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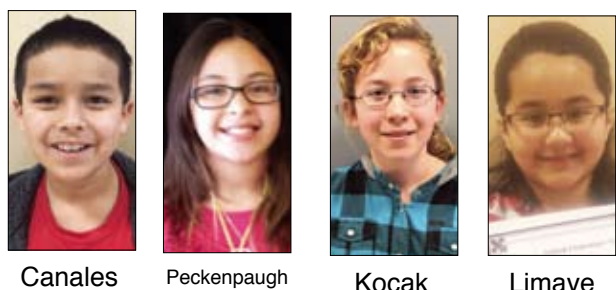
Fish fry fixings



Juanita Emerson and Ron Coatney prepare banana pudding, one of the many side dishes offered by the American Legion Post 506 for their monthly fish fry Saturday morning. The monthly fund-raiser helps support the club.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Spellers prepare for bee



Canales Peckenpaugh Kocak Limaye

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Five Big Spring ISD students will be among 39 area children to compete in the 28th Regional Spelling Bee.

The competition — sponsored by the Midland Telegram Reporter — will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, in the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

The winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. and a chance to represent Midland at the 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee set for May 27-28. The top five students at the bee will also receive prizes.

Each Big Spring student qualified for the meet by winning his or her individual school spelling bee.

Representative are:
Big Spring Intermediate School
 Mario Alanis, the son of Susan Alanis
 Sixth Grader
 Winning word: neigh
Goliad Elementary School

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County to consider honoring troopers

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider a resolution renaming a portion of Interstate 20 after two fallen state troopers Monday morning.

Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the third floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said she was approached recently by a Midland constable about an idea to

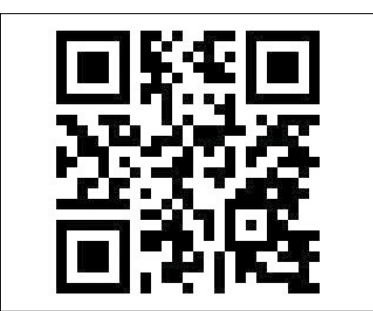
rename a portion of I-20 in the county after Department of Public Safety Troopers Troy Hogue and Jimmy Parks. Both men were killed while making routine traffic stops on the interstate.

Commissioners discussed the idea during a January meeting and are now expected to move forward with a formal resolution on the matter.

No timeline for the renaming has

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What: Howard County Commissioners' regular meeting.
Where: Third floor courtroom, Howard County Courthouse.
When: 10 a.m. Monday.



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Boys and Girls Club hosting pancake supper

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

Help your community by eating pancakes.

On Saturday, the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will host its first all-you-can-eat pancakes benefit.

"United Way helps fund a lot of organizations and in return they ask us to do one fundraiser a year," said Duane Shackelford, Boys and

Girls Club director.

Shackelford joined the staff at Big Spring Boys and Girls Club two years ago, but before that, he was with the Abilene Boys and Girls Club for 15 years. He wants to inspire the young people today to be even better people tomorrow.

The Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club Mission is: To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who

need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

The program offers tutoring, arts and crafts, fitness skills, healthy snacks, prayer and devotion, games, encourages self-esteem, as well as character and leadership development.

"We try to teach morals and life lessons," said Shackel-

ford.

The all you can eat pancakes will be Feb. 28 at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club center (811 West 5th St.) from 10 a.m.-noon.

For any questions, call Duane Shackelford, 432-267-8239.

Contact Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext 232 or email life@big-springherald.com

Troops staying on border, but some question mission

By **SETH ROBBINS**
 Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas — On U.S. 83, the highway that hugs the southern stretch of the Texas-Mexico border, law enforcement is everywhere.

Even on a national holiday this week, the green-and-white trucks of the Border Patrol circled tirelessly around the empty streets of Rio Grande City, a hotspot for illegal border crossings. Texas state troopers pulled over vehicles, and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter hovered above, keeping watch over the Rio Grande.

Less visible are hundreds of Texas National Guard troops who arrived last summer and are under new orders from Gov. Greg Abbott to remain indefinitely — probably at least through next year. But with migration numbers falling and the guard moving to remote outposts, local authorities and residents are questioning the troops' continued presence here.

Previously scheduled to leave in March, guard members who typically respond to short-term disasters like hurricanes are instead digging in for one of the longest domestic deployments

in the U.S. That is despite dwindling apprehensions and an even steeper drop in unaccompanied children arriving from Central America.

It was the arrival of those children in overwhelming numbers that prompted former Gov. Rick Perry to activate the guard in the first place. Abbott says the extended mission remains necessary until Texas hires more state troopers.

"We will stay on station until our presence there is not needed any further," National Guard Maj. Gen.

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The Gift of Life

Through the generosity of a donor, Adrian Ayala receives a new chance at life

In February 1982, Adrian Ayala was a 23-year-old who was accomplishing all of his dreams. He had married six months before to his beautiful bride, Starla, they had just purchased a home and they were looking forward to a wonderful and happy life together.

Unfortunately, on Feb. 5, 1982, a terrible accident changed their lives drastically.

"It was an icy day, and a 2½ ton crane fell on top of me at work," recalls Adrian.

That accident caused a lot of internal injuries and he had to have surgery. "It was a miracle he even survived," said Starla. "Adrian was off work for five years."

In June 2008 Adrian was airlifted to Lubbock. The doctors found that Adrian's internal organs were blocked because of scar tissue. He had to have another surgery. The doctors diagnosed Adrian with liver and kidney disease at this time.

"I was scared. It was really touch-and-go on whether he was going to live," said Starla. "That time he was off work for four months."

On July 8, 2014, Adrian got up that morning to get ready for work. He explains that he got up, made coffee, laid back down, got up again, got ready for work and left.

"When I got to work, I was in a haze. The whole morning was just hazy. I had to sign in, and I couldn't remember how to write my name. I just stood there," said Adrian. "My supervisor saw me, and told me I should probably go home. I went to my car and I couldn't get in. I was holding my keys but I couldn't figure out how to get in my car."

Adrian said that he was stuck in the parking lot for about 50 minutes, unable to figure out how to get in his car. He finally managed to get home, but has no recollection of how.

Concerned, they went to the doctors and Adrian was diagnosed with Hepatic Encephalopathy, known as HE. "It is like Alzheimer's, it causes memory loss and confusion. It is caused by the liver and kidney disease," explains Adrian. "I took a lot of falls. I didn't know why or how, I was just falling a lot and not remembering them. It is part of the disease."

Adrian's medical issues were severe enough that Starla and he had to start going to Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth. They got an apartment in Fort Worth, leaving their 11-year-old daughter, Calleigh, with friends and family in Big Spring so that she could continue with school and have a normal schedule.

"Our apartment was on the ground floor of a three-story building," said Starla, "and the floors were paper thin. You could hear everything in that building. I was so worried that in his confusion he would get scared and leave the apartment without me knowing."

Her fear was justified one day when they went to a pharmacy after one of Adrian's appointments. Adrian said, "She needed a flu shot, so we headed to a pharmacy. I got confused while I was waiting for her and got up. My niece, Randi, called me and she could tell I was confused and she just kept telling me to go back inside and sit back down. She just kept talking to me, trying to calm me down and get me back in the building."

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Courtesy photos

At top, Starla and Adrian before going through pre-op at Baylor All Saints - Fort Worth; below Adrian gives a thumbs up before heading into surgery to receive a new liver; daughter Calleigh gives a heart sign while she facetime with her parents; and Starla with Dr. Peter Kim who performed the transplant surgery.

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Obituaries

Bill Johnson



Bill Johnson, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends Monday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. prior to the service at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Ron Westbrook, pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born in Birmingham, Ala. on March 26, 1932, to George Henry and Pearl Blanche Petty Johnson. His early years were spent in Pensacola, Fla. where he attended area schools. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 and served eight years, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class, with a tour in Korea during that time. He was in the U.S. Navy SeaBees from 1966 until he retired in 1979 as Chief Petty Officer. During that time, he served two tours in Vietnam as well as other deployments.

On his retirement from active duty, the family returned to Big Spring, Texas. He was an avid bus transportation fan, did extensive research on bus

history and had a 60-year collection of memorabilia. He also operated a small charter bus service for several years. He loved his Lord, served as a Deacon at Berea Baptist Church and was active in day-to-day activities as long as health permitted.

He is survived by a loving family: His wife of 61 years, Beverly Bishop Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Dom Incollingo of Austin, Texas; three sons, Monty and wife Kwang Hui Johnson of San Angelo, Texas, Steve and wife Steph Johnson of Coahoma, Texas and Stacy Johnson of Austin, Texas; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Aretta Johnson; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret Jean and Frank Govek, Helen and Francis Smith and Christine and John Butterbaugh; and one brother, George H. Johnson, Jr.

The family suggests memorials to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road, Big Spring, TX 79720 or the charity of your choice.

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

Paid obituary

Rosa De La Garza

Rosa De La Garza, 91, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith

Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ROY GUERRERO CERVAANTES, 35, of 2502 Albrook Drive, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BRITTANY SCHULTZ, 28, of 104 W. 13th St. was arrested on charges of theft, less than \$50 – shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, more than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams; and possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- ALLAN LEE SMITH, 45, of 510 E. 17th Street was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 38, of 1200 Michael Avenue was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- DARREN LEE HEFFINGTON, 45, of 511 S. Goliad Street was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- ROBERT BOYER, 60, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEANNIE KAY EDMONDSON, 39, of 212 Circle Drive was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated – child passenger.
- TRINIDAD RIOS-RIOS, 37, of 408 S. Douglas Street Rear, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- D.J. TERRELL, 20, of 607 W. Cedar, Colman, Texas, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- MARSHA D. CARTER, 38, of 6610 Ratliff Road was arrested on warrants for injury to a child

- with bodily injury, harassment, parent contributing to nonattendance.
- TERRY LEE CARTER, 38, of 6610 Ratliff Road was arrested on warrants for injury to a child with bodily injury, hindering secure creditor, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500; livestock running at large on highway (five counts); and failure to appear.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of S. Birdwell Lane and in the 1600 block of Harding St.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 100 block of E. Third St.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

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 Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.
 - This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.
 - For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at

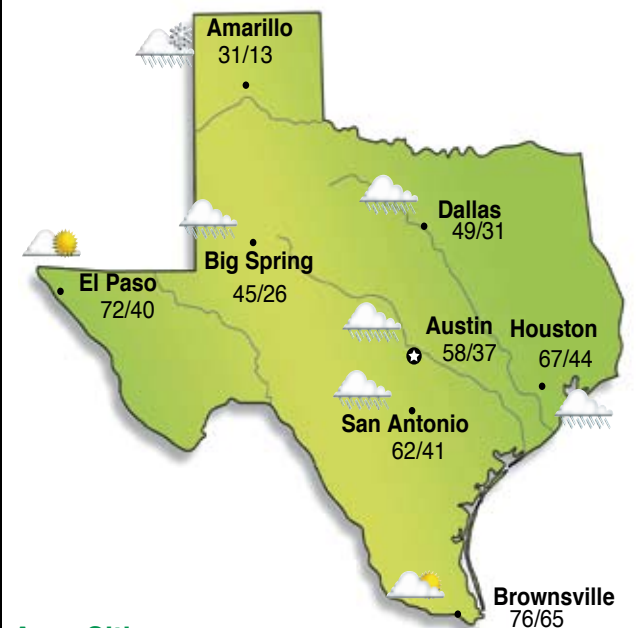
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 2/22	Mon 2/23	Tue 2/24	Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26
45/26 Windy with rain showers. High around 45F. Winds ENE at 20 to 30 mph.	30/25 Periods of snow early. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the mid 20s.	54/32 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	63/36 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	53/30 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	41	25	rain	Kingsville	75	52	cloudy
Amarillo	31	13	sn shower	Livingston	55	38	rain
Austin	58	37	rain	Longview	48	31	rain
Beaumont	64	40	rain	Lubbock	36	19	mixed
Brownsville	76	65	cloudy	Lufkin	55	36	rain
Brownwood	47	27	rain	Midland	47	25	rain
Corpus Christi	72	49	cloudy	Raymondville	79	60	cloudy
Corsicana	50	33	rain	Rosenberg	66	43	rain
Dallas	49	31	rain	San Antonio	62	41	rain
Del Rio	66	43	cloudy	San Marcos	58	39	rain
El Paso	72	40	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	49	31	rain
Fort Stockton	63	32	pt sunny	Sweetwater	41	24	rain
Gainesville	43	24	rain	Tyler	49	32	rain
Greenville	50	30	rain	Weatherford	44	27	rain
Houston	67	44	rain	Wichita Falls	39	24	mixed

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	35	rain	Minneapolis	3	-9	pt sunny
Boston	40	16	rain	New York	44	19	foggy
Chicago	13	-7	pt sunny	Phoenix	70	53	pt sunny
Dallas	49	31	rain	San Francisco	70	52	pt sunny
Denver	19	5	snow	Seattle	55	35	pt sunny
Houston	67	44	rain	St. Louis	23	1	cloudy
Los Angeles	66	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	44	24	rain
Miami	78	67	pt sunny				

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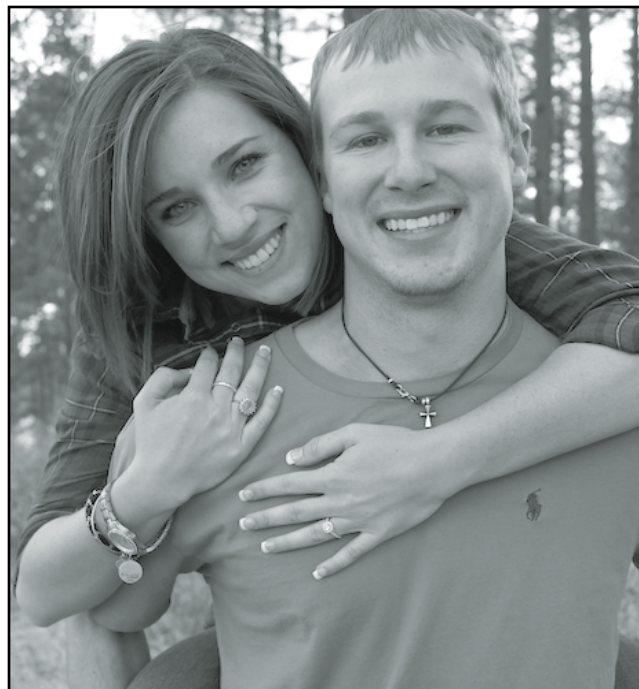
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Sloan Davis and Sterling Hohensee

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Sloan Davis of Big Spring and Sterling Hohensee of Miles, Texas, announce their intention to marry on June 20, 2015, in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Robby and Sherre Davis, both from Big Spring.

She is a 2010 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2014 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed as an English teacher at BSHS.

The future groom is the son of Greg Hohensee of Miles and Tammy Brosig Hohensee of Paint Rock, Texas.

He is a 2009 graduate of Miles High School and a 2014 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Plains All American Pipeline.

Births

Gage Thomas Moore



D.O.B Jan. 28, 2015

Ronnie and Katelyn Moore announce the birth of their son, Gage Thomas Moore, born at 10:36 a.m. Jan. 28, 2015, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces and 20 inches in length.

His maternal grandparents are Laurence and Margaret Wilson of Coahoma. His paternal grandparents are the late Bill and the late Joyce Moore of Columbus, Miss.

Menus

Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center

Monday
Chicken fried steak/gravy, French fries, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding, bread, milk.

Tuesday
Chili cheese dog, pinto beans, onion & tomato salad, orange Jell-O, milk.

Wednesday
Sweet & sour chicken, steamed brown rice, stir fry vegetables, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday
Turkey & dressing/gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, pumpkin pie, milk.

Friday
Crispy fish, French fries, coleslaw, mixed fruit, milk.

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Anniversary

Aristas celebrate Golden Anniversary



Rosa and Tom Arista 2015

Tom C. and Rosa Arista celebrated 50 years of marriage on Feb. 13, 2015.

The couple and family celebrated their long-time love Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, with family enjoying a meal at the Saltgrass Steak House Restaurant, Midland.

The two were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton on Feb. 13, 1965.

Their children are Daniel Arista and his wife, Ester, of Crane, Texas, and Tom Arista III of Lubbock. Their grandchildren are Christopher Arista of Big Spring and Steven Arista of Crane.

Tom worked for the city of Big Spring for 40 years and has been retired for approximately 12 years. He stays active at home, enjoys gardening and spending time with family and friends. He



Tom and Rosa Arista 1965

enjoys attending the Big Spring ISD sporting events, especially to watch the Big Spring Steers football games.

Rosa has been employed with the Big Spring State Hospital for 44 years and looks forward to her retirement in the near future. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. She too enjoys attending the Big Spring High ISD sporting events.

They are both active parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Stanton. Rosa also serves as Guadalupe for the Church.

They have enjoyed traveling with family throughout the United States and also to some of the resort beach areas in Mexico.

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Take note

• In honor of Texas Independence Day, members of the Texas Nationalist Movement will read the Texas Declaration of Independence and William B. Travis' "Victory or Death" letter of appeal for the Alamo on the east lawn of the Howard County Courthouse by the War Monument. The event will be held Saturday, March 7, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Texas Independence Day is Monday, March 2.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

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

us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday 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.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• 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.

BEE

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Ananya Limaye, the daughter of Vasant and Meghana Limaye. Fourth Grader
Winning Word: squirm.
Marcy Elementary School

Hannah Peckenpaugh, the daughter of Nadine Reyes and Harold Peckenpaugh.

Fifth Grader
Winning word: squirrely or Squirrely, both correct and she knew both

Moss Elementary School
Emily Kocak, the daughter of

Adriana Kocak
Fifth Grader
Winning word: Gainsay
Washington Elementary School

Joe Canales, the son of Joe Albert Canales and Krystle Lopez

Fourth Grader
Winning word: gambol

TROOPS

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John Nichols said. The troops had been stationed mostly along the Rio Grande. But in recent weeks, their presence became less visible as the guard began a gradual drawdown in anticipation of the mission ending in March. Still unclear is how many guard troops will remain, serving in their strictly surveillance role. They are armed, but they do not have arrest authority and must call another agency at the first sign of trouble.

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw this week refused to disclose the total number of gun-carrying patrolmen the state has saturating the Rio Grande Valley, making a complete picture of security elusive.

The governor and state officials no longer disclose the number of guard troops being kept on the border, citing what they call operational security.

When about 1,000 guard troops first arrived in August, more than 6,600 illegal crossers were apprehended in the first week, according to state officials. Those numbers have since fallen to around 200 guard members and about 2,000 weekly apprehensions.

The National Butterfly Center, on a 100-acre property adjacent to the Rio Grande in Mission, was home to a group of guardsmen through the end of 2014. The center's executive director recalled seeing them set up on a nearby levee in full body armor in the hot sun with high-tech surveillance equipment. Their presence appeared to act as a de-

terrent.

"The folks on the other side are aware of everything going on, so they move it elsewhere. It is a business, and they want business to go smoothly," Marianna Trevino Wright said.

But the crush of law-enforcement activity and the media attention focused on the border also deterred visitors — the birders and butterfly enthusiasts who come from as far away as Japan. Participation in the center's annual festival last fall fell by 20 percent, she said.

"You come out here and see how lovely and tranquil and peaceful it is, and the news made it sound like we were being invaded," she said.

The center held two dinners for guard

troops, but she said she has not seen one guard member anywhere in the area since January. "They sort of vanished," she said.

The National Guard's lowered profile has caused some local law enforcement officials to balk at the cost of keeping them in the area. Next year, Texas will surpass \$1 billion in border-security spending since 2008. The money has paid for everything from raw manpower to futuristic spy planes and \$600,000 armored boats with machine guns that fire 900 rounds per minute.

Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio said that he's never spotted the guard working in his county and his officers don't report seeing

them either. That money would be better used beefing up local law enforcement, he said.

"We have to know when you can stop somebody, when you can interrogate someone, when you have probable cause to stop. The National Guard does not have that authority," Lucio said.

Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities in McAllen, which opened a shelter for migrants last summer, also questioned what the guardsmen added.

"Folks in general ap-

amendments.

• Presentation of a map detailing proposed railroad towers.

• The law library fund and setting court costs.

• An intergovernmental agreement with the Big Spring Federal Corrections Institute.

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COUNTY

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been set.

In other business, commissioners will consider:

• A verified statement of proposal from Lone Star Railroad, Inc.

• A closed session concerning personnel matters.

• Invoices, purchase requests and budget

precipitate the sense of safety that our local law enforcement provide for us," Pimentel said. "I don't know that the National Guard is doing anything to increase that safety."

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Bill McClellan, 63, died Sunday. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Bill Johnson, 82, died Thursday. The family will receive friends Monday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. prior to the service at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Stanford Muse, 91, died Thursday. Services are pending.

Rosa De La Garza, 91, died Friday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10: a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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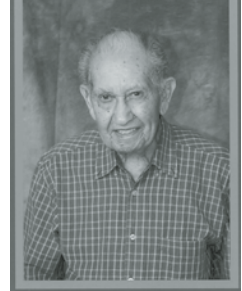
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Pawscars honor top animal actors, including prolific primate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Honoring actors brings out red carpets, couture and — sometimes — creatures. A monkey who's starred in 25 movies over two decades was top dog at the sixth annual Pawscars, the animal version of the Oscars. Waving a statue over her head in triumph, a beaming Crystal accepts the "lifetime diva achievement

award" looking every bit the part in a pink, floor-length gown and necklace during the show streaming online Wednesday. The Capuchin monkey, who played a Ben Stiller-slapping, key-stealing primate in "Night at the Museum" and a drug-dealing monkey in "Hangover Part II," is "the Angelina Jolie of animal stars," said "NCIS" actress

Pauley Perrette, who is hosting the show with teen actor Lou Wegner. Holding her tiny hand, Perrette asks the prolific primate: "So Crystal, you have starred with some of the top leading men of all times — Bradley Cooper, Ben Stiller, Matt Damon, Robin Williams — did you have a favorite?" Crystal nods and chitters as her "answer" appears on screen:

"Robin did call me his favorite leading lady, but my favorite leading man has to be my trainer Tom Gunderson." The show airs four days before the Academy Awards and honors other animal actors in categories such as best puppy under pressure and best supporting equine. As pets become more important parts of

everyday life, including on film and TV, animal award shows have grown in popularity. Pets already took the limelight at the World Dog Awards, the Puppy Bowl and Kitten Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday, and the Westminster dog show. Like the Oscars, the Pawscars wrap up awards season but are far more low-key. The hosts announce the awards from armchairs in Perrette's Hollywood guest house, while Crystal perches on a nearby ottoman. Other

winner are sent an official Pawscars certificate and special treat. Praise for animals on set doesn't come without detractors: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says live animals don't belong in film and TV work. The American Humane Association, the group hosting the Pawscars, has a 75-year-old program that ensures the safety of animal actors and gives its approval by allowing the familiar "No Animals Were Harmed" tagline to roll in movie credits.

PBUWCD scholarship essays due March 3

STANTON — The due date is nearing for students to submit their essay for the 2015 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) scholarship contest. All graduating seniors who attend a school within the district are invited to participate. One senior student from each

of the high schools located in the District's coverage area — Forsan, Grady, Sands and Stanton — will be awarded a scholarship. All senior students who are planning to attend college are eligible to enter the essay contest. Each winner of the contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. The essays are due no later

than March 3, 2015. They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W St. Peter, Stanton, Tx by 5 p.m. 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.

MENUS

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New Hope Christian School

Monday
Breakfast: oatmeal, bananas, milk (vanilla wafers and milk, snack); Lunch: mini corn dogs, macaroni salad, ranch-style beans, bread and milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: cereal, grape juice, milk, (graham crackers and mixed fruits, snack); Lunch: chicken strips, tater tots, mixed veggies, bread and milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: waffles, pears, milk, (veggie sticks and crackers); Lunch: barbecue rib patties, baked beans, corn, bread and milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: granola bars, peaches, milk (Animal crackers and string cheese); Lunch: chicken parmesan, carrots, salad, mix, bread, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: fruit and grain mixed berries, milk (Rice Crispy treats and milk); Lunch: cheese-burgers, French fries, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday
Breakfast: apple or cherry frudel, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: corn dog or pizza dippers with sauce, beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, apple-sauce cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty queso with tortilla chips or grilled cheese sandwiches, garden salad, baby carrots, pears, side kick fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage roll, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: sack lunch bag, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: cheese stuffed sandwiches, bananas, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty macaroni or chicken nuggets, bread sticks, garden salad, grapes, mashed potatoes, animal crackers, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: French toast, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: cheese pizza or pepperoni pizza or ultimate taco

salad, tomato/cucumber cup, baby carrots, Madarian oranges, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday
Breakfast: fruit strudel, cheese sticks, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: pizza sticks with spaghetti sauce, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, pineapple d'lite.

Tuesday
Breakfast: mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: beefy queso nachos, (high school) refried beans, garden salad, pears, sherbet cups.

Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage rolls, cheese sticks, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: beef & bean burritos, salsa, Mexicali corn, fresh veggie cups, fruity gelatin.

Thursday
Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: chicken nuggets, garden salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, fresh grapes, breadsticks, chocolate chip cookies.

Friday
Breakfast: French toast, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, tomato and cucumber cup, baby carrots, Mandarin oranges.

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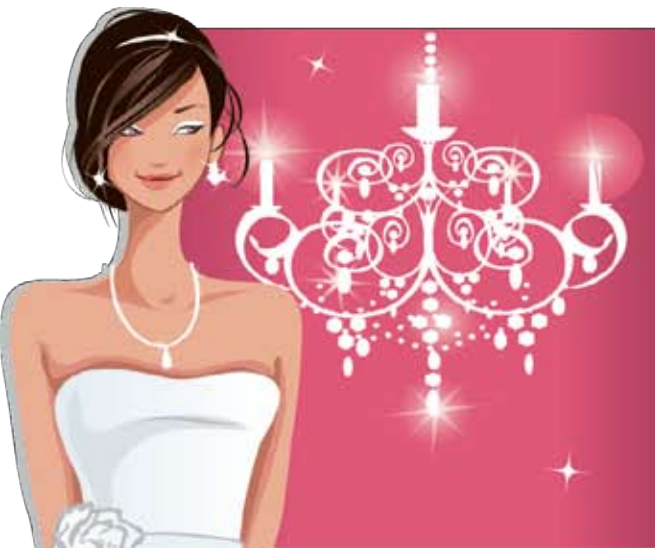
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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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Walking the Red Road:

Looking back, looking ahead

I have been writing this column for a year now so I thought it would be a good time to look back. In the past year I have written about Texas, Big Spring and Native American history. I have also written about current events on these same topics.

I have tried to give people a better understanding of the Native American culture and heritage, things you may not find in books and movies.

Over the last year, many people have approached me and told me how much they enjoy my articles. Many have come up and asked "are you the guy that writes that article in the paper?"

While visiting with an inmate, serving as a Native American spiritual guide at the detention center, an officer came up and asked that same question. I answered yes and he replied "I would like to shake your hand."

I have received phone calls. Some wanted to tell me their stories, some wanted to ask questions about Native American culture or history.

Six months ago, I received a letter from a Big Spring woman in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice unit. She is part Cherokee and had been reading my columns. She was reaching out for guidance. I replied to her letter and have been corresponding with her ever since.

Writing this column has been a blessing for me. I feel I have been able to touch peoples lives and their hearts. I have tried to give people a better insight to our culture.

Thank you from my heart to all that have responded to my articles.

In Native American culture, we are taught never to look back but to always look forward. I do not want to go against our ways so now let us look ahead.

Just as the young woman reached out to me I am now reaching out to you, my readers. If there is anything you would like to know about Native history or culture, let me know. If there is a topic you would like me to cover please contact me. You can contact me by phone at 267-4843 or email at waci.pcbs@outlook.com.

If you are one of those people interested in Native American culture I have a suggestion. Don't just read about it, go and experience it. Become a part of it, share our culture with us.

The 11th annual Big Spring Powwow will be April 25-26 this year at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Come and join us in our celebration of Native American culture and heritage.

Come to the powwow and watch us dance or even better, dance with us. Become a part of the powwow. Talk to the Native Americans there. Visit with the dancers. Visit with me or any member of the Powwow Committee staff.

We will all be glad to answer your questions and explain our culture. We are very proud of who we are and are willing to share information with anyone who is interested.

I hope to hear from some of you and hope to see you all at the eleventh annual Big Spring Powwow, April 25-26, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College.

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

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Storming the beach at Normandy

George Hangar of Killeen was drafted into the Army in 1943 when he was 18. "I never had it so good. I was paid \$50 a month. Before I came in I was paid \$1 a day." He became a combat engineer. "Our unit was composed of farm boys who already knew how to string barbed wire, fire every type of rifle and drive every type of vehicle."

He received amphibious training on the coast of England in preparation for the invasion of France at Normandy. "They told us that half of us would be casualties. I looked at the guy next to me and thought that one of us was going to be gone."

He was trained in mines and demolition. At Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, his specific job was to clear a path for the 29th Infantry Division. "We started off with a mine detector but we had to discard all of that coming in because of the waves and high water. When our squad got

ready to go off the landing craft, I was the first one to go down the ramp and as soon as I was off, the ramp blew up."

Getting off the landing craft was dangerous. "We were out quite a way from shore. When we left the landing craft we were in over five feet of water and the waves were four feet high. They would throw you up and down, up and down. Of course we had to fight the enemy to get in, even though we were soaked, carrying a heavy pack and our weapons.

"We wore a life preserver belt high under our arms. When you would give it a squeeze it would inflate. So many of the infantry guys didn't have amphibious training and their belt was around their waists. When they inflated the life preserver while they were in the water, six or seven feet deep with high waves, it would flip them upside down because they had all this weight on their shoulders. I saw two infantry guys in the waves with their legs sticking out of the water and their heads under water." He says it is extremely important to give invading troops amphibious training.

Once on the beach, they found

a wall of barbed wire in front of them and machine gun fire coming from the Germans. They were pinned down for an hour or so.

When the machine gun fire stopped for a moment, a lieutenant from the infantry unit stood up and was immediately shot in the head and killed.

"A half-track vehicle trying to reach the beach got stalled and our squad leader went over to it and called us over there. It had machine guns on it and me and another guy took a machine gun and continuously fired it while two other guys took explosives and blew an opening in the barbed wire so the infantry could move through. We used our bayonets to clear the mines."

George can still wear his uniform and got it out to show me. I took a picture of him holding it.

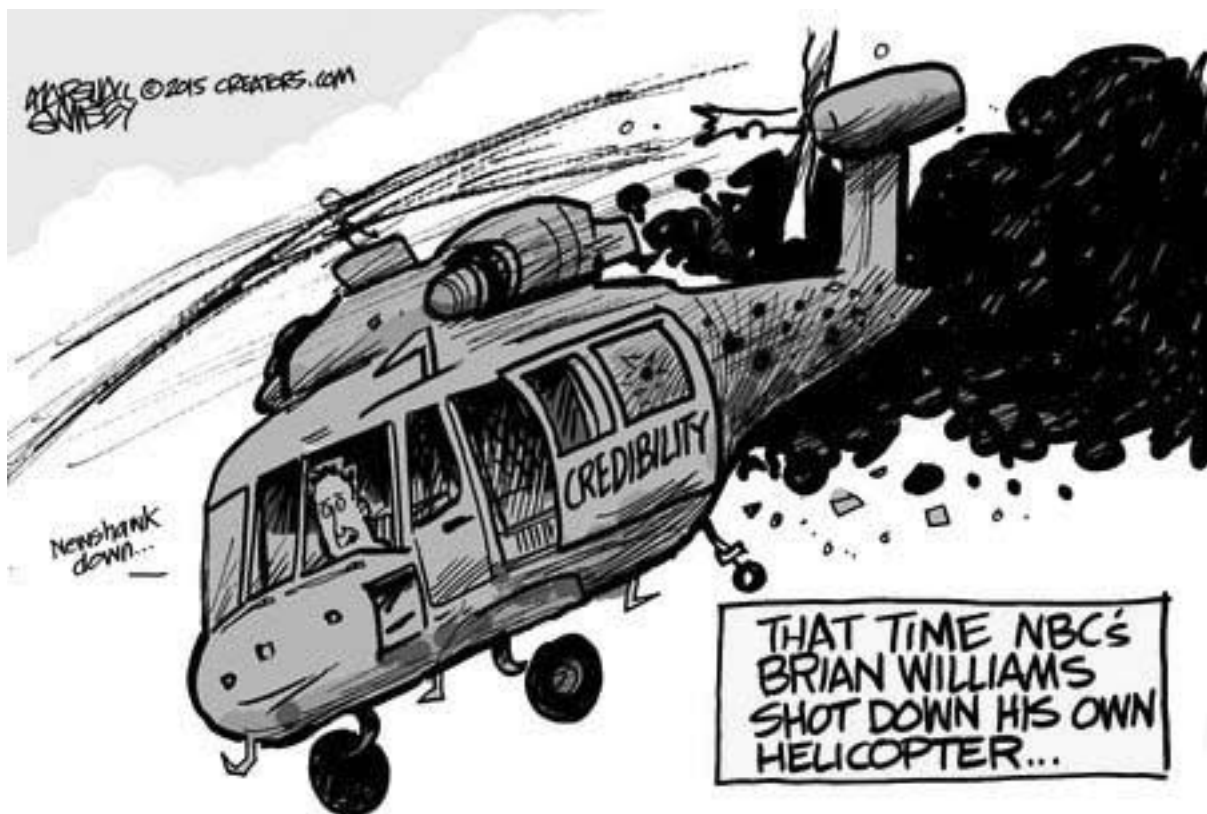
He stays in shape by taking six-mile walks. He has been on 600 of them.

"I'm trying to bankrupt Social Security," says George.

Few things please Tumbleweed more than sitting on a front porch somewhere in Texas visiting with people who love life. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Election doesn't get his goat

I am tempted to "wax Churchillian" in describing Jim Hogan. He's a man who raised eyebrows in Texas with his strong — albeit unconventional — campaign that resulted in a strong runner-up finish in the recent Commissioner of Agriculture election.

Old Winston, in a 1939 radio address, said Russia was "a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma." If modified, it also fits Hogan — a Johnson County "good old boy" who defied political strategies of campaign experts far and wide in his first bid for public office.

To Churchill's quote, I'd add "with pure heart, noble intentions, selfless spirit, pride in country and abiding good humor strong enough to propel him into a Will Rogers-like orbit." And when have we ever needed a Will Rogers more?

The only "Hogans" I'd ever heard of included one with a fouled-up goat and another named Ben — Jim's kin who was mighty good at golf.

When Jim surfaced politically, it was evident — as my old dad would say — he had "studied up" on what ag commissioners are "sposed to do. He ponied up the \$3,750 filing fee, vowing he'd spend little more in a campaign that saw him defeat seasoned candidate Richard (Kinky) Friedman in the Democratic run-off, 105,887 to 91,282. Republicans ruled in the general election, where Jim claimed 1,697,083 votes to the winner's

2,698,694.

Hogan got 36.8 percent of the popular vote; the Democratic gubernatorial candidate — spending multi-millions — received just two points more. To use an old expression, gadzooks!

Now 64 with 32 years of dairy farming behind him, he's a widower who tended his wife during her three-year cancer battle that ended with her death in 2010 at age 49. He got out of dairying, bought a few head of cattle and goats, took on a part-time insurance job and resolved to finish raising the couple's two daughters.

He made many promises — to them, to himself and to others — before entering politics. He would buy no ads, send no mailings and print no stickers/yard signs/cards/billboards. And he'd make no promises he didn't intend to keep.

Most important, he vowed to take no donations and if elected, to serve a single term.

He made good use of the Internet, email and telephone, providing his email address and phone number to all who asked. He was interviewed repeatedly by well-known media personalities from throughout the state, usually by phone. Some media reps interviewed him at Cleburne's Blue Star Grill and phone booth-size Burger Bar.

Oh, his appearance might remind one of Junior Sample on Hee-Haw or Colonel Klink of Hogan's Heroes. If you insist on completing a hayseed picture, stick a straw in his mouth.

Talk with him though — as I did a few weeks back — and you'll know he's crazy like a fox, passionate to serve, unapologetic for running and determined to enjoy the ride. He's absolutely in

love with the country we used to know.

Talk about trusting. During our visit, he loaned me an armload of handwritten notes, scriptures, sayings, clippings and stacks of laudatory letters, asking only that I return them "one of these days."

His plan, if elected, was to learn quickly on the job, surround himself with strong staffers and listen sincerely to the people. He was true to his campaign pledge. Beyond the filing fee, he spent only a few hundred dollars — one motel night on an Austin visit and a few other campaign trips.

Google him if you aren't aware of the press coverage he stirred up, even in well-known publications with statewide distribution. Much was written and broadcast by polished media folk. One interviewer asked if he believes in creation or evolution. His reply? "Both. Mankind was created, but some of 'em evolved into baboons!"

Alas, Republicans voting straight tickets did him in. What he accomplished, though, was monumental. While others spent multiple dollars per vote, his outlay was .02 CENTS each!

He says he won't be a candidate for public office again. No regrets, though; he's now busy collecting song titles that "fit" his year-long campaign.

One you'd expect is "I Did It My Way." And he did. I wish he'd change his mind about making another run for public office.

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Don't get burned this Spring Break

Spring break is just around the corner, so now is the time to start making your vacation plans. Planning your trip may require making reservations with multiple businesses whether online or on the telephone.

A travel agency can make the process of booking your spring vacation quick and easy. But using the wrong one could turn your vacation into a nightmare.

Better Business Bureau, serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin, is advising consumers to do their research before booking their next vacation.

In 2014, BBB received nearly 8,000 complaints nationally against travel agencies and bureaus. Most complaints alleged consumers felt misled by travel offers that failed to deliver on promises. In some cases, consumers paid money for travel arrangements that were never made.

Follow this advice from your BBB to ensure your trip will be worry free:

- Use a travel company you trust. Ask family and friends to recommend a company they've used and go to bbb.org to see the company's BBB Business Review. You can also utilize BBB Member Pages to find a BBB Accredited Business for your travel needs.
- Get all vacation details in writing. Get all the details of your vacation in writing, including travel itineraries and booking confirmations. Get a copy of the company's cancellation and refund policies.
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Alon officials at energy summit

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) today announced that its management will be participating in the Credit Suisse Annual Energy Summit being held in Vail, Colo. starting Monday.

Paul Eisman, president and chief executive officer, will hold one-on-one meetings at the conference Tuesday, and he will be representing and answering questions on both AlonUSA Energy

and Alon USA Partners, LP (NYSE: ALDW).

The related meeting materials will be available beginning Tuesday morning on the Investor Relations section of the Alon USA Energy website at ir.alonusa.com as well as the Alon USA Partners website at www.alonpartners.com.

Alon USA Energy, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the south cen-

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Alon is the largest 7-Eleven licensee in the United States and operates approximately 300 convenience stores.

PCCA board appoints interim president/CEO

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — The Board of Directors of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) has appointed Lonnie Winters as interim president and chief executive officer upon the retirement of Wally Darneille effective March 1.

The announcement was made by PCCA Chairman Eddie Smith during the cooperative's monthly Delegate Body meeting.

"Lonnie Winters has spent his

entire career in the cotton business, and he is highly respected in the cotton industry and among agricultural cooperatives," Smith said. "He is a strong, co-minded leader, and PCCA will be in good hands while our board conducts its search for a new president and CEO."

Winters joined the PCCA marketing staff in 1993, and he was promoted to vice president of marketing in 2004. Previously, he worked for Hohenberg Cotton, now a division of Cargill, and for W.R. Moore Cotton Company.

He also managed Granite Farmers Coop Gin and farmed in Oklahoma.

Winters is a past president of the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and currently serves on the board of directors of The Seam, an internet-based cotton marketing system that is co-owned by PCCA.

Founded in 1953, PCCA is a farmer-owned cotton marketing and warehousing cooperative serving approximately 15,000 members in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Roy DeWayne Carter, 5320 Wasson, Big Spring
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Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood, Big Spring
Tonya Renea Cogburn, 1610 Johnson, Big Spring
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Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
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Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connolly St., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 28, Big Spring
Cody K. Witt, 310 E. 21st, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Robert Allen Rios, 37, and Jessica Faye Thomas, 35, both of Big Spring
Felipe Delgado, 33, and Inez Gutierrez Zavala, 34, both of Big Spring
Casey Deowen Powell, 44 and Amy Carol Bost, 46, both of Big Spring
Dnnis Wayne Noggler, 44, and Shanna Marie Piercfield, 34, both of Big Spring
Robert Lee Carson, 24, and Krista Leigh Kerby, 24, both of Big Spring
Brian Alton Wilson, 41, and Stormy Elizabeth Kennedy,

37, both of Coahoma
Joe Barrientes, 30, and Carolina Maria Hinejosa, 29, both of Big Spring
Michael Ryan, 20, and Nicole Zamora, 18, both of Big Spring
Edward M. Cervantes, 43, and Becky Lynn Gonzales, 34, both of Big Spring
Joshua John Oufur, 29, and Jennifer Lynn Adams, 25, both of Big Spring
Vincent Edward McVea, 44, and Jennifer Rose Perez, 35, both of Big Spring
Gilbert Diaz Lopez Jr., 45, and Sylvia Ornelas, 49, both of Big Spring
Gary Lynn Barrington, 64, and Brenda Petty Felber, 61, both of Big Spring
James William Leffler Jr. 73, and Sue Bull Hodnett, 67, both of Big Spring
Pat Richard Rodriguez, 52, of Big Spring and Anna Fratolillo, 51, of Italy
Brandon Keith Joslyn, 20, and Ashtyn Leigh Payne, 20, both of Big Spring
Jesse Metcalf III, 29, and Frances Smith, 30, both of Big Spring
Dennis Page, 31, and Kiowa Spears, 19, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Marina Lorena Rios vs.

Richard Alcantar, divorce
Debra White vs. Richard White, divorce
Marie McGrady vs. Thomas Darrell McGrady
Big Spring Independent School District vs. Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., accounts, notes and contracts
Credigy Receivables INC. vs. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Rick Fort, Civil
Crystal Lei Latham vs. Rodney Alan Latham, divorce
Heath Lee Hayes vs. Elizabeth Susan Hayes, divorce
Larry and Laura Collins vs., Grass Roots Enterprise, LLC., accounts, notes, and contracts
In the Estate of Mary M. Crawford, Deceased, probate
In the Estate of Phillip H. Crawford, Deceased, probate
In the Estate of Lloyd Nelson Prater, Deceased, probate
in the Estate of Helen Lois Draper, Deceased, probate

County Court Judgements

State of Texas vs. Benardo Jacinto Hilario, possession of marijuana. \$1,048 fine and court cost
State of Texas vs. Rodney Earl Wright, fail to ID, give

false info. \$100 fine, court cost and 45 days in jail
State of Texas vs. Gustavo Alfredo Rios, possession of marijuana. \$100 fine, court cost and 120 days in jail
State of Texas vs. Shila K. Barber, terroristic threat. \$250 fine, 180 days in jail probated for 12 months
State of Texas vs. Kimberly M. Waddell, driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail probated for 12 months
State of Texas vs. Joe Thomas Rodriguez Jr., criminal mischief. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail probated for 12 months

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Dale and Beverly Humphrey
Grantee: Carlos Salazar
Property: Tract in sec. 25, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Survey
Date: Jan. 22, 2015
Grantor: Gloria Maritnez
Grantee: Antonio R. Sanchez
Property: Lot 2, block 2, Settles Heights addition
Date: Feb. 5, 2015
Grantor: G.B. Harding and
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New legislative session, new opportunities

The 84th Texas Legislative Session is now in full swing with committees aggressively tackling their work.

This session presents me with new opportunities to serve you. My workload shifted from writing the \$200+ billion state budget last session to a new assignment on the Ways and



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Means Committee, where I will work to reduce the tax burden on Texas homeowners and businesses. I also serve as chairman of the Energy Resources Committee, a very important assignment at a pivotal time for the energy industry and this state. The shale revolution has made American energy independence a reality, but it also brings significant challenges.

In both committees, I am guided by what is good for West Texas and the principles that have kept our state the national jobs leader: low taxes, a predictable regulatory environment, and a fair

court system that preserves private property rights and economic opportunity.

In addition to the committee workload, I continue to work on initiatives begun last session to improve truth in budgeting and taxation.

Last session, I authored and passed House Bill 7 which eliminated a fee on electricity bills, lowered fees on your home insurance and trash collection, and instituted fundamental budget reforms to improve how the state budgets fees collected for a dedicated purpose.

This reform reduced the burden of runaway state fees on citizens by more than \$1 billion.

This session, I will introduce a new House Bill 7 that will continue to cut fees that bring in excessive revenue for their dedicated purpose. The list of targets vary widely from professional licensing and motorcycle fees to a continued effort to lower the charges on your electricity bill.

The Texas Constitution charges the Ways and Means Committee with jurisdiction over taxes.

Reforms, exemptions and reductions will be debated to determine how to improve

our tax structure to benefit the economy and keep Texas competitive for jobs, capital investment, and trade.

I am working on legislation to preserve your right to protest your property tax appraisal, to pay your property taxes in installments should you choose to do so, and to incentivize job-training and capital renovation for Texas businesses.

Gov. Greg Abbott charged this committee to reduce both business and property taxes, and I am working closely with his office to deliver cuts that are meaningful, sustainable, and beneficial to the long-term needs of Texas.

The Energy Committee will consume much of my time this session as legislative action is needed to resolve a rush to the courthouse in cities across the state.

As some cities move to substantially curtail drilling, the predictable regulation and certainty that has governed oil and gas operations in this state for more than 100 years is in flux.

In each case, cities are confronting fundamental questions related to how their actions will affect property rights and whether their

decision can hold up to court scrutiny.

It will require legislative action to return to the balance we had a only a few short years ago between the state encouraging recovery of oil and gas beneath our feet and the obligations of cities to ensure safe and orderly development within their jurisdictions.

This is a complex issue that my committee, along with numerous stakeholders and other elected officials, will work on diligently to hopefully resolve the issue before the session ends in June.

As chairman of the Energy Committee, I also will prioritize bills that address funding for state and county roads in energy-producing regions.

The safety of our roads in West Texas has suffered substantially due to heavier truckloads and higher traffic counts. In fairness, the wealth that is being taken out of our area should provide for the needs of our area first before state budget writers use it for other areas of the state.

The traffic risks and degradation of our infrastructure is a growing danger that creates additional costs that

threaten the lives of people who live and work in energy-producing areas and could jeopardize future oil development.

Investments in West Texas roads, healthcare, and education are good for the energy industry, which has been very good to the state tax coffers.

Fixing infrastructure that is critical for the production of oil and promotes public safety is simply the right thing to do.

My office is open to you and I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are in Austin, please do not hesitate to visit your state capitol and see the office for House District 72. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the State of Texas.

Rep. Darby represents Texas House District 72, which is comprised of Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green Counties.

In the 84th Texas Legislative Session, he serves as Chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee and as a member of the House Ways & Means Committee.

Academic seeks death certificate for Billy the Kid

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — An academic is asking a New Mexico court to order a death certificate for Billy the Kid to settle questions about whether the infamous outlaw was actually killed in 1881.

Robert J. Stahl, a professor emeritus at Arizona State University, filed a petition Wednesday in state District Court and says a death certificate would end tales that the Kid wasn't fatally shot by Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, the Santa Fe New Mexican reports (<http://goo.gl/cWNldu>).

According to the official story, the brother of the outlaw's love interest tipped off Garrett, who eventually gunned down the 21-year-old Kid at the woman's Fort Sumner home.

"Quien es?" the outlaw asked before he was shot. "Who is it?"

Garrett later collected a \$500 reward, indicating that territorial officials accepted the lawman's account.

For decades, Billy the Kid has been an important figure in New Mexico's Old West past and any story mentioning him often generates a lot of attention, as well as a lot of disagreements over historic detail.

Some claim Garrett shot someone else, and Billy took up ranching and farming or escaped to Texas, living under an assumed name.

Stahl had gone to the state office that registers births and deaths and was told he'd need a court order for a death certificate to be issued.

In July 2013, his article on the fate of Billy the Kid's trigger finger, floating in alcohol in a mason jar, was featured in True West Magazine.

Stahl has written a 29-page petition containing a detailed account of the documentary record and extracts from the testi-

mony of eyewitnesses that he believes show beyond any doubt that the Kid died by a bullet from Garrett's pistol.

District Judge Albert Mitchell, in court in Las Vegas, New Mexico, on Thursday, has not yet had time to act on the matter, according to clerk Kerri Webb.

In an interview, Stahl said an official death certificate would "relieve a lot of doubt as to whether Billy the Kid died that night and was buried the next day."

Stahl said there are many continuing fallacies about the Kid. While at the Billy the Kid Museum in Fort Sumner, for example, he heard one story claiming that the Kid was shot and killed in Mexico. A museum employee told him they get questions about the outlaw's death "all the time."

The official document would "end a lot of people's doubts," Stahl said, and "undermine supporters of Brushy Bill and other impostors."

Born Henry McCarty, likely in New York City, Billy the Kid came to New Mexico with his mother while searching for a better economic future.

He became a central figure in a violent, Irish-English land war in New Mexico. He was beloved by Mexican-American ranchers who felt discriminated against by racist white bankers and land thieves.

Although he apparently died 134 years ago, Billy the Kid still makes news. In 2003, there was a proposal to exhume his body to compare the DNA to that of his mother, but the exact location of his remains is in doubt.

Early in his first term, Gov. Bill Richardson drew headlines by hinting that he was looking into a posthumous pardon for the Kid.

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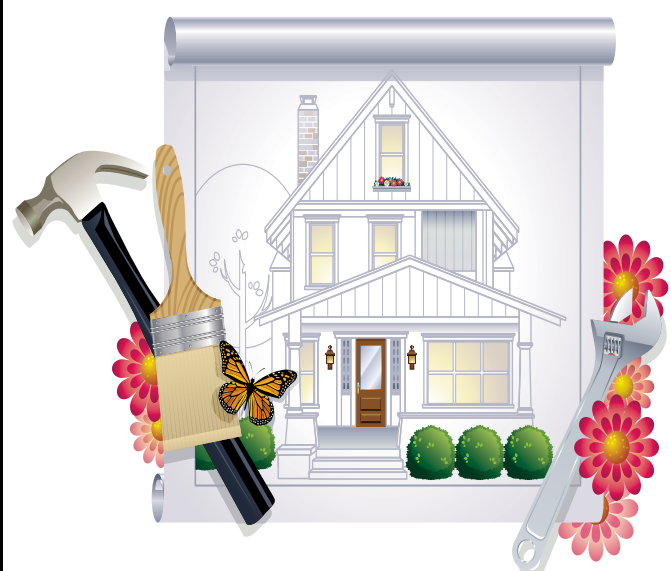
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Greece makes pitch to convince skeptical investors

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greece made a pitch Friday to convince its European creditors to accept its request for a six-month loan extension, which would allow Athens to pay its bills and avoid a potential exit from the euro.

The Greek government, effectively just a week away from having to fend for itself, is trying to show its creditors in the 19-country eurozone that its request for an extension is sincere and not just a ruse — a Trojan Horse, according to one official in Germany — to buy time.

Its proposals have been met with an array of responses. While some countries have indicated they are a helpful step in the right direction, others have been more negative.

In a major rebuff, Germany, perhaps the most influential creditor, said the proposals, which included commitments to meet debt obligations and sustain a degree of budgetary discipline, failed to go far

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Notably, it said they did not meet the commitments that previous Greek governments have undertaken. The Greek government, according to Berlin, must conclude the reforms, spending cuts and tax increases demanded in exchange for the loans.

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Friday's emergency euro-group meeting, which will also include International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde and European Central Bank President Mario Draghi, is

the third in just over a week. Financial markets have been gripped by the to-ing and fro-ing. On Friday, it seemed investors didn't know which way to turn, with stock markets across Europe, including Athens, trading more or less flat.

"There is still reason for some optimism," said Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the head of the eurogroup. "But it's very difficult, as you well understand."

Time is pressing as Greece's European bailout program is due to expire after Feb. 28. Greece still needs help after that date to meet its financial obligations over the coming months.

Without any further support, it faces defaulting on

its debts and an exit from the euro, a scenario that would likely devastate the Greek economy at least in the short-term and generate renewed uncertainty for the global economy.

Friday's meeting was called to respond to the left-wing Greek government's demand for more time to finalize its current bailout program and negotiate new arrangements with its partners that will be less onerous on Greek citizens.

Arriving at the talks, Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis expressed hope for an agreement and urged eurozone members to do their part. "The Greek government has gone the extra mile, the extra ten miles, and now we

are expecting our partners to meet us," he told reporters.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras swept to power last month on a pledge to ease the budget belt-tightening and reorganize the 240 billion euro (\$272 billion) bailout debt.

So far, the government has sometimes sent out mixed messages which did not go down well with the other eurozone nations and European Union institutions.

"Communications from the Greek government are confusing and incoherent," said Belgian Finance Minister Johan Van Overtveldt.

The Greek government has faced the unpalatable prospect of reneging on its election promises to ease the austerity measures weighing so heavily on Greek citizens, or possibly leaving the group of countries using the euro single currency.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said that much more than the Greek economy is at stake.

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Grantee: Manuel Martinez and Lori Martinez
Property: Lot 10, tract 4, Foster Subdivision
Date: Jan. 21, 2015

Grantor: G.B. Harding and Helen Spiller
Grantee: Manuel Martinez and Lori Martinez

Property: Lot 9, Tract 4, Foster Subdivision
Date: Jan. 21, 2015

Grantor: Scott Emerson
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 5, block 1, Buckner Place addition
Date: Feb. 3, 2015

Grantor: Suman V. Patel
Grantee: Payal Hotel Enterprises Inc.
Property: S.E. quarter of Sec. 26, block 33, T-1-N T&P RR. Co. Survey

Date: Jan. 29, 2015

Grantor: John Padn Wright and Chelsea Louise Wright
Grantee: Danny Keeton
Property: Lot 21, block 2, Colonial Hills addition
Date: Jan. 27, 2015

Warranty Deeds With Vendor Liens

Grantor: Glenn Alan White
Grantee: Read Timmons White
Property: Eastern half lot 1, block 2, Porter addition

Date: Feb. 4, 2015

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
Grantee: Leticia Johnson
Property: Lot 8, block 9, Capeheart addition
Date: Jan. 13, 2015

Grantor: Kimberly G. Wil-

liams
Grantee: Debra L. Lusk; Eric C. Lusk and Sonia Lusk
Property: Lot 6, block 10, Monticello addition
Date: Jan. 13, 2015

Grantor: Michael L. Seal
Grantee: Roderick Arthur Fair II

Property: Lot 16, block 2, W.J. Gordon addition
Date: Oct. 8, 2014

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News in brief

In first trip abroad as Pentagon chief, Carter visits Afghanistan to meet with US commanders

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter made his international debut Saturday with a visit to Afghanistan to see American troops and commanders, meet with Afghan leaders and assess whether U.S. withdrawal plans are too risky to Afghan security.

"We're looking for success in Afghanistan that is lasting," Carter told reporters traveling with him on his first trip since being sworn in as Pentagon chief on Tuesday.

Carter, an experienced defense strategist, revealed little about his thinking on current trends and future prospects for Afghanistan, saying he was using his trip to gather information that will enable him to formulate advice for President Ba-

rack Obama. Consulting is his way of "getting my own thinking together," he said.

Afghanistan's security forces have improved greatly, but the country is still struggling with a resilient insurgency 13 years after U.S. troops invaded and toppled the Taliban regime. Many Afghans worry that Obama is risking an Iraq-like relapse in security by cutting American troop totals in half this year, from the current 10,000, and ending the military mission entirely at the end of 2016.

High-rise tower in Dubai's Marina district catches fire, no reports of casualties

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — One of the world's tallest residential towers caught fire early Saturday in Dubai's Marina district, sending bright yellow flames several stories high, but there were

no reports of casualties, civil defense officials said.

The fire broke out at about 2 a.m. in the 86-story Torch tower on the northeast end of the densely populated district, which is packed with multi-story skyscrapers. High winds whipped through the area and debris from the fire cluttered nearby streets after the blaze appeared to be extinguished.

The civil defense officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there were no reports of deaths or injuries.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear.

The Marina area is home to dozens of towering apartment blocks and hotels, many of them built over the past decade. The apartments are popular with Dubai's large number of expatriate professionals.

Few veterans make appointments for private medical care under VA's new 'choice card' program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far fewer veterans than expected are taking advantage of a new law aimed at making it easier for them to get private health care and avoid the long waits that have plagued Department of Veterans Affairs facilities nationwide.

Only 27,000 veterans have made appointments for private medical care since the VA started mailing out "Choice Cards" in November, the VA said in a report to Congress this month. The number is so small, compared to the 8.6 million cards that have been mailed out, that VA Secretary Robert McDonald wants authority to redirect some of the \$10 billion Congress allocated for the program to boost care for veterans at the VA's 970 hospitals and clinics.

Republicans and Democrats insist the problem is the department and that it needs to do a better job promoting the choice program. They also want to change a quirk in the law that makes it hard for some veterans in rural areas to prove they live at least 40 miles from a VA health site.

The government measures the distance as the crow flies, rather than by driving miles, leaving thousands of veterans ineligible.

Former Yemen president flees capital after international pressure on Shiite rebels to free him

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's former president left the capital after Shiite rebels who surrounded his house let him go under international and local pressure, aides close to him said Saturday.

The aides said former President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi left Sanaa and later arrived in Aden. They say Hadi later plans to leave the country to receive medical treatment.

Hadi has been under house arrest for several weeks following a coup by Shiite Houthi rebels. The rebels earlier captured the capital, Sanaa, in September.

The aides say the rebels let Hadi go after pressure from the United Nations, the U.S., Russia and local political parties.

Mike Huckabee's task for 2016: Capitalizing on cultural conservatives, but reaching beyond

WOODSTOCK, Ga. (AP) — Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee travels the country in a bus adorned with his smiling face and the cover of his latest book. But the ordained Baptist minister and potential 2016 presidential candidate makes it clear that he's interested in more than best-seller lists.

"I think everyone understands where this is headed," Huckabee said after signing books in metro Atlanta. After all, he joked, he didn't recently leave his own Fox News Channel show "because I want to spend Saturdays at home."

No, Mike Huckabee wants to spend his time in the Oval Office.

The man who won the Iowa caucuses and seven other states in 2008 has reassembled key players from his first presidential campaign. They're working at his not-for-profit organization, America Takes Action, poised to transition from exploring a run to a formal campaign. He's spent months courting potential donors and mixing speaking engagements into his book tour. Huckabee, 59, told The Associated Press he expects to decide in April or May.

Denmark shootings highlight links between gangs and Islamic extremists

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — The shooting spree in Copenhagen by a radicalized former gang member has highlighted an overlap between Islamic extremists and the criminal underworld.

Danish police say gang members with Muslim backgrounds are being radicalized both in prison and outside, and some have joined the ranks of foreign fighters in Syria.

"We know that some of the fundamentalist groups are fishing in that pond," said Michael Ask, head of Denmark's National Center of Investigation. "Because they know that they have some young people who are vulnerable and rootless, who lack a sense of belonging, a community."

Born in Denmark to Palestinian parents, Omar Abdel Hamid El-Hussein had a long history of violence and crime before he went on a rampage last weekend, killing two people and wounding five in attacks on a free-speech event and a synagogue.

The 22-year-old, who was killed in a shootout with police, had been member of "Brothas," an inner-city immigrant gang in Copenhagen, but was reportedly kicked out because of his temper.

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News in brief

Disturbance erupts at South Texas immigrant detention center

RAYMONDVILLE, Texas (AP) — Officials from numerous South Texas law enforcement agencies have surrounded a private immigration detention center after hundreds of inmates went on strike from their work duties.

The disturbance rocked the Wilacy County Correction Center in Raymondville, Texas, about 45 miles north of Brownsville. A statement from prison owner Management and Training Corp. said several inmates refused to participate in regular work duties early Friday.

Inmates told center officials of their dissatisfaction with medical services.

The Valley Morning Star reports inmates broke out into the recreation yard, swelling their numbers to about 2,000 inmates by late afternoon. Fires were set in three of the 10 tents, causing minor damage, and tear gas has been used to quell unruly inmates.

The company said two officers and one inmate received minor injuries.

Stay sought of ruling on Obama immigration action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will seek a stay of a judge's decision that has temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's action to protect millions of immigrants from deportation, the White House said Friday.

The Justice Department paperwork will be filed with a federal court in Texas by Monday, said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

Earnest said the decision to seek a stay is separate from the administration's plan to appeal Monday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Texas.

He said Obama's advisers believe the president acted within his rights last year when he used his executive authority to spare from deportation as many as 5 million people who are in the U.S. illegally.

The judge's ruling came in response to a lawsuit against Obama's actions that was filed by a coalition of 26 states, led by Texas.

The states argued that the president does not have the authority to allow the groups of immigrants to legally stay and work in the United States.

"The law is on our side, and history is on our side," Obama said earlier in the week in response to the judge's ruling. "This is not the first time where a lower court judge has blocked something or attempted to block something that ultimately is going to be lawful, and I'm confident that it is well within my authority."

The White House has said it will appeal the judge's ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans.

Prosecution expert says Routh not insane

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — An ex-Marine charged with shooting "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and another man was not legally insane, a prosecution expert said, suggesting the man may have gotten some of his ideas from the television show "Seinfeld."

Prosecutors called rebuttal witnesses Friday in the trial of Eddie Ray Routh, who is charged with killing Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield. Routh's attorneys, who are pursuing an insanity defense, rested their case Thursday.

Dr. Randall Price, a forensic psychologist, testified Friday that Routh had a paranoid disorder made worse by his use of alcohol and marijuana, calling his condition "cannabis-induced psychosis."

"In my opinion, he did know what he was doing was wrong, and he did it anyway," Price said.

A defense witness, Dr. Mitchell H. Dunn, testified Thursday that Routh had schizophrenia and showed signs of the illness for as long as two years before the February 2013 shootings. Dunn said Routh described seeing neighbors and friends as turning into pig-human hybrids.

Price repeatedly accused Routh of "setting the stage" for an insanity defense.

He suggested Routh may have gotten the idea from "Seinfeld" or the TV show "Boss Hog." In a "Seinfeld" episode, one character, Kramer, believes he has discovered a "pig-man."

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FHS standout signs with HSU

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Forsan's Carlee Daniels more than proved she was among the top small-school track and field athletes over the past three years. On Friday morning, her efforts paid huge dividends.

Daniels became the latest area standout to ink a collegiate letter of intent by signing a deal with Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

At HSU, Daniels will be competing in indoor and outdoor track and field next year.

A multi-sport standout at FHS, Daniels is one of the area's top sprinters. She will be attempting to earn her fourth berth

in the regional meet in the 100-meter dash. She has also been a member of the Lady Buffaloes' record-setting 4x100-meter relay team. She has ran the first leg on the team since 2012.

During her career, the FHS star has qualified for two state track meets with the sprint relay. With her helping anchor the team, the Lady Buffaloes finished seventh at Austin in 2013 and fourth last year.

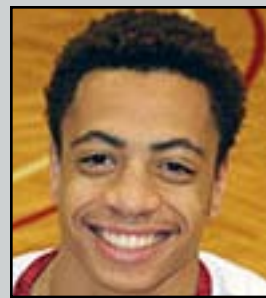
Daniels and the FHS squad has set the school sprint relay record each of the last two years.

Daniels is also a member of the Lady Buffaloes' powerlifting program.



Courtesy photo/Shawn McVickers

Forsan High School track and field standout Carlee Daniels latest Crossroads standout to sign a collegiate letter of intent on Friday when she inked a deal with Hardin-Simmons University. Looking on as Daniels signed her letter during a special ceremony were her parents, David and Christi Daniels; her brother, Dillon and FHS coach Tommy Thompson.



Sam Finley

HC star wins 'POW' honors

HC sophomore Sam Finley earned the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's "Player of the Week" honors.

The 6-2 guard led the Hawks to a 2-0 record for the week. For the week, he averaged 20.5 points, and 5.5 rebounds per game.

South Plains' Courtney Randle was the women's Player of the Week.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Members of the Howard College table crew listen to an official during a recent game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The HC table crew (from left) of Albert Carlile, Tony Claxton, Tommy Walker and Will Hillger will be working the Region V basketball tournament in Brownwood. The tournament begins on March 4.

HC table crew tabbed to work upcoming Region V tourney

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When Region V Director Stan Feaster learned he had been named to head up a nine-member committee to put together the upcoming regional tournament in Brownwood, he told everyone he planned to showcase the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference's top teams with the best event possible.

To put together the best tournament with the top four teams from each conference, Feaster said he needed to have the best people running the show behind the scenes.

When it came to finding the perfect people to run the score's table, Feaster didn't hesitate to tab Howard College's four-man team to handle the three-day tournament, which will get under way on March 4.

"When searching out the needed workers for the table crew, I suggested the crew from Howard College," said Feaster, an Ackerly native who retired from HC in August after more than two decades with the athletic department. "The committee wholeheart-

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Schedule of Games

March 4

GAME 1: (Women) WJAC 1 vs. NTJAC 4, noon
GAME 2: (W) NTJAC 2 vs. WJAC 3, 2 p.m.
GAME 3: (W) WJAC 2 vs. NTJAC 3, 5 p.m.
GAME 4: (W) NTJAC 1 vs. WJAC 4, 7:30 p.m.

March 5

GAME 5: (Men) WJAC 1 vs. NTJAC 4, noon
GAME 6: (M) NTJAC 2 vs. WJAC 3, 2 p.m.
GAME 7: (M) WJAC 2 vs. NTJAC 3, 5 p.m.
GAME 8: (M) NTJAC 1 vs. WJAC 4, 7:30 p.m.

March 6 Semifinals

GAME 9: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, noon
GAME 10: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 2 p.m.
GAME 11: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 5 p.m.
GAME 12: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7:30 p.m.

March 7 Finals

GAME 13: Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 2 p.m.
GAME 14: Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12

edly agreed.. They are one of the best table crews around."

According to Feaster, longtime statistician Tommy Walker and scoreboard operator Tony Claxton will headline the table crew. Both have worked WJAC games for more than three decades.

For Walker, who also serves as the

main statistician for the Big Spring Steers' football program, the selection stacks a 38-year run at the table for HC, including more than 32 as the scorebook official. Claxton, a Big Spring photographer and former HC employee, has been the main scoreboard operator for more than 30 years.

The HC crew is rounded out by relative newcomers in Will Hillger, who serves as the announcer for the Howard College men's and women's programs, and Albert Carlile. Both Hillger, who resides in Garden City, and Carlile have spent the past three years as part of the table crew.

Carlile will serve as the Shot Clock official at the regional tournament, a role he currently handles at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"I am absolutely ecstatic to have this outstanding group to be our table officials for the Region V tournament," said Feaster. "They are first-class, professional and pay keen attention to detail."

The Region V Basketball Tournament will be making its first appearance outside of Lubbock for the first time in six years this March. The event, which is supposed to rotate

See CREW on Page 9A

BSHS wins at G'wood Invite

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School powerlifters continued to prove they are one of the top teams in West Texas by grinding out a pair of top three finishes at the recent Midland Greenwood Invitation meet.

The BSHS boys, back by standout efforts from Andrew Paredez, Tyler Nairn and Nathan Schneider, won the 10-team boys' division. The Lady Steers placed third.

Paredez, Nairn and Schneider each won their weight classifications in the boys' competition. Overall, the Steers had 10 lifters place in the top four in the respective weight classes.

Mason Lane, Alex Johnson and Levi Molina all earned silver medals with second-place efforts. Colin Sutton was third, while teammates Justin Ormsby, Davian Moore, Dylan Treadaway and Derek Gusman all took fourths. Jordan Dunn and Aaron Carroll finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in their classifications.

Karina Alvarado won her second meet of the year by

See LIFTERS on Page 9A

BS-Bushland to play on Monday

The Big Spring High School Steers will begin their playoff run on Monday when they face off with the Bushland Falcons in the bi-district round of the Class 4A state playoffs. The game is scheduled to get under way at 6:30 p.m. in the Frenship High School gym.

Big Spring, the District 2-4A fourth-place team, is 18-11 for the year. Bushland, the District 1-4A champion, is 18-9.

Big Spring will be the visiting team in the contest.

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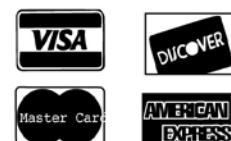
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BSJHS boys split games with Tors in final games of '15 season

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams closed out their 2014-15 seasons with solid outings against Lamesa on Monday.

The seventh grade B team finished their year with a thrilling 39-24 win over the Golden Tors.

Hizaka McNally had a team-high 10 points, followed by Isaac Murillo, who finished with seven points. Aaron Salazar came off the bench and added four points.

Brandon Zarraga tallied five, while Michael Munoz added three by

hitting a buzzer-beating shot.

Anthony Sarmiento, Jett Hutchison, Morris Norman and Marcus Zarraga all contributed two.

The seventh grade B team finished the season with a 12-2 record.

The BSJHS seventh grade A team lost its final game by three points.

The team was lead with a breakout performance by Abel Clark, who pumped in 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Zephaniah Nelson racked up five points. Gabe Gomez played very physical game and was

rewarded with eight points and 12 boards. Jarred Marquez had six points in three quarters.

Other scorers included C.J. Harris and Jordan Voight.

The team was held together by the defense of John Prado.

The Big Spring eighth grade B walked away with a 32-18 win.

The Steers took control from the opening tip and breezed to the victory.

The leading scorer for the night was Calen Rodriguez, who netted 15. Carlos Garcia and Jaiden Walker chipped in four each, while Elias

Arredondo added three. Jason Miramontez, Brendon Martinez and Junior Young each hit a bucket.

The Steers finished with a 9-4 record.

The eighth grade A team wrapped up the 2014-2015 season with a 48-34 loss to Lamesa.

Leading scorer for the Steers was Elijah Munoz, who pushed in 16 points.

Others scoring for the Steers were A.J. Gonzales with six points, and Kobe Gutierrez and Channing Miller with four points apiece. Jaiden Ludington and Jack Everett added two each.

Lubbock Christian deals Grady an 81-64 setback

Lubbock Christian dealt the fourth-ranked Grady Wildcats a tough 81-64 setback on Thursday night in a pre-playoff warm-up game in Lubbock.

Grady, which was scheduled to face Wellington in another warm-up game on Saturday at Randall High School in Canyon, did well against LCHS from the outside. The Wildcats knocked down 10 three-point shots in the game.

LCHS used a strong first quarter to take control. They out-scored Grady by a 27-

14 clip in the first eight minutes and took a 36-28 lead into the half.

Grady pulled to within four, at 58-54, in the third by putting together a 26-22 run.

LCHS closed out the win with a 23-10 edge in the final stanza.

Cole Avery led all GHS scorers in the contest with 14 points. Braedyn Jones and E.J. Rodriguez added 12 and 11, respectively, while Beau Lucas chipped in 10.

Rodriguez and Lucas both hit three three-point shots in the contest for the Wildcats.

Big Spring to open '15 season on Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Steers will kick off their 2015 prep baseball season on Tuesday with a pair of games against Abilene Wylie at Steer Park.

The Steers will begin the season with a junior varsity match-up against the Bulldogs. That game will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The JV Steers made their final preseason appearance on Sat-

urday with a bout against Snyder.

The BSHS varsity squad will make their debut starting at 7 p.m. against Wylie.

The Steers bring back several key performers from last season, including Matt Yanez and shortstop Hunter Hill.

Following their game against Wylie, the Steers will compete in the Pecos tournament on Feb. 26-28.

CREW

Continued from Page 8A between WJCAC and NTJCAC sites every two years, has been played at Lubbock Christian University since 2008 due to logistical issues with the NTJCAC.

Ranger College announced earlier this year that it had reached an agreement to serve as the host school for the next two years, and had reached an agreement to host the tournament at the historic Brownwood Coliseum.

The HC table crew

got familiar with the Brownwood Coliseum in January when they worked a triple-header featuring the Hawks and Weatherford College.

Weatherford College handed HC a tough loss in that game, which was played on Jan. 5.

As of Tuesday, South Plains, Howard College and New Mexico Junior College have all clinched postseason berths from the WJCAC. New Mexico Military Institute holds a 1-game lead over Odessa for the fourth-place spot.

Second-ranked Hill

College, fresh off a 106-71 rout of Ranger College on Wednesday night, has clinched the NTJ-

CAC top spot. McLennan County, Temple and Weatherford are vying for the No. 2-4 positions.

LIFTERS

Continued from Page 8A in the girls' division.

Alvarado heads into next week's regular season finale as one of 14 BSHS lifters ranked in the top 12 in their divisions in Region I.

She wasn't the only BSHS girl to medal, however. Bianca Correa, Emily Crawford and Charlie Roberts all posted second-place marks.

Caitlin Aaron and Courtney Berringer were eighth in the classes, while Casandra So-son was ninth in hers.



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Venus and Mars Align

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Syncing with people who are very much like you will be part of the day's fun. Also, your timing will be a crucial element, helping you connect with others and make money, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). The reason you're happy for all you've been through is that you know that struggle makes people stronger. Of course, it's a lot more fun to look back on a struggle than it is to be in it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Today you'll get a glimpse of what someone is really like. Accept and believe the information. You can do this without passing judgment, which makes you a superior human, by the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). First, write down a few of your intentions. Then start talking about the dreams you want to come true. Giving voice to them will make them more real to you and everyone around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you are around a certain person, you feel like life is happening just for you. That's a pretty special feeling, not to be taken lightly. Your connection with this person may be casual, but that doesn't make it unimportant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Blinders will be

useful. This is not for an external environment. Right now you need to slap on some internal blinders to block out the self-invented notions that do not benefit you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Here's what makes you an indisputable winner whom other people want on their team: You'll take in the situation and then promptly decide you can make it better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Here's the way you really feel: With so many who have come and gone from this planet, it's a gift just to be alive. Your moments will be wonderful because this knowledge is at the heart of them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Feeling lost is not your favorite thing, but it's a necessary part of being an adventurer. If you always knew where you were and where you were headed, you wouldn't be you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Professional organizers suggest using a uniform type of container for your belongings. It keeps things easier to stack, categorize and deal with. You'll execute a metaphorical version of this concept today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The thing you'll do today is both difficult and necessary. There is never going to be a better time for it, either, so just bite the bullet and get it

done. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). To be funny is a talent few are born with, but luckily it's possible to cultivate it. You will! The people you spend time with today will help you to find your funny.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 22). Look back at your personal archives -- you'll be amazed at your evolution. The perspective of time will frame everything you do in March and April, helping you make choices you'll be proud of by the time July comes around. Stellar and varied companionship from June through September will represent love in many forms. Virgo and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 1, 12, 37 and 9.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The zesty, empowered spirit at the top of the week comes courtesy of an alignment of Mars and Venus in the energetic, youthful sign of Aries with the bonus energy of the Aries moon. When Venus and Mars form a conjunction, it feels like the whole world is a more attractive place -- as though it's being filtered through a particularly hip lens like an Instagram photo, or brightened up and ripe for pinning on a Pinterest board. Maybe this has something to do with the perfect melding of male and female energy. Gentle and strong emotions are balanced. Capabilities expand as people embrace

their differences and work together. Anyway, the cosmic omen sets a strong positive tone for the week, which it turns out we might need, as the Pisces sun squares off with Saturn on Monday to test our faith in one another. It's the kind of obstacle we can handle and that really will make us stronger after we do. It's likely the theme of this conflict has to do with what our parents taught us about the world vs. what we choose to believe. Each generation claims its own world. Don't feel guilty for making up your own mind, because it's not an act of disloyalty -- it's a way of building on the past.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Drew Barrymore will star in the upcoming comedy *Miss You Already* about two lifelong best friends. One of Barrymore's own lifelong best friends is show business itself. At 6 years old, she was already stealing hearts on the big screen, and her body of work as an actress and producer continues to be a testament to her affection for entertainment. Pisces people often get their creative callings young.

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16 Xanadu-like
17 Curling venue
18 Word on some *Simpsons* paraphernalia
19 Buck
20 Front ___
22 Dawning
23 Workforce-readiness researcher, for short
24 *Scientific American* *Frontiers* host
25 Net-neutrality agcy.
26 One with tablet recommendations
28 Run off
30 Draft choice
33 Guide for gardening
37 Teacher of Beethoven and Schubert
38 Literally, "prompt answer"
39 Wishful thinker's phrase
41 Crossed, as a box
42 Too indulgent
43 "In me thou ___ the twilight of such day": Shak.
45 Suiting
46 Lab reports?
49 Something prepared by the NAACP
50 Jacob's second son
53 Flanged girder
54 Is light
55 In type

- 57 "I will not rest until I have you holding a Coke" speaker
59 Above it all, in a way
60 Worked up
61 1972 "Match of the Century" loser
62 Weed-whacker alternatives
- DOWN**
1 Bore
2 Opposite of "remote"
3 Starter with eggs
4 Guarded
5 Producer of the Beatles' first single
6 CD purveyor
7 Expressed impatience, perhaps

- 8 He lets Louie win at roulette
9 Bridge maintenance org.
10 Navigation device
11 Merrie Melodies mainstay
12 Third Pillar of Islam subject
13 Sly dig
14 Run off
21 Reason for a timeout, perhaps
24 Organizations banned by Costa Rica and Kiribati
25 Acid found in spinach
27 Cork's spot, literarily
29 Wing, ding, or sting
30 Not working against

- 31 Napoleon's place
32 Top club
34 Field trip?
35 "À coeur vaillant ___ d'impossible"
36 Superior
37 Caret neighbor
40 Not much
44 Nitrogen-powered devices
45 Takes down
47 Original head writer of *SCTV*
48 Capital of Cameroon
50 Does one's part
51 What some flakes are made of
52 *Conversación* starter
53 Very small opening?
54 Cashier
56 Sue (for)
58 Chipper

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Waiting Game

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A Q J 3		
♥	4		
♦	A 5		
♣	J 10 9 7 6 3		
WEST			
♠	10 8 6		
♥	8 5 2		
♦	K Q 9 6		
♣	K 8 4		
SOUTH			
♠	4 2		
♥	A K Q J 10 7 3		
♦	7 4 2		
♣	5		

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Let's say you're declarer in four hearts and West leads the king of diamonds. If you win with the ace and return the suit in order to try to ruff a diamond in dummy, East shifts to a trump, and you eventually go down one, losing two diamonds, a spade and a club.

By far your best move is to duck the king of diamonds at trick one. This assures the contract regardless of what West does next. If he shifts to

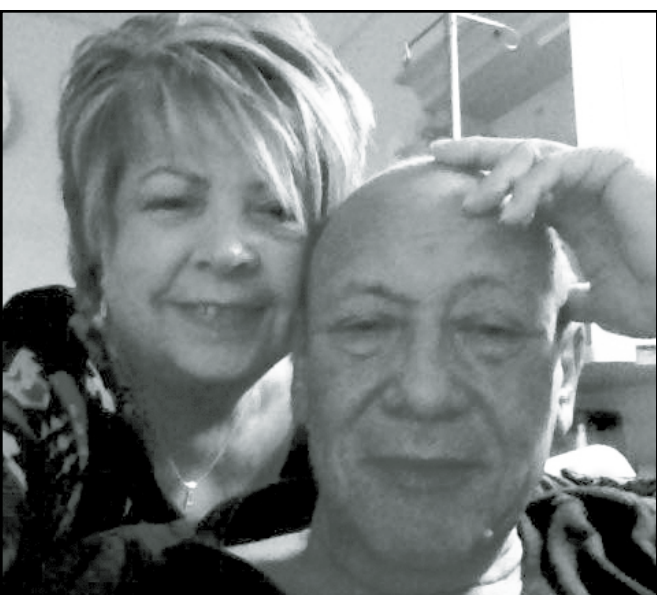
a trump, you simply draw trumps and take a spade finesse. Win or lose, you're certain of at least 10 tricks.

If instead West continues with a diamond at trick two, you take the ace, lead the queen of spades from dummy and again you have 10 tricks whatever is returned. In the actual deal, East wins the queen with the king but cannot stop you from discarding a loser on one of dummy's high spades.

It is true that the contract can also be made by taking the king of diamonds with the ace and returning the queen of spades at trick two. However, this subjects you prematurely to the possibility that the spades are not divided 4-3. You should try to minimize this risk by first giving West a chance to go wrong at trick two. If he then plays another diamond, you will be forced to fall back on the queen-of-spades play.

The point is that while you can count 10 winners from the start — seven hearts, two spades and a diamond — you must be careful not to let one of them get away by losing control of the hand. In order to stay in the driver's seat, you should present West with a choice of losing options by permitting him to hold the first trick.

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Courtesy photo

Starla and Adrian Ayla before the liver transplant surgery

AYLA

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Starla and Adrian said that he did go back in and she had tried to go after him because the street was so busy, but they were giving her the flu shot when he walked off and she couldn't move.

While they were in Fort Worth, Adrian and Starla would Face-time their daughter, their niece and "granddaughter," as well as other family and friends. Starla said that it was hard for them to be away from everybody, but Face-time was amazing and helpful when trying to keep in touch.

In November 2014, Adrian went into the hospital around Thanksgiving. He was immediately given eight pints of blood. He was in and out of the hospital for the next three weeks and received another four pints of blood over that period of time. Overall, Adrian lost around 80 pounds over the last year.

He was released on Dec. 19, 2014, and got to go back to the apartment. Dec. 19 was also the day that Calleigh got out of school for winter break so a family friend drove her to Fort Worth to be with her parents. On Dec. 20, around 7 a.m. Starla and Adrian got the phone call that a liver was waiting for him at the Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Dallas.

"Because they (the hospitals) were so close, when he get put on the one donor list, he was put on the donor list for both hospitals. He was put on the Donor list on Dec. 19 and his MELD (Model for End-Stage Liver Disease) numbers were so high, he was put right at the top of the list," said Starla. Right before the surgery, Dr. Peter K. Kim, who

performed the operation, put his arm around Calleigh and told her, "Your daddy will be just fine."

The surgery took 7½ hours and Starla was right there waiting.

The surgery was successful and Adrian's body is adjusting as well as possible to the new liver. He has to take anti-rejection medicines for the rest of his life now to make sure that his body does not attack the new liver. At first he was going to the clinic twice a week and taking more than 50 pills a day. Now he goes once a week and taking less pills. Because of the progress, Adrian gets to come home more. "I have to be here for my daughter," Adrian said.

Adrian attributes his progress to many things. He said that the nursing staff were amazed because he walks constantly, unlike most people with liver failure. He would walk around the hospital floor and if the weather permitted, he would bundle up and walk around outside if he felt up to it.

He said that the nursing staff, doctors and the hospitals were all great and he has no complaints. He said that everyone has been great to him.

Adrian said that the hardest part of the ordeal was the memory loss and confusion. Now that he has had the surgery, he is getting better with the HE. "I pray for the family of the donor who gave me

at their liver. Everyone at the hospital, everyone in Big Spring. They have been so great, so supportive and caring."

Starla Ayala recently gave blood for the first time during the United Blood Services blood drive on Feb. 13, and has signed up to be an organ donor as well. She is trying to help people understand the importance of donating organs and giving blood.

She says that because someone out there thought to donate blood, those 12 pints were available to save her husband's life, and because of an organ donor, he was able to receive a liver.

On Dec. 20, 2015, Starla posted this on Facebook: "I have had such a busy, stressful and joyful blessed day that I almost

forgot to say what an awesome, selfless act for someone to be an organ donor. So as I sit here so happy that Adrian is doing so well with his new liver, I know that someone's family is mourning the loss of their loved one and I will be eternally grateful from the bottom of my heart and know that your loss has saved the life of the best man ever. He will always be grateful and now he can see his daughter grow up!!"

Although Adrian is doing better, he still has a long road to recovery ahead. He has the liver, but once his kidney function is down to 20 percent, he will be needing a kidney transplant as well. They are taking everything in stride; the medical costs, the traveling back and forth between Big Spring and Fort Worth, weekly clinics to monitor the liver, a lifetime of anti-rejection pills, and so many other things. Adrian is currently off work, and Starla is hoping to be able to return to The Salon as a hairdresser in April.

Friends of the family and a few organizations have set up ways to help with the medical costs.

Contributions can be made at <http://www.gofundme.com/AdrianLiverFund>; at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union (located across the street for the Big Spring High School); and the United Girls Softball Association has a spot on their registration site to make donations.



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March 7 – Set your clock forward before going to bed!

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5:30 p.m.

March 18 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.

March 19 – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.
Bunko, 4:00 p.m.

March 20 – Pot Luck & Bingo, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
GO GREEN

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Healthful diet report: Sugary drinks out; coffee, eggs in

WASHINGTON (AP) — An extra cup or two of coffee may be OK after all. More eggs, too. But you definitely need to drink less sugary soda. And, as always, don't forget your vegetables.

Recommendations Thursday from a government advisory committee call for an environmentally friendly diet lower in red and processed meats. But the panel would reverse previous guidance on limiting dietary cholesterol. And it says the caffeine in a few cups of coffee could actually be good for you.

The committee also is backing off stricter limits on salt, though it says Americans still get much too much. It's recommending the first real limits on added

sugar, saying that's especially a problem for young people.

The Agriculture and Health and Human Services Departments will take those recommendations into account in writing final 2015 dietary guidelines by the end of the year. The guidelines affect nutritional patterns throughout the country — from federally subsidized school lunches to food package labels to your doctor's advice.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said "it is by no means over" with the release of the report. The government will take comments on the advice before distilling it — and possibly changing it — into final guidelines for consumers.

Even with the changes, the report sticks to

the basic message of the previous guidelines in 2010: Eat more fruits and vegetables and whole grains; eat less saturated fats, salt and sugar.

EGGS ARE OK

The report says dietary cholesterol now is "not considered a nutrient of concern for overconsumption." This follows increasing medical research showing the amount of cholesterol in your bloodstream is more complicated than once thought.

The committee says available evidence "shows no appreciable relationship" between heart disease and how much dietary cholesterol you eat, but it still recommends eating less saturated fat. As in previous years, the report advises limiting satu-

rated fats to 10 percent of total calories.

The panel doesn't give a specific recommendation for how much cholesterol — or eggs — a person may eat.

WATCH THE ADDED SUGAR

Added sugars should be around 200 calories a day — about the amount in one 16-ounce sugary drink, says the advisory committee, which is made up of doctors and nutritionists.

The recommendation is part of a larger push in recent years to help consumers isolate added sugars from naturally occurring ones like those in fruit and milk. Added sugars generally add empty calories to the diet.

Americans now get about 13 percent of their calories from added

sugar, or 268 calories a day, the committee says. Older children, adolescents and young adults generally take in more. The committee recommends 10 percent, which is "a target within reach," says Miriam Nelson, a Tufts University professor of nutrition who served on the panel.

Sugary drinks should be replaced with water instead of those with low-calorie sweeteners; there's not enough evidence those drinks can help with weight loss, the committee advises.

A SOFTER APPROACH ON SALT

Sodium adds up quickly. A turkey sandwich and a cup of soup can average about 2,200 milligrams.

That's just under the committee's recommendation of 2,300 milligrams a day for all people, even those most at risk for heart disease.

The 2010 dietary guidelines had recommended those at risk for heart disease limit sodium to 1,500 milligrams. The new report said lowering to that amount can still be helpful for some. But the new advice follows a 2013 report by the Institute of Medicine that said there is no good evidence that eating less than 2,300 milligrams a day of sodium offers benefits.

With the average American eating more than 3,400 milligrams daily, the panel recommends at least trying to reduce sodium intake by 1,000 milligrams a day if the goals are unattainable.

Alice Lichtenstein, a member of the panel and a professor at Tufts University, said the new recommendation "puts the focus where it should be." Get sodium

intake down, and fine-tune the numbers as more evidence comes in.

A HEARTY ENDORSEMENT FOR COFFEE

The report looks at caffeine for the first time, and says coffee is OK — even good for you. The panel says there is strong evidence that 3 to 5 cups a day can be part of a healthy diet, and there's consistent evidence that it's even associated with reduced risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

The advice comes with some caveats — don't add calories with cream, milk and added sugars. The report also advises against large-size energy drinks that are popular in the marketplace, and it recommends pregnant women limit caffeine to two cups of coffee a day.

EAT A PLANT-BASED DIET

The panel recommends eating more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds. A plant-based diet is "more health promoting and is associated with less environmental impact" than the current U.S. diet, which is high in meat.

The report stops short of telling people not to eat meat, saying "no food groups need to be eliminated completely to improve sustainability outcomes."

Overall, the panel advises a diet lower in red and processed meat, and in a footnote says lean meats can be part of a healthy diet. The North American Meat Institute criticized the report, saying the health benefits of lean meat should be "a headline, not a footnote."

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