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## HCVFD douses pipeline blaze

BY LYNDEL MOODY  
 Staff Writer

No injuries were reported in a gas pipeline fire Friday morning which was quickly contained by Howard County Volunteer firefighters.

According to Volunteer Chief Tommy Sullivan, the call came in about 10 a.m. of a gas pipeline fire about a mile from County Road 2599.



"A contractor was cutting a T-line into a gas line," Sullivan said. "I don't think there was good communication (with the owners of the pipeline) and he didn't know the line was charged."

According to Sullivan, the crew was able to bail out of the hole before the fire expanded and evacuated to about a mile away before calling 9-11.

"When we got on scene, there was a grass fire moving out from the pipeline," Sullivan said. "We had to put that out and there were some oil field equipment about 40 or 50 feet away."

We placed compressed air foam on the equipment to keep it cool," Sullivan added. "Then the owners of the pipe line — West Texas Gas — could get in a little further up the line, dip it up and cap off the gas. That stopped the gas flowing and allowed the fire to go out."

Six units and nine volunteer firefighters were dispatched to the scene which took about two and half hours to clear, Sullivan said.



A rainy morning was nothing more than a little annoyance as teammates Troy Wrye and his son James Wrye, left photo, start off their chili masterpiece outside during the Fraternal Order of the Eagles chili cook-off held Saturday. Funds from the cook off go towards the West Texas Center's Children in Need Fund which assists with the financial needs of children receiving mental health services from West Texas Centers. At right, Amy Johnson decided to stay warm and dry inside as she cooked.

## A chilly chili cook-off



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

## Insurance sign-up deadline nears

Special to the Herald

People without insurance still have time sign up for health insurance on the Health Insurance Marketplace and avoid a tax penalty.

Under the Affordable Care Act, 2015 is the first year Americans must prove they had qualifying health insurance (or an approved exemption) for the previous year (when filing 2014 taxes), or face a tax penalty.

For 2015, if you don't obtain insurance by Feb. 15, (the last day of the Open Enrollment period) the penalty will be applied to your annual taxable income for each full month you don't have health insurance in 2015.

The penalty could be as high as \$975 per family or 2 percent of family income, whichever is higher. And, without insurance, you will be financially responsible for all of your medical costs.

However, some individuals may qualify for financial assistance from the government — or subsidies — toward the cost of the premium and other financial obligations like co-pays or deductibles.

"This is where Scenic Mountain Medical Center can help the uninsured in our community," said Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing coordinator.

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## Gun debate turns wild in Texas Legislature

by JIM VERTUNO  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas gun debate has gone wild, wild west.

A confrontation between gun owners and a state lawmaker who later was given a state security detail. Panic buttons installed in legislative offices. Guns made and displayed at the Capitol gates.

What many thought was a slam-dunk in the Republican-controlled Legislature — allowing the open carry of handguns in Texas — turned into a tempest in the opening weeks of the session. And its chances of passing seemed to further diminish when one of the state's most outspoken

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Jerry Patterson  
 open-carry advocate

conservatives flip-flopped on whether it's even a priority issue.

The antics have left some gun-rights advocates shaking their heads.

"(Open carry) has been pushed off the rails by the nut jobs," said Jerry Patterson, a former Marine, gun enthusiast and open-carry advocate who wrote the state's concealed handgun license law

as a state lawmaker in the early 1990s.

Although Texas has more than 800,000 concealed handgun license holders, it is one of only six states that don't allow open carry, a ban that dates almost to the Civil War. But open carry looked primed to pass this year with strong support from Gov. Greg Abbott and other top Republicans.

Several bills have already been filed with varying levels of open carry. Most call for licensed open carry similar to the concealed handgun law. Others advocate allowing the open carry of handguns by anyone pretty much anywhere.

Another key gun bill, allowing concealed handguns on college campuses, took a hit when University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven, who directed the special forces raid to kill Osama Bin Laden, recently wrote state leaders opposing it.

The session had barely begun when skirmishes broke out among competing open

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## Obituaries

### Helen L. Draper



Helen L. Draper, 84, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Helen was born March 25, 1930, in Petersburg, Texas to Marian and Gladys (Lovelady) Simpson.

She moved to Lubbock when she was three years old where she attended public schools and Texas Tech. She married Bill Draper Aug. 19, 1949. They purchased Faye's Flowers and moved to Big Spring in 1954.

Helen was a talented floral designer and made

many brides happy with her perfectly designed wedding bouquets. She and Bill retired in 1988 and spent several years traveling in their beloved motor home.

Helen's first love was the youth department of her church where she served for many years. At the time of her death, she was a member of First Baptist Church and attended the Chapel Sunday School Class.

Helen is survived by her husband of 65 years, Bill Draper of Big Spring; two sons, David Draper and wife, Sara, of Midland and Kelly Draper of Llano; one grandson, Jason Draper and family of Big Spring; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Proctor and family of Midland.

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*

### David Montgomery



David Frank Montgomery, 74, of Lubbock, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Wilshire on 4th Assisted Living Memory Care Facility in Lubbock. At his request, his body will be donated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine for medical teaching and research purposes. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Born Aug. 25, 1940, in Howard County to Clemmie and Thomas Frank Montgomery, Dave graduated from Big Spring High School before receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1963 from Texas A&M University. In 1966, he earned a Master of Science with an emphasis in Zoology and Bacteriology from Texas Tech University. While studying for his Masters degree, he worked for two years as a research assistant for the National Scientific Foundation Grant. He went on to teach as a Professor of Biological Sciences at Paris Junior College for 40 years before retiring in 2006. Thereafter, he moved to Lubbock, where he resided until his death.

Beloved by his students, Dave reveled in his work and was a regular participant in student events at Paris Junior College. He also enjoyed many hobbies and interests, including travel and bird watching. Devoted to nature and the environment, Dave was an active, longstanding member of the National Audubon Society, regularly participating in field trips, bird counts and conservation projects in and around his local community. Dave was also a devoted Texas Aggie sports fan who will be remembered by his adoring nieces and nephews for his wit, humor and funny word play.

He is survived by his sister, Sarah Lanham and her husband Charles of Milledgeville, Ga.; brother-in-law, Clifford Balzer of Big Spring; four nieces, five nephews, and 13 grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Dr. Thomas C. Montgomery; and one sister, Sue Montgomery Balzer.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions to a scholarship fund established in his name benefiting Aggie students. Interested parties may address donations to: The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University; Attention: Nic Taunton '07; 505 George Bush Drive; College Station, TX 77840; or donate online at www.aggienetwork.com/give/memorialgiving/. Please note "Dave Montgomery '63, Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo.

*Paid obituary*

### Charles Cooper



Charles Cooper, 85, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to :30 p.m. Sunday at Sunset Funeral Home in Odessa; also the family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug

Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Charles was born March 25, 1929, in Hill County, Texas to Lula and Marvin Cooper. He grew up in Big Spring and spent most of his adult life in Big Spring and Odessa. He worked for Union Pacific for

40 years, retiring as conductor in 1991. He enjoyed gardening and was a Baptist.

Charles is survived by his wife Della of Odessa; a son, Terry Cooper and his wife, Linda, of Odessa; a daughter, Cecilia Rice and her husband, Collins, of Odessa; grandchildren, Kristeen Dunnam and her husband, Matt, of Cedar Park, Clint Rice and his wife, Tiffany, of Lubbock and Chelsea Rice of Odessa; great-grandchildren, Chase Holder, Violet Dunnam, and Cambri Rice; and his little dog and best friend, Bo.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by one brother, John Cooper.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, Attn: Memorials, P. O. Box 841125, Dallas, Texas 75284-1125

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

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- STUART RYAN SHADE, 25, of 1605 State Street was arrested on warrants from other agencies.
- KRYSTLE LYNN AGUILAR, 32, of 911 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on charges of terroristic threat, place person in fear and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- JASON FRANCO, 39, of 2051 W Steele Lane Apt. 424, Santa Rosa, Calif., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BRITTANY LEE CHRISTIAN, 23, of 2808 Sher-

man Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- TIMMY WAYNE ROGERS, 35, of 3006 Sherman Road was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury family member.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3200 block of Sherman Road.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of North Golaid St.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

## Support Groups

**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.

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Sup-

port 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 Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and infor-

mative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anony-

mous, 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.



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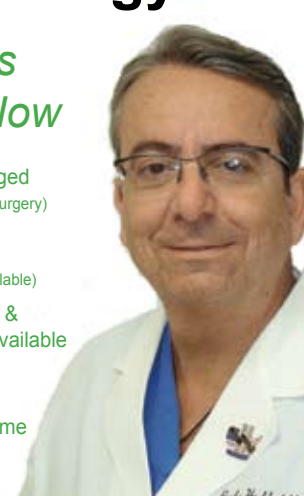
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## Take note

• The city of Big Spring is hosting a blood drive Friday in response to an urgent need for O Negative blood, which is the universal blood type and can be safely transfused into anyone. All blood types are welcome. The blood drive is schedule from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. inside the City Council Chambers, 310 Nolan. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Stacie King at 264-2347. For more information, visit [www.UnitedBloodServices.org](http://www.UnitedBloodServices.org).

• 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. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

## Hatfields and McCoys back in booze biz

GILBERT, W.Va. (AP) — After generations of bootlegging, direct descendants of the Hatfields have teamed up with the McCoy name to produce legal moonshine in southern West Virginia with the state's blessing — the start of a new legacy for the families made famous for their 19th-century feud.

Production of "Drink of the Devil" has been in full swing at a distillery on original Hatfield land, bringing batches to the nation's store shelves using the original recipe of family patriarch William Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield.

Overseen by Chad Bishop, husband of Hatfield's great-great-great granddaughter, all the work is done by hand in a converted garage on a mountain-side six miles from "Devil Anse" Hatfield's gravesite.

After going through fermentation and distilling processes at Hatfield & McCoy Moonshine, batches are bottled, corked and packaged in-house before being shipped to West Virginia, Florida, Kentucky, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Among those lending knowledge and elbow grease to the business are Bishop's wife, Amber, and her mother, Nancy Hatfield, the oldest living descendant of "Devil Anse."

Ronald McCoy, a great-great grandson of McCoy patriarch Randolph "Ole Ran'l" McCoy, was a consultant for the distillery's startup.

## SIGN-UP

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### Medicaid

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## GUN

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carry advocates. Several groups armed with assault rifles brought their weapons to a Capitol rally on opening day, exercising a state law that allows the open carry of long rifles.

One group, Come and Take It Texas, also brought a machine that finishes out the lower receiver of an assault rifle.

That was too much, too soon, said C.J. Grisham, founder of Open Carry Texas. He called making parts of weapons at the opening-day rally "confrontational and needless."

Things turned confrontational just a few hours later. Members of Open Carry Tarrant County got into a heated exchange with state Rep. Alfonso "Poncho"

Nevarez in his Capitol office.

Video posted online showed the activists calling the Eagle Pass Democrat a "tyrant" and ignoring his requests to leave, putting a foot in the door to keep it from closing.

Rattled House members voted the next day to make it easier to have office "panic buttons" installed. The Department of Public Safety later assigned Nevarez and his family a security detail.

Open carry opponents are sitting back and watching the movement implode.

"The extreme behavior on display is really drawing a picture for the public and lawmakers what open carry would look like," said Claire Larson of the Texas Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

"It may be fun for the media to cover, but the reality is that this is not a TV reality show. We don't have panic buttons on playgrounds."

Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a tea party favorite, took a surprising step back from his campaign pledge to "fight for open carry." Patrick stunned open carry advocates when he said it wasn't a Senate priority and didn't have the votes to pass.

Open Carry Tarrant County leader Kory Watkins urged open carry advocates to respond

and posted "We the people are the power," and "Get your panic buttons ready" on Facebook.

About 24 hours later, Patrick issued a statement saying he's never wavered on Second Amendment issues and promised the Senate would "focus" on an open carry bill.

Nevarez had a gun on his desk in his office on Wednesday while two

security officers stood watch nearby and shook his head at heated rhetoric.

"It's discouraging, and I feel for them, because I understand what these people are capable of in terms of their rhetoric, and it's real hateful, it's divisive," Nevarez said.

Abbott, who has pledged to sign an open carry bill into law, shrugged off the early-

session messiness.

"Open carry is the law in 44 states. ... It hasn't been the outbreak of the OK Corral," Abbott said Friday. "And I don't think it will be in the state of Texas, either."

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# Opinion

## A visit to the Low Country

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### DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

When I finished college, I hitchhiked across the United States. I was in Mississippi somewhere and heard people speaking with an accent I thought was beautiful. It flowed up and down the scale like music and was pensive, almost spiritual. I liked the soft sound of it.

This past week I was in Savannah, Ga. and Charleston, S.C. and heard a lot of that same accent. We traveled there with friends and had no agenda. We just wanted to see a little bit of the southeast coast.

After landing at the Savannah-Hilton Head airport, we went to our hotel, which was right downtown, close to the popular city marketplace and a square with an impressive fountain. We were just a few blocks from the Savannah River, which forms the boundary between Georgia and South Carolina. The area is called the low country because it's just a few feet above sea level.

The next day we decided to take Amtrak to Charleston, S.C.

(about a 90-minute train ride) and spent the day there. We had lunch at Jestine's, a popular eating-place that serves southern food. We waited in line for an hour before we were seated.

While we were waiting, one of our foursome mentioned my name. An 11-year-old holding an iPad Googled Tumbleweed Smith and read my website.

On the way to Savannah, I mentioned that I was going to have some cornbread and milk, a popular meal in rural east Texas. I thought it was also popular in the south.

At Jestine's, the waitress brought a basket of cornbread to our table. I ordered a glass of milk and started crumbling my cornbread into it. I picked up my spoon and started eating it.

I noticed some people at nearby tables were watching me. When I was about halfway through my special mixture, the waitress came up to me and asked, "WHAT are you DOING?" I said, "Yeah, like this is the first time you've ever seen someone eat cornbread and milk." She replied she had never seen anyone do that.

Moments later the owner of the place came over (apparently she had been talking to the parents of the 11-year-old who Googled

me) and said, "Tumbleweed, there's a rumor in the back of the room that you are tearing apart our cornbread, putting it in a glass of milk and drinking it. I just want you to know that we're not responsible if you choke."

I replied, "I'm not drinking it. I'm using a spoon." She also said she had never seen anyone do that. I felt elated that I had taught a bastion of Southern cooking the proper way to enjoy cornbread.

My wife and our traveling companions started calling me Cornbread.

Our driver suggested the name Crumbleweed.

Their New Year's Day tradition is a mixture of field peas and rice called Hoppin' John. I much prefer black-eyed peas.

We loved Savannah and Charleston. Both have attractive parks with statues and giant live oaks trees, historic architecture, carriage rides, trolley cars, legends and friendly people who love where they live. They're a lot like Texans.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A survivor says thanks

To the Editor:

Feb. 17 will be six months since I was robbed, abducted and assaulted by a man who is still at large. The Texas Rangers told us that the Big Spring Police are working very hard to apprehend him.

I wish to thank the individuals who have offered rewards for information leading to his capture and conviction. I also wish to thank every individual for their donations to the "Rose fund," at Berea Baptist Church.

We are so grateful for the many kind and caring people. God bless you all!

Thanks to the young man that found me and called 911. Thanks to the ambulance E.M.Ts for their quick emergency care. Thanks to the doctor's emergency care at Big Spring Medical hospital. Thanks to those responsible for airlifting me to Odessa Medical Center where I had emergency surgery. The doctors and nurses were great! When I was transferred to Health South in Midland for

rehabilitation, I received excellent care. Thanks to all my caretakers.

They were all amazed that I survived the horrible experience.

I know for sure that God's miraculous intervention saved my life. I am so blessed! Thank you, God!

For my wonderful family, I am so thankful. You were there and got me through it all. Thanks to everyone for the visits, the flowers and most of all for the prayers of family, friends and churches in Big Spring and elsewhere. I love you!

Verma Enfield  
Big Spring

#### SMMC care as good as any

To the Editor:

I am ashamed that I have waited this long to write this letter. On Nov. 11, 2014, I realized in the

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## On the road again

Memories dating back to World War II include "tourist courts" — forerunners of motels — and first spins of Roger Miller's King of the Road — a 1965 song hit. The lyrics included the line, "rooms to let, 50 cents." (Three years earlier, Motel 6 had begun, so named for its \$6 nightly rate.)

During childhood, I thought my late Uncle Gene, a hotel bellman, looked like the guy shown on billboards peddling Phillip Morris cigarettes. Gene worked at the 12-story Hotel Brownwood, a now-vacant structure that still gives my hometown the hint of a skyline. "Big-eyed" at his piles of coins at shift's end, I was astounded so many people didn't choose to carry their own bags.

"When Crossbows are Outlawed, Only Outlaws will have Crossbows" warned a lobby sign, or maybe this was in another hotel.

A half-century of travel vignettes push and shove forward in my mind's eye, as if vying for recollection.

They include:

- Flying to the Permian Basin from Dallas on Muse Air's final trip there in the '80s. I thought it odd the boarding announcement offered "my choice of seating." Little wonder, since I was the sole passenger. Three flight attendants fawned over me, even inviting me to play cards. Alas, "Old Maid" was the only card game I knew, so they

dealt a hand for their "phantom fourth player." That was OK by me; I wanted nothing to take my mind off first-class seating for the only time in my life. (I'm sure Muse didn't make the flight to accommodate me; there were two-dozen people at Midland Air Terminal going to Dallas Love Field, where the short-lived Airline failed to make a dent in Southwest Airline's dominance.)

- Requesting a wake-up call at a small town "Mom and Pop" motel near Seattle. "Pop" handed me a wind-up alarm clock, mumbling something about the last Texas guest not knowing how to set it or wind it and preferred to miss his flight than to learn how.

- Pleading for a room. I almost never make reservations in advance. With few hours to sleep before an early flight from Calgary, I heard "sorry, we're full" laments at numerous hotels. My wife — with "I told you so" looks on her face — vigorously patted her foot for emphasis. Told that the nearest vacancies were 75 miles away, I asked, "Why?" The wise guy clerk questioned: "Ever heard of the Calgary Stampede?" How about meeting rooms? Yes, they had them for 40 up to 400 guests. Did any have sofas that make beds? One did. He rented us one at the single room rate and handed us bed sheets and pillows. A tearful wife sealed the deal.

- Learning what "quaint" means in London. Our hotel room was tiny, but did have electricity. Sadly, it was timed and coin-operated.

We were plunged into darkness during an early morning check-out.

Not about to put in another coin and leave unused electricity

behind, we finished packing by flashlight.

We have come to appreciate truly unique hotels with interesting histories and yesteryear charm that trump most big chain hostelries. Three visited recently—all more than a century old—are in San Diego's "garden spot" coastal communities—La Jolla and Coronado. La Jolla's Grande Colonial Hotel is known for its historic charm, heralded Nine-Ten Restaurant and strategic location. It's only a few steps from the beach, where guests throw down towels between seals that gather there for daily sunning.

The world-famous Hotel Del Coronado Hotel is the second-largest wooden structure in America and was once the largest resort hotel in the world. We weren't guests there, but joined other visitors in absolute awe of this "must see" place.

We lodged across the street at Coronado's Glorietta Bay Inn, which originally was the home of then-owner of the Del. The boutique property has a marble staircase, brass amenities and perhaps the most accommodating staff ever. Won't soon forget the tray of cookies and pitcher of milk left in our room for nightly snacks. I heard distant calorie bells faintly clanging with each bite. My wife, however, heard the calorie bells more clearly. But hey, I couldn't let four fresh-baked cookies go to waste.

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# Bison herd provides glimpse of Texas history

By JOSIE MUSICO

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

QUITAQUE, Texas — A full-grown bull briefly looks up from his meal as you drive through his territory.

The great creature briefly ponders the sight of you and your vehicle, then returns to the pasture on which he's grazing.

Caprock Canyons State Park, northeast of Lubbock, is one of the few places you're able to see buffalo, and you're lucky you can even see them there.

North America's bison herd once thinned dangerously close to extinction.

"Bison were being slaughtered by the thousands," Park Superintendent Donald Beard told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (<http://bit.ly/1KemRfu>).

In the late 19th century, the country's herd dwindled from somewhere between 30 million and 60 million to fewer than a thousand. Efforts helped save the species, but its numbers are still nothing close to what they were before the westward expansion of the frontier.

Now, Caprock Canyons' 100 or so buffalo are considered Texas' official bison herd.



Since it began in 1997, the project has aimed to help the buffalo thrive again.

"One thing led to another and we started the restoration," said Beard, who is also vice president of the Texas Bison Association. "Our goal is to return this park to what it would have looked like prior to European settlement."

That means you can't compare a buffalo trekking Caprock Canyons to, say, an African monkey at a Dallas zoo. Rather, the buffalo is in its natural home, and any humans at the park are just visiting.

With about 15,000 acres, the park contains plenty of grassland for the creatures to munch.

Staff monitors their lifespans and brings them into a pen near the park's entrance for annual health checks, but mainly just let them roam.

"They've got a lot of land," Beard said. "It's not just a bison restoration — it's a habitat restoration."

The hefty mammals wouldn't have it any other way, either. Put them in close confinement and they'll grow antsy.

"When you start crowding them, they get frustrated," Beard said.

Their other personality characteristics are fairly positive, he said. Bison are known as smart and generally easy-going.

"They're very intelligent, much more so than domestic cattle," he said. "Their temperament is not bad at all, especially if they've got plenty of room."

While you won't see bison in many locations outside the park, the creatures were much easier to be found in the Lone Star State's past.

"Historically, they ranged pretty well all over most of Texas," said Wyman Meinzer, a photographer, historian and wildlife expert.

Meinzer, who lives in the tiny Knox County town of Benjamin, said four main herds of bison once roamed North America. Their nomadic nature, though, often caused those herds to

overlap. The Texas herd, for instance, would often spend its summers in Kansas or Oklahoma, returning home as winter arrived.

"They were constantly on the move all the time — they did not stay in one area," he said.

The Southern Plains and Llano Estacado areas could sustain about 3.5 million to 4 million head of buffalo, he said.

But even before highways and buildings interfered with their living space, bison had plenty of human contact.

Native American tribes such as the Great Plains, Apache, Kiowa and Comanche depended on buffalo meat as a main food source.

Many used the animals' hides to create housing, Meinzer said, and often as a form of a currency to barter other goods.

"They were completely intertwined in their existence," he said, adding, "Whatever the Comanches needed, they traded buffalo hides for it."

Soon after European settlers discovered the buffalo-skin market, the species was in trouble, Beard and Meinzer said. Some settlers viewed destroying the Native Americans' food supply

as a bonus, they said.

"They would take the hides and let the rest go to waste," Beard said.

One of those hunters, J. Wright Mooar, claimed to have killed a white buffalo. The legend is thread into local lore in Snyder, and the albino buffalo is somewhat of an unofficial town mascot.

"In a nutshell, it's our claim to fame," said Paula Hatfield, chairwoman of the Scurry County Historical Commission. "We shouldn't have killed the buffalo and we really shouldn't have killed the white buffalo, but we cannot rewrite history and we cannot change history. We just need to remember to tell the story."

As the bison's population declined, wildlife advocates grew worried. A full century before the Endangered Species Act, some folks established refuges where the animals would be protected from hunters.

Among them were cattle ranchers Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight, whose Goodnight Buffalo Ranch in the Panhandle served as a tourist destination as well as a sanctuary.

"They took it upon themselves to start protecting the bison," Beard said.

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middle of the night that I was bleeding internally. I told my wife to get dressed because I was going to call an ambulance.

When the EMTs got to our house, I was almost unconscious. I vaguely remember being loaded into the ambulance and I do remember the EMT talking to the hospital and telling them that neither one of them could find a pulse or get a blood pressure.

When I got to SMMC two doctors were waiting for us. They ran tests and put me into the CAT scan and I felt like I was in there for only a minute but one of the doctors pulled me out and said we needed to go to surgery right away.

I know the nurse had a hard time getting an IV started because I had lost so much blood but they got a needle in and gave me two units of blood and put me to sleep.

I woke up in ICU on life support and saw my wife and daughter. I was surprised to be alive. I thought I would wake up in heaven. I was in ICU for three days and I talked the doctor into letting me go home.

I have worked 47 years in hospitals as a medical technologist, across half the county and I can say that the care I got at SMMC was as good as I had every seen. I believe God used those doctors and medical staff to save my life. I got good care in ICU and everyone treated me so good. I got to feeling they were treating me like a family would treat a loved one. I know we read a lot of negative news, but I wanted to let people know how good my star was at SMMC.

Dean Thomas  
Big Spring

## Support I-27 extension idea

To the Editor:

Yesterday, the mail brought an invitation for a free travel guide to Alaska from its governor.

The story behind this appeal for tourism might be connected to another matter.

From reports, it is learned:

- Oil income accounts for about 85 percent of Alaska's state revenue.
- A third of Alaskan jobs are oil industry related.
- The Alaska pipeline initially transported more than 2 million barrels of oil daily to southern states.
- Alaska's oil fields are declining ... to about 500,000 barrels daily production.
- Alaska is already tapping its "rainy day fund" to make ends meet.
- Oil prices have dropped, causing increasing financial pressure on Alaska.

Alaska is a beautiful state and its governor is prudent to reach out for another industry to supplement oil. Big Spring has something Alaska would love to have — location.

Location is a perfect dimension to grow tourism's attention to some estimated 30 Big Spring attractions. It will assist our excellent EDC and CVB organizations to bring more activity to our city with the expectations of more and better jobs. Big Spring can become a tourism "find," so how do we let tourists know about us?

Construction is taking place now at a crossroads west of Big Spring, with a nearby overpass into our airport/industrial park. The US 87 crossing identifies a route planned by Ports to Plains Alliance, scheduled to reach from Canada, though the

United States and down into Mexico's deep water port on its west coast.

If we program ourselves to earn it, we could receive another interstate highway positioning Big Spring approximately sixth in the state of Texas with crossroad cities, but we will have to earn it.

A Ports to Plains director from Big Spring is being positioned to achieve appointment to a committee to lobby for Interstate 27 designation in our area — a new open route between the congested I-35 of Dallas and New Mexico's I-25.

Some believe the interstate to be a natural avenue through Big Spring. Let's not let that compromise our efforts. Populated metro areas have proven they can move highway considerations to their benefit.

Millions pass through Big Spring on Interstate 20 annually. Combining those numbers with a north/south interstate teases the imagination.

For now, let's acquaint ourselves with this overpass' potential. Call

our county, city, EDC and CVB officials and express our ideas and wishes for this route. They are all excellent leaders for our community and will listen. This is likely to define Big Spring economical-

ly into the next century.

If we lose this, we all lose! If you haven't already, please register to vote.

Voting numbers could become important community leverage.

In closing, tribute is

expressed to retired county commissioner Bill Crooker, for his vision about Ports to Plains. More than a safety route, it's a gigantic commercial route.

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## News in brief

### No mention of knife, ransom and blood: Japan's media self-censor during hostage crisis

TOKYO (AP) — Images or mentions of knives, ransom or blood — or anything else that can be seen alluding to the hostage crisis involving two Japanese in Syria — have been omitted. Some anime and other entertainment programs are altering, canceling or postponing episodes violating those sensitivities — typical of the kind of self-restraint shown here to avoid controversy.

The fates of a Japanese journalist and Jordanian military pilot were still unknown Saturday after the latest purported deadline for a possible prisoner swap lapsed with no further messages from the Islamic State group holding them captive. Another Japanese hostage has purportedly been killed.

The restraint by broadcasters and other media has spilled over into politics as opposition lawmakers, mindful of the crisis, toned down their criticism of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his team. When dozens of lawmakers appeared in their traditional kimonos this week to mark the opening of the annual session, they were attacked on blogs and social networks for looking too festive and insensitive.

The hostage crisis broke out on Jan. 20, with the release of an online video showing the two hostages with a black masked man wielding a knife, demanding \$200 million ransom in exchange for their lives.

Not wanting to be seen as insensitive — a huge faux pas in a society that holds consideration for others in high esteem — Japanese broadcasters quickly screened out any buzzwords and related images, all in the name of “jishuku,” or self-imposed control.

### Mitt Romney out: Former GOP nominee ends 3-week flirtation with another White House run

WASHINGTON (AP) — He insists he could win, but Mitt Romney has stepped out of the 2016 presidential contest in favor of the “next generation of Republican leaders” following a three-week fact-finding effort that revealed significant resistance to a third campaign.

The 2012 Republican presidential nominee on Friday formally ended his flirtation with another White House bid and encouraged his supporters to seek another candidate from the crowded field of prospective GOP contenders. Aides said it was a deeply personal and even painful decision for Romney.

“I believe that one of our next generation of Republican leaders, one who may not be as well-known as I am today, one who has not yet taken their message across the country, one who is just getting started, may well emerge as being better able to defeat the Democrat nominee,” Romney told supporters on a conference call. “In fact, I expect and hope that to be the case.”

The remark was both a recognition of his own limitations and an indirect swipe at the man who created the urgency behind Romney's brief flirtation

with a third presidential campaign: former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the son and brother of former presidents who is speeding toward a campaign of his own.

### Islamic State group militants target Iraq's libraries in war on culture, learning in Mosul

BAGHDAD (AP) — When Islamic State group militants invaded the Central Library of Mosul earlier this month, they were on a mission to destroy a familiar enemy: other people's ideas.

Residents say the extremists smashed the locks that had protected the biggest repository of learning in the northern Iraq town, and loaded around 2,000 books — including children's stories, poetry, philosophy and tomes on sports, health, culture and science — into six pickup trucks. They left only Islamic texts.

The rest? “These books promote infidelity and call for disobeying Allah. So they will be burned,” a bearded militant in traditional Afghani two-piece clothing told residents, according to one man living nearby who spoke to The Associated Press. The man, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared retaliation, said the Islamic State group official made his impromptu address as others stuffed books into empty flour bags.

Since the Islamic State group seized a third of Iraq and neighboring Syria, they have sought to purge society of everything that doesn't conform to their violent interpretation of Islam. They already have destroyed many archaeological relics, deeming them pagan, and even Islamic sites considered idolatrous. Increasingly books are in the firing line.

### NYC to pay \$5 million to kin of man killed in 'Mafia cops' case; he was mistaken for mobster

NEW YORK (AP) — Nicholas Guido was showing off his new car outside his mother's home on Christmas Day 1986 when he was gunned down because he'd been mistaken for a mobster with the same name. The bad information, prosecutors said, came from two decorated police detectives who would later be convicted of moonlighting as hit men for the mob.

Twenty-nine years later, the city has reached a \$5 million settlement with Guido's family in part of the fallout from one of the most stunning police corruption cases in New York history.

“This tragic matter involves the murder of an innocent man. After evaluating all the facts, it was determined that settling the case was in the city's best interest,” the Law Department said in a statement. The family's lawyer didn't immediately return a call Friday night seeking comment.

Guido's mother, Pauline Pipitone, was washing dishes after Christmas dinner when gunfire erupted outside her Brooklyn home.

She ran over to the car and found her 26-year-old son sitting up at the wheel, she testified at the ex-detectives' 2006 racketeering trial. “I went to touch his hand, and he must have just died,” she said. “His fingertips were cold.”

### Is he dead? Philippines awaits answer of costly commando raid on most-wanted terror suspects

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The cellphone message of the Filipino police commandos to their base was triumphant: “Mike 1 bingo,” a code meaning they have killed one of Southeast Asia's most-wanted

ed terror suspects, Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as Marwan.

But the euphoria among police generals monitoring the Jan. 25 dawn assault in a southern swamp-land was brief.

As daybreak lifted their night cover, the young commandos came under intense rebel fire, trapped in the marshy fringes of Mamasapano town, a Muslim rebel stronghold about 2-3 kilometers (1.2-1.8 miles) from where backup police forces waited. Unable to carry Marwan's body, one of the commandos chopped off his finger and another took pictures as proof of his death, according to police officials.

Another policeman kept frantically calling for reinforcements by radio, but standby forces failed to penetrate the battle scenes and the pleas for help eventually vanished.

“There was radio silence, a very long silence,” Chief Superintendent Noli Talino, who helped oversee the operation, said in Friday's eulogy, his voice cracking.

### China's growing embrace of snow and ice sports helping drive bid for 2022 Winter Olympics

CHONGLI, China (AP) — Clad in neon-green from head to toe, Chinese snowboarder He Qiang is part of a growing cohort of middle-class enthusiasts in a country with little tradition of winter sports but that is now seeking to host the 2022 Winter Olympics.

The 28-year-old escapes his office job in the Chinese capital for the skiing mecca of Chongli, nestled in mountains near the Great Wall where Beijing hopes to stage Nordic skiing and other events in its bid to become the first city to hold both winter and summer Olympics.

“Snowboarding is just such an awesome feeling,” He said, as a rare snow storm swirled around him and frigid wind gusts whistled along the edges of his ski lift's wind shield. “I can only imagine how much faster that will grow if we win the Winter Olympics.”

He says more friends are joining him on the three-hour bus ride to the sprawling Genting Resort with its 70 kilometers (45 miles) of trails is one of three key sites proposed to hold the games. Work has already begun on a high-speed rail line that will reduce travel time from Beijing's northern suburbs to just 50 minutes.

Victory for Beijing would mean overcoming early concerns over region's general lack of natural snow and its chronic air pollution.

Once considered an outlier as host, Beijing now appears to be the front-runner following the withdrawal of other contenders and a thoroughly well-prepared bid effort.

### Balloon crew surpasses world duration record by spending more than 138 hours aloft

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A pair of American and Russian pilots has traveled farther and longer in a gas balloon than anyone in history, trying to eliminate any remaining debate over a century of records in long-distance ballooning.

The Two Eagles pilots surpassed the distance and duration records that have held since the 1970s and 1980s, and were aiming Friday for a safe landing somewhere on a beach in Mexico's Baja California peninsula.

Troy Bradley of Albuquerque and Leonid Tiukhtyev (too-kh-TY'-yev) of Russia lifted off from Japan Sunday morning, and by Friday, they beat what's considered the “holy grail” of ballooning achievements, the 137-hour duration record set in 1978 by the Double Eagle crew of Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman in the first balloon flight across the Atlantic.

By Friday afternoon, the Two Eagles team had been in the air more than 143 hours and was smashing the distance record, having traveled more than 6,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean.

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♣ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:  
South    West    North    East  
1 ♠      Pass      2 ♣      4 ♥  
6 ♠

Opening lead — two of hearts.  
Declarer sometimes changes his mind midway through the play and does the opposite of what he intended to do at the start. Usually, the reason is that he has discovered something unexpected about the opposing hands that forces him to reconsider his original plan.

That's what happened on this deal, where declarer had to limit himself to one club loser to bring home the slam. When he first saw dummy, South thought that at some point later he would make the normal

play of cashing the ace of clubs and then leading toward his queen, hoping East had the king.

This approach seemed more likely to succeed considering East's bid. However, South decided to keep an open mind while trying to learn more about the adverse hands.

After ruffing the heart lead, declarer drew two rounds of trumps and cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy. South then ruffed his last diamond in dummy and, when East followed suit, radically altered his original plan of play.

Since East had shown up with one spade and four diamonds, and surely had at least seven hearts for his leap to four hearts, he could not possibly hold more than one club. Accordingly, at trick eight declarer ruffed dummy's last heart, then led a low club and played low from dummy!

It didn't matter to South which opponent actually won the club. If East took it, he would have to return a heart, allowing declarer to discard dummy's remaining low club while he trumped in his hand. In the actual case, West's nine won, forcing him to lead a club from the king or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, South could not be stopped from finishing with 12 tricks.

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# News in brief

## Judge: Funeral home wrongly sold Lee Harvey Oswald's casket

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A funeral home that sold Lee Harvey Oswald's pine casket for \$87,468 must return it to the accused presidential assassin's brother, a judge ruled Friday.

Robert Oswald had bought the pine bluff casket for his brother, whose body was exhumed in 1981 amid conspiracy theories that it did not contain Lee Harvey Oswald's body. After a Dallas hospital confirmed the body through dental records, it was reburied, but not in the original casket, which was too water-damaged.

Oswald's family says it thought the original casket had been thrown away, but the funeral home actually kept it in storage before selling it at auction — along with Lee Harvey Oswald's death certificate and the embalming tools and table used in his burial — to an anonymous buyer.

Oswald's brother, Robert, sued Baumgardner Funeral Home after it sold the coffin through an auction house in Santa Monica, California. The auction house still has the coffin, because the lawsuit had put the sale of the coffin on hold. The sale was never completed, the judgment says.

In addition to returning the casket to Robert Oswald, the funeral home must pay him \$87,468 in damages, a Tarrant County judge ruled, saying its conduct was "wrongful, wanton and malicious."

It also must pay the auction house more than \$10,000 in storage fees.

The funeral home also must cover the expense of transporting the coffin from California to Texas, where the family plans to destroy it, according to Oswald's attorney, Gant Grimes.

Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963, was fatally shot during a jail transfer two days after Kennedy's death. Although Oswald was never put on trial, authorities concluded he was the killer.

## Lawsuit: Exploding air bag killed Texas man

HOUSTON (AP) — The family of a Texas man who died in a minor traffic accident is alleging in a lawsuit that their loved one is the latest person to be killed by shrapnel shooting out of exploding air bags made by Takata Corp. of Japan.

Carlos Solis, 35, died on Jan. 18 in a minor crash in a Houston suburb. A lawsuit filed this week by his family alleges that when an air bag in his 2002 Honda Accord inflated, it sent a piece of metal into his neck. Solis died at the scene.

Takata is under fire for air bag inflators that can explode, shooting out metal and plastic pieces. At least five deaths and dozens of injuries have been linked to the problem worldwide. Ten automakers have recalled about 12 million vehicles in the U.S. and about 19 million globally for problems with the air bags. The company is still trying to determine the cause of the problem.

Solis' death has not been officially linked to the faulty air bags. A preliminary report by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences lists Solis' cause of death as "blunt force injuries of the neck." But a final autopsy report has not yet been completed.

April Strahan, one of the attorneys representing Solis' family, said that she and representatives of Honda and Takata inspected the Honda Accord on Friday and confirmed that the Takata air bag's inflator ruptured in the accident.

While the autopsy report is still pending, the "injuries we have seen that result in fatalities in these accidents (are) consistent with what we are seeing with evidence in (Friday's) vehicle inspection," Strahan said.

## State names interim head of Department of Health Services

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of State Health Services has named an interim commissioner to temporarily replace David Lakey, who helped coordinate state response to the first case of Ebola in the U.S.

The department announced Friday that its associated commissioner, Kirk Cole, will replace Lakey effective Sunday.

Forthcoming is the appointment of a chief medical executive licensed to practice medicine, who will advise Cole on health issues.

Lakey was in charge of the department when Liberian Thomas Duncan was confirmed to have Ebola and later died in Dallas. Lakey announced his resignation Jan. 7 and joined the University of Texas System.

His stepping down wasn't related to an ongoing no-bid contract scandal at Health and Human Services that has prompted the resignation of several officials.

## Air Force instructor gets 20 years in prison for rapes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A military jury has sentenced a U.S. Air Force instructor to 20 years in prison for raping two women, including a recruit he was training two decades ago at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the jury sentenced Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Silva on Friday, a day after finding him guilty in a 2007 rape of a woman in Wyoming and a recruit in 1995. He could have been sentenced to up to life in prison without parole.

Silva had been charged with raping three women. He was found not guilty in a rape that prosecutors said occurred in North Carolina in the early 1990s.

## Gunman fatally shot by Harris County deputy after chase

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area sheriff's deputy has fatally shot an armed man after seeing gunfire exchanged between two moving vehicles.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the deputy was not hurt but a driver was wounded by the suspect in the incident early Saturday.

Authorities say the deputy was on patrol when he observed a shooting involving two vehicles. The deputy pursued one vehicle, which crashed in a field.

Lt. Joe Ambriz says an armed driver got out of the vehicle, refused to drop his weapon and the officer opened fire. The suspect died at the scene.

Investigators believe the suspect earlier shot the other driver, who was transported to a hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries. Further details weren't immediately available.

The name of the man who died wasn't immediately released.

## 3 wounded in gunfire at Dallas nightclub, so far no arrests

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say three people have been wounded during gunfire at a nightclub. Police on Saturday did not immediately an-

nounce any arrests in the overnight shootings.

Authorities say the victims suffered injuries not believed to be life-threatening. Investigators are trying to determine a motive for shootings.

Further details on the victims weren't immediately released.

Dallas police didn't immediately provide additional details.

## Gov. Abbott declares Feb. 2 'Chris Kyle Day' in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott says he is declaring Feb. 2 as "Chris Kyle Day" in Texas to honor the late U.S. serviceman whose life is depicted in the blockbuster film "American Sniper."

Abbott made the announcement Friday while speaking to a Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention in Austin. Hundreds of veterans in a hotel ballroom greeted the news with a standing ovation.

Kyle's hometown was the Fort Worth suburb of Midlothian. He was 37 when he was killed in 2013 at a North Texas gun range. A former Marine charged in his death goes on trial in Stephenville next month.

Abbott said the state will commemorate Kyle's life on Monday.

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### Schneider enjoying his experience in the pool

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Nathan Schneider understands he doesn't look like your prototypical swimmer. He looks more like the guy who installs the pool than the one swimming in it. And that is all OK with Schneider. He's just having the time of his life doing something he has wanted to try for some time. Nevertheless, Schneider has earned a

place in BSHS history. Last week, the accidental swimmer became one of just eight Big Spring athletes to qualify for the Region I Swimming and Diving Championships.

Finding Schneider won't be hard when the regional meet gets under way on Feb. 5 in Andrews. At 5-foot-11 and 235-pounds, with broad muscular shoulders and powerful arms, he will be the one smiling the

biggest.

"It's been kind of fun," said. "It has been a lot of work."

An all-district nose-guard for the Steers' football team and one of the school's top powerlifters, Schneider admits he had really planned to be a part of the Steers' swim team – even though he has always wanted to try.

"I never had the chance to do it," said the 16-year-old son of Andie

Schneider. "During the summer, I actually went down a few times and swam, but then football started and I never got back to it."

Fortunately for Schneider, BSHS swim coach Randall Shaw found a way to make the dream come true. Shaw approached Schneider and fellow linebacker Garrett Wigington about joining the swim team at the district meet to fill out two relay teams.

"Coach Shaw came and said he needed two or three more people to do the relays," said Schneider. "And looked at me and asked if I wanted to try."

Schneider's reply, despite a steady dose of teasing from his fellow football teammates: "Why not?"

So, for the next few days, Schneider would do his normal powerlifting workouts and then See **SWIM**, Page 9A



Big Spring defensive lineman Nathan Schneider helped swim team qualify for regional meet.

# Out of luck in Lubbock

Estacado press lifts Mats to 59-44 victory over Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – The Lubbock Estacado Matadors used a stifling press defense and a quick start on Friday night to grind out a tough 59-44 victory over the Big Spring Steers in a key District 2-4A showdown.

The Mats' ability to put the Steers in a deep hole early in the contest did more to get the Steers off balance than anything. Estacado built a commanding lead in the initial six minutes by reeling off a 16-4 start.

They coasted into the second holding a 19-4 advantage.

Big Spring, thanks to a strong first-half by Ty Sealy, managed to fight its way back in the second. The Steers outscored Estacado by a 10-6 clip in the frame and went into the half down by 11, at 25-14.

The wheels came off the BSHS wagon in the third. The Matadors posted an 18-11 spree in the third and carried a 43-25 margin into the final eight minutes of play.

Sealy led all Big Spring scorers in the contest by throwing in 12 points. Matt Yanez, coming off a career-high 23 points in Tuesday's win over Sweetwater, finished with nine points. Key-Shawn Broussard and Tobyn Tannehill added seven and five, respectively.

With the win, Estacado moved to 5-0 in district, and completed the first half of the 2-4A race with a two-game See **STEERS**, Page 9A



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Will Green drives over three Estacado defenders for a layup during the Steers' District 2-4A matchup on Friday in Lubbock. Estacado used an early run – and a stifling press defense – to claim a 59-44 victory.

Lady Mats overcome J-Rod's 25 in 46-41 upset

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – The Estacado Lady Matadors took a page from the Michael Jordan defense plan on Friday night. Knowing they couldn't stop Julianna Rodriguez from getting hers, the Lady Mats decided to take another approach – slow down the rest of the team.

And it paid off big time.

Despite giving up a season-high 25 to Rodriguez, Estacado forced more than 10 turnovers and limited the rest of the BSHS lineup to just 16 points en route to claiming a stunning 46-41 upset in District 2-4A play.

With the victory, Estacado threw the 2-4A playoff chase into disarray. The win enabled Lamesa to move into a second-place tie with Big Spring. It also helped Estacado and Snyder creep to within one game of both Lamesa and BSHS, creating a four-team race for the final three playoff spots. The Lady Mats' win also enabled Leveland to clinch one of the four postseason berths with a 66-17 win over Sweetwater.

Estacado started quickly against the Lady Steers, who fell to 14-14 overall. The Lady Matadors opened the contest with a 7-2 run and sailed into the start of the second quarter holding an 11-5 cushion.

Ruguest Alexander and Rodriguez notched Big Spring's lone points in the first quarter.

See **BSHS**, Page 9A

SWCID teams set to return to play on Feb. 7

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf basketball teams will try and put a positive finish on their 2014-15 season next week when men's and women's teams begin their final three-game stretch with a matchup against Revelation Institute.

The Rattlers enter the

contest, which will be played in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, sporting an 0-7 record, while the SWCID women are 1-12.

"It has been a pretty rough season but we are making some progress and improvements," said Lady Rattlers coach See **SWCID**, Page 9A



Schyler Kimbrell and the Lady Rattlers will play on Feb. 7

Stanton claims 50-38 win over 'Dogs

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA – The Stanton Buffaloes reeled off a 26-13 run in the first half on Friday night and then held on to claim a 50-38 victory over rival Coahoma in District 5-3A action.

"We got down in the first," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nich-

ols. "We played well in the second half but just couldn't dig ourselves out of the hole."

With the loss, Coahoma slipped to 10-11 for the season, and fell to 1-3 in district play. Stanton moved to 16-8 and 3-1.

Stanton did much of its damage early in the contest. The Buffaloes reeled off a 13-7 run in the first quarter, and

then tacked on a 13-6 run in the second to go into the half with a 13-point cushion.

The Bulldogs, who were led by Braxton Iden's game-high 15 points, battled back in the second half. Coahoma outscored Stanton by a 25-24 clip in the final 16 minutes.

Coahoma will travel to Sonora on Tuesday.

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**Big Spring's Julianna Rodriguez goes up for two of her game-high 25 points on Friday against Lubbock Estacado.**

**BSHS**

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Estacado continued to roll in the second, pushing its lead to 22-16 at the half.

After matching Estacado shot-for-shot in the third, Rodriguez and the BSHS offense heated up in the fourth. Big Spring reeled off 16 points in the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter and pulled to within three, at 44-41, with 21 seconds left on a free throw by Rodriguez.

Estacado managed to put down the rally in the next few seconds by hitting two free throws.

Stefani Diaz finished the game as Big Spring's second-leading scorer

District 2-4A Girls			
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L	Conf. W-L
y-Levelland	7-0	26-2	
Big Spring	4-3	14-14	
Lamesa	4-3	10-12	
Snyder	3-4	7-18	
Lubbock Estacado	3-4	6-22	
Sweetwater	0-7	3-17	
y- Clinched playoff berth			
Friday's Games - Lamesa 53, Snyder 31; Lubbock Estacado 46, Big Spring 41; Levelland 66, Sweetwater 17.			
Tuesday's Games - Lubbock Estacado at Snyder; Levelland at Big Spring; Lamesa at Sweetwater.			

by throwing in six. Damionique Mayes added four, while Tiffani Ruiz and Alexander chipped in two apiece. Mercedes Ruiz added one.

The Lady Steers will host district-leading Levelland on Tuesday.

**Ramsey, Lady Steer JV swamps Mats**

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

Kiowa Lesser and Halyna Davidson both pumped in five points in the fourth quarter on Thursday afternoon and helped power the Big Spring High School Lady Steers junior varsity to a thrilling 45-33 romp over Estacado.

Lesser and Davidson combined for 10 of Big Spring's 14 points in the stanza and helped break open a close game.

"It was one of our better games of the year," said Davidson.

The Lady Steers had entered the fourth quarter holding a 31-28 advantage.

Emilie Smith also contributed a basket for the BSHS girls in the fourth.

Big Spring got off to a solid start against Estacado. Kiana Ramsey pumped in four of her game-high 13 points in the first quarter and led the Lady Steers to an

early 12-5 cushion. Estacado rallied back in the second. The Lady Mats pieced together a 14-8 spree in the second and went into the half down by just one, at 20-19.

Lesser provided much of the offensive firepower for the BSHS squad in the second. She poured in four of Big Spring's eight points.

Ramsey took complete control of the contest in the third. The Big Spring point guard poured in

seven points in the first seven minutes of the second half and sparked the BSHS girls to a three-point lead at the start of the fourth period.

Davidson finished the contest as the Lady Steers' second-leading scorer by netting nine points.

Yzzy Solis and Emilie Smith finished with four points apiece.

The Lady Steers will be back in action on Tuesday when they face off with Levelland.

**SWIM**

Continued from Page 8A then head over to the Big Spring YMCA pool and swim.

It didn't take long for Schneider to develop a hefty dose of respect for the BSHS, especially before the district meet. About four hours before the district meet, Schneider said he and the other members of the boys' swim team - Wigginton, Trinidad Ramirez, Ivan Delgado, Daniel Jimenez and Diego Rodriguez - jumped in the water to do pre-race warm-ups.

"I'm not going to lie warm-ups was pretty tiring," he said. "We swam and swam and swam."

The work paid off, however.

Prior to the meet, Shaw informed the members of the 200-yard

freestyle and 200-yard Medley relay teams that all they needed to do to qualify for the regional meet was to finish in the top six. And since there were only six teams in each event, the main thing was to finish.

"He said, the main thing for us to remember was to not get disqualified," Schneider laughed. "The only thing going through my mind the whole time I was in the water was just swim straight and don't get disqualified."

With Schneider swimming the first leg, Ramirez, Jimenez and Rodriguez placed sixth in the 200-Yard Medley Relay finals with a time of 2:23.90.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle, Schneider teamed with Ramirez, Jimenez and Delgado to finish sixth with a mark of 2:15.35.

men's game will tip off at 4 p.m.

The SWCID women's team is led by Schyler Kimbrell, a 6-foot-2 center from Roscoe, and Judy Lopez, a 5-foot-5 guard from Seminole.

**SWCID**

Continued from Page 8A Roderica Johnson.

The women's match-up with Revelation Institute is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The

**Wildcats remain unbeaten with 82-61 rout of Dawson**

The Grady Wildcats knocked down 10 three-point shots on Friday night and breezed to an easy 82-61 victory over the Dawson Dragons in District 11-A action.

With the victory, the Wildcats improved to 6-0 in district competition, and improved to 22-2 for the season.

Grady had three players reach double

figures in the contest, including Beau Lucas who finished with 24 points - 12 of which came on a team-high four treys. E.J. Rodriguez and Cole Avery added 18 and 17, respectively.

Dawson also did well from behind the three-point mark, hitting nine treys.

Grady hosts Klondike on Tuesday.

**STEERS**

Continued from Page 8A lead over Big Spring and Levelland, who are tied at 3-2.

Big Spring, now 16-8 overall, will return to play on Tuesday when they host Levelland in the Steer Gym. Levelland defeated BSHS on Jan. 13 in the district opener for both squads.

The winner of Tuesday's game will find itself in at least a tie for second in the district standings should Lamesa beat Sweetwater.

A loss by Lamesa

District 2-4A Boys			
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L	Conf. W-L
Lubbock Estacado	5-0	19-7	
Big Spring	3-2	16-8	
Lamesa	3-2	15-8	
Levelland	3-2	16-9	
Sweetwater	1-4	8-10	
Snyder	0-5	7-17	
Friday's Games - Lamesa 52, Snyder 38; Lubbock Estacado 59, Big Spring 44; Levelland 70, Sweetwater 52.			
Tuesday's Games - Lubbock Estacado at Snyder; Levelland at Big Spring; Lamesa at Sweetwater.			

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“Here in the kitchens, we looked at the distinctive flavors of popular cookies for inspiration,” said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. “Cinnamon sugar is the signature flavor in snickerdoodles, so we reimaged that cinnamon sweetness into a peanut butter mousse and peanut crust, resulting in a delicious tart.”

For more twists on classic cookie flavors, check out [www.McCormick.com](http://www.McCormick.com).



### Peanut Butter Snickerdoodle Tart with Cinnamon Peanut Crust

Prep time: 30 minutes  
Cook time: 8 minutes  
Refrigerate: 1 hour  
Servings: 8 (1/2 tart) servings

- 1 1/2 cups lightly salted roasted peanuts, lightly crushed
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon, divided
- 3 tablespoons chocolate milk
- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

- 2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Mix peanuts, sugar, butter and 1/2 teaspoon of the cinnamon in medium bowl. Remove 1/4 cup and spread on small baking sheet. Divide remaining peanut mixture among 4 (4-inch) tart pans with removable bottoms. Press firmly onto bottom and up sides of each tart pan.

Bake tart crusts and peanut crumble mixture together in preheated 350°F oven 8 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Meanwhile, microwave chocolate milk in medium microwavable bowl on high 45 seconds.

Add chocolate; stir until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is smooth. Set aside.

Beat peanut butter, sweetened condensed milk, vanilla and remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add heavy cream; beat until soft peaks form. Spread in prepared tart crusts. Spread chocolate mixture over top.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Cut each tart in half. Sprinkle with toasted peanut crumble. Serve immediately.

**Note:** To crush peanuts, place peanuts in large resealable plastic bag. Pound with a rolling pin, mallet or heavy skillet until lightly crushed.

### Chocolate Chip Cookie Biscotti with White Chocolate Dipping Sauce

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 45 minutes  
Servings: 16 servings (2 cookies and 2 1/2 tablespoons sauce each)

- Biscotti:**
- 2 1/2 cups flour
  - 1 cup packed brown sugar
  - 1/4 cup instant nonfat dry milk
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 3 eggs
  - 1 teaspoon McCormick Extra Rich Pure Vanilla Extract
  - 1 cup miniature chocolate chips

- White Chocolate Dipping Sauce:**
- 2 cups half-and-half
  - 8 ounces white chocolate chips
  - 1/4 cup Irish cream liqueur
  - 2 teaspoons McCormick Extra Rich Pure Vanilla Extract

For the biscotti, mix flour, sugar, dry milk, baking powder and salt in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed until well blended. Mix eggs and vanilla in medium bowl until well blended. Gradually add to flour mixture, beating on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips.

Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a 12-inch long log. Transfer logs to parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Flatten logs to 1-inch thickness.

Bake in preheated 350°F oven 20 to 25 minutes or until slightly risen and firm to touch. Cool logs on wire rack 10 minutes or until cool enough to handle. Transfer to cutting board. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut logs diagonally into 3/4-inch thick slices. Place slices, cut sides down, in single layer on parchment paper-lined baking sheets.

Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until crisp and golden, turning biscotti over halfway through cook time. Transfer biscotti to wire racks; cool completely.

For the dipping sauce, place all ingredients in medium saucepan on medium heat. Simmer 5 minutes or until heated through, stirring constantly. Serve with biscotti.



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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.

## Perkins and McCullough to marry on April 30



Kelsee Perkins and William McCullough

Kelsee Michelle Perkins and William Chase McCullough will exchanged wedding vows on April 30, 2015 in Odessa, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jayden and Sandra Perkins of Midland, and Cheree Watts of San Angelo, Texas. She is a 2011 graduate of Fort San High School and a 2014 graduate of Midland College. Kelsee is a nurse.

The future groom is the son of David and Aleasha McCullough of Odessa Texas. He is a 2010 graduate of Permian High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Texas — Permian Basin. He is a petroleum engineer.

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## Burns, Wegman engaged



Ryan Wegman and Denielle Burns

Denielle Burns and Ryan Wegman, both of Big Spring, announce their intention to marry.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis Burns and Loretta Kissel. She is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed as a special education teacher for Dallas ISD.

The future groom is the son of Terry and Debbie Wegman. He is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is a commercial real estate appraiser.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The Herald attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

For more information, call 263-7331

## Births



Anastasia Ruiz and Luis Garcia proudly announce the birth of their son, Israel Isaiah Garica, born at 1:10 p.m. Jan. 13, 2015, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19¾ inches long.

His material grandparents are Rachael Torres and Valatine Torres Jr. His paternal grandparent is Connie Garcia.

Israel was welcomed home by sibling, Annaliyah Ruiz.

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Beef fajita/tortilla, chuck wagon corn, lettuce & tomatoes, line pineapple Jello-O, milk.  
Thursday  
Potato salad/onion/pickle, oven okra, vanilla pudding, bread, milk.  
Friday  
Breaded pork chops, new potatoes, green peas, cookies, milk.

**Sands CISD**

Monday  
Breakfast: fruit strudel, cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: ultimate taco salad, (high school) Spanish rice, salsa, seasoned corn, snowball salad.  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: hamburger, fries, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit.  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: sausage rolls, cheese sticks, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: pizza sticks with spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit cups.  
Thursday  
Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, rolls, pineapple d'lite.  
Friday  
French toast, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: barbecue on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, baby carrots, orange smiles.

**New Hope Christian School**

Monday  
Breakfast: oat meal, sliced apples, milk, (wheat crackers and sliced cheese, snack); Lunch: manwiches on a bun, pork beans, mixed fruit, milk.  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: fruit & grain bar, mandarin oranges, milk, (Goldfish and milk, snack); Lunch: scallop potatoes with ham, green beans, carrots, bread, milk.  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: cereal, grape juice, milk, (cottage cheese and peaches, snack); Lunch: chicken noodles, broccoli & cheese, corn, bread, milk.  
Thursday  
Breakfast: pancakes, banana halves, milk, (Animal Crackers and yogurt); Lunch: pizza casserole, sweet peas, mixed fruit, garlic bread, milk.  
Friday  
Breakfast: butter toast, applesauce, milk, (graham crackers and milk); Lunch: ham and cheese sandwiches, mixed vegetables, French fries, milk.

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Monday  
Breakfast: apple or cherry frudel, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: cheese or pepperoni pizza or hamburger or cheeseburger, garden salad, fresh veggie cups, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday  
Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, applesauce cups, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: ultimate taco salad or stuffed baked potato, rolls, garden salad, corn, applesauce, sour cream package, milk.  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: sausage rolls, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit cup, milk; Lunch: chicken & broccoli penne or pizza dippers with sauce, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches, graham crackers, milk.  
Thursday  
Breakfast: cheese stuffed sandwich, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Steers meatloaf or Steers chicken bowl, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk.

Friday  
Breakfast: French toast, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: popcorn chicken or barbecue beef sandwich, sweet potato tots, peaches, pinto beans, coleslaw, milk.

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### Economy slows, but rebound expected

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy slowed in the final three months of 2014, but a burst in consumer spending and the prospect of continued low energy prices are bolstering confidence that growth will strengthen this year.

The economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at a 2.6 percent annual rate in the October-December period, the government said Friday. That was down from a sizzling 5 percent gain in the previous quarter.

Though business investment, government spending and trade weakened, consumers signaled rising confidence by stepping up their spending at the fastest rate in nearly nine years. Thanks to steady job growth, tumbling oil prices and signs that pay may finally be picking up, Americans appear poised to keep the economy expanding at a solid pace. On Friday, the University of Michigan reported that its index of sentiment showed that U.S. consumers are more confident than they have been since January 2004.

Also Friday, the government said wages and benefits are ticking up, a sign that steady job gains may be compelling employers to pay a bit more.

An index that measures pay and benefits rose 2.2 percent in 2014, up slightly from 2 percent in 2013 and ahead of inflation, which rose 1.3 percent.

Though the overall GDP figure for last quarter was mildly underwhelming, many of the components of the report were consistent with an economy that's outpacing others around the world and is on course to post solid growth this year.

Paul Ashworth, chief

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Representatives of the Food2Kids Big Spring program from left, Muffet Bomar, JoAnne Forrest and Peggy Hopper receive the Russ McEwen Community Honor Award from Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director during the Chamber's annual banquet held Tuesday night. The honor, named after the late Russ McEwen, a Big Spring businessman and former city mayor, is to recognize organizations or a group of individuals who touch the lives of many in our community. The Food2Kids program provides a sack of food for 350 elementary age students at three Big Spring elementary schools for over the weekend.

### Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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### 2014's top 10 scams

Better Business Bureau hears from thousands of consumers and business owners every year about a variety of scams and frauds. Many are new twists on existing scams, but scammers get more sophisticated every year in how they spoof trusted names and how they fool consumers.

While BBB doesn't have specific numbers about how many people were defrauded or for how much, here are the scams we think were most pervasive this past year:

No. 10 Sweepstakes Scam: You've won a contest! Or the lottery! Or the Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes! All you have to do to claim your prize is to pay some fees or taxes in advance so they can release your prize... This is not a new scam, but it is a perennial problem.

No. 9 Click Bait Scam: This one takes many forms, but the most notorious of the past year was when the Malaysian Airline plane went missing ("click here for video"). Other click bait schemes use celebrity images, fake news, and other enticing stories to get you to unintentionally download malware.



No. 8 Robocall Scam: The notorious "Rachel from Cardholder Services" made a resurgence in 2014. This scam claims to be able to lower your credit card interest rates and takes personal information - including your credit card number - and then charges fees to your card.

No. 7 Government Grant Scam: You get a call saying you've been awarded a government grant for thousands of dollars. It may even mention a program you've heard about in the news. All you have to do to collect your grant is pay a couple hundred in fees by wire transfer or prepaid debit card...

No. 6 Emergency Scam: This one is sometimes called the "grandparent scam" because it often preys on older consumers. You get a call or email from your grandchild or other relative who was injured, robbed or arrested while traveling overseas and needs money ASAP.

No. 5 Medical Alert Scam: Another one that preys on older folks. You get a call or a visit from a company claiming a concerned family member ordered you a medical alert device in case you have an emergency. They take your credit card or banking information but you never receive anything.

No. 4 Copycat Website Scam: You get an email, text message or social media post about a terrific sale or exciting new product. You click through and it looks just like a popular retailer's site. But when you order, you either get a cheap counterfeit or nothing at all... and now they have your credit card number!

No. 3 "Are You Calling Yourself?" Scam: Scammers can make a call look like it's coming from anywhere. The latest trick puts your number in the Caller ID, which piques your curiosity and gets you to pick up the phone or return the call... and then they've snagged you in whatever scam they are running.

It was almost a tie for the top spot this year, because BBB sees this one every day:

No. 2 Tech Support Scam: You get a call or a pop-up on your computer claiming to be from Microsoft (or Norton, or Apple) about a problem on your computer. They say if you give "tech support" access to your hard drive, they can fix it. Instead, they install malware on your computer and start stealing your personal information.

And the top Scam of the Year, because it's just so terrifying, is:

No. 1 Arrest Scam: You receive an ominous phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer or government agent (often the IRS in the United States or the CRA in Canada). They are coming to arrest you for overdue taxes or for skipping out on jury duty ... but you can avoid it by sending them money via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Another variation on this is that you'll be arrested for an overdue payday loan. Whatever the "violation," it's scary to be threatened with arrest, and many people pay out of fear.

**Why Scams Work:**

There is a science to scams, and it may surprise you to know that scammers use many of the same techniques as legitimate sales professionals. The difference, of course, is that their "product" is illegal and could cost you a fortune. Here are the major techniques they use to draw you in:

Establishing a connection: The scammer builds rapport and a relationship with you. This is usually used face-to-face, as in home improvement scams and many investment scams, but also



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Big Spring and Chamber of Commerce officials were on hand Thursday for ribbon cutting ceremonies to denote the grand opening of the city's new visitor center on Main Street.

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U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said the fourth quarter's slowdown is "nothing to worry about."

Ashworth noted that the result was heavily influenced by a swing in the volatile defense spending category. He pointed to the acceleration in consumer spending as more indicative of where the economy is headed.

For 2014 overall, the economy grew a moderate 2.4 percent. The year began on a sour note as a brutal winter sent the economy into reverse. GDP dropped at a 2.1 percent annual rate in the first quarter. But the economy rebounded, with growth averaging a 4.1 percent annual rate over the next three quarters.

Many analysts expect growth above 3 percent this year. That would mark a significant acceleration after a prolonged period of weak-

ness.

Since the recession ended in 2009, the economy's expansion has averaged 2.2 percent a year, far below the gains typical after a deep recession.

In the October-December period, consumer spending — which accounts for roughly 70 percent of the economy — grew at a 4.3 percent rate, up from 3.2 percent in the third quarter. It was the best gain for consumer spending since the first three months of 2006.

But business investment in equipment shrank after big increases in the previous two quarters. Economists partly blamed the weakness on cutbacks in oil and gas drilling by energy companies grappling with the plunge in energy prices.

Government spending fell at a 2.2 percent annual rate after a 4.4 percent gain in the third quarter. The third quarter had been bolstered by a 16 percent rise in defense spending, which backpedaled last quarter.

Trade reduced growth by a full percentage point in the fourth quarter. Business stockpiling added 0.8 percentage point.

The government's estimate of GDP — the total output of goods and services — was the first of three for the October-December quarter. Even with the fourth quarter slowdown, the U.S. economy is still the star of the global economy.

Europe is battling renewed weakness, Japan is in a recession, and even growth in China

slowing.

Last week, the International Monetary Fund cut its outlook for global growth over the next two years, warning that weakness in most major economies will trump lower oil prices. But the IMF increased its outlook for the U.S. economy, pegging growth this year at 3.6 percent. If that forecast proves accurate, it would mark the fastest annual U.S. growth in over a decade.

"It took us awhile to get here, but I think the economy is finally off and running," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "Businesses are hiring aggressively, and the big drop in gas prices means that people have more money to spend on other items."

Global oil prices have

fallen nearly 60 percent in seven months, with the nationwide average for gasoline now around \$2 a gallon.

That decline translates into a savings for consumers of about \$175 billion, Zandi said.

"A big part of growth this year will be people spending their gas savings," he said.

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday took note of the brightening economic picture while pledging to remain "patient" in deciding when to begin raising interest rates from record lows.

The Fed has leeway to be patient because the weaker global economy has helped strengthen the dollar against other countries, and gasoline prices are plunging. Both developments are helping to hold down already-low inflation.

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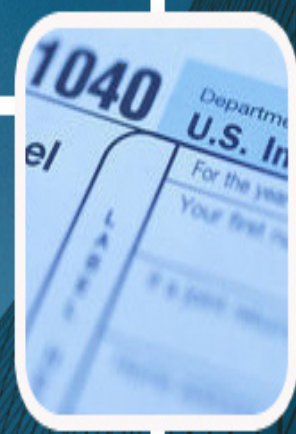
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Source credibility: The scammer uses techniques to make themselves look legitimate, such as fake websites or hacked emails that come from a friend's account. Most email phishing scams spoof real companies, and many scammers pretend to be someone they are not in order to add credibility.

Playing on emotions: Scammers rely on emotion to get you to make a quick decision before you have time to think about it. An emergency situation or a limited time offer is usually their methodology. They count on emotional rather than rational decision-making.

**What You Can Do:**

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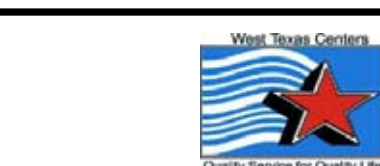
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**CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE**  
On Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. in the 2nd floor conference room in City Hall at 310 Nolan Street, City staff will hold a public hearing to consider a replat (or subdivision) of the following properties in Big Spring:  
An approximately 1 acre tract situated approximately 130 feet southeast of the intersection of 16th Street and Princeton Avenue. More specifically, this property occupies the May Thixton Addition, Block 4, east half of Lot 5 and all of Lots 6 & 7 in south Big Spring.  
#8605 February 1, 2015

**Legals**

CAUSE NO. P-14373  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
HUBERT DONALD BARBER,  
DECEASED  
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HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HUBERT DONALD BARBER, DECEASED  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of HUBERT DONALD BARBER, DECEASED were issued on January 26, 2015, in Cause No. P-14373 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MARK LYNN BARBER.  
The residence of MARK LYNN BARBER is 4416 Junction Drive, Plano, TX 75093.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.  
DATED the 26th day of January, 2015.  
MARK LYNN BARBER  
#8604 February 1, 2015

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**ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS**  
Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.  
**HOMEOWNERS**  
Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2015, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2014, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.  
**DISABLED PERSONS**  
Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)  
**PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE**  
Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2014. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.  
**DISABLED VETERANS**  
Persons who have been declared by the Veteran's Administrations are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.  
**FARM AND RANCH OWNERS**  
Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.  
**EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**  
Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.  
**BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS**  
State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request. This is a public service announcement by Howard County Appraisal District, 315 South Main, PO Box 1151, Big Spring, TX 79720 #8588 January 22, 2015

**Legals**  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
By: Jury Padron  
#8597 February 1, 8, 15, & 22 2015

**Legals**

**Elderly or Disabled Homeowners May Defer Property Tax Payments**  
Garden City, Texas  
Texans who are age 65 or older or who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Glasscock County Appraisal District office. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred — but not cancelled — as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died. A filed tax deferral affidavit keeps homeowners from losing their homesteads because of delinquent property taxes. A pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien will also cease as a result of filing a tax deferral affidavit. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes once an affidavit is filed. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due. All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount. For further details about property tax deferral, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 N. Main St., PO Box 155, Garden City, TX 79739, Phone 432/354-2580. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/. #8603 February 1, 2015

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CITY OF BIG SPRING  
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 048-2014, WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, TO TRANSFER BUDGETED FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE SPORTS COMPLEX DEPARTMENT TO THE AQUATIC CENTER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
30 JANUARY, 2015  
01 FEBRUARY, 2015  
TAMI L. DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
#8601 JANUARY 30, & FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Legals

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**City of Big Spring**  
**Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals**  
The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:  
**Roshini Patel**, LT 17 BK 4 of Belvue Addition, Located at 906 Birdwell Ln, is requesting a variance for a side yard setback for multi-family.  
**Juddy Johnson**, LT 2 BK 6 of Indianola Addition, Located at 1503 Avion St, is requesting a variance for a side yard setback for an addition.  
**Gladys Renfro**, LTS 1-4 "A" BK 3 of Fairview Heights Addition, Located at 1709 Runnels St, is requesting a variance for a side yard setback for a carport.  
#8590 January 28 & February 1, 2015

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
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Big Spring, Tx 79720-2657  
432-264-2513  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER THIRTEEN OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 13, ENTITLED "AMBULANCE SERVICE," SECTION 13-210 ENTITLED "AMBULANCES FEES" TO UPDATE FEES FOR BASIC AMBULANCES SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
30 JANUARY, 2015  
01 FEBRUARY, 2015  
TAMI L. DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
#8600 JANUARY 30, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

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**Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications**  
Garden City, Texas - Chief appraisers of county appraisal districts and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.  
How does it work? Certain guidelines must be followed for this local option communication:  
-Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district.  
-Public notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district on or before Feb. 1 each year, or agreement forms may be delivered on or before Feb. 1 each year to property owners shown on the certified appraisal roll for the preceding tax year.  
-The chief appraiser may determine the medium, format, content and method to be used for electronic communications other than notices required by Section 25.19 of the Tax Code which are prescribed by rule.  
-A decision by the chief appraiser not to enter into agreements may not be the subject of an appraisal review board protest, a lawsuit or a complaint to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.  
For more information, contact us at:  
Glasscock County Appraisal District  
124 N. Main Street  
PO Box 155  
Garden City, TX 79739  
432/354-2580  
#8602 February 1, 2015

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
310 Nolan Street  
Big Spring, Tx 79720-2657  
432-264-2513  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, NO. Z15-01, ANNEXING THE HEREIN AFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY INTO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO THE SAID TERRITORY AND TO ALL FUTURE INHABITANTS OF THE PROPERTY ALL OF THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS; SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 12.552 ACRES COMBINED UNDEVELOPED TRACT GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF ANN DRIVE AND WEST OF ANN DRIVE TO LYNN DRIVE; MORE SPECIFICALLY BEING 5.96 ACRES OUT OF A CALLED 5.99 ACRE TRACT AND 6.592 ACRES OUT OF A 169.723 ACRE TRACT, BOTH IN SECTION 9, BLOCK 32, T-1-SOUTH, T & P RR CO SURVEY, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS; ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE TERRITORY ANNEXED; ESTABLISHING ZONING Z14-06 AS A SINGLE-FAMILY (SF-2) DWELLING DISTRICT ZONE AND BINDING FUTURE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING A PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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#8599 JANUARY 30, & FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Conjunct Neptune

Romantic Venus and dreamy Neptune connect in unpredictable Pisces to mixed results. Some will be fooled by their own expectations of what love should be, projecting onto potential mates an idealized personality that may have nothing to do with who the other person really is. Others will take a "wait and see" attitude, which is for the best.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A German proverb states, "Charity sees the need, not the cause." You see both now, as long as you put your sights on both. Stay clear and give judiciously.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Hobbies are not extracurricular -- they are the curriculum of life. The more time you spend on hobbies this weekend the more fortunate you will be. Scorpio and Gemini people will be lucky partners.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If you are not a religious person, this will be enough to get you through: What is right will eventually triumph. Believe it. Religious or not, right has an undeniable power to it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your current mood has you honoring the things you didn't pay attention to yesterday. On a deep level, you know there is purpose to each and every life on the planet -- spiders count, too!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to go full-throttle all the time. Your gentle attempts will be successful as long as you

follow through to the logical conclusion. The only way to fail is to quit too soon.

**VRIGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At the moment, it might feel as though you are the more loving one, and that is fine with you. You'd rather admire than not. It makes you richer to realize what is wonderful about others.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need relief from the thing that you have too much of, even if it's a good thing. Today brings the reprieve, and tomorrow it's back to normal. Enjoy the rest.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Voting happens in many forms, and today it's mostly financial -- each dollar is a vote. Note that today people are more likely to vote against what they don't like than to vote for what they believe in.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Communication will happen whether or not you're trying, so you might as well try. When you feel you have nothing to say, but you say it anyway, you will connect with someone special.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strike out in a new direction. Don't worry about whether you have a talent for it. Don't worry about whether it will be lucrative. Don't worry about whether it's sensible. You'll be better for having experienced something new.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're at your charming best today. Even though this will be a low-key day, you'll find a novel way of presenting events as though they were newsworthy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a happy time because you are getting back something that you thought was lost for good. Celebrate in your own quiet way. Acknowledging the goodness of this attracts more of it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 1). The storms of the past have taught you how to sail your ship. This year you'll apply what you've learned and get to a sunnier place. You have your choice of

many social options this month and next, but by April, you'll be tired of the scene and ready to focus on one relationship. May brings money. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 3, 33, 28 and 5.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** To some degree, people sharing an experience at the same time in the same location will usually find easy things to agree on. For instance, most would agree that certain physical structures exist. Most would agree on the general circumstances of who was there, what was going on, the weather, etc. This week begins with a conjunction of Venus and Neptune in Pisces that renders such agreement more difficult. The land of imagination opens up and invites us to play inside it. Unlike reality, the land of imagination varies wildly depending on whose mind is running the program. The first lesson is not to assume that other people share your vision. Try to communicate clearly instead of expecting others to understand what you're thinking. Lesson two has to do with observing others how they are and not projecting onto them the person you want them to be.

Tuesday brings the full moon in Leo, an exceptionally creative time. If you're working on a project that requires you to be playful and make artistic and/or stylistic decisions, Tuesday will open a flood of enthusiastic energy and the means to wrap things up with a big fancy bow.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** One Direction star Harry Styles is under the public microscope these days, his every tweet, Instagram and gesture a cause of commotion for fans. Styles was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were in Aquarius, the sign that is of the people and for the people. His moon in harmonious Libra adds another breezy air sign to the mix, indicating an unselfconscious social style.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Stars of tomorrow
- 7 Specialty of Beverly Hills' Sprinkles shop
- 15 Unchanging
- 16 Close encounter
- 17 Most frequently used Atlantic storm name since 1959
- 18 Enclave or Encore
- 19 Retirement venue
- 20 Rear-axle neighbor
- 22 Plywood source
- 23 Dietary staple of Colonial America
- 25 They're short on material
- 26 Look forward to
- 27 Historical period
- 29 Letter to Liverpoolians
- 30 Under a strain
- 31 Traditional rebel
- 33 Work (out)
- 34 Sawhorses, essentially
- 35 Engages oneself
- 39 With 47 Across, knighted coach on *The Voice UK*
- 40 Iconic Kraft Foods mascot
- 41 Not grounded?
- 44 Promise in writing
- 45 Place under water
- 46 Frat letters
- 47 See 39 Across
- 49 "Physician, heal thyself" book
- 50 Calabria, vis-à-vis Italy
- 51 Always going
- 53 Popular pizza topping in Japan
- 54 Check from the government

DOWN

- 1 Panini need
- 2 Getting a check from the government, perhaps
- 3 Hazard
- 41 Across
- 4 "Visit from St. Nicholas" preposition
- 5 Kind of crossbar
- 6 Boil
- 7 2012 Emmy winner as Hatfield
- 8 Volunteer

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga

Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 9 Low class
- 10 It's south of Limerick
- 11 Small six-footer
- 12 Youngest Cooperstown electee
- 13 Draw
- 14 Boil
- 21 Assesses, with "up"
- 24 Chamber groups
- 26 Autograph requests, effusive compliments, etc.
- 28 International Date Line crosser of 2011
- 30 Less zesty
- 32 Standout
- 33 Stand out
- 35 Good Seasons freebie offering
- 36 Literally, "by signaling"

- 37 Ralph Ellison alma mater
- 38 Ravens' rivals
- 40 Buyer of HotJobs.com in 2010
- 41 Court proceeding
- 42 ABC Sports' "Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century"
- 43 Tropical-country custom
- 44 What strong acids dissolved in water do
- 47 Matt's *Elysium* adversary
- 48 The origin of civilization
- 51 Insensitive
- 52 Court proceeding
- 55 \_\_\_ pocket
- 57 Yam-hair doll turning 100 in 2015

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

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## Cassatt String Quartet returns to Permian Basin

The New York based Cassatt String Quartet — Muneko Otani, violin, Jennifer Leshnow, 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 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.

The Cassatt’s second violinist, Jennifer Leshnow 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.

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 Orches-

tra 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.

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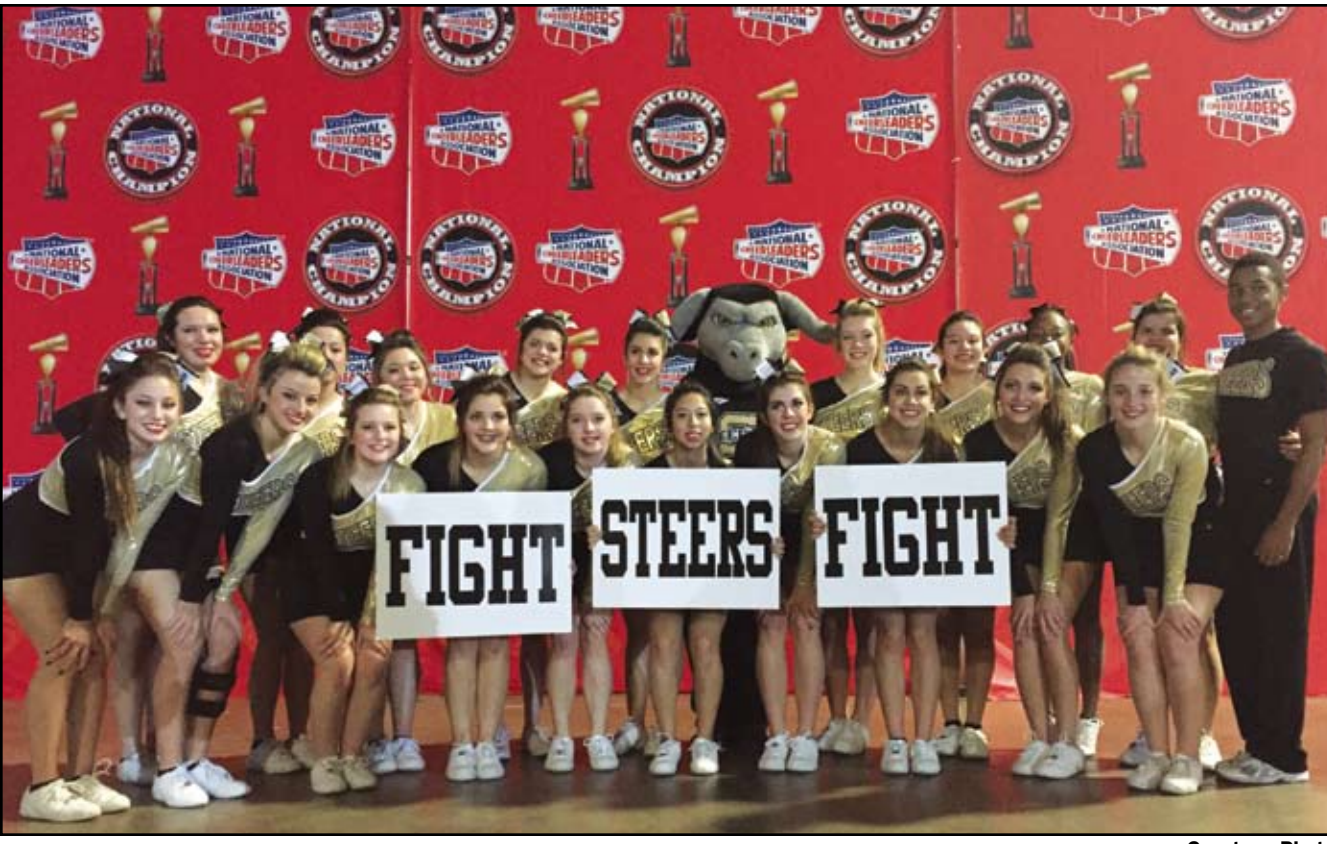
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# Award-winning BSHS cheer leading squad to host fund-raisers February



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is the Big Spring High School cheer leading squad at a national competition recently.

### Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring High School junior and senior varsity cheer leading squad, who recently returned after performing in a national competition, is holding two fund-raising opportunities. For those with Valentine plans, the cheerleaders will host a babysitting night Feb. 13, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Steer Gym. The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$25 for additional children. That price includes pizza, water, snacks and entertainment. Children age kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible. Parents can sign up at the Big Spring High School front office. The deadline to sign up

is Wednesday, Feb. 12. Checks should be made payable to BSHS Cheer. Next up, the cheerleading squad will host the 2015 BSHS Steer Cheer Mini Camp, Sunday, Feb. 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday, Feb. 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The camp is for girls kindergarten through fifth grade. No preschoolers are accepted. The cost is \$60 per child and includes a BSHS cheer camp t-shirt as well as other goodies throughout the camp. Campers will perform at the half time game of the Big Spring Steers Boys Varsity game. The girls will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance. The performance will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17 during the boy's

half time game. The game will start at 8 p.m. Mini cheerleaders will perform around 8:30 p.m. Girls will need a black pair of shorts or workout pants for performance. This will not be provided. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 6. All forms must be completed and turned in to Ashley Phinney at Big Spring High School's front office. Payment is due at sign-up. If you have any questions please feel free to email Ashley Phinney at [aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net). You may also call the front office of the high school and leave a message. Space is limited so please sign up early. Checks should be made payable to BSHS Cheer.

### Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship

Big Spring Symphony Guild has announced its fourth annual Music Scholarship in honor of Phyllis Graumann. The scholarship will aid a seventh to 11th grade Howard County music student in acquiring instrumental or vocal music training. The selected applicant will receive a \$300 scholarship to use for private music instruction, music camp/school tuition or a music festival attendance. To be eligible, all applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and must be residents of Howard County. Instrumentalists and vocalists may apply from their seventh grade year through the completion of their junior year of high school. Applicants should be between the ages of 12 to 17. To apply, applications must include a \$5 non-refundable check to the Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship fund; attach a copy of your ID or driver's license or birth certificate to show proof of age; and include a DVD or video tape of the student playing instrument or singing approximately two minutes long. An on line video or emailed video may also be sent to Eulaine McIntosh at [eulainemc@yahoo.com](mailto:eulainemc@yahoo.com). If playing an instrument, show view of student that will allow examination of technique, front view and side if necessary. Ask your music teacher to write a letter of recommendation and mail it to the address above. Letters should be mailed by music teacher, not applicant. This link may be helpful to the teacher: [www.musicteachershelper.com/blog/tips-for-writing-student-recommendation-letters/](http://www.musicteachershelper.com/blog/tips-for-writing-student-recommendation-letters/) Application should be turned in by April 1, 2015 to: Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship Committee, Big Spring Symphony Guild, 2800 Crestline Road, Big Spring, TX 79720. Finalists will be notified by phone approximately May 1, 2015.

### Scholarship contest

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 \$2,000 scholarship. All senior students who are planning to attend college are eligible to enter the essay contest. 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. For further criteria and information, please contact your high school counselor or the PBUWCD office at (432)756-2136 or email [pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com](mailto:pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com).



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