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Army proposes to stage training exercise in area

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 War games — make that “unconventional” war games — are coming to this area later this year.
 During their 10 a.m. meeting Monday, Howard County Commissioners will hear a presentation on plans by the



Wiseman

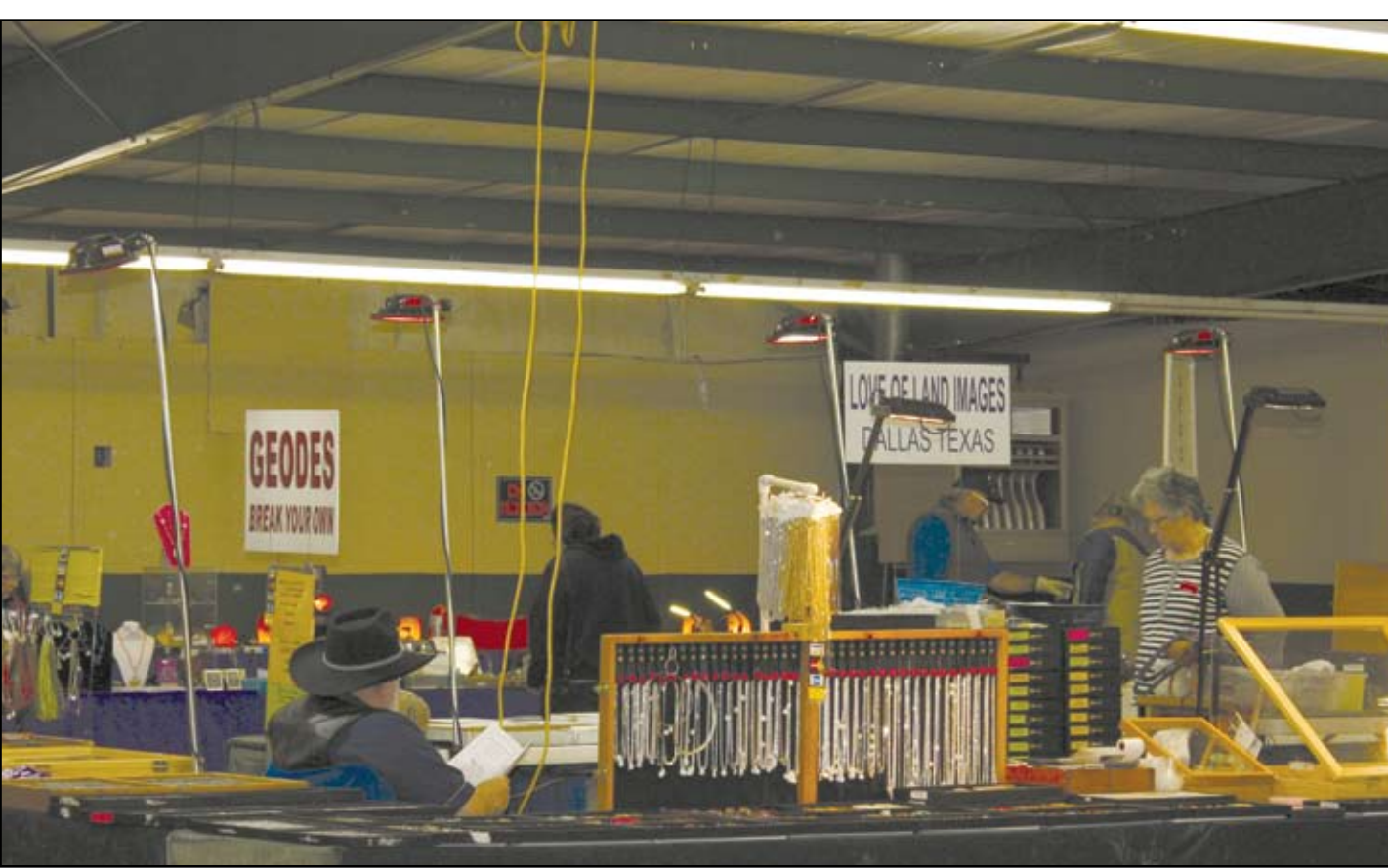
U.S. Army’s Special Operations Command to hold a training exercise in the Crossroads area from July to September.
 Code-named “Jade Helm,” the exercise will help

hone the unconventional warfare skills of SOC soldiers and will be held in portions of Howard and Martin counties for five weeks, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said.
 Thomas Mead of SOC will
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Hawks earn spot in Region V final with dramatic win over Hill



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The Howard County Prospector’s Club’s annual gem and mineral show kicked off Saturday morning and runs through Sunday at the county fairgrounds. In the above photo, customers browse through some of the selections for sale. At right, necklaces made from polished stones are displayed.

HERALD photos/Julie Bass



Autopsy ordered

Officials suspect foul play in death of Big Spring man

Herald Staff Report

An autopsy has been ordered in the death of 35-year-old Roy Cervantes, whose body was struck by a train east of Big Spring Friday morning.
 According to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, emergency personnel were called to the railroad tracks east of North FM 700 at approximately 8 a.m. in response to a train/pedestrian accident.
 “Upon arrival a white male subject was located, deceased,” Parker said in a news release. “At this time this incident is being investigated by the Howard County Sheriff’s Office and the Texas Rangers.”

Anyone with information into the death of 35-year-old Roy Cervantes is asked to contact the Howard County Sheriff’s Office at 432-264-2231 or 432-264-2244.

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2 robberies, one arrest

Police searching for man who accosted delivery driver

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring police arrested one robbery suspect and are looking for a suspect in a second incident.
 Friday morning, Big Spring Police Department detectives arrested Guillermo Gomez, 35, on a charge of aggravated robbery. The arrest stemmed from a robbery at Wendy’s restaurant, 2311 S. Gregg, which occurred Feb. 27 this year.
 Gomez allegedly used a knife in the commission of the robbery while de-

See **ROBBERY**, Page 3A

Coahoma bands nab trophies

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 COAHOMA — The trophy case at the Coahoma band hall is getting a little more full lately.
 The band program returned from UIL Concert and Sightreading contests recently toting two Sweepstakes awards.
 The High Schools program of “Grand Galop Circus March,” “Colliding Visions” by Balmages; and “Pevensey Castle” and its performance at the sight-reading portion earned a Division I rating. That gave Coahoma High a Sweepstakes B award.
 Earlier in the contest, the junior high band had a chance to shine, also earning a Sweepstakes award. The band performed “Forward March” by Turner, “Ballet of Spring” by O’Connor, and “Dance Celebration” by Smith. This is the second Sweepstakes award in a row for junior high band, according to John



Landin, CISD band director.
 Next on tap, the band will wrap up its contest year when the saxophone trio of Koki Howard, Jessica Privett and Kiefer Pulis perform at the state Solo and Ensemble contest to be held in May.

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Obituaries

Carijo 'C.J.' Thixton



Our sister, our aunt and our friend, Carijo "C.J." Thixton, 73, of Big Spring, went to be with her parents, Cecil and Ora McDaniel Thixton and her twin sister, Marijo Walker, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

C.J. was born June 25, 1941 in Big Spring and married Robert Evans. He preceded her in death.

She was a kind and loving soul who always thought about others. She loved all dogs but espe-

cially her Buster. Family was everything to her and holidays were extra special. She was the "Queen of Scalloped Potatoes." C.J. was involved in many functions at Canterbury where she lived for more than 20 years. She loved playing Bingo and Skipbo and participating in Special Olympics.

She is survived by three sisters, Rose Teeler of Big Spring, Linda McKnight and husband, Tom of Jonestown and Tammey Johnson and husband, Jr. of Summerville, S.C.; one brother, Garner Thixton and wife, Eunice of Big Spring; one brother-in-law, Howard Walker of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0823.

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

Paid obituary

Simon Silva



Simon Silva, 93, of Coahoma died Friday, March 6, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born June 1, 1921, in Rosebud, Texas. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army during World War II. He moved to Coahoma in

1985 from Oklahoma. He was a retired farmer and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by one nephew; one niece; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

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

Eloisa Ortiz



Eloisa Ortiz, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 23, 1944, in Mexico to Josefa and Jesus Valenzuela. She married Raul Ortiz on

March 13, 1965, in Mexico. They moved to Howard County in 1965 from Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Raul Ortiz of Big Spring; two daughters, Mary Gonzales and her husband Tony of Coahoma and Maria Elsa Ramirez and

her husband Tony of Garden City; three sons, Ruben Ortiz and his wife Wendy of Big Spring, Raul Ortiz Jr. and his wife Gloria of Sand Springs and Rolando Ortiz of Coahoma; one daughter-in-law, Alma Ortiz of Big Spring; two brothers, Jesus Valenzuela and his wife Diana of Monahans and Humberto Valenzuela and his wife Rita of Mexico; five sisters, Maria Padilla of Roswell, N.M., Rosa Zamora and her husband Daniel of Roswell, N.M., Elvira Campos and her husband Miguel of Presidio, Rosario Rios and her husband Humberto of Monahans and Socorro Valenzuela of Mexico; 22 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Rene V. Ortiz; and one sister, Berta Aguilera.

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

Donna Ellen Simer-Miller

Donna Ellen "Nonnie" Simer-Miller, 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

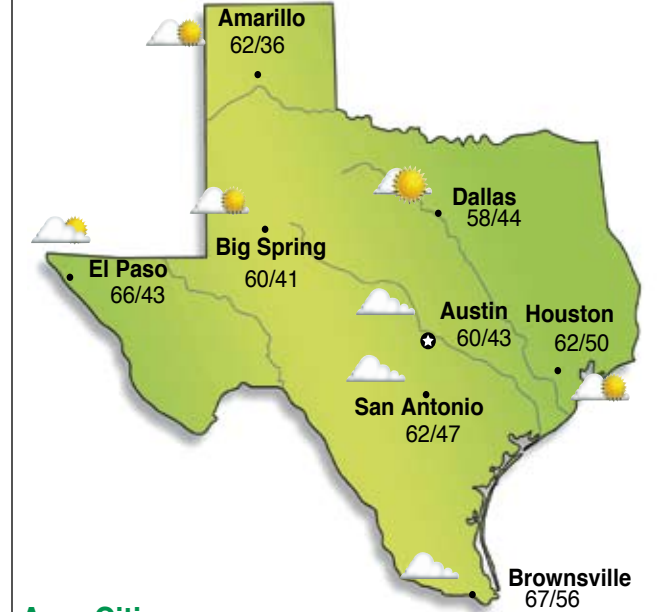
Local 5-Day Forecast

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Texas At A Glance



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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	57	43	pt sunny	Kingsville	65	51	cloudy
Amarillo	62	36	pt sunny	Livingston	61	45	mst sunny
Austin	60	43	cloudy	Longview	60	44	mst sunny
Beaumont	61	45	mst sunny	Lubbock	58	36	pt sunny
Brownsville	67	56	cloudy	Lufkin	64	46	mst sunny
Brownwood	57	41	pt sunny	Midland	58	40	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	64	50	cloudy	Raymondville	68	56	cloudy
Corsicana	58	43	mst sunny	Rosenberg	61	47	cloudy
Dallas	58	44	mst sunny	San Antonio	62	47	cloudy
Del Rio	61	47	cloudy	San Marcos	60	45	cloudy
El Paso	66	43	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	57	41	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	58	42	cloudy	Sweetwater	57	42	pt sunny
Gainesville	58	41	mst sunny	Tyler	60	45	mst sunny
Greenville	56	41	mst sunny	Weatherford	59	42	pt sunny
Houston	62	50	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	61	42	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	66	47	mst sunny	Minneapolis	39	24	pt sunny
Boston	36	26	mst sunny	New York	39	32	mst sunny
Chicago	39	27	pt sunny	Phoenix	78	53	sunny
Dallas	58	44	mst sunny	San Francisco	70	50	sunny
Denver	48	28	pt sunny	Seattle	61	38	sunny
Houston	62	50	pt sunny	St. Louis	59	32	sunny
Los Angeles	83	56	sunny	Washington, DC	50	35	mst sunny
Miami	80	71	rain				

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 33, of 1511 Princeton St. was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• KYLER JORDAN NICHOLS, 18, of Ackerly, TX was arrested on a warrant for other agency.

• GABRIEL ANTONIO LOPEZ, 21, of 500 N.W. 9th St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention using vehicle or watercraft, tampering/fabricating

physical evidence, and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

• GUILLERMO GOMEZ, 32, of 300 E. 11th Place was arrested on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

• CLAY ALAN GAMBLE, 48, of 405 N. 2nd St. was arrested on a warrant for other agency.

• PATRICIA ANN BACON, 42, of 3509 E. I-20 Apt 14 was arrested on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported near the intersection of

FM 700 and Birdwell Lane.

• THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700 and the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Park St. and the 1500 block of Princeton Ave.

• HIT AND RUN was reported in the 200 block of Nolan St.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Hwy 350 and North Service Rd.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87.

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.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and infor-

mative group meets at 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.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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Take note

• If you are aware of what is going on in the world, our country, our state, your community, and feel a loyalty and passion to make a difference, come and join conservatives who are trying to do exactly that: "make a difference." Join the Howard County Republican Club. The club meets every second Monday of the month, at noon, in the Cactus Room of Howard College. Next meeting will be at noon Monday.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will have its annual Pancake Supper March 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Howard College cafeteria. Cost is \$6 per person and proceeds go to fund club projects throughout the year. For more information, call 432-270-2218.

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• 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.

• 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. 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, call 432-263-9669.

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

DEATH

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Cervantes was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons.

Parker said officials suspect foul play and are urging anyone with information into Cervantes' death to contact authorities.

"We are encouraging anyone that may have information ... to please call the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 432-264-2231 or 432-264-2244, or callers may call Crime Stoppers at 432-263-8477."

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Carl Newell, 60, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Mary Alexander, 87, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Eloisa Ortiz, 70, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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ROBBERY

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manding the currency from the register, officials said..

"Gomez is also believed to be the actor in several other thefts which have recently occurred within Big Spring, including the theft at Dollar General on April 14, 2013., the theft at Subway which occurred on the April 22, 2013, the theft at the Cash Store, which occurred on the Feb. 25,

2015 and the theft at Weatherford Composites, which occurred between the dates of Dec. 14, 2014 and Feb. 21, 2015," a BSPD news release stated. "Big Spring Police Department detectives are currently working with the district attorney's and county attorney's offices on these offenses.

"The arrest is the result of hard work with the Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigation Division and the cooperation with the citizens of our community," the re-

lease added. BSPD officials are asking for the public's help in locating a suspect in the Thursday evening robbery of a Domino's Pizza delivery driver.

At about 9 p.m. Thursday, Big Spring Police Department Officers responded to a robbery call in the 1700 block of Runnels.

"Upon arrival, contact was made with a Domino's Pizza delivery driver who reported that an unknown Hispanic male approached him from behind while the delivery driver was

walking back to his vehicle after a delivery and pushed the delivery driver against his car," a BSPD news release stated.

"The delivery driver reported he was pinned against the car by the (suspect) and was demanded to give all his money or he was going to be assaulted."

The delivery driver complied, giving the suspect \$60. The suspect then ran away from the scene on foot. Officers responded in the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

The delivery driver did not sustain any injuries and did not seek medical attention.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 6 feet tall and weighing 160 pounds, wearing dark clothing and having a "buzzed" haircut and tattoos on both sides of his neck.

Anyone with information in this incident is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at (432) 263-8477 (TIPS), or text 274637 and in the body of the message type in "KASH" (5274) along with the tip.

ARMY

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brief commissioners on details of the training exercise during Monday's meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse.

"It will be a very interesting process and

one in which some of our citizens may be able to participate in a small way," Wiseman said. "The Army wants to make sure commissioners, law enforcement and citizens know what is going on ... If they hear gunfire and explosions, it'll only be a training exercise."

Also Monday, commissioners will hear

a proposal from Lone Star Railroad, Inc. for the establishment of an industrial park near N. Moss Lake Road. Wiseman said Lone Star has already purchase more than 600 acres of property in the area in preparation for the project.

Other agenda items commissioners will consider include:

• Presentation of the

monthly financial report, along with invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.

• An amendment to the county's contract with the Texas Department of Family and Child Protective Services.

• The Texas Department of Transportation's policy for county road signs.

• Price increases for food service at the county jail.

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O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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Walking the Red Road:

The beat of the drum

I was laying in my recliner last night with my ear against the headrest. I could hear my heart beating. The more I listened the more it sounded like the beat of the drum at a powwow. A strong beat followed by a softer beat. In most powwow songs this is how the drum is played, a strong beat followed by a softer beat.

It is said that the beat of the drum is the beat of the Earth Mothers heart. When we are dancing if the drum stops we stop, even if the singing continues. We begin dancing again when the drum begins again. We stop dancing at the last beat of the drum in all songs.

The first powwow I attended many years ago impressed me. The dancers and the singing was inspiring. But the drum, there was something about the the drum I could not explain. The way it sounded, the way it moved while being played and the beat touched me deep inside. What I remember most about that powwow

was the beat of the drum.

That remains with me today. When I hear the beat of the drum I want to dance. My feet cannot be still. Today many times while dancing at a powwow I will close my eyes and focus on the beat of the drum.

If I am walking at our powwow I find myself walking to the beat of the drum. When I am climbing the stairs at the coliseum I will climb them to the beat of the drum.

I have had people tell me that while attending our powwow they will realize that their feet are moving while just sitting there watching.

There is something magical about the beat of the drum. To me and many other Native Americans it is even spiritual.

I invite you to come and experience this for yourself. Come to the Eleventh Annual Big Spring Powwow, April 25th and 26th, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Feel the beat of the drum, feel the power it has. Experience how it can move you deep inside.

Come to the powwow. Watch us dance with your eyes. Listen with your ears to the chanting of the singers. Open your heart and listen to the drum with it, not just your ears.

To enhance this experience come down and dance with us. Enter the Sacred Circle, join with the Native American dancers and become a part of the powwow.

Feel the magic and the power that the beat of the drum has to offer. It may touch you deep inside just as it touches me.

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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The little creamery in Brenham

Joe Robertson has been with Blue Bell Creameries in Brenham 29 years. He started out as a driver-salesman in Dallas. “I drove a Blue Bell truck for seven years and just moved on up,” he says. Joe now manages the company’s advertising and public relations. He knows Blue Bell.

“We have between 50 and 60 flavors out at any given time and every year we put out five to six new flavors. We get those ideas from all kinds of places. Our consumers, of course, have ideas for us and they send those to us. They catch our drivers in the stores and say, ‘I’ve got an idea for you.’ Employees of course have ideas. Then you have a research and development department. So we’ll get two of three hundred ideas and give them to R&D. They work through it and get about 15 to 20 samples that we pass out internally, decide on five or six and those are the ones that will be out next year.”



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

I asked Joe if there are any volunteer testers. He said most of them are employees. “But everyone who visits ask for an application to be a tester.”

Joe’s assistant, Jenny Van Dorf, likes the newest Blue Bell flavors that came out last year for the holidays. “We actually have five of them,” she says. “Returning from years past are Peppermint, Christmas Cookies, Spiced Pumpkin Pecan and Fudge Divinity. The new one is Peppermint Bark. Our Peppermint has peppermint candies in it and has more of the candy mint taste. The Peppermint Bark has dark and white chocolate chunks with crushed peppermint in it. I really like it. I can’t stop eating that one.”

They have a saying around Blue Bell: “We eat all we can and sell the rest.” The lunchroom has a freezer box filled with ice cream. “We’re welcome to eat out of that from the time we arrive until the time we leave.”

Of all Blue Bell’s 60 flavors, the best seller is Homemade Vanilla. “That was created in 1969,” says Jenny. “We wanted to capture that homemade, hand-cranked taste.”

Blue Bell gets nearly a quarter

of a million visitors every year from all over the world. “A lot of people will be in Houston wanting to know what to see, where to go and they’ll send them to Brenham,” says Joe. “They can see how we make the ice cream and enjoy some in our parlor where we keep more than 30 flavors on hand for visitors.” The parlor is next to the gift shop.

Blue Bell is the third-largest ice cream maker in the United States and uses milk from 60,000 cows every day. Blue Bell holds a 60 percent share of ice cream sales in Texas supermarkets.

The Brenham Creamery Company opened in 1907 to make butter. The first ice cream was produced in 1911. The name was changed to Blue Bell Creameries in 1930. Blue Bell is a native Texas wildflower that grows around Brenham. The Kruse family has managed the business since 1919.

When Tumbleweed Smith isn’t driving down some country lane in Texas looking for interesting, fun people to interview, he stays with his wife Susan in Big Spring.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good Job!

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Lyndel Moody for the fine article she wrote on Valentine’s Day about me and my wife of 68 years. We have had many phone calls and personal congratulations and we both just wanted to say thanks to Lyndel Moody for the really great write up. She is the best ever!

P.S. *The Herald* should be really proud to have Lyndel working there.

Cotton Mize
Big Spring

A closer look

To the Editor,

Several recent letters to the editor of the *Big Spring Herald* have expressed dissatisfaction with the decisions to relocate our Big Spring Senior Center. Questions about financial viability, costs of renovating the proposed site and about the impact on senior activities (e.g., Ceramics, Quilting, Dances and classroom space) are on the minds of our seniors.

This senior citizen would like to see more facts See **LETTERS**, Page 5A

and fewer rumors about the proposed relocation. In my opinion, this would be a great opportunity for a newspaper reporter to research the relocation issue and to publish accurate and useful findings.

Also, it would be useful (and wise) for our city leaders to include the senior citizens being affected by the proposed relocation in the planning and decision making process. The additional inputs might make for better outcomes.

Big Spring senior citizens have been, and still are, valuable community resources (not burdens.) This has been demonstrated by the many volunteer hours recorded in the records of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. (It is unfortunate that our city leaders have allowed that program to lapse.)

This senior citizen believes that our community leaders are smart enough to marshal the resources (perhaps by involving church and business leaders as well as the senior citizens themselves) to develop a Senior Center and Senior Activities that enhance the lives of our seniors and also be a model for other communities to follow.

Uncle Mort and color wheels

Credibility of many professional athletes’ opinions on matters involving their sports is marginal, and on various “common sense” topics, it deserves even less respect.

When certain athletes claim to have admirable parenting skills, beware. It’s then we’d score big returns in the produce business if we could find a trailer load of overripe tomatoes. Rotten ones are best for fans who’ve had enough. Now, they’re ready to wax Archie “Bunkerish” for pro sports’ loud mouths. “Dummy up,” is what Archie always told Edith.

LeBron James, crowned as royalty by some and zapped by others, hit a verbal home run worthy of our hearing against colleges jumping the gun on recruiting. Eureka, he warned coaches to “leave my 10-year-old alone.”

Can it be? LeBron II, nicknamed “Bronny,” already is considered scholarship material at multiple institutions.

Scholarships? College coaches would do well to attract youngsters with gifts like iPhones and iPads instead of scholarships. In this case, figuring “like father, like son” is taking the “gene thing” too far. (A high school science teacher observed, “If a child’s mother’s eyes have blue genes and the dad has blue genes, chances are the offspring also will have blue ‘jeans.’”) King James — his moniker as a schoolboy basketball phe-

nom — went straight from high school to the pros. Are we on the cusp of junior high basketballers taking the big plunge, skipping both high school and college? One day, this may not be out of the question. Sadly, ours is a culture which continues to devalue childhood that already is squeezed by pressures far too soon.

And then there are rare old birds like my Uncle Mort. He’s blown the old “once an adult/twice a child” saying to smithereens. With birthday number 103 coming up on July 4, his opinions seem forever child-like.

Often clueless on many topics, somehow he manages to re-group, usually making good on promises, mistakes and foibles from here to yon.

He’s a live example of the axiom that a “little knowledge is a dangerous thing.” This is what we can blame his recent pratfall on. They’re still laughing about it in the paint department down at the hardware store.

My uncle dismounted his golf cart, grumbling that he wasn’t saving as much money on gasoline as he was a couple of months ago. I pointed out that price per gallon has dropped by almost 50 percent, so really, he’s saving even more money.

Logic is usually wasted on him. He said he didn’t have time to discuss the economy, and he left without mentioning anything about a painting project. However, he said he needed to pick up a new color wheel before they were gone.

He headed for the hardware store, eager to learn more about the color wheel that people are talking so much about.

The paint people were bum-fuzzled by his request. After all,

for decades on end, color wheels have been, uh, color wheels. “There are no ‘favorites,’” one of the sales people responded. “It has to be the favorite,” my uncle protested, insisting that everyone is “talking grey” — the color he thinks to be the choice of millions of Americans this summer. As if orchestrated, the hardware people’s heads pivoted 180 degrees, now cocked in the other direction.

“It’s hard to imagine they could come up with 50 different grey hues,” Mort said. Then, it dawned on the manager. Mort thought “Fifty Shades of Grey” to be a color wheel.

The wonder of it all is that their side-splitting laughter didn’t erupt until Mort pattered down the street in his golf cart.

Friends of Mort and Maude — his wife of 80+ years — agree with her longstanding contention: “I can’t do a thing with him.”

A few years back — while he was attending an auction for freight cars loaded with new hula hoops and croquet sets — Maude’s succinct comment made sense. “Just let him be.”

Truly, there is much about today’s world Mort doesn’t understand — or even try very hard to figure out.

So, if he chooses to believe — or wants others to think he believes — “Fifty Shades of Grey” is a color wheel instead of a sordid movie, let him be.

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A new beginning



Special to the Herald

Big Spring Boy Scout Troop 5 and Cub Scout Pack 305 recently ended a long chapter of their history, being chartered with the First Baptist Church of Big Spring. According to troop leaders, the organization will always be thankful to the church, for providing the troop a home, enabling so many of scouts to learn responsibility, leadership, and good citizenship.

But even as the First Baptist Church and the Scouts ended their 85-year relationship, Troop 5 and Pack 305 are now sponsored by the First Church of the Nazarene which reached out to the community of Big Spring by agreeing to be the new chartered organization and home. On Feb. 8, Boy Scouts of America across the nation, annually demonstrate "reverence" by attending church service in uniform in the

church of their choosing, and in return the church recognizes the scouts. Big Spring Boy Scout Troop and Big Spring Cub Scout Pack 305 made their debut Scout Sunday appearance, at the Big Spring First Church of the Nazarene February by presenting the flags and attending service.

LETTERS

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So ... Let's pull together and do it. Let's prove to all ... that everything is better in Big Spring!
**Paul Smith
Big Spring**

An accident(s) waiting to happen To the Editor,

I wrote a letter to the editor five and half years ago regarding the incoming and outgoing traffic at the same entrance to Wal-Mart. I stated at that time it was just too dangerous. I suggested that if drivers could not enter Wal-Mart on Highway 87, only enter at the three entrances on Marcy Drive (FM 700), that it would help. If drivers could only exit at that location on Highway 87, either both directions, or may just one, this would not be so confusing and not as dangerous.

I agree with Delynda Reed's recent letter to the editor regarding this problem as we see it as a bad accident or accidents about to happen. I do not feel that the City should continue taking no action as the congestion at that entrance is not about to change and only continue to worsen. Since I wrote my original letter, the traffic in Big Spring is no where it was back then. It should have been taken care of before our city inherited this tremendous additional traffic in and through Big Spring. I am in hopes it is being addressed now or in the near future. Thanks for the chance to express my concerns.

Patsy Sharpnack

CBS' Plante returns to Selma 50 years later

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty years after covering the civil rights marches in Selma for CBS News, senior White House correspondent Bill Plante is returning to Alabama for this weekend's commemorations still working for the same news organization.

As one mark of how things have changed in five decades, Plante will be interviewing a black man who is president of the United States on Saturday. President Barack Obama will also be in Alabama to mark the occasion.

Plante was a 27-year-old reporter in 1965 who bore witness to police tear-gassing and beating demonstrators on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Later, he interviewed the Rev. Martin Luther King as he crossed the bridge in a separate march to the state capital in Montgomery.

He was last in Selma three years ago, part of U.S. Rep. John Lewis' tour of historic civil rights locations, and was struck by how much the community physically looked the same.

"The big difference, it seems to me, is the attitude of the black population," he said. "Blacks

were fearful 50 years ago and they needed somebody like a Dr. King to mobilize them. Now they're very much involved in the political life of the city and the county. Which is not to say there is no more racism — of course there is. That will probably always be the case everywhere. But it sure is a lot better than it was 50 years ago."

Plante and fellow reporters weren't welcomed by the white population 50 years ago, and footage in the CBS News archives shows what appears to be an egg being smeared on a camera lens at one point in the march.

Plante admits he feared for his safety.

"We were regarded as troublemakers because what we did was expose what was going on for all the world to see," he said. "This shocked the nation."

It shocked Plante, too, and as someone who grew up in Chicago schooled in social justice, it was hard for him to remain neutral. He'd never seen such in-your-face racism. But there was segregation back home, too. He just didn't notice it as much.

Plante said he hopes to talk with Obama about racial attitudes, a topic he has not addressed frequently as president. Portions of the interview will appear on Saturday's evening news, along with "Face the Nation" and "CBS Sunday Morning."

A walking institutional memory bank for CBS News, Plante said he hasn't been bitten by the retirement bug.

"I'd like to keep doing this as long as I can," said Plante, 77. "It engages you. You meet people, you participate in what goes on every day. It helps you to stay alive."

sudoku

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

3	2	7	5				8	4
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5	6	9					4	
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7	4	1		9	5	8		
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1				2		4	9	

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Very Unusual Play

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 9
♥ K 3
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ A J 9 7 4
WEST
♠ K 3
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ K Q J 9 6
♣ Q 2
EAST
♠ 6
♥ A 9 7 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 10 8 6 3
SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 7 5 4 2
♥ J 6 4
♦ A
♣ 5

The bidding:
South West North East
4♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Let's say you're in four spades and West leads the king of diamonds, taken by you with the ace. There are many lines of play to choose from, and your job is to find the one that offers the best chance for the contract.
You could, for example, lead a club to the ace and try a spade finesse. If East had the king, you'd have 10 solid tricks, while even if the finesse lost, you'd still make the contract if West started with the ace of

hearts.
Alternatively, you could lead a heart to the king at trick two and still have many chances to succeed even if the king lost to the ace.

While it's true that either of these approaches would make you a strong favorite to get home safely, both contain an element of risk. In the actual deal, both lines of play would fail (assuming best defense), and you would go down one.

However, there is a line of play that's certain to succeed against any distribution, so naturally it should be preferred. The correct approach is to lead a club to the ace at trick two and a low heart from dummy at trick three!

This unusual play is sure to produce at least 10 tricks. If East follows low, you play the jack and cannot be stopped from either ruffing a heart in dummy or averting a trump loser. If East happens to have the queen and plays it, your jack later becomes a trick, and the most you can lose is a trump and two hearts.

It is surely uncommon to handle the combination of K-x opposite J-x-x by initially leading low toward the jack, but this in itself is not a good reason for failing to make the proper play.

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Palestine balloon facility still flying high

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — Hey, look up there!

Is that a UFO?

One just might hear these words or say them while gazing at the early morning skies over Palestine during the summer months, as an unusual object high above the city is spotted.

Fortunately there is no cause for alarm. What is most likely being seen is a high altitude scientific research balloon on its ascent to the Earth's outer atmosphere, following its launch from Palestine's Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility (CSBF). Although the CBSF has changed owners recently, the facility is still flying high in altitudes all over the world.

Often overlooked by those traveling to or through Palestine, CSBF is a NASA facility managed by Orbital ATK.

The facility was first established in 1961 in Boulder, Colorado and moved to Palestine in 1963.

Balloons have been used for decades to conduct scientific stud-

ies. While the basics of ballooning have not changed, balloon capabilities have increased and their dependability has improved greatly. High altitude balloon science is remarkable versatile and covers many scientific disciplines, ranging from X-ray, infrared, visible, ultraviolet and gamma ray astrophysics to cosmic ray and atmospheric science.

Scientific balloons are valuable tools for scientists as well as undergraduate and graduate students conducting work in these and related scientific fields.

CSBF provides services of launching large, unmanned, high altitude, research balloons; tracking and recovering scientific experiments suspended beneath them, for NASA centers and universities from all over the world. "The Hubble telescope was tested by hanging from a balloon at this facility," Ross Hays, meteorologist at CSBF, said. "There were also tests for the parachutes used on the latest Mars Rov-

er."

"Once approved by NASA, scientists come to us to help facilitate their research," Dewayne Orr, site manager, told the Palestine Herald-Press. "We provide the flight service, vehicle and support systems that go along with that."

Scientists use data collected during balloon flights to help answer important questions about the universe, atmosphere, the Sun and the space environment. Questions such as "How did the universe, galaxies, stars and planets form and evolve?" and "Are there Earth-like planets beyond our solar system?" are being answered by NASA with the help of experiments flown on scientific balloons.

Since opening, the facility has launched more than 1,700 balloons for 35 universities, 23 other research agencies and 33 foreign groups.

During this time there has been dramatic increase for sophisticated experiments and service demands.

The facility has been part of experiments that has taught scientists, and later the public, a lot about our planet.

"It was because of ballooning that we first noticed the hole in the ozone layer," Hays explained. "Also, the recent forecasting of the polar vortex was made possible through the research and data collected by ballooning."

"The 2006 Scientific Nobel Peace Prize recipient for physics was Dr. George Smoot," Hays said. "Dr. Smoot actually started his research on balloons here in Palestine."

CSBF provides complete balloon operations services and engineering support to the United States and foreign scientific communities. The operations services include inflation, launching of the balloon, tracking and recovery.

The facility also provides data retrieval with reliable electronics systems.

Recognized on the international level as one of the most advanced organizations of its type in the world, CSBF conducts scientific ballooning operations from various remote sites in the United States, several foreign countries and

the continent of Antarctica.

The facility has gone through several changes over the years. In 1982, sponsorship of the facility was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The latest change taking place in November 2014 when the NASA contract to operate the CSBF was awarded to Orbital Sciences Corporation's Technical Service Division, based out of Greenbelt, Md. Orbital Sciences recently merged with Orbital ATK.

The company just began operations as Orbital ATK, according to reports.

Regarding the recent switch in management, Orr explained there was a bidding process for the operation of the facility with NASA, but it is still CSBF. "There are obviously changes in people, procedures and processes, but Orbital has done its best in making the transition as smooth as possible by getting everything taken care of for our campaigns, travel expenses, employee compensation," Orr added. "It's a continuing process."

Accompanied with the change in facility management, the site also

welcomes Orr, newly appointed site manager, after the retirement of Danny Ball. "Danny started off as a meteorologist here and worked as operations manager then site manager years later," Orr said. "He understood the whole concept of ballooning and was a great leader when learning the management of ballooning. He left a great legacy behind for us to continue launching all over the world."

Ball came to CSBF in 1980, and after a contractor change, he became the operations manager, responsible for electrical, technical, mechanical and meteorological components. During his time at CSBF, he was in charge of several interesting projects.

Noted as most memorable during his time at the facility, Ball described a project completed last year.

"It was called Low Density Supersonic Decelerator project," Ball said. "JPL was interested in landing larger heavier objects on Mars where it is real difficulty because the atmosphere is so thin and traveling at such a high rate of speed, like several thousands of miles an hour."

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News in brief

Malaysia's transport chief says if MH370 not found by end of May, it's back to drawing board

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — If the massive undersea search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 turns up nothing by the end of May, the three countries leading the effort will return to the drawing board, Malaysia's transport minister said Saturday.

Liow Tiong Lai told a small group of foreign reporters on the eve of the anniversary of the plane's disappearance that he remains cautiously optimistic the Boeing 777 is in the area of the southern Indian Ocean where the search is ongoing.

Despite the exhaustive search for the plane, which disappeared last March 8 during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, no trace of the jet has been found. Malaysia's government on Jan. 29 formally declared the incident an accident and said all 239 people on board were presumed dead.

"By the end of May, if we still can't find the plane, then we will have to go back to the drawing board," Liow said.

Asked if Malaysia might stop the search if there are no new leads by the end of May, when bad weather usually sets in, Liow said it was "too early to pre-empt anything now," and that the government would continue to rely on the group of experts leading the hunt.

Analysis: Divided Republican lawmakers empower Democrats in congressional minority

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winners in a bruising struggle with Republicans over homeland security funding and immigration, minority Democrats had unity on their side, along with a politician's understandable fear of terrorist attacks and the Constitution's separation of powers.

The tea party-aligned, bitter-end Republican losers had outrage, and in the House, an unbending unwillingness to compromise that some of their own rank and file judged counterproductive.

The result was a rout that some

Republicans say — and Democrats no doubt hope — portends poorly for their party.

Republicans "have got to find a level of cohesion where we can at least pass legislation that we get to the president's desk," said Rep. Dennis Ross of Florida as the party's attempt to roll back President Barack Obama's immigration directives flamed out. "If we can't do that, we fail to govern and we lose 2016."

Whatever the long-term implications of Republican divisions, the lessons of this one episode seem simple.

Joint chiefs chairman optimistic about battle for Tikrit led by Iranian and Iraqi forces

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT (AP) — The one-two punch of Iranian-back militias and Iraqi government troops is likely to prevail in the unfolding battle for Tikrit, but it would not have been possible if U.S. airstrikes had not tied down Islamic State fighters elsewhere in northern Iraq, the top U.S. general said.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was asked by reporters traveling with him from Washington to Iraq whether he believes the Islamic State group will be pushed out of Tikrit.

"Yeah, I do," he said. "The numbers are overwhelming."

Dempsey said about 23,000 Iranian-based Shiite militiamen and Iraqi soldiers are involved in the offensive, compared to only "hundreds" of IS fighters.

The offensive is not what the Americans would consider textbook military tactics, he said, describing a hodge-podge of Iraqi Humvees, trucks and other vehicles surging toward Tikrit like rush hour on the Washington Beltway.

In EU foreign policy, strength through unity is hard to come by; even makes leaders stutter

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — It was enough even for the normally unflappable European Union President Donald Tusk to start losing his cool. He stut-

tered, staggered his sentences, as he assessed what Russian President Vladimir Putin was doing to the EU's brittle sense of unity.

"One of the most important goals for President Putin today is to divide Europe," he said in off the cuff remarks to the European Parliament. He called it a key reason why he is "so obsessed about unity today."

He'd better be. For EU unity has been in short supply here on the shores of the Baltic Sea, where Europe's top diplomats gathered this week to forge a common strategy on the Ukraine crisis. When it comes to Russia, the 28-nation EU is roughly split in two. Several former Soviet bloc nations — including the three Baltic states and Tusk's Poland — urge a tough line in the face of what they see as Russian aggression, while others like Germany and France are more careful to keep channels open.

At the same time, Putin has been wooing some nations like Hungary and Cyprus, making sure they can act as a thorn in the EU's side.

Since foreign policy is set by unanimity between 28 nations, Tusk will find it tough to speak forcefully when he meets with U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington on Monday.

Indonesian executions show difficulty of death penalty diplomacy

SYDNEY (AP) — Inside a remote island prison in Indonesia, two Australians facing death by firing squad await word of their fate. To some, they are ruthless drug smugglers who deserve to die. To others, rehabilitated do-gooders who deserve to live. The question of which characterization is correct has threatened ties between two once-close countries, both convinced they are right.

Australia's fight to save Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran from imminent execution, and Indonesia's fight to maintain control of its own legal system, has devolved into a diplomatic battle rife with accusations

of hypocrisy, power plays and moral superiority. And it serves as a stark reminder of why the death penalty is often considered the ultimate diplomatic challenge: How do you negotiate the non-negotiable?

"For a diplomat, the death penalty cases are always the hardest ones because they involve a supreme act of sovereignty — the foreign state believing it has the right to take the life of someone that's committed a crime — but also a supreme loss of sovereignty that a country isn't able to protect its citizens overseas," said Andrew Carr, an international relations expert at The Australian National University. "You get the greatest clash of moral values in that some states believe this is right and proper to be applied and other states believe it's quite abhorrent."

There's inevitably tension whenever one country tries to tell another how to conduct its business. That becomes even more acute in death penalty cases, which involve the most extreme human emotions and become, unwittingly or not, symbols of a nation's strength — or lack thereof.

Obama to join in 50th anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday' in Selma

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and about 100 members of Congress are converging on Selma, Alabama, on Saturday for the 50th anniversary of a landmark event of the civil rights movement.

Obama will speak in the riverside town to commemorate "Bloody Sunday," the day in 1965 when police attacked marchers demonstrating for voting rights.

The violence preceded the Selma-to-Montgomery march, which occurred two weeks later. Both helped build momentum for congressional approval of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

Thousands of people attend the annual observance of the anniversary.



The City of Big Spring Code Enforcement Department would like to remind the Citizens of Big Spring that Code Enforcement is actively enforcing the Front Yard Parking Ordinance. If a vehicle is parking on the front yard, and is not located on an improved surface (Concrete, Pavers, Asphalt, or Gravel) this is a violation to the Ordinance and will be enforced with a penalty.

City of Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park New Locomotive
Bringing countless rail cars to load and unload in the Big Spring Industrial Park area can be a chore. However, Big Spring Rail, a local rail company, has acquired a new locomotive for just that purpose. This newly purchased engine can accommodate pulling more rail cars and weight up the incline to get into the airpark. It is a great asset to our city and local industry.



WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Big Spring Police Department would like to welcome the following new employees to the department:

- Clifford Graham
- Noah Lozano
- Celeste Valle
- Gary Cadigan II
- Zachery Lopez
- Willie Wright JR.
- Michelle Cheatham
- Marcus Fernandez
- Christine Vaughn

In other news, Congratulations go out Kip Patterson on his recent promotion to Lieutenant. Lt. Patterson's new assignment will be supervising officers in the patrol division.

Call 432-264-2323 to book a Comanche Trail Park Pavilion for summer parties and get-togethers!



We would like to remind the Citizens that we are coming up on warmer weather, and with warmer weather brings growth of vegetation. The Property owner/occupant shall be responsible for mowing their properties including half of the easement and or alley behind their properties. The Code Enforcement Department will be out patrolling the neighborhoods looking for violations, the most common violations are: accumulated items, junk vehicles, front yard parking, and of course weedy lots. The City of Big Spring encourages the community to do your part to help beautify our city.

Sincerely,
Code Enforcement Department
City of Big Spring.







Along with Lt. Patterson's promotion, the department has undergone a few other changes. Starting with Lt. Whitten transferring to the patrol division, Lt. Telchik transferred to the Support Services division, Sgt. Haynes transferred to the Narcotics division and Sgt. Moore was moved to replace Sgt. Haynes. All 5-five of these supervisors have a wealth of knowledge and experience and will be able to pass that knowledge onto the young officers that are working for them in their divisions.

The Big Spring Police Department Administration wishes all the employees within the department well in their jobs and to remember to work safe.



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News in brief

Texas black GOP congressman relishes being political outlier

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Rep. Will Hurd's Urdu is better than his Spanish, even though the latter is the preferred language of many constituents in his sprawling, two-thirds Hispanic district. The 37-year-old worked for the CIA for almost a decade, much of it undercover in Pakistan, where he mastered the national tongue. "When I had a long beard and wore local clothes, my Urdu was good enough to get the local discount at the bazaar," Hurd said.

Yet, he's comfortable being a political outlier: Texas' first black Republican elected to Congress since Reconstruction and only one of two black GOP House members along with Utah's Mia Love — underscoring just how much the GOP has struggled in appealing to minority voters. He also has avoided the tea party rhetoric on polarizing issues like immigration and border security embraced by many of his fellow Republicans at home and across the nation.

"Everyone wants to know how the black dude got elected in the Hispanic district," said Hurd, whose territory encompasses 820 miles of the Mexico border. "It's because I engage people where they are and talk about the topics they care about. That transcends race, it transcends gender. It transcends party. So, for me, we've already done this and we're going to do it again."

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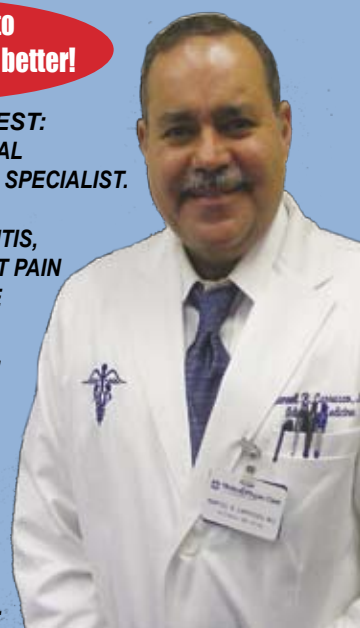
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It won't be easy. Hurd edged one-term Democrat Pete Gallego by less than 2,500 votes in November, a low-turnout midterm election in the midst of a national Republican wave.

Most counts against ex-judge dropped after informant slain

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 15-count federal corruption indictment against a former Texas district judge has been reduced to five counts after the main prosecution witness was slain in a dispute over a debt.

Former state District Judge Angus McGinty of San Antonio had been indicted on federal bribery, extortion, conspiracy and wire fraud charges for allegedly soliciting and taking bribes from a San Antonio lawyer.

However, a superseding indictment now charges McGinty with single counts of conspiracy and extortion and three counts of fraud. The San Antonio Express-News reports the new indictment comes two months after the death of key FBI informant Michael Oliver Otten.

Investigators say Otten and another man were killed in January over a debt Otten owed Frank Campos, who has been charged with capital murder.

The new indictment, unsealed this week, still accuses McGinty of seeking and taking bribes from lawyer Alberto Acevedo Jr. from January through September of 2013. In return, prosecutors say, McGinty provided the favorable judicial rulings requested by Acevedo, including lenient sentences and less restrictive conditions of release for Acevedo's clients.

A phone message left at McGinty's law office was not returned Friday. He has denied the charges in the past.

Acevedo pleaded guilty in March 2014 to giving McGinty gifts and payments totaling more than \$6,600 and promising to pay for car repairs McGinty needed. Acevedo, who remains free on bond pending sentencing and faces up to 10 years in prison, acknowledged he was caught in an FBI investigation into suspected corruption at the Bexar County Courthouse in San Antonio.

Man convicted in 'American Sniper' case at intake center

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A former Marine found guilty in the shooting deaths of "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and another man is being processed at an intake center of the Texas prison system to determine where he will serve his life sentence.

Eddie Ray Routh arrived at the Middleton Unit near Abilene on Friday and will go through a monthlong classification process.

Routh was convicted of capital murder in the 2013 deaths of Kyle and Chad Littlefield after jurors re-

jected his insanity defense. Prosecutors didn't seek the death penalty.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark says Routh will go through various tests and examinations, including an initial psychological screening. The results will determine Routh's prison unit assignment.

The case drew extra attention due to the film based on Kyle's memoir.

Man again accused of stalking Yahoo CEO

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A man convicted of threatening Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer is now accused of sending her dozens of sexually graphic emails.

Austin police say 30-year-old Gregory Calvin King was arrested Thursday, a month after he was released from a federal prison in Texas. He's jailed on \$100,000 bond on a charge of stalking with a previous conviction.

King was arrested in 2011 for threatening Mayer, then Google's vice president, after repeatedly calling her and sending her more than 20,000 Twitter messages.

Court records show he was sentenced to supervised release, but later violated his probation and was sentenced to a year in prison. He was released last month and had been under surveillance by Yahoo since arriving in Austin.

Court records don't list his attorney. Yahoo declined comment Friday.

States say Obama administration misled judge on immigration

HOUSTON (AP) — A coalition of states suing to stop President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration alleges the government misled a judge about not implementing part of the plan before the judge temporarily halted it.

The allegation comes after the Justice Department said in court documents this week that federal officials had given 100,000 people three-year reprieves from deportation and granted them work permits under a program that protects young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

Justice Department attorneys had previously said federal officials wouldn't accept requests under an expansion of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA, until Feb. 18.

The federal government's immigration actions regarding DACA as well as a program that would extend deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for some years, were put on hold on Feb. 16 by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville, Texas. Justice Department attorneys have asked Hanen to lift his hold while they appeal the ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Region V Basketball Tournament



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Will Ferguson (3), Sam Finley (15) and Niels Bunschoten (33) celebrate on the floor following the Hawks' thrilling upset of third-ranked Hill College on Friday in the semifinals of the Region V Basketball Tournament in Brownwood.

Hawks, Texans reign supreme

HC rallies from 10 down to upset Hill College, 81-78

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

BROWNWOOD – Lis Shoshi did more than touch a basketball in the closing seconds on Friday night in front of a loud crowd in the Brownwood Coliseum. He did the unthinkable ... and left Howard College head coach Scott Raines speechless.

With the Hawks holding a slim one-point lead, Shoshi leaped the air and swatted a missed shot by Hill College out of the paint. The ball sailed in front of the Howard College bench where Rob Grey picked it up with 10.4 seconds left in the semifinal round of the Region V Basketball Tournament.

The rebound that wasn't lifted the Hawks to a stunning 81-78 come-from-behind win over third-ranked Hill College and into the Region V finals – and to within one win of a berth in the national tournament.

"I can't explain it," said Raines. "Normally after a game, I can tell you how

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Howard College vs. South Plains

The Howard College (24-7) and South Plains College Texans (25-6) met for the third time this season on Saturday in the finals of the Region V Basketball Tournament in Brownwood.

The two teams split their regular season games and tied for the WJCAC crown.

The final results of the game will appear in Monday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Rob Gray drives past a Hill College defender for a layup during the Hawks' stunning 81-78 victory on Friday in the Region V Basketball Tournament in Brownwood. Howard, which had trailed by 10 points with 10 minutes left, advanced to play rival South Plains in the tournament title game on Saturday.

Texans take down NMJC to set up WJCAC title bout

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

BROWNWOOD – The South Plains Texans outscored the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds by a 38-25 clip in the first half and never looked back en route to a 76-58 victory in the semifinals of the Region V Basketball Tournament on Friday afternoon.

With the win, South Plains moved into the finals on Saturday to face rival Howard College for the Region V championship – and an automatic berth in the 2015 national tournament.

South Plains, 25-6 overall, and Howard College, 24-7, are more than familiar with each other. The two teams split their regular season games and tied for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title. SPC earned the WJCAC's No. 1 seed after winning a coin-toss with the Hawks.

Against NMJC, the Texans collected double-digit efforts from four players, including 19 from Brandon Neel. Pat Birt, who buried three of the Texans' nine treys, added 17, while Andre Speight and Emmanuel Omogho added 12 each.

Region V Tournament

2015 Region V Basketball Tournament

March 4-7 at the Brownwood Coliseum Men's Division

South Plains 86, Temple College 77
New Mexico JC 70, McLennan CC 67
Howard 82, Weatherford 79, OT
Hill College 95, NMJC, 77

March 6

SPC 76, NMJC 58.
Howard 81, Hill College 78

March 7

Howard College vs. So. Plains 4:30 p.m.

Women's Division

March 4

New Mexico JC 73, Weatherford 67
Midland 59, Temple 48
Hill 68, Odessa 53
Western Texas 88, Collin Co. 74

March 6

NMJC 56, Midland College 54
Western Texas 76, Hill College 66

March 7

Championship

Western Texas vs. NMJC, 2 p.m.

WJCAC rivals advance to women's title game

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

BROWNWOOD – Diamond Bradley scored 14 points and Jasmine Green and Brechelle Beachum both added 13 more on Friday afternoon and helped the Western Texas College Lady Westerners extend their improbable postseason run at the Region V Basketball

Tournament in Brownwood with a 76-66 win over the Hill College Lady Rebels.

With the win, Western Texas moved into the championship game of the tournament to face off with New Mexico Junior College.

The Lady Wranglers, who claimed a win over Frank Phillips on Monday to break a tie for fourth place in the

WJCAC standings, went into the tournament's championship bout with a 17-13 record.

NMJC, the WJCAC champion, was 27-3.

Western Texas, which had trailed by a 40-39 clip at the half, dominated Hill on the boards. The Lady Westerners outrebounded the Lady Rebels by a 47-31 clip.

Hill, the No. 3 seed out of the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, finished its season at 20-12.

New Mexico earned its way into the championship round with a nail-biting 56-54 win over Midland College.

The winner of Saturday's championship game gained a berth into the upcoming national tournament.

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Grady, Sands highlight 11-A all-district picks

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Grady Lady Wildcats and Sands Lady Mustangs highlighted the 11-A all-district basketball teams this season. The two schools combined to have seven athletes earn postseason honors.

Grady's Brittney Garza

headlined the list of local athletes being recognized. The GHS sophomore was named the Most Valuable Player by the district's coaches.

Teammate Carli Richards also received high praise. She was selected the 2015 Offensive Player of the Year.

O'Donnell's Brooklyn Wilkie

and Klondike's Kameron Riddle were the Defensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year recipients, respectively.

Grady had three players among the 10 district players selected to the first-team all-district roster. Representing the Lady Wildcats were

seniors Laura Ramirez and Ariel Arnold and sophomore Jenny Fields.

Sands' sophomore Kailey Tindol was also named to the first-team, as were Klondike's Macy Sharp and Paisley Cooper

Others on the first-team were O'Donnell's Alyssa Barton,

Lexi Villarreal and Brooklyn Balague and Loop's Carsyn Allen.

Grady's Viviana Perez was among the players named to the second-team squad. She was joined on the team by the Lady Mustangs' Kelsey Reed, and Klondike's Alexi Bushong and Kristi Guerra.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College sophomore Lis Shoshi dunks a ball during the Hawks' Region V tournament semi-final win over Hill College. Shoshi finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

HAWKS

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we won or lost, but I can't right now. We're playing in the championship so we will not complain."

With the tip, Howard College improved to 24-7 for the season and, more importantly, earned a spot in the Region V championship game against rival South Plains College on Saturday afternoon.

For his part, Shoshi said he was just trying to do anything to keep Hill from getting an offensive rebound or easy shot.

"We had a time out earlier and coach told us we needed to come up with a big play," said Shoshi, a 6-foot-11 sophomore from Kosovo. "I was just trying to stay aggressive and went for the ball."

Following Shoshi's tip – and the Rebels' quick foul to stop the clock, Gray stepped to the line and finished off the Hawks' second coe-from-behind win in a row by sinking two free throws.

Hill College, which had rosted the Hawks for 11 three-point shots in the game, missed on a last-second three-ball that

could have forced the game into OT.

"We had so many guys step up with big plays late to make this happen," said Raines. "Sam, Niels with a three, Shoshi with the tip and Rob. These guys just never quit."

The Hawks' season looked as if it had run its course just 10 minutes earlier. Hill College's Evan Moorman gave the Rebels a 10-point lead with 10:02 left in the game by drawing a foul on a three-point try. Moorman sank all three free throw opportunities and built Hill's lead to 10, at 61-51.

Howard College erased the Rebels lead quickly. The Hawks, sparked by a pair of treys from Gray and Niels Bunschoten, reeled off an 11-2 run moments later and pulled to within one, at 65-64 with 7:39 left in regulation.

Bunschoten and Shoshi both finished the game with nine points.

Just 3 minutes later, Sam Finley, Gray and Will Ferguson combined for a 6-0 run that gave Howard its first lead, at 68-67, since the 12:52 mark of the first half.

Finley came up huge

from there. The sophomore guard scored the Hawks' next six points and helped HC expand its lead to three with 2:36 to play.

Finley helped the Hawks eke out a 49-39 run in the second half by tossing in 10 of his 24 points in the final 8:33 of play.

Hill's Jemerrio Jones didn't let Hill go quietly. He took a ball inside for a basket with 2:18 left that pulled the Rebels to within 76-75.

Gray didn't let Hill gather any momentum, however. He boosted the Hawks' lead to four by dropping a three-point shot from the top of the key with 56 left in the contest.

Gray finished the contest with a game-high 27 points in 37 minutes on the court. For the game, the JUCO All-American candidate went 10-of-19 from the floor, including 4-for-8 from behind the three-point arc.

Gray also collected a team-leading 10 rebounds.

Hill, which hit on 11 of their 34 three-point tries, answered with a three-ball of their own 10 seconds later to set up the

final seconds.

The Rebels, who finished the year at 27-3, dominated the early minutes of the second half. Sparked by two three-point shots by Moorman, Hill outscored the Hawks by a 22-17 clip in the first 9:58 of the second half.

The Hawks managed to stay close during the first half, thanks to a hot start by Gray. He pushed in Howard's first three baskets of the game and helped HC race to a 7-2 advantage just 3 minutes into the affair.

The Rebels, who had been ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation earlier this season, came roaring back. They buried five three point shots in the final 13:11 of the half and raced to a stunning 39-30 cushion with 34 seconds in the opening frame.

Gray helped the Hawks close out the first half on a high note. He laid in a shot just before the buzzer to pull Howard to within seven at the break, at 39-32.

The win sends HC into the Region V finals for the first time since 2010 when the team won the national JUCO championship.

Harden's triple-double leads Rockets over Pistons

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden has been so good this season that Houston Rockets coach Kevin McHale has come to expect performances like the one he had Friday night.

Harden had 38 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for his third triple-double this season and the Rockets snapped a two-game skid with a 103-93 win over the Detroit Pistons.

"I think it's good when you're blasé about a night like this," McHale said.

It was the 27th 30-point game this season for Harden, who is second in the NBA in scoring. His three triple-doubles this season are the most by a Rocket since Clyde Drexler also had three in 1996-97.

He's had a trying week that started with serving a one-game suspension for kicking LeBron

James and included the league admitting they missed a call that would have sent him to the line in the final seconds of a two-point loss to Memphis on Wednesday.

"It was all about having fun, especially when your back is up against the wall after losing two tough games in a row," Harden said. "You've got to get a win. So we go out there and have fun and execute and we play together."

A 14-2 run by Detroit with most of Houston's starters on the bench cut the deficit to 99-89 with 2 1/2 minutes left. Harden and crew returned and Detroit got within eight on a dunk by Shawne Williams. But Harden made a pair of free throws before and after a dunk by Reggie Jackson to secure the victory.

The Pistons missed their first 11 shots of the fourth quarter and didn't

score until a pair of free throws by Jackson with about eight minutes left. Greg Monroe had 19 points and Jackson had 17 for Detroit, which has lost five in a row.

"Our offense is just a major struggle right now," Detroit coach Stan Van Gundy said. "We got better shots (Friday), but we just couldn't make anything."

Corey Brewer scored five points in Houston's big run to open the fourth quarter, and Terrence Jones had blocks and back-to-back shots by Andre Drummond and Jodie Meeks in that stretch.

Harden loved the way the team played at the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth.

"Definitely," he said. "We were moving. We were cutting. We were playing our brand of basketball."

Leonard and Parker lead Spurs, 120-111

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard had 25 points and Tony Parker added 24 as the San Antonio Spurs survived a wild offensive pace to beat the Denver Nuggets 120-111 on Friday night for their fourth straight victory.

Tim Duncan added 15 points for San Antonio, which has won 11 of its past 12 home games.

The Spurs remain in seventh place in the Western Conference, 4

1/2 games ahead of Oklahoma City and a game behind Dallas.

Denver had six players score in double figures, led by 23 from Ty Lawson. Kenneth Faried added 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets.

San Antonio made its first three shots in typical Spurs fashion: a 3-pointer by Danny Green, a weaving drive and floater by Parker, and a bank shot off a

spin move from Duncan. San Antonio would also make its first five 3-pointers, including back-to-back from Manu Ginobili and Marco Belinelli to give the Spurs a 32-21 lead.

With new coach Melvin Hunt screaming for the team to push the ball, Denver's second unit turned a 10-point deficit into a 33-32 lead on J.J. Hickson's dunk a minute into the second quarter.

Coahoma, Stanton put 12 on 5-3A all-district rosters

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Coahoma High School Bulldogs and Stanton Buffaloes were well represented on the 2015 5-3A all-district boys' basketball honor rolls this season. A total of 12 Coahoma and Stanton players were named to the first-, second- and honorable mention rosters recently.

Coahoma's Braxton Iden and Stanton's K.J. Glaspie were recognized as among the district's top performers in 2015. Iden, the heart and soul of the Bulldogs' squad, was named the District 3-5A Offensive MVP by the district's coaches. Glaspie, who helped lead Stanton to the state playoffs, was tabbed the 5-3A Most Valuable Player.

Both Iden and Glaspie are seniors. Stanton junior Estevan Chavez and sophomore Tristan Graves also received high praise from the coaches. Chavez was named the 5-3A De-

2015 5-2A ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS

District MVP		
K.J. Glaspie	SR.	Stanton
Offensive MVP		
Braxton Iden	SR.	Coahoma
Defensive MVP		
Estevan Chavez	JR.	Stanton
Co-Newcomer of the Year		
Tristian Graves	SO.	Stanton
Luke James	SO.	Sonora
Coach of the Year		
Doug Gordon		Stanton
First Team		
David Ramsey	SR.	Stanton
Zach Ramirez	SR.	Reagan County
Leander Miller	SR.	Reagan County
Noah Olivera	JR.	Reagan County
Kyler Franks	JR.	Coahoma
Gabe Rollert	SR.	Sonora
KeAndre Malveaux	SR.	Colorado City
Shadda Cansler	JR.	Colorado City
Mark Munoz	JR.	Colorado City
Second Team		
Mason Baggett	SR.	Reagan County
John Arredondo	JR.	Sonora
Tanner Esparza	SR.	Sonora
Kody Barber	SO.	Coahoma
Andrew Burrola	JR.	Colorado City
Austin Fryar	SO.	Stanton
Justin Riffe	SO.	Stanton
Cade Ramsey	SO.	Coahoma
Honorable Mention		
Ben Chapa	Sr.	Coahoma

fensive MVP, while Graves shared the district's Newcomer of the Year accolade with Sonora sophomore Luke James. Coahoma's Kyler Franks and Stanton's David Ramsey highlighted the first-team all-district roster.

Coahoma's Kody Barber joined Stanton's Austin Fryar and Justin Riffe on the second-team squad. Coahoma senior Ben Chapa also garnered all-district accolades. He was selected to the 5-3A honorable mention roster.

Lynch signs new deal with Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — "Beast Mode" is getting paid. Marshawn Lynch is receiving a hefty raise for at least one more season in the Seattle Seahawks backfield.

Lynch signed a two-year extension with the Seahawks on Friday that keeps him under contract with Seattle through the 2017 season, but more importantly includes a massive raise for the 2015 season. Lynch's restructured deal will pay him \$12 million for 2015, according to his agent Doug Hendrickson. Lynch agreed to his new deal Friday.



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Joe Beimel, Rangers agree to \$600,000 deal

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Left-hander Joe Beimel and the Texas Rangers have agreed to a \$600,000, one-year contract that would escalate to a \$1.5 million deal if he spends at least one day on the major league roster. The deal, announced Friday, is not guaranteed, which means Beimel is assured only \$98,361 in termination pay if he is released before the final 15 days of spring training. He can earn \$300,000 in performance bonuses

based on games pitched: \$75,000 each for 45, 50, 55 and 60. Beimel, 37, was 3-1 with a 2.20 ERA in 56 relief appearances last season with Seattle and held left-handed hitters to a .188 batting average. He attended spring training with the Rangers in 2012, had a 4.50 ERA and was released. He then was diagnosed with a torn elbow ligament, had surgery and didn't return to the major leagues until last year.

Wylie advances girls' 4A finals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Abilene Wylie post Britany Brewer scored 18 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked six shots as the Bulldogs defeated Liberty Hill 53-42 in a girls' 4A semifinal. Wylie (32-5) led 22-10 at

the half and opened a 16 point lead with 7:31 left to play before Liberty Hill staged a 12-1 scoring run. Wylie will play Argyle in the finals Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL			
Spring Training Standings			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct	
Kansas City	3	0	1.000
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000
Oakland	3	0	1.000
Seattle	2	1	.667
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Detroit	2	2	.500
Houston	1	1	.500
Minnesota	1	1	.500
New York	2	2	.500
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500
Toronto	2	2	.500
Baltimore	2	3	.400
Chicago	1	2	.333
Boston	0	2	.000
Texas	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct	
St. Louis	2	0	1.000
Washington	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	3	1	.750
Arizona	2	1	.667
New York	2	1	.667
Cincinnati	2	2	.500
Miami	1	1	.500
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500
San Francisco	2	2	.500
Atlanta	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	1	2	.333
San Diego	1	2	.333
Chicago	0	2	.000
Colorado	0	3	.000
Milwaukee	0	2	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Friday's Games
Miami 5, Boston 3
Tampa Bay 2, Minnesota 1
St. Louis 5, Houston 2
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 4, Philadelphia 1
Washington 9, Atlanta 8
Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Detroit 4
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 2

San Francisco 12, Texas 3
Kansas City 11, Cleveland 9
L.A. Dodgers (ss) 10, Milwaukee 1
L.A. Dodgers (ss) 7, Seattle 4
San Diego 5, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 3, Colorado 0
Oakland 7, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 1

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	38	24	.613	—
Boston	25	35	.417	12
Brooklyn	25	35	.417	12
Philadelphia	13	49	.210	25
New York	12	48	.200	25

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W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Atlanta	49	12	.803	—
Washington	35	27	.565	14½
Charlotte	27	33	.450	21½
Miami	27	34	.443	22
Orlando	20	43	.317	30

CENTRAL DIVISION

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	39	24	.619	—
Cleveland	39	25	.609	½
Milwaukee	32	29	.525	6
Indiana	27	34	.443	11
Detroit	23	38	.377	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	44	17	.721	—
Houston	42	20	.677	2½
Dallas	40	23	.635	5
San Antonio	38	23	.623	6
New Orleans	33	29	.532	11½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	41	19	.683	—
Oklahoma City	34	28	.548	8
Utah	25	36	.410	16½
Denver	22	40	.350	20
Minnesota	13	47	.217	28

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	47	12	.797	—
L.A. Clippers	40	22	.645	8½
Phoenix	33	30	.524	16
Sacramento	21	39	.350	26½
L.A. Lakers	16	45	.262	32

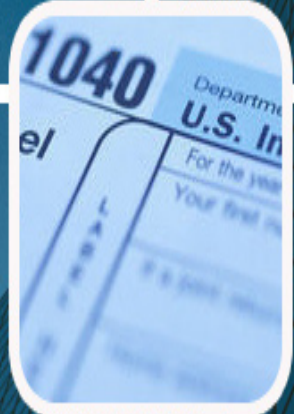
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Friday's Games
Utah 89, Philadelphia 83
Washington 99, Miami 97
Orlando 119, Sacramento 114
Indiana 98, Chicago 84
Charlotte 103, Toronto 94
Atlanta 106, Cleveland 97
Boston 104, New Orleans 98
Houston 103, Detroit 93
Memphis 97, L.A. Lakers 90
Phoenix 108, Brooklyn 100, OT
San Antonio 120, Denver 111
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.

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#GP Strong Brings together a county

A day of snowy turned into a nightmare for a Coahoma family but brought together a county in strong support of one of their own.

On Friday, Feb. 27, Garrett Parrish was sledding with friends in Big Spring off an I-20 overpass hill at FM 700 when he sustained a broken neck and spinal injuries. He was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Word soon spread of the accident and movement — #GP Strong — began to grow, starting with the youth to show support for the Coahoma High School senior. Students from Big Spring and Forsan put aside school loyalty and reached out by wearing red or Garrett's football jersey number — 7 — on their uniform.

"We'll, by the grace of God we had another fairly peaceful night," Garrett's mother, Candy, posted Friday on the gofundme site - #GP strong created by long-time Parrish friend, Sally Grant. "Garrett was really restless until Kevin (another fabulous nurse) came in and fixed up with the good stuff. I think he is nervous and maybe a little excited about his surgery today. It seems so unreal to say excited.

"But here in CCU, weird things are exciting," she continued. "Not having tubes in your mouth is exciting. The original anesthesiologist came by yesterday to check on Garrett. He said he had gone home and talked to his wife about him after the surgery. Their 18-year-old daughter was recently in a terrible accident, so he understood our pain. His wife then saw the boys on the news and so she googled Garrett. He said he couldn't believe what all was there and all the prayer warriors on his team. He said he couldn't wait to get to have a conversation with him.

"He may change his mind — it's been seven days today since we have heard our sweet baby's voice — I feel like when he does regain speech he will have a lot to say. Today (Friday) around noon — please take a moment to lift him up. I know he feels it — he has too. He wouldn't still be with us otherwise. Love you all and thank you for your prayers."

Through Friday morning, the #GP Strong gofundme site — www.gofundme.com/nothws — has raised \$11,798 from the community toward Garrett's medical expense. Another fund has been set up at Western Bank under the name "Garrett Parrish Fund." Many other fundraisers have been set up through the community to help the family.

Garrett was expected to have surgery Friday, which was being performed to stabilize him for transport to a Houston hospital for treatment.



Courtesy photo
Coahoma Independent School District students spelled out #GP STRONG to show support for injured student Garrett Parrish.



Courtesy Photo
Big Spring High School Student Council had a "wear red day" Here students posed for a #7 praying picture.



Courtesy photo
Members of the Forsan Buffaloes' baseball team show their support for injured Coahoma student Garrett Parrish by wearing a '7' on their uniforms.



Courtesy photo
Members of the Forsan and Coahoma girls softball teams pray for Garrett.

How to Help

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Blair-Fleckenstein to marry



Ramsey Fleckenstein & Holly Blair

April 11, 2015

Holly Blair of Forney, Texas, and Ramsey Fleckenstein of Stanton announce their intention to marry on April 11, 2015, in Forney.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bruce and Jill Blair of Forney. She is a 2011 graduate of Forney High School and a 2014 graduate of Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

The future groom is the son of Ricky and Laurie Fleckenstein. He is a 2009 graduate of Stanton High School and a 2013 graduate of Tarleton State University.

Zamora-Ryan engaged



Nicole Zamora & Michael Ryan

March 20, 2015

Nicole Rene Zamora and Michael Devin Ryan, both of Big Spring, will unite in holy matrimony March 20, 2015, at First Church of the Nazarene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Michael and Anastasia Zamora. She is a 2014 graduate of Big Spring High School, a 2014 graduate of Howard College, and a 2015 graduate of the National Laser Institute in cosmetology. She is the supervisor of the Hotel Settles Salon and Spa.

The future groom is the son of Darrell and Traci Ryan of Big Spring. He is a 2013 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed as an electrician's apprentice for Crossroads Electric.

Have an idea? Comment? Suggestion?
Contact the Herald
at 263-7331 or life@bigspringherald.com

Births

Aizela Greyre Carrillo

Feb. 27, 2015

Brandy Flentge and Adrian Carrillo announce the birth of their daughter, Aizela Greyre Carrillo, on Feb. 27, 2015, at 8:02 weighing 6 pounds and was 20 inches long.

She is the maternal grandchild

of Bryan and Annie Winters of Big Spring. She is the paternal grandchild of Emily Espinoza and Florencio Carrillo.

Aizela was welcomed home by siblings, Maddix and Levi.

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Menus

Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center

- Monday
Breaded pork-chop, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, apple cobbler, cornbread, milk.
- Tuesday
Beef stroganoff/noodles, vegetable blend, peaches, sugar cookies, Texas toast, milk.
- Wednesday
Baked ham, black-eyed peas, cabbage, tapioca pudding, cornbread, milk.
- Thursday
Cheeseburger on bun, tator tots, lettuce/tomato/onion/pickle, pears, milk.
- Friday
Cheese enchilada, refried beans, chips & salsa, oatmeal raisin cookie, milk.

Big Spring ISD

- Monday
Breakfast: assorted cereal, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: spaghetti or rib patty sandwich, broccoli with ranch, garden salad, strawberries and bananas, carrots, breadsticks, milk.
- Tuesday
Breakfast: blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, apples, assorted fruit juices, milk; Lunch: crispy tacos or chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, Charro beans, garden salad, applesauce, milk.
- Wednesday
Breakfast: pancake on a stick,

peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken strip or salisbury steak, rolls, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit Jell-O, milk.

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

Sands CISD

- Monday
Breakfast: cereal, cheese sticks, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: breaded pork chops, garden salad, carrot coins, sliced peaches, bread sticks, pudding.
- Tuesday
Breakfast: blueberry muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: chicken enchiladas, (high school) tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce.
- Wednesday
Breakfast: pancake wrap, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, rolls, strawberries.
- Thursday
Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: meatball sandwiches, baked potato chips, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles.
- Friday
Breakfast: cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: hot dog, chips, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, (high school) cookies.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions. All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition. Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

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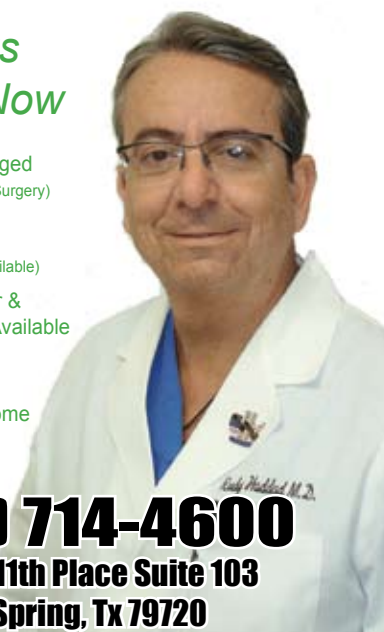
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What we don't know

The total of human knowledge is increasing at an astonishing rate. It is estimated that it took 300 years for knowledge to double after 1450, but only 150 years for it to double again. From 1900 to 1950 it doubled once more. It is now believed to double every 900 days and, after 2020 is expected to double every 72.

Only 200 years ago physicians thought that illness was caused by bad blood. George Washington was virtually bled to death in 1799 as the favored treatment for an obvious infection. One hundred years ago Henry Ford introduced the assembly line and the Model T. Fifty years ago personal computers were unknown.

Twenty-five years ago the Internet was introduced to the public. Our access to knowledge and the world has dramatically changed.

What is there that we do not know today that will be common knowledge tomorrow? What is it that we think we know that will be proved wrong?

Each of us is able to comprehend only a small segment of the vast ocean of human knowledge. And, when all our knowledge is compiled and computed it only scratches the surface of the limitless universe.

We are still confined to this tiny spec of a planet.

We have not been able to travel any further than the moon. The vastness of the universe remains far beyond our reach. The closest star, Proxima Centauri, is 4.33 light years away.

Traveling at the fastest speed imaginable with current technology, scientists estimate it would take 19,000

years to reach it. At our very best we can only observe the vast reaches of the universe through our telescopes as though looking through a glass darkly.

Regarding God, we debate our axioms and truths as if we have complete and comprehensive knowledge about God. We must always be reminded by the words of the prophet when God says, "My ways are not your ways. My thoughts are not your thoughts. As the heavens are above the earth, so are my thoughts above your thoughts."

This is one of the reasons God sent his Son, simply because God is incomprehensible. Knowledge of his universe is too vast. Knowledge of his nature and character is too far beyond our mortal minds. As with his creation, we can only observe and stand in awe.

We are like newborn babes first opening their eyes to a new world they have never seen. We are like children giggling over new found discoveries on the play ground: a stick, a flower, a worm, a caterpillar. I think God takes joy in this. He takes pleasure in our discoveries of his intricate, complex and mysterious creation. At the same time, he is grieved by our blindness.

The violence, cruelty, abuse and conflict that exists in the earth bears witness that for all our advance in scientific and technological knowledge, we are still unable to focus on the truths that matter most. Jesus, as God in human flesh, was the only one who has ever known and seen all things clearly. For all of our advances we have yet to learn the Sermon on the Mount and put it into practice.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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Ohio home pelted by eggs for a year; police can't crack case

EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — An 85-year-old man says his suburban Cleveland home has been pelted with eggs several times a week for a year, and police haven't been able to crack the unusual case despite stakeouts, questioning neighbors, installing a surveillance camera and even testing eggshells as evidence.

The homeowner and Euclid police suspect the eggs are launched a block or two away, the Northeast Ohio Media Group reported.

Albert Clemens Sr. said whoever is responsible has "phenomenal" accuracy, launching five or six at a time and often hitting the front door of the

green, two-story home that he and his late wife bought nearly six decades ago. The after-dark attacks sometimes sound like gunshots as eggs splatter on the aluminum siding, creating a residue that strips the paint, he said.

He used to clean up each time but quit because it happens so often. His insurer won't settle a claim until police catch the vandal or vandals, so Clemens is waiting until then to make repairs.

But he refuses to move from the home he shares with his adult daughter and son, on a corner less than a mile from the police station.

Fun at the Lake this Spring Break

Lake Colorado City will be the site of two educational classes held during area school Spring Break vacations.

Geocaching 101, Saturday, March 7

Geocaching 101 is a basic introduction to geocaching. The class provides preset GPS units and is geared to families. The program is offered in the morning, from 10 a.m. until noon, and in the afternoon, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Basic Photography, Saturday, March 14

With the assistance of Lulu Boyd Photography, this course will cover basics of aperture, shutter speed, and ISO and go over how they can affect the quality of a photograph. The course will also provide helpful tips on capturing a landscape, portrait, or action and during the class participants will have a chance to enjoy a short trip outdoors to practice photography in nature. The class will held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Class size is limited for both courses, so please call the park to make a reservation, 325-728-3931. There is no cost for either program however you will still need to pay daily entrance fees of \$4 per adult and children 12 younger are free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no charge.

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The importance of pulling your credit report is to ensure the information being reported is accurate, complete and up-to-date. According to a report by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the study on credit report accuracy found that one in five consumers had an error on at least one of their three credit reports. When looking at your credit report, look for these red flags of identity theft:

- Any inquiries not initiated by you;
- Any debts reported that are not yours; or
- Contact information such as your address, those that were changed without your approval.

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Sharp Image Energy wins award from Texas Mutual Insurance Co.

Special to the Herald

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Texas Mutual, the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance, recognized the company for its dedication to workplace safety.

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company must demonstrate its commitment to workplace safety by implementing an exemplary safety program and controlling workers' compensation losses, officials said.

"These awards recognize companies that put an emphasis on workplace safety and the well-being of their employees," Richard Gergasko, president and chief executive officer of Texas Mutual Insurance Company, said. "Texas Mutual is more than a

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Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring
Joshua Thomas Sigmon, 106 Jonesboro, Big Spring
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Rd., apt. 133, Big Spring
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

John Hurt, 43, and Susanne Guth, 51, both of Big Spring.
Benjamin Lloyd Dixon, 65, and Erlinda Garza, 59, both of Big Spring.
Rusty Martin, 22, and Berkie Pierce, 22, both of Coahoma.
Quinton Lee Little, 26, and Mathea Nichole Turn-

er, 22, both of Canyon Lake, Tx.
Cody Ray Ellis, 36, and Sarah Grace Peterson, 29, both of Big Spring.
Jay Chancellor, 33, and Amanda Nicole Bair, 33, both of Big Spring.
Justin Ross Grandfield, 21, and Heather Nicole Snowden, 24, both of Big Spring.
Brandon Falkner, 31 and Amanda Sieto, 31, both of Big Spring.
Leroy Sifuentes, 29, and Erica Fairfield, 22, both of Big Spring.
Kevin Michael Stice, 33, of Big Spring and Sheena Kathryn Harding, 30, of Coahoma.

District Court Filings

Federated Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Ruben Gonzales, Injury/damage — motor vehicles.
Javier Varela vs. Gina Varela, divorce.
Bobby E. Walters, LLC vs. Michael Atkins individually and D/B/A Browning Drilling; accounts, notes and contracts.
Brianna Dayula Rayon vs. Enrique Rayon Jr., divorce
Lone Star NGL Pipeline vs. Frand and Glenda Long Family Trust LP, civil

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Building Permits

Sonic Drive In, 1200 S. Gregg St. Nonresidential & NONH Val: \$29,000 Fee: \$155. Com Elec Val: \$56,000 Fee: \$32.50.
Roshni Patel, 906 Birdwell Ln. Res ZBA Variance Val: \$1 Fee: \$0.
Sonia Weaver Lusk, 805 W. 17th St. Res Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.
Juddy Amos Johnson, 1503 Avion St. Res ZBA variance Val: \$50 Fee: \$50.
Jeronimo Diaz, 1102 W. 6th St.

Structure other Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.
Emilio Rey Molina, 1103 N. Scurry St. Res addition Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25.
Gladys Renfro, 1709 Runnels St. Res ZBA variance Val: \$50 Fee: \$ 50.
Charles Grisham Jr., 2802 Navajo Dr. Res-Reroof Val: \$7,000 Fee: \$45.
Terassa Henkell Dunnam, 1711 Morrison Dr. Res Plumb Val: \$ 800 Fee: \$32.

Raise Your Spirits, 123 Main St. Com Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.
Wild West Wings, 1506 E. 4th St. Signs, Type A, B, C, D, E Val: \$2,000 Fee: \$25.
Tanglewood Grove, LLC, 3304 W. Hwy 80. Com Plum Val: \$800 Fee: \$32.
Prime Eco Goup, 1401 Bell. Com Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.
Brittany Diane Martinez, 802 W. 18th St. Structures other Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.
Jessica Ann Gonzales, 1604

E. 5th St. Res HVAC Val: \$5,400 Fee: \$45.
Northcrest Apartments, 1002 N. Main St. Res Gas Val: \$20,000 Fee: \$32.
Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Com Plumb Val: \$6,500 Fee: \$32.
La Shay's, 1001 E. 11th Place. Com Re-roof Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.
Western Container, 1600 First Ave. Com Elec Val: \$280,000 Fee: \$57.50.

Cynthia Rubio Trevino, 1704 Yucca Rd. Res Gas Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.
Neighbors AC, 22620 Albrook Dr. Res HVAC Val: \$3,200 Fee: \$45.
Crossroads Baptist Association, 1307 Goliad. Res HVAC Val: \$5,200 Fee: \$45.
Flora L. Viera, 1602 Sunset Ave. Res Gas Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.
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suit.

County Court Judgments

State of Texas vs. Lauren Smith, Possession of a dangerous drug. \$100 fine, court costs and 40 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. James L. Ingram, Violation of a protective order. \$100 fine, court costs, and 40 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Pedro Hernandez Jr., Silent of abusive calls to 911 service. \$200 fine, court costs, 5 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Victor Manuel Dehoyos, Harassment. \$100 fine, court cost and 60 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Marcus Anthony Pina, Revocation of Probation (Purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor). \$1,000 fine and court costs.

State of Texas vs. Dustin Allen Biggerstaff, Revocation of probation (Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.). \$200 fine and court costs.

State of Texas vs. Clifford Lynn Woods, Revocation of probation (resist arrest search/transport). \$250 fine, court costs and 50 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Frankie L. Juarez, Assault causes bodily harm of family member. \$500 fine, court costs, and 73 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Andrea Danielle Croft, Theft of property. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Joe Luis Rodriguez, reckless driving. \$761 fine and court costs.

State of Texas vs. An-

gel K. Shields, Criminal mischief. \$100 fine, court costs, and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Avel Abreo Ramirez, Public intoxication with three prior convictions. \$100 fine, court costs, and 60 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Jesus Perea, Unlawful carry weapon. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Ronald Stanley Haselby, Public intoxication with three prior convictions. \$100 fine, court costs, and 40 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Jose Anthony Nieto, Resist arrest search/transport. \$100 fine, court costs, 40 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Gustavo Alfred Rios, Theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs, and 120 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Christopher Andrew Yanez, Evading arrest/detention. \$100 fine, court costs, 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Bonnie Knecht, Burglary of a vehicle. \$100 fine, court costs and 120 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. Matthew James Bell, Burglary of a vehicle. \$100 fine, court costs, and 120 days in jail.

State of Texas vs. David L. Brumley, Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$1,500 fine, court costs and 365 days in jail

probated for 24 months and license suspended 180 days.

State of Texas vs. Dusty Wayne Deatheridge, Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$750 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail probated for 12 months and license suspended for 180 days.

State of Texas vs. Sonya Biddle, Theft of property. \$500 fine, court costs and 18 days in jail

probated for 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Smythia Hilario, Theft of property. \$500 fine, court costs, and 180 days in jail probated for 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Gomezindo Diaz, Evading arrest/detention. \$200 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

State of Texas vs. John Randle Lewis, Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$250 fine, court costs, and 180 days in jail probated for 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Benjamin Franklin Clinton, Driving while license invalid with previous convictions. \$100 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 6 months.

State of Texas vs. Ramon Vasquez Gutierrez, Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$750 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 24 months and loss of license for 180 days.

State of Texas vs. Sherree A. Ward, Theft of service. \$200 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Jacob S. Montoya, Theft of property. Court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Martin Sosa Puga, Theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Anthony Cimino and Samantha Cimino
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Property: West half of Sec 13, block 33, T-1-S. T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 26, 2015

Grantor: H. Dale Floyd
Grantee: Willis Gillette Jr.

Property: S.E. quarter of Sec 32, block 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 25, 2015

Grantor: Billie Walker Mitchell
Grantee: Honest HVAC, LLC
Property: Lots 7, 8, and 9, block 5 Boydston's addition
Date: Feb 20, 2015

Grantor: Teresa Vasquez
Grantee: Royce Catherine Feaster
Property: Lot 10, block 7, Boydston's addition
Date: Feb. 15, 2015

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Grantee: Tracy L. Johnson and Aaron Ebert
Property: Lots 20, 21, and 22, block 8 of original townsite of Forsan
Date: Feb. 21, 2015

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Grantee: Vanessa and Leonard Munoz
Property: Lot 6, block 11, Kentwood addition
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Grantor: Jose Bustamonte Aispuro
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Property: W. 135 feet of lot 8 and S. 6 feet of lot 9 in block 4 of the Wright's Second addition
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Grantor: Edna Young
Grantee: Alyesford International, Inc.
Property: S. E. Quarter of Sec 24, block 33, T-1-S T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Mar. 3, 2015

Grantor: Richard Lary Harrell, Kathy Jo Smith and Anna Fay Krusemark
Grantee: Polly Speaker
Property: Sec 13, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co Survey
Date: Feb. 19, 2015

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Linda Kay Torres, 2528 Langley Dr. Res Plumb Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32.

Jack Huskey, 1806 Hearn St. Res Re-roof Val: \$4,000 Fee: \$30.

Roshni Dilipkum Patel, 906 Birdwell Lane. Res Curb Cut Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.

Roshni Dilipkum Patel, 1602 Vines St. Res Curb Cut Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.

Virginia Bravo, 1104 Johnson St. Res Re-roof Val: \$6,900 Fee: \$45.

Shari Beall, 907 Caprock Dr. Res Re-roof Val: \$14,200 Fee: \$85.

Irene Wilson, 1506 Johnson St. Res Re-roof Val: \$7,000 Fee: \$45.

Casey Monroe, 310 Jones St. Structures other than Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Tony Castillo, 1310 Wood St. Res Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.

Manuelito Ontiveros, 4218 Dixon St. Other NonRes structure Val: \$2,000 Fee: \$25.

John C. Arnold, 424 Westover Rd. Res HVAC Val: \$4,200 Fee: \$45.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 2714 Birdwell Lane. Res Re-roof Val: \$4,200 Fee: \$35.

Kentwood Townhomes, 2500 Joshua Dr. Family Dwellings Val: \$6,386,224 Fee: \$13,482.45. Com Elec Val: \$405,000 Fee: \$4,845. Com Plumb Val: \$520,000 Fee: \$1,609.

Juan Ramos, 3806 Airport. Single Family Housing Val: \$50,000 Fee: \$260.

Clay Harris, 609 Gregg St. Com Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.

Cash Store, 2503 S. Gregg St. Signs Val: \$8,800 Fee: \$55.

Rainbow Christian Pre-School, 409 Goliad St. Signs Val: \$3,200 Fee: \$30.

Crossroads Collision, 1609 E. 4th St. Com Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Big Spring Rail System, INC, 3801 Bethel 644. Com Elec Val: \$0. Fee: \$0.

Fresh Donuts, 1506 E. 4th St. Signs Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.

Crossroads Baptist Association, 1307 Goliad St. Res Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Albert Leal, 503 Goliad St. Res Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Freddie Archie, 1609 W. 1st St. Mobile Home Permit Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.

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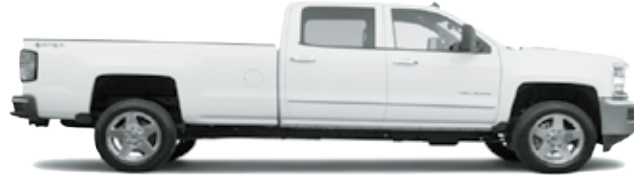
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1 Fallen seed, often
12 Rating for cover applications: Abbr.
15 Pan, for instance
16 "___ Town Too" (James Taylor duet)
17 Certain massage recipients
18 Bother
19 The Apple ___ (Tasmania nickname)
20 Grammarian's concern
21 Where *La Bohème* premiered
23 High school subject?
25 Put on again
27 Tray labels
30 Close
31 Call on
34 Poet encouraged by Longfellow
36 "... ___ lack thereof"
37 1-800-___-LEARN (Department of Education's phone number)
38 Common dabbler
40 Kick back
41 About 90% of new US homes have them
42 Playwright who wrote in Danish
43 Humble
45 She followed Julie and Liza in Broadway's *Victor/Victoria*
47 Half a pair for pairs
49 Source of rolls
51 Traditional Basque apparel

- 55 Basic wrap
56 Horse-opera comebacks
59 Surname meaning "white"
60 Bit of repartee
61 Verbal whammy
64 Key that may close a window
65 Its coat of arms includes two palms and three lions
66 Utmost
67 Function runner
DOWN
1 All wrong
2 Dissect, in a way
3 Flat from overuse
4 Prince Andrew's younger daughter
5 Fold opening
6 Hook-and-loop product

- 7 Bright flash?
8 Double in baccarat
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14 It has the lead
22 A as in Andalusia
24 Certain targets, collectively
26 One with a big mouth
28 Modern bibliography components
29 They covered *Atlantis*

- 31 Beefeaters, e.g.
32 Crystal, nine times
33 "___ Stole My Lunch Money!" (2011 *Weekly World News* headline)
35 Very thin
39 Opposite of 1 Down
44 Rips into
46 Mother Jones employer: Abbr.
48 Inspiration for *American Hustle*
50 Person driven
52 1948 Literature Nobelist
53 Strip alternative
54 More sound
57 Underestimates, say
58 Forward
62 *Don Giovanni* pronoun
63 Copying

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Libra Lunar Blur

When archeologists unearth the secrets of human history, they can't help but simultaneously destroy the pristine arrangement of artifacts. That's why meticulous record keeping is fundamental to the job. Considering this busy Libra moon's various interactions, careful documentation will later help us reconstruct this blur of a day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes it's fun, but more often, making yourself remarkable takes arduous effort. Because you're willing to go through the difficulty of mastering your talent, you'll take the praise and awards in stride, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have limits just like everyone else, but your limitations are not where you think they are. In fact, the boundaries are so movable, you shouldn't even think about them. Instead, follow your

curious mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You want truth. You want it more than money or even love. It's not an everyday quest. There are times when too much truth can be a burden. But it's perfect for now, and you'll get what you seek.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is no reason to feel lost in the big world or afloat in the vast universe. Because the only thing you can experience right now is you, assume you're at the center of it all, and turn it into a place that reflects you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find the outside world to be neither inherently helpful nor hurtful, and neither is it beautiful or ugly. Rather, it's a neutral place awaiting your take on it. Once you decide what you want to see, you'll see it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're a kind of one-man band now, using technology to do many things at the same time. Does it have to be this way? It's certainly less

complicated than it would be otherwise. At least you don't have to report to anyone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're curious about what you can become through thinking and action. Answer: anything you want to be, but not everything you want to be. You'll focus on one thing and deliver.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will air grievances and let them go. That doesn't mean you'll go back to the way things were before the problem came up. Relationships will heal, but the healing will change them, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The natural world is a living mystery, full of clues. You'll read the signs in nature and feel a great sense of connection when you figure out where those signs are pointing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you had a personal sound effect today, it would be the sound of tumultuous applause, because so much of what you do

will be met with enthusiastic approval. Your status is on the rise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is not another church or creed on Earth that could inform you as well as your own intuition. It may be telling you to "do nothing at all," and if so, that is as valid an instruction as any.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The ocean tide may be mighty, but it's a kind of drone really, obeying the gravitational pull of the moon. You and the moon have something in common now. You're both more powerful than you realize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 8). You've been afraid to share your vivid imagination for fear of what others will think. Well, the smart ones will think you're a genius, so share! An inspiring person makes you work harder, and by the end of April, you'll shine and win an award for it, too. June blesses your personal life, and July makes you richer.

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FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Feeling ambitious? This is a week when wishes become purposes. Airy-fairy dreams are netted and brought down so you can secure them to a newly poured concrete foundation. Imaginative realities get written down on paper, cast in clay molds or built into 3D virtual realities so others can play inside them. So who is insisting that the ethereal, dreamy tendencies of the Pisces sun get so realistic? In the early week, it has a lot to do with a fiery trine of Mars and Jupiter that serves to energize desire, set passion aflame and obliterate limitations.

Midweek, the lucky dust settles on the first signs of complication. There's a Uranus alignment and then strife with Pluto that promises to stir up trouble. Here's the good news: Trouble is easily avoid-

ed for those who heed their instincts. The Pisces sun gives intuition a stronger voice. On Thursday, Mercury crosses into psychic Pisces, too, further helping the situation. When you sense trouble, cross to the other side of the street.

But let's say you don't avoid the trouble, instead opting to take it on. In that case, just remember that without challenge, there is no adventure.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "CSI: Cyber" star James Van Der Beek is a Pisces actor with his communication planet also in the sign of the fish. Was it fate that brought him to acting? He decided to try out for his school play after a serious football injury took him out of the sport. This twist of fate helped him find his passion for performing. Van Der Beek's natal Saturn, the lessons planet, is in Leo, the sign of show business.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: At a recent family party, after not eating all day, I drank too much alcohol. At some point in the evening, I slipped and fell in front of everyone, including my grandchildren.

I was so mortified, all I could think was to get out of there. I was way too drunk to drive, but I was practically hysterical about leaving. Someone took my keys away, so I started walking home. One of my children picked me up and drove me the rest of the way.

I swore to myself that I would never attend

another family gathering because I was so embarrassed by my behavior. Both my daughter and my ex-husband are teetotalers. They were also at the party and haven't spoken to me since. I know they strongly disapprove of me.

Unfortunately, there is an event coming up that was planned a long time ago, and I already bought expensive airline tickets to attend. Those two will be there, and I don't want to see them. What should I do? Go and not drink and be paranoid that I am being watched all the time? I

would not enjoy myself. — *Would Rather Drink*

Dear Like: You only see your daughter's disapproval, but we think she is also concerned about you. (Your ex-husband's opinion is irrelevant.) If this is the first time your behavior has been out of control, we urge you to hold your head up and attend the event, but abstain from alcohol so there is no repeat performance. Don't worry about what others may be thinking. Prove them wrong.

But if this drunken behavior has happened before and you find abstaining to be difficult, it means you have a serious alcohol problem that interferes with your happiness and your relationships.

Please look into AA (aa.org) for help. Today. Your family would be proud of you for taking this step.

Dear Annie: I have a step-granddaughter who will be 3 years old in a couple of months. She lives with her dad. I'm concerned about the child because I have heard her say only a very few words, maybe five. At this age, shouldn't she be speaking in short sentences?

I think she needs speech therapy, but her father keeps putting things off. She is home with him all the time. She doesn't attend daycare, nor does she come into contact with babysitters. She is an only child. I want her to be ready for pre-school.

What can I do? — *Grandma*

Dear Grandma: Between the ages of 2 and 3, most children are putting words together to form short sentences. While speech deficits are sometimes due to a hearing impairment, in this instance, it is more likely a lack of stimulation. This little girl doesn't seem to be exposed to a lot of conversation. Would your stepson allow you to take his daughter to be assessed by a speech-language pathologist? Can you spend time with the child and read to her? Can you take her to the park or zoo and talk to her, listing the names of everything she sees? Even watching quality children's pro-

gramming on TV would increase her vocabulary. If your stepson refuses to do anything, his daughter will be assessed once she begins school, and speech therapy will be required.

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