executed a search warrant for 1606 Kentucky Way and recovered evidence relating to this investigation, the release stated.

Police had not released any additional information related to the shooting as of this morning.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Ribbon cutting and open house ceremonies for the new City of Big Spring Visitors Center and Community Services office will be held Thursday afternoon.

New visitors' facility opening doors

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Special to the Herald

Downtown Big Spring continues to have new life breathed into it as buildings continue to be restored. The most recent additions to the downtown area is the new Big Spring Visitors Center, located at 113 E. Third St. and the City of Big Spring Community Services Offices at 115 E. Third.

"We are really excited to be right at the center of downtown and right



Wegman

on the historic Bankhead Highway," Debbie Wegman, community services director, said.

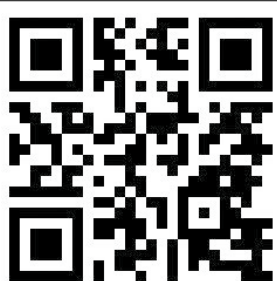
The inspiration for relocation came when Wegman noticed the building at 113 E. Third vacant and began looking into what it would take to relocate her offices, formally situated in the Chamber of Commerce building.

"We have been located at the cham-

ber office for the past five or six years, but with the addition of two new staff members, that location just wasn't going to be big enough," she said. "I was walking by this building one day and noticed it was empty. I put a bug in the city manager's ear about possibly moving the office to here and everything just started moving forward from there."

The relocation of the Convention

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File photo

Big Spring's City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in its chambers at 307 E. Fourth St.

Election highlights council agenda

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's City Council is expected to approve establishing May 9 as the date for this year's municipal elections when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Three council seats will be up for election this year — District 2, currently held by Carmen Harbour, District 4, held by Bobby McDonald and District 6, in which Marvin Boyd

is the incumbent. None of the three have indicated whether they will seek re-election.

Early voting the municipal election will be held from April 27 to May 5 in the office of Howard County Election Coordinator Saundra Bloom, located on the first floor of the county courthouse.

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dorothy Gar-

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Smith to keynote Chamber banquet

Special to the Herald

Tumbleweed Smith has been named keynote speaker for this year's annual Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Banquet slated for January 27th in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



Smith

He is a longtime resident of Big Spring known throughout the state for his radio program and newspaper column. He has spoken in several states and four foreign countries on Texas humor.

"It's quite an honor to speak at home," he says. "I have some surprises in store for the audience."

Within seconds after Tumbleweed walks to the podium, the audience is howling with laughter because they see and hear a little part of themselves in his presentations, which have been compared to a family reunion or a Texas neighborhood party.

Chances are they've never heard anything quite like what they're hearing: clean, funny stories from everyday people, reminding them of home, kinfolks and good times around a warm fire. Audiences leave with a smile on their faces and a good feeling about where they live.

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Obituaries

Betty C. Barr



Betty C. Barr, 87, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, in a local assisted living facility. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Betty was born Dec. 6, 1927, in Callahan County, Texas and married James "Buddy" Barr, June 3, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death, Sept. 17, 2010.

Betty was a resident of the Vincent community

most of her life. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.

Betty is survived by two sons, Mark Barr and wife, Stacy and Maxwell Barr and wife, Kaye, all of Big Spring; three grandsons; two granddaughters; five great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and two sisters, Patty Winters of Plainview and Elaine Carpenter of Austin.

In addition to her husband, Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Jacob and Hilda (Favor) Carpenter; one brother, Edward Carpenter; and one sister, Nan Cate.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the James and Betty Barr Ag Scholarship Fund, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Dora Hernandez



Dora Hernandez, 94, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, in San Antonio. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Dora lived in Big Spring for many years and was well known and respected by everyone that knew her. She was a member of the Jehovah Witness Congregation.

Dora was born May 20, 1920 to Rosendo and Nicolasa Morelion.

She is survived by seven of her children, Patsy

Cavazos of Big Spring, Texas,, Gloria Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas, Jose Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas, Ismael Hernandez of Australia, Fernando Hernandez of North Carolina, Miguel Aguilar of South Carolina and Pete Aguilar of Big Spring Texas. She also has one surviving sister, Maria Mendoza of California.

Dora leaves behind 26 children; 50 great-grandchildren; 46 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rosendo Morelion and Nicolasa Morelion; two brothers, Jose Rosendo Morelion and Juan Antonio Morelion; one sister, Ciria Esquivel; and three sons, Francisco Vasquez Sr., Domingo Vasquez Sr., and Guadalupe Vasquez

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Support Groups

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.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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

Curtis Smith

Curtis Smith, 79, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, in Amarillo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

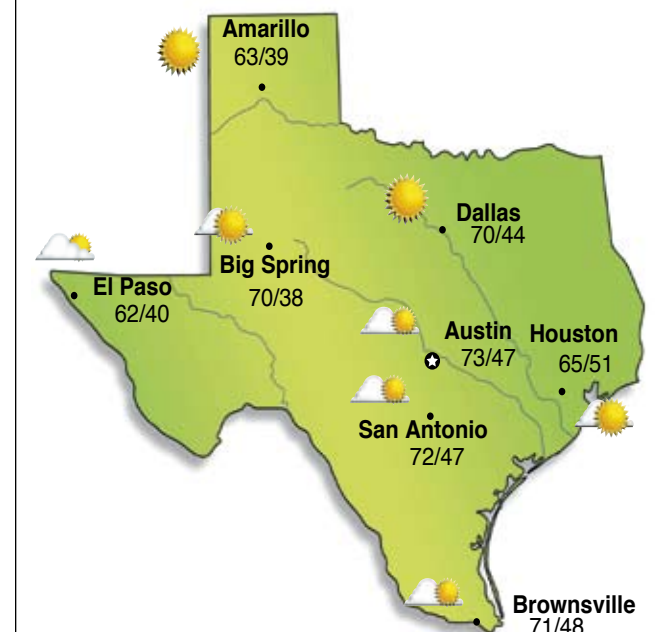
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/27	Wed 1/28	Thu 1/29	Fri 1/30	Sat 1/31
70/38 Plentiful sunshine. High around 70F. Winds W at 10 to 15 mph.	75/45 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	77/47 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	61/40 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	48/37 Showers possible in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	72	44	sunny	Kingsville	72	47	pt sunny
Amarillo	63	39	sunny	Livingston	63	45	sunny
Austin	73	47	pt sunny	Longview	64	40	sunny
Beaumont	63	44	sunny	Lubbock	68	37	sunny
Brownsville	71	48	pt sunny	Lufkin	66	44	sunny
Brownwood	71	42	sunny	Midland	68	41	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	69	48	pt sunny	Raymondville	72	47	pt sunny
Corsicana	68	43	sunny	Rosenberg	65	47	mst sunny
Dallas	70	44	sunny	San Antonio	72	47	pt sunny
Del Rio	70	44	pt sunny	San Marcos	73	49	pt sunny
El Paso	62	40	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	66	44	sunny
Fort Stockton	66	43	pt sunny	Sweetwater	71	45	sunny
Gainesville	69	42	sunny	Tyler	65	43	sunny
Greenville	67	42	sunny	Weatherford	73	46	sunny
Houston	65	51	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	72	41	sunny

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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. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721.

COUNCIL

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rett Coliseum. Prospective candidates do not need to live within the district they wish to represent, but they must have been

a resident of Big Spring for at least one year by the date of the election. In other business, the council will consider:

- A public hearing concerning the possible annexation of about 12 acres of property located in the vicinity of Ann Drive and Lynn Drive.

- Discussion of new sanitation routes.
- Approval of the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. board meeting minutes.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

CENTER

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and Visitors Bureau provided the space needed for the two additional staff members, as well as a full-size gift shop and information center. "As we've all noticed, Big Spring is growing and there are some exciting things happening. Being able to have a visitor's center is just one of the ways that we can better serve those who are either coming through town or looking to relocate here," Wegman said. "We have a wide range of brochures in the lobby that provide information on different areas of Big Spring and of course the gift shop which offers a good selection of souvenirs." The move also allowed the community services department to be located under the same roof.

Terri Telchick took over that position and can be contacted at 264-2323 for those needing to schedule use of the city facilities, which include the Dora Roberts Community Center, city parks pavilions and amphitheater, Municipal Auditorium, Roy Anderson Sports Complex and the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center.

"An important thing about the relocation and restoration of this building is that it was funded by the hotel and motel tax, not taxpayer dollars," Wegman said. "That is what those taxes are designated for, any kind of projects that are aimed at bringing visitors to Big Spring. What better way to serve those people than having a visitor's center?" Opening a visitor's center has been a much anticipated project for Wegman since she stepped into her position and with the growth tak-

ing place in Big Spring and the downtown area, it seemed like the perfect timing. "We are excited about being in the middle of the downtown growth and are looking forward to seeing the future of Big Spring," she said. Some of the upcoming projects include the restoration of the historic Big Spring in Comanche Trail Park. "We are looking at beautifying the area around the spring — which is our namesake — and making it an area where outdoor events can be held, families can go for gatherings, outdoor weddings can be held, etc. The possibilities are endless, really," Wegman said. "The project will allow residents to enjoy the park even more than they are able to do now and help restore and

highlight a huge part of our history." The Texas Historical Commission has also requested Big Spring's participation in a project that will highlight the Bankhead Highway. "Part of the reason this relocation is so exciting is that we are right on the Bankhead Highway — Third Street — and Big Spring has been chosen to be one of the three pilot cities in Texas to take part in this project that is focused on bringing attention to the historic highway," Wegman said. The Bankhead Highway was the nation's first transcontinental highway. It extended from Washington D.C. to San Diego and helped birth a new industry — highway tourism. "Big Spring truly has a lot of history and be-

ing able to be part of this project is one more way that we can highlight a piece of that history, while showing off all that our town has to offer," Wegman said. The focus of the CVB is to spread the word about Big Spring, try to draw visitors and let people know what's going on. The office is also able to provide some financial support for events aimed at bringing out of town visitors. "The CVB has partnered with several community events that take place each year that have shown to draw people into town. We encourage anyone who is looking to host an event that could potentially bring in outside visitors to contact us, let us

know and we might be able to help," Wegman said. The official ribbon cutting and open house for the Community Services office and the Visitors Center will take place between 3-6 p.m. Thursday. "We encourage everyone in the community to stop in and see what we have to offer," Wegman said. "We are looking forward to being able to work with the residents and visitors of Big Spring and surrounding areas." Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To contact Hayley Lewis, tourism coordinator and visitors Center manager, call 432-263-8235.

of Fame in Fort Worth. Places where he has spoken have commented: "You were a smashing success. I don't remember when I've heard so much non-stop laughter from a group of supposedly grown men" (Salesmanship Club of Dallas). "Keep doing what you're doing. We need more of it" (Huntsville Leadership Institute). "Laughter truly is an elixir and we had a grand time imbibing in your potent tonic" (Headliners' Club, Austin). Texas Highways magazine says Tumbleweed has probably interviewed more Texas characters than anyone else. He came to Big Spring in 1960, just out of the Army. "I immediately fell in love with Big Spring the instant I got here," he says. "I met my wife Susan the first weekend I was here and we're having a fun and rewarding life."

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Data Control Codes	Major Funds		Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund		
Revenues:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,728,475	\$ 1,000,396	\$ 239,837	\$ 5,968,708
5800 State Program Revenues	2,530,863		110,340	2,641,203
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,940		282,507	284,447
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 7,261,278	\$ 1,000,396	\$ 632,684	\$ 8,894,358
Expenditures:				
0011 Instruction	\$ 3,880,569		\$ 193,908	\$ 4,074,477
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	89,178			89,178
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	26,063		5,532	31,595
0021 Instructional Leadership	3,855			3,855
0023 School Leadership	430,038			430,038
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	136,668			136,668
0033 Health Services	39,835			39,835
0034 Student Transportation	247,887			247,887
0035 Food Services			520,118	520,118
0036 Extracurricular Activities	773,269			773,269
0041 General Administration	526,071			526,071
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,186,538			1,186,538
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	141,643			141,643
0053 Data Processing Services	183,234			183,234
0071 Debt Service - Principal		330,000		330,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest		575,800		575,800
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees		552		552
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	81,923			81,923
0083 Payments to Fiscal Agent	194,771			194,771
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	109,046			109,046
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 8,050,588	\$ 906,352	\$ 719,558	\$ 9,676,498
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures				
	\$ (789,310)	\$ 94,044	\$ (86,874)	\$ (782,140)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
7915 Transfers In	\$	\$	\$ 75,802	\$ 75,802
8911 Transfers Out	(75,802)			(75,802)
7000 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (75,802)	\$ 0	\$ 75,802	\$ 0
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (865,112)	\$ 94,044	\$ (11,072)	\$ (782,140)
0100 September 1 - Fund Balance	3,694,565	456,042	27,592	4,178,199
3000 August 31 - Fund Balance	\$ 2,829,453	\$ 550,086	\$ 16,520	\$ 3,396,059

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Hawks, Lady Hawks look to get back on track against Westerners

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Howard College men's basketball coach Scott Raines didn't pull any punches following his team's loss to New Mexico Junior College on Thursday. The loss, combined with a three-game road swing, determined the Hawks' determination. And, maybe, decide how the Hawks finish the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

Howard College's three-game road swing will get under way this evening when they travel to Snyder to face off with Western Texas College in the Scurry County Coliseum.

"It's going to be three tough games," said Raines, who has guided the Hawks to a 6-1 conference mark thus far.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Men

Team	Season	Conf.	W-L	W-L
Howard	15-5	6-1		
South Plains	16-4	6-1		
Odessa	16-6	4-3		
New Mexico JC	15-6	4-3		
Frank Phillips	14-7	3-4		
NMMI	9-8	3-4		
Midland	13-9	3-5		
Western Texas	11-8	2-5		
Clarendon	4-16	1-6		

Tonight's Games – Howard College at Western Texas; Clarendon at NMJC; Frank Phillips at NMMI; Odessa at South Plains.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women

Team	Season	Conf.	W-L	W-L
New Mexico JC	19-1	6-0		
Midland	14-8	5-2		
Odessa	18-4	4-2		
Frank Phillips	17-4	4-3		
Clarendon	13-9	3-3		
South Plains	7-13	3-3		
Western Texas	8-12	0-5		
Howard	6-15	0-6		

Tonight's Games – Howard College at Western Texas; Clarendon at NMJC; Frank Phillips at NMMI; Odessa at South Plains.

"We'll see if we can bounce back.

Howard College, now 15-5 overall, will be facing a Western Texas squad that is coming off a 69-62 victory over Frank Phillips College last Friday.

Western Texas, 11-8 for the year, has played well over the past three weeks. Despite going 1-5

in their last five conference outings, the team has played everyone close.. Of their five losses, all have been by less than 10 points, including back-to-back losses by two to Midland College and Odessa College.

Their worst loss in the season was an 8-point loss to Clarendon College.

The Westerners are

led into the game by guard Jason Nunez. A 6-foot-1 freshman, he has averaged 8.6 points per game. Teammate Maurice Taylor, a 6-foot-6 forward, has added 7.9 points per night.

The Howard College and Western Texas women will both be trying to scratch out their first WJCAC wins this evening. Both teams enter the contest winless in conference play.

The Lady Hawks, who turned in a solid first-half effort on Thursday against No. 9-ranked New Mexico, are 6-15 for the season and 0-6 in WJCAC action. The Lady Westerners, coming off a loss to FPC last Thursday, are 8-15 and 0-5.

The women's game will lead off tonight's play at 5:45 p.m.



Courtesy photo/Cindy Smith

Travis Charles and the Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will kick off a three-game road swim tonight in Snyder against Western Texas College.



Courtesy photo

Members of the CHS powerlifting teams are (front row, left to right) Ashley Grimsley, Brookie Martin, A.J. Martinez, Josh Grimsley, Trenton Crenshaw, Kelsey Garza, Savannah Pendergrass, (second row) Callum Hurst, Christopher Dominguez, Philip Bacon, Zak Walton, Joe Melendez, Ryan Billingsley, Joe Issac Escobedo-Gonzales, (top) Natalie Ceballos and Ashley Ferguson.

Bulldogs claim 1st at C-City meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY – Joseph Melendez and Zak Walton both won their respective weight classifications on Saturday and helped power the Coahoma boys' powerlifting team to first place at the 2015 Colorado City Invitational Powerlifting Championships. The Bulldogs edged out 14 other teams to claim the top spot.

Melendez, who earned the heavy platform's "Best Lift-

er" honors dominated the 220-pound division. The CHS senior posted a three-lift total of 1,400 pounds. His best lift of the meet came in the Squat competition as he recorded a mark of 600 pounds. He finished with 300 in the Bench and 500 in the Dead Lift.

Walton, competing in the 242-pound division, finished the meet with a total weight of 1,440 pounds. His top lift came in the Squat where he pushed up 560 pounds.

Callum Hurst added the the Bulldogs' medal county with

a second-place finish in the boys' 123-pound division. He completed the meet with a total mark of 820 pounds.

Coahoma's A.J. Martinez and Zach Holmes also did well. Martinez posted a total of 925 and finished fourth in the 148-pound class, while Holmes lifted 805 and placed fourth in the 132-pound ranks.

Other CHS boys competing included Zach Holmes, Josh Grimsley, Chris Dominguez, Phillip Bacon, Adam Brito and Joe Escobedo.

Kelsey Garza and Ashley Ferguson paced the CHS girls' efforts. Garza lifted a total of 345 and placed second in the 105-pound division. Ferguson totaled 465 and finished second in the 132-pound class.

Natalie Ceballos also did well, finishing fifth in the 165-pound division.

Also lifting for the Bulldogs were Brookie Martin, Ashley Grimsley and Savannah Pendergrass.

Coahoma will host its annual meet on Saturday.

BSHS to send 13 to regional swim meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School boys' and girls' swim teams may not have walked away from the District Swim Meet with a team championship, but they did make their presence felt.

The BSBS teams qualified 13 athletes for the upcoming Region I Swim Meet, which will be held Feb. 6-7 in Andrews.

The Lady Steers, who finished seventh in the district meet standings, advanced to the regional meet in the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, and 400 Free Relay.

Shasta Phipps, Michelle Webb, Lupita Rodriguez and Alma Pina and Charlie Telchik comprise the BSBS girls' relay teams.

"I have never had a group of ladies with more heart or dedication," said BSBS swim coach Randall Shaw.

Trinidad Ramirez, Nathan Schneider, Ivan Delgado, Daniel Jimenez, and Diego Rodriguez all punched their tickets to the regional meet on the boys' side.

Schneider, Ramirez, Jimenez and Rodriguez were members of the BSBS 200-Yard Medley Relay. Ramirez, Jimenez and Schneider joined Ivan Delgado on the 200-Yard Freestyle squad, while Garrett Wigington joined the trio on the Steers' 400-yard Freestyle Relay team.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL
NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
New England vs. Seattle, 6:30 p.m.
(NBC)

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	29	15	.659	—
Brooklyn	18	26	.409	11
Boston	15	27	.357	13
Philadelphia	8	36	.182	21
Charlotte	15	32	.178	21½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	37	8	.822	—
Washington	30	15	.667	7
Miami	20	24	.455	16½
Charlotte	19	26	.422	18
Orlando	15	32	.319	23

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	29	17	.630	—
Cleveland	25	20	.556	3½
Milwaukee	22	22	.500	6
Detroit	17	28	.378	11½

Indiana 16 30 .348 13
Western Conference
Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	31	12	.721	—
Houston	31	14	.689	1
Dallas	30	15	.667	2
San Antonio	29	17	.630	3½
New Orleans	23	21	.523	8½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	32	13	.711	—
Oklahoma City	22	22	.500	9½
Denver	18	26	.409	13½
Utah	16	28	.364	15½
Minnesota	7	36	.163	24

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	36	6	.857	—
L.A. Clippers	30	14	.682	7
Phoenix	26	20	.565	12
Sacramento	16	27	.372	20½
L.A. Lakers	12	33	.267	25½

Sunday's Games

Miami 96, Chicago 84
Cleveland 108, Oklahoma City 98
L.A. Clippers 120, Phoenix 100
New Orleans 109, Dallas 106
Atlanta 112, Minnesota 100
Indiana 106, Orlando 99
San Antonio 101, Milwaukee 95

Toronto 114, Detroit 110
Golden State 114, Boston 111
Washington 117, Denver 115, OT
Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 87

Monday's Games
Portland at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Men's Standings

W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	
Kansas	5	1	.833	16	3	.842
Kansas St.	5	2	.714	12	8	.600
West Virginia	4	2	.667	16	3	.842
Iowa St.	4	2	.667	14	4	.778
Baylor	3	3	.500	15	4	.789
Texas	3	3	.500	14	5	.737
Oklahoma St.	3	4	.429	13	6	.684
Oklahoma	3	4	.429	12	7	.632
TCU	1	5	.167	14	5	.737
Texas Tech	1	6	.143	11	9	.550

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Game
Texas at Iowa St., 9 p.m.

Women's Standings

W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	
Baylor	7	0	1.000	18	1	.947
Oklahoma	7	0	1.000	13	5	.722
Iowa State	5	2	.714	14	4	.778
TCU	4-3	.571	12	6	.667	
Texas	4	4	.500	14	4	.778
Oklahoma St.	2	5	.286	12	6	.667
Oklahoma	2	5	.286	12	7	.632
West Virginia	2	5	.286	12	7	.632
Kansas	2	5	.286	11	9	.550
Kansas St.	1	6	.143	11	7	.611

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Baylor at TCU, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Oklahoma at Texas, 6 p.m.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	30	14	4	64	156	127
Detroit	27	11	9	63	139	119
Montreal	29	13	3	61	123	106
Boston	25	16	7	57	126	121
Florida	20	14	10	50	107	122
Ottawa	19	18	9	47	126	158
Toronto	22	23	3	47	142	150

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Metropolitan Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	31	14	1	63	151	129
Pittsburgh	26	12	8	60	138	117
N.Y. Rangers	27	13	4	58	134	106
Washington	24	13	9	57	137	120
Philadelphia	19	22	7	45	130	146
Columbus	20	22	3	43	113	142
New Jersey	17	22	8	42	107	134
Carolina	16	25	5	37	98	120

Western Conference
Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	31	10	6	68	139	124
St. Louis	29	13	4	62	148	111
Chicago	30	15	2	62	148	108
Winnipeg	26	14	8	60	135	117
Colorado	20	18	10	50	125	137
Dallas	21	18	7	49	144	151
Minnesota	20	20	6	46	128	137

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	31	10	6	68	139	124
San Jose	25	17	6	56	131	132
Vancouver	26	16	3	55	124	114
Calgary	25	19	3	53	136	125
Los Angeles	20	15	12	52	129	126
Arizona	16	25	3	37	105	156
Edmonton	12	26	9	33	109	158

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Al Alburquerque on a one-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Placed F Kris Versteeg on the long-term injury list. Recalled F Dennis Rasmussen from Rockford (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled F Christian Thomas from Hamilton (AHL).

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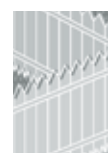
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus in
Aquarius

Venus will wave goodbye to Aquarius tomorrow, changing the heart's focus from what the world needs to what each individual heart needs for happiness. Use this last day of Venus in Aquarius to consider your place in the bigger picture of humanity. What you do to promote the well-being of those around you will also lift the vibration of the planet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's so much you want to do in the new year, and something about today's events gives you the idea to get started on one of your major ambitions. A phone call will get the ball rolling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Physical attractiveness is important, but not that important. You know better than to get hung up on appearances when what really matters is how people treat one another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't live your dream and your fear at the same time. Furthermore, if you're not living your dream, consider that you may be letting fear win. The question is, which one?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Must you always fight for what you want? It's not coming easily now, but that doesn't mean you have to wage war for it. Calm and

center yourself. There's a gentle way to invite good fortune.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You play many roles over the course of this day and slip in and out of each one beautifully. You'll serve others and be served by others and find both dynamics equally satisfying.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Physical wounds usually heal from the inside out, and emotional wounds are the same way. For optimal results, make peace with the past. Come to terms with the initial event that caused your pain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've attracted a very pleasant kind of attention. You like how it feels to have someone so interested in you, and yet you also prize your privacy. Control the pacing of this get-to-know-you stage. Remain mysterious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Save your wishes and rituals for later because right now good luck and hard work are one and the same. Know your intention, put in the focused time, and you will receive your due.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're in a bad mood you mistakenly assume that you already have knowledge enough about your strengths to last a lifetime. Wrong. You have talents untapped, and you'll glimpse them today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships will thrive once you release the need to debate who is right. The other person may not follow your lead on this, and they don't have to -- things will still improve because you dared to be the bigger person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be in the catbird seat. Be gracious and discreet when envious eyes are on you and you won't have any regrets connected to this moment of privilege.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What some would

consider to be a stressful problem is potentially energizing for you, largely because you believe in your ability to find a solution. Try three different possibilities before the sun goes down.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 26). Dare, experiment and wonder daily "what if ... ?" A style change in February invigorates you and sparks your social life. The experience you gain in March will increase your income in April. You'll find that loved ones have new respect for you in May, and you'll know what it means to be cherished. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 22, 38 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I know I have a negative attitude. I want to be happy and positive, really I do, but it's not my default. Right now I'm exhausted, I think mostly because my horrible attitude is wearying. Is there any way to change?"

One definition of negativity is resistance to the present moment. This resistance happens when reality contradicts our beliefs of how it's supposed to be. When your attitude is feels tight and upset and your thoughts turn dark, try asking yourself, "What is it that I believe is contradicting this reality?" Usually the belief has a giant "should" inside it, i.e. you believe someone should be treating you better or the weather should be sunny or the price of gasoline should be several dollars less than it is. Once you pinpoint the belief that is causing your resistance to reality (which, by the way, is a huge energy suck and no wonder you are tired!) then challenge yourself to let it go. Agree to what's really happening instead. Agree and suddenly the negativity will disappear, replaced by a feeling of being connected to, and indeed an integral part of, all that's really going on.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to the inimitable Ellen DeGeneres (1/26/1958), whose award-winning entertainment ventures bring laughter to millions and sometimes change lives in the process. True to her Aquarian astrological roots, DeGeneres supports many charities including UNISEF, PETA, The American Red Cross, Feeding America, The Gentle Barn and others.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have three siblings. The youngest sister, "Jess," has always had problems. At 13, she started taking drugs and running away from home. She spent five years in prison, and when she got out, my older sister offered to let Jess live with her so she could get a job and go to school.

Jess was OK for about 18 months. Then she developed back problems and was unable to work. After several disagreements with my sister, she moved out to live with her boyfriend, whom she later married. It's been downhill from there.

A few nights before Thanksgiving, Jess knocked on my door with her husband and their dog. Apparently, they are homeless. Neither of them can stick to a job on a regular basis. I'm sure Jess suffers from some type of mental illness, and now I think her husband does, too. I told Jess she could stay for three months and then would have to leave.

I hope she can get some assistance to help her get back on her feet. Do you have any guidance for me? -- Lost and Confused

Dear Lost: It is compassionate of you to take in your sister and her family, but she needs more help than you can give her. The best thing you can do for Jess is to look into local social services that will help

her and her husband with mental health counseling, job training and housing. Please contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org), the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development homeless assistance

(hud.gov/homeless) and the National Coalition for the Homeless (nationalhomeless.org).

Dear Annie: My 29-year-old stepson refuses to give gifts to family members at Christmas. A few years ago, I asked him why, and he said he doesn't believe in the crass commercialism at Christmas. Yet he and his wife accept gifts from all of us on the holiday.

He also doesn't send a card or phone on his Dad's birthday or mine. What do we do? Do we respect his views on commercialism and not give him gifts? Do we ignore it and hope he comes around? He and his wife earn plenty of money and can afford it. But that's beside the point. It is the effort and caring that is lacking. -- Wondering

Dear Wondering: It is perfectly logical to stop buying presents for him, saying, "We know you don't support the crass commercialism of the holiday, so we are respecting your beliefs and not purchasing any gifts for you." Of course, that won't help the relationship, which seems a little strained.

This is your stepson, so Dad should handle it. Has Dad told him how much it would mean to get a call or card on his birthday? Some kids simply don't connect the dots or realize the importance of remembering a loved one's special day. It helps to remind them. Gently.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "PO'd in New York," who said you two "need a lobotomy" for telling readers that doggie paw prints don't belong on a sympathy card.

Annie, I have had pets, mostly cats, since I was 6 years old. I have a pet cemetery in my backyard where five of my beloved cats are buried. I have two pet rescue cats whom I love with all my heart. They are a part of my family. But I would never, ever sign their names or put their paw prints on a sympathy card. In fact, I would be terribly upset if someone sent me a sympathy card with their animal's names and paw prints on it.

I just had to let you know that not every animal lover agrees with "PO'd." -- A Cat Lover in Connecticut

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9	4	5	6	3	2	7	8	1
1	6	7	5	4	8	2	9	3
7	1	4	9	2	6	3	5	8
3	2	9	8	1	5	4	7	6
5	8	6	3	7	4	9	1	2
8	7	2	4	6	9	1	3	5
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♥ —
♦ K 9 8 7 4 3
♣ Q 8 7 5 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ J 9 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 5
♣ —

EAST
♠ A 8 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ Q 10 2
♣ J 10 6 4

SOUTH
♥ K Q J 3
♦ A Q 7
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♣ A K 9 3

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Pass 2 NT Pass 4 ♣
Pass 5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣
Pass Pass Dble

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clubs, South naturally carried on to six clubs, which East doubled.

East's double was very questionable. As a general rule, it is unwise to double a slam voluntarily reached when the double might make the play of the hand easier for declarer.

West led a spade, won by East with the ace, and it didn't matter what East did next. In practice, East returned the eight of hearts, ruffed by declarer in dummy. Next came the queen of clubs, and after West showed out, declarer had no difficulty scoring the rest of the tricks.

Mrs. McDonald continued with a trump from dummy at trick four, winning East's ten with the king. She then ruffed the queen of hearts and led dummy's last trump, gobbling up East's J-6 with her A-9 to make six clubs doubled for a top score.

Although East should not have doubled, Mrs. McDonald undoubtedly would have made the slam anyway. The only threat to the contract from the start was the possibility that the trumps were divided 4-0.

If West had all four trumps, the slam could not be made, so Mrs. McDonald would have had no choice but to start the trumps by cashing the queen first.

Tomorrow: The foresight saga.

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