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## A night on the midway



Despite intermittent rain, the show went on at the Bennett's Amusements carnival at the county fairgrounds Friday evening. The carnival wraps up its four-day run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

HERALD photos/Julie Bass



## Suspect arrested

25-year-old accused of driving truck through Social Security building

Herald Staff Report

A Big Spring man has been charged for allegedly driving his truck into the Social Security office Thursday evening.

Dustin Riley, 25, faces multiple charges for his alleged role in the incident, which occurred shortly before 8:30 p.m. in the 2000 block of East Marcy.

That evening, Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to a vehicle crash at the Social Security Administration office.

"Upon investigation, it was determined that a red in color, 2000 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup was traveling westbound went it lost control, striking the rear of an eastbound vehicle," a BSPD release stated. "The Dodge Ram then continued in a southwest direction of travel, at which time the vehicle struck the northeast wall of the Social Security office and continued several feet inside the building, causing severe damage to the structure.

The driver of the Dodge Ram, later identified as Riley, then fled the scene on foot, leaving behind a passenger, William Riley, 44. Emergency Medical Service personnel were dispatched to the scene and transported William Riley to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with minor injuries. William Riley was later arrested and charged with public intoxication, police said.

The investigation into the incident eventually led officers to the 800 block of Lorilla, where Dustin Riley was located at about 10 p.m.

"Dustin was transported to the Scenic Moun

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Courtesy photo  
 Howard College cast and crew of *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*, show off their award certificates they recently earned at the 2015 TCCSTA (Texas Community College Speech and Theater Association) festival held at Lone Star College in Kingwood.

## HC drama students earn recognition

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College theater students returned from state competition recently toting much heavier luggage than they packed for the trip.

The cast and crew earns several honors at the 2015

TCCSTA (Texas Community College Speech and Theater Association) festival held at Lone Star College in Kingwood.

"The students did very well with the play," said Nathan Jacobs, Howard College theater professor. "It was a chal-

lenging piece."

The students performed the 2012 play *Exit, Pursued by a Bear* by the playwright Luran Gunderson. A comedy, the show takes on the very serious subject of domestic

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## County eyes grant program

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Discussion of a possible grant application will highlight a routine Howard County commissioners' meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

County commissioners are considering applying for the grant, which would be issued through the Texas Department of State Health Services, to help "reduce the impact of potentially preventable hospitalizations," the meeting agenda states.

The two-year grant would be worth approximately \$189,000.

County Judge Kathryn

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### FAMILY FEATURES

**C**inco de Mayo is the perfect opportunity to indulge in Mexican-inspired dishes, dips and drinks. This year, put a tangy twist on your festive favorites with a refreshing new flavor.

Watermelon is a versatile fruit with a flavor profile that pairs perfectly with many of the ingredients in traditional Mexican dishes. Sweet and juicy watermelon is a great way to cut the heat of spicier foods, and its texture lends an unexpected, satisfying crunch in dips such as chunky salsas.

Whether you're hosting a Cinco de Mayo themed party or simply looking forward to an inspired meal at home, get an early jump on summer and let watermelon be your star ingredient.

For more recipes featuring low-calorie, no-fat watermelon, visit [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org).



### Baja Fish Tacos with Watermelon Guacamole

Servings: 12-16 tacos

- 2 medium avocados, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 teaspoons diced jalapeno pepper (or to taste)
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies, drained
- 2 1/2 cups diced watermelon, divided
- Salt, to taste
- Cooking spray
- 1 1/2 pounds cod
- Chili powder
- 12-16 corn tortillas
- 3-4 cups commercial coleslaw mix (shredded cabbage and carrots)
- 1/2-1 cup commercial salsa

For guacamole, mash avocados to mix of smooth and chunky in medium bowl. Add lime, jalapeno, cilantro, garlic and chilies and mix thoroughly. Add 1 1/2 cups diced watermelon and salt (if desired) and toss. Cover and refrigerate to let flavors blend.

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Place cod on sheet and sprinkle with chili powder and salt. Bake for 12-20 minutes (depending on thickness of fish) or until cooked through. Remove from oven and cut into pieces. Heat tortillas on grill or griddle. Top each with few pieces of fish, 1/4 cup coleslaw mix, heaping spoonful of guacamole, tablespoon of salsa and few pieces of remaining diced watermelon.

### Watermelon Margarita

Servings: 1

- 1 1/2 ounces tequila
- 3/4 ounce Triple Sec
- 3/4 ounce Midori
- 2 ounces sour mix
- 6 ounces cubed, seeded watermelon
- 8 ounces ice

Blend all ingredients. Serve in 14-ounce glass. Garnish with lime and watermelon wedge.

### Watermelon Cilantro Salsa Tropical

Servings: 8-12

- 2 cups chopped seedless watermelon
- 1 cup chopped fresh pineapple
- 1 cup chopped fresh mango
- 4 limes (juice only)
- 1 cup trimmed and chopped scallions
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Toss all ingredients in mixing bowl and season with salt and pepper just before serving.



### Southwest Salsa Bowl

Materials:

- 1 round, seedless watermelon
- Dry erase marker
- Utility knife or carving knife
- Ice cream scoop or other large spoon
- Fire and Ice Salsa
- Chips and Jalapeno, cilantro and lime, for garnish

1. Choose round seedless watermelon.
2. Wash watermelon and pat dry.
3. Use dry erase marker to trace design around middle of watermelon.
4. Use utility knife to carve design (copy design in photo).
5. Split watermelon in half, and use scoop to carve out flesh.
6. Choose flat area of rind on other watermelon half to trace and carve out lizard design (copy from image in photo).
7. Fill bowl with salsa.
8. Garnish with lizard, chips, jalapenos, cilantro and lime.

### Fire and Ice Salsa

Servings: 3 cups

- 3 cups seeded and chopped watermelon
- 1/2 cup green peppers
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon green onion
- 1-2 tablespoons jalapeno peppers

Combine ingredients; mix well and cover. Refrigerate 1 hour or more.

### Fiesta-Worthy Facts

Impress guests at your Cinco de Mayo celebration with these mouthwatering morsels:

- Although about 200-300 varieties of watermelon are grown in the United States and Mexico, there are about 50 varieties that are most popular.
- The five best-known types of watermelon include: seeded, seedless, mini, yellow and orange.
- Watermelon is the most-consumed melon in the United States, followed by cantaloupe and honeydew.
- Early explorers used watermelons as canteens.
- Watermelon is 92 percent water, which makes it a good option for hydrating your body.



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# Obituaries

## Bert Sheppard



Bert Sheppard, 81, longtime resident of Big Spring, died Friday, March 20, 2015, at his home. The family will receive friends Sunday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Dr. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park with full military honors by Goodfellow Air Force Base. He will also be honored by the Midland County Sheriffs Mounted Patrol Unit.

Bert was born April 19, 1933, to Estelle (McCoy) and James Otis Sheppard in Vidalia, Ga. He enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving in Vietnam. He married Dorothy Kleja in Springdale, Penn. They transferred to Webb Air Force Base in 1972, where they made their home. He retired after 20 years as a staff sergeant from Webb Air Force Base. He had the opportunity to see the world while enlisted in the Air Force.

Bert was a member of the Midland County Sheriffs Mounted Patrol Unit. He had also been in the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

He owned S&H Tile for many years and had remodeled many homes in the community. He later worked for Tate's Plumbing. Bert had always worked two jobs his entire life and retired in 2014 at the age of 81. He loved horses, fishing and hunting; his favorite time was spent at home with his family, which was his first priority. He enjoyed woodworking and making crosses. He also loved his dog Choco. Bert was known to be a very hard and dedicated worker.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Sheppard of Big Spring; daughters, Diana Neptune of Midland, Delores Shaffer and husband Bob of Big Spring and Denise Treadwell and husband Jeff of Dripping Springs; son, Burt Sheppard and wife Kathy of Big Spring; brother, Pete Sheppard and wife Joyce of North Carolina; and his sister, Brenda Hall and husband Jesse of Florida; his grandsons, Danny Wilson of Big Spring, Nathan Neptune of Enid, Okla., Trevor Sheppard of Lubbock and Jacob Neptune of Goldsboro, N.C. and Jeffrey Treadwell of Dripping Springs; step-grandsons, Aaron Shaffer of Midland, Brandon Claussen of Lubbock and JayDe Fulker-son of Fort Worth; granddaughters, Stefani Ramirez of Coahoma, Taylor Burkholder of Midland, Rachel Neptune of Midland and Samantha Treadwell of Dripping Springs; great-granddaughters, BreAnna Wilson of Big Spring, Naughtia Rockwell of Coahoma, Aurora Ramirez of Coahoma, Kenedi Claussen of Lubbock and Kambale Claussen of Lubbock; great grandsons, Little Ror Ramirez of Coahoma, Rylin Neptune of Goldsboro, Ace Burkholder of Midland, Nathan Ramirez of Coahoma and Drew Claussen of Lubbock; and his best friend, Aaron Combs. Bert always said, "Everyone needs a friend like Aaron".

Pallbearers will be Danny Wilson, Stefani Ramirez, Nathan Neptune, Trevor Sheppard, Jacob Neptune and Jeffrey Treadwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Veterans, 810 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20420; Midland County Sheriffs Mounted Patrol, 400 S. Main, Midland, TX 79702 or any other favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## Clarence Massey



1942-2015  
Clarence Hugh Massey, age 72, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2015, in North Richland Hills Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

Those left to remember and cherish his love are three daughters; one son; one sister; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

## Elodia 'Tokie' Holguin

Elodia "Tokie" Holguin, 76, of Glendale, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, March 16, 2015, at Life Care Center of North Glendale, Ariz. Vigil service will be Monday, March 23, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DUSTIN RAY RILEY, 25, of 701 Anna St. was arrested on warrants for speeding, two counts of fail to appear, and no driver's license.
- MARK ANTHONY MCBETH, 29, of 8200 S. Service Rd. was arrested on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, expired registration, and two counts of fail to appear.
- SAMANTHA BAR-

BARA MUNOZ, 21, of 1212 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- DENNY RAY WANNER, 39, of 617 Caylor St. was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KENDRICK DESHAUN HARRIS, 20, of Marlin, Texas was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- KATHERINE DELORIS SCAGGS, 43, of 201 N. Scurry St. was ar-

rested on a warrant for another agency.

- JOHN PETER GORDON JR., 26, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 32, of 505 Young St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- SAMMIE RAY BURLERSON, 21, of Marlin, Texas was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- ANDREA DELGADO, 21, of 3906 Gail Hwy. was arrested on charges of theft less than \$50 with previous convictions.
- DARIN FRANK WITTEN, 27, of 106 McDonald Rd. was arrested on charges of consuming

alcoholic beverage - license for off the premise consumption.

- DANIEL WELTMAN, 30, of 609 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Birdwell Lane.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 2000 block of Rick-abough, the 1700 block of E. FM 700 and the 4000 block of Theo St.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 7000, the 1700 block of Wasson Dr., the 1900 block of Hearn St. and the intersection of 700 and Wasson.
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- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

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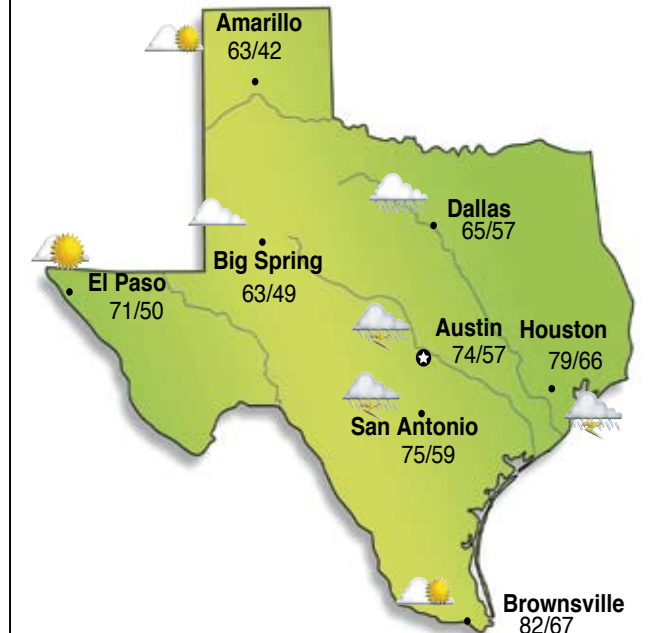
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## Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sun 3/22	Mon 3/23	Tue 3/24	Wed 3/25	Thu 3/26
<b>63/49</b> Cloudy. High 63F. Winds NNE at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>67/49</b> Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>81/52</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>86/57</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>86/58</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:57 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:58 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:58 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:59 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:00 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	50	cloudy	Kingsville	78	65	cloudy
Amarillo	63	42	pt sunny	Livingston	77	64	t-storm
Austin	74	57	t-storm	Longview	69	57	rain
Beaumont	80	64	t-storm	Lubbock	65	44	cloudy
Brownsville	82	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	65	t-storm
Brownwood	63	52	rain	Midland	60	48	rain
Corpus Christi	74	64	cloudy	Raymondville	84	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	66	58	rain	Rosenberg	78	65	t-storm
Dallas	65	57	rain	San Antonio	75	59	t-storm
Del Rio	68	58	t-storm	San Marcos	75	58	t-storm
El Paso	71	50	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	56	rain
Fort Stockton	55	49	rain	Sweetwater	61	50	rain
Gainesville	64	54	rain	Tyler	69	59	t-storm
Greenville	64	56	rain	Weatherford	65	54	rain
Houston	79	66	t-storm	Wichita Falls	65	51	cloudy

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	51	cloudy	Minneapolis	60	29	pt sunny
Boston	37	29	sn shower	New York	34	30	snow
Chicago	59	41	mst sunny	Phoenix	77	57	pt sunny
Dallas	65	57	rain	San Francisco	68	53	cloudy
Denver	70	38	sunny	Seattle	65	50	rain
Houston	79	66	t-storm	St. Louis	62	46	pt sunny
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# A Critical Ear: The "Eagles" have landed

Last Saturday I was presented with a dilemma. I knew the symphony was presenting a program with "Jeans 'N Classics," those over-achieving C a n a - dians, paying tribute to the Eagles, but an 8 p.m. cable television channel had "Pit Bulls and Parolees" on. Still, I might not have hesitated had it not been the



RICK HAMBY

classic episode where a blind pit bull is attacked by several other dogs (truly, this is the Golden Age of television). My wife and I flipped a coin and it came up Symphony. I made her spit out her snuff and get out of her tank top while I quickly finished my mixture of malt liquor and Boone's Farm Loganberry. We headed for the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

The crowd was well dressed and seemed eager to hear the program. There, in the lobby, stood the perpet-

ual figure of John Ferguson, the long standing dean of the local legal bar. As always, John was collecting tickets like some impresario measuring the crowd. I turned to my wife as we found our seat, "I hope I look half as good as he does in 20 years."

She smirked at me, I suspected she was still angry about being drug away from Pit Bulls and Parolees, "You don't look half as good now." I made some whispered comment about her weight and settled into my seat.

I confess that I'm a Beatles fan, but the Eagles have always had a tune or two I liked: "Take It to the Limit," "The Boys of Summer." I would sit back and listen.

After the group came out and joined the full symphony on stage I waited for the hybrid experience of these eight musicians as their sound melded with the lush volume of the orchestra.

It was spectacular. I couldn't wipe the smile from my face and couldn't stop clapping my hands together in

time with the music and with the rest of the audience (something I never do). They blazed through the first half of the concert and when they returned, the second half was dedicated to a track by track rendering of the "Hotel California" album. The Symphony's Concert Master joined in with a rousing solo that blew the audience away.

The whole experience was remarkable. The audience was as energetic and receptive as the musicians. It was less an imitation of The

Eagles than a tribute to the spirit of their music.

When it was over my wife and I walked toward the exit both still smiling. In front of us stood John Ferguson continuing to measure the reaction of the crowd.

"It was great, wasn't it John?" I said.

I think he winked and answered, "I guess they were just a little too young for me."

I winked back. "Yes, John but you said that about Rudy Vallee."

## Menus

### Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center

**Monday**  
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, spinach, fruit cup, bread, milk.

**Tuesday**  
Spaghetti/meat sauce, broccoli, salad, garlic bread, Jello with fruit, milk.

**Wednesday**  
Taco salad, sour cream, cool corn salad, cake, milk.

**Thursday**  
Chili cheese dog, baked beans, tomato & onion salad, baked chips, cookies, milk.

**Friday**  
Fish fillet on bun, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, applesauce, milk.

### Big Spring ISD

**Monday**  
Breakfast: apple or cherry frudel, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: cheese pizza or

pepperoni pizza or hamburger or cheeseburger, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, strawberries, milk.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: min maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: ultimate taco salad or stuffed baked potato, rolls, garden salad, corn, applesauce, sour cream package, milk.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: sausage rolls, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken & broccoli penne, pizza dippers with sauce, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches, Graham cracker, milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: cheese stuffed sandwiches, bananas, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Seer Meatloaf or Steer chicken bowl, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk.

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# EDC board eyeing development of property near refinery

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer  
Big Spring Economic Development board members will review a memorandum of understanding with Permian Industrial Center (PIC) when they meet Monday night.

"We had a MOU (with PIC) that expired at the end of last month," said Terry Wegman, EDC executive director. "They've asked us to extend that MOU, and we wanted to change a few of the terms of it. I've just drafted it. I'm going

to let the board look at it, and discuss it before we send it on to them."

For the past year-and-half, PIC has been marketing the EDC's property on the east side of town located close to the ALON Refinery for industrial development, Wegman said.

"They are doing good," Wegman said. "They have a very strong marketing campaign going on, of course, when the price of oil dropped, that changed the whole dynamic."

"They actually had a group that wanted to

develop that as a crude-by-rail facility. Because the price of oil dropped so drastically — really because of oversupply ... — those guys basically said we don't want to make any kind of commitments until probably a year or so until we see what the price is going to do."

Wegman added the firm is closely working with Union Pacific which is considering building an industrial lead track along the main line because of the on-going industrial projects occurring in

this area.

"It will be a track that is parallel to the main line on the north side of the track and will facilitate bringing cars into all three of those projects," he said. "We are really waiting on Union Pacific. They've told me they want to do it, and they have started on engineering, conceptual designs on it, but they haven't approved anything yet. We are going through all the process on it now, and UP has to decide if they are going to spend seven- or eight-million dollars in this

particular market."

As for the EDC's own expansion rail spur project occurring at the city Airport/Industrial Park, Wegman said the EDC now waits for the city of Big Spring to sign off on its \$3.25 million project when city council members meet Tuesday.

"It will expend (rail track) from one end of the tarmac to the other," Wegman said. "They are still working on Phase II of the rail spur. They are expecting to wrap it up at the end of this month. That

part extends from Fort Worth Pipe and goes down north on Bell St. to Bowling St. and terminates right there just north of Phillips Fabrication.

"All tracks are in but they haven't finish the street crossings yet," Wegman added.

Board members will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 215 W. Third St.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspring-herald.com.

## Take note

- Mitchell County Senior Citizens will host a dance, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Colorado City. The dance will feature live music by Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater. Cost is \$5 per person.
- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstrations, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.
- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.
- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street
- 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](http://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.
- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking appli-

- cations for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791.
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- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

## COUNTY

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Wiseman said a potential sticking point is

just how much red tape officials would have to navigate to receive the grant.

"We may or may not choose to participate

in this grant program," Wiseman said. "A lot depends on just how much manpower it will take to take advantage of it. Frankly, it might not be

worth our time."

Also Monday, commissioners will consider:

- An energy saving presentation from TRANE representatives.

- Funeral home services.
- Extension of depository bid.
- Invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.
- Personnel matters.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

## DRAMA

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abuse. Jacobs said the production is very challenging because it is a play within a play setting. The actors' character are at times playing characters themselves. In this case, the characters are reenacting ear-

lier moments in their relationship.

The Howard College cast and crew were one of eight schools recognized out of 13 in the contest. Jacobs added his students fared well against some much larger community colleges located in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston areas.

Awards were given to:

All four cast members, Emme Schooler, Sergio Cervantes, Megan Hurst and Wiley McIntosh, excellence award; Linsey Jones, excellence stage manager; Amy Winters, superior stage manager; Alexis Armstrong; superior costume design; Leidba Garcia, superior make-up design; and Leela Schooler, excellence.

Several scholarships are available for area students who are considering pursuing theater at Howard College, Jacobs said. For more information, e-mail Jacobs at [njacobs@howardcollege.edu](mailto:njacobs@howardcollege.edu).

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## ARREST

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tain Medical Center ER for his injuries sustained in the crash," the news release stated. "After treatment, he was arrested and charged with multiple municipal warrants, including speeding, no driver's license and two counts of failure to appear."

Additional warrants for Dustin's arrest were

being requested by the Big Spring Police Department Friday for the offenses of duty on striking a structure or landscaping and failure to comply with requirements of accident involving damage to a vehicle, both Class B misdemeanors.

No injuries were reported from the occupant of the other vehicle.

The Social Security building was closed and

unoccupied at the time of the accident and the damage to the building is estimated in excess of \$80,000, police said.

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Ester De Hoyos Gomez, 40, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Curtis Winn, 75, died Sunday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, at First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Bert Sheppard, 81, died Friday. The family will receive friends Sunday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park with full Military Honors by Goodfellow Air Force Base.

Elodia Holguin, 76, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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## MENUS

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Breakfast: fruit strudel cheese sticks, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: ham-burger, fries, garden salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit.  
**Tuesday**

Breakfast: mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: popcorn, chicken, garden salad, seasoned corn, rolls, snowball salad.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: sausage roll, cheese sticks, fruit juice, juice, milk; Lunch: pizza sticks, spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, cookies.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, rolls, pineapple d'lite.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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*Walking the Red Road:*

## What is a powwow?

What is a powwow? I have had several people ask me this question. I tell them it is a gathering of the people to celebrate their Native American heritage and culture. So where did it all start?

The original word was powwow, it referred to a spiritual leader or holy man. This holy man would hold ceremony for his people to pray and ask for blessings. Over time the word became powwow.

The powwow was still a spiritual event but came to include singing and dancing. It became a gathering of the people to pray and also to celebrate their culture. As time went on the singing and dancing became an even larger part of the powwow. However even powwows of today have a spiritual and ceremonial aspect to them.

Most of the early powwows were a tribal event. The entire tribe would be involved but rarely anyone outside the tribe would be involved. On occasion a very honored guest would be allowed to attend.

On other occasions, two tribes would come together to resolve conflicts over hunting grounds. This would lead to a joint powwow with both tribes attending and all being involved.

Tribal powwows would be held to prepare warriors and pray for their protection before a hunt or a battle. When the warriors returned there would be another powwow held to celebrate their victories and also mourn the warriors lost in the battle or the hunt. You would expect warriors to be lost in battle but you might not expect this in a hunt. Hunting buffalo was an extremely dangerous thing and at times warriors would be killed during the hunt.

After the Native Nations were defeated and placed on reservations they had little to prepare for or to celebrate. However the powwow had become a major part of their culture. They continued to have powwows to celebrate their heritage and culture and also the old ways.

The U.S. Government tried to keep the Indians from having powwows but with no success. When the government realized the powwow was not a sign of an uprising they began to see the entertainment value of a powwow. They began asking the tribes to have powwows.

The government would bring people from back east, politicians, important business people and foreign dignities to see the Indians dance. This opened the powwow to people outside the tribe and the culture.

Today's modern powwows evolved from these early reservation powwows. Powwows today for the most part are open to the public to watch and at times participate in.

There are several different types of powwows today held all throughout the year and all over the country.

There are still tribal powwows where most of the singers and dancers are from the same tribe. There are many different Dance Society Powwows. In this area there is the Ponca Dance Society Powwow, the Mescalero Goura Dance Society, and the Comanche War Dance Society. One must be a member of the society or invited to dance.

There are also contest powwows where the best dancers and drum groups compete for cash prizes. The most common powwow is the intertribal powwow as we have here in Big Spring. This is a powwow where Native Americans from all tribes and Nations, men, women and young ones come and all dance together.

They come to celebrate the Native American heritage and culture as well as life itself. Here in Big Spring we will have singers and dancers from fifteen to twenty different Native American Nations. We will have dancers from all age groups, from the elders to the young ones.

So what is a powwow? I suggest you come and find out for yourself. The eleventh annual Big Spring Powwow will be April 25th and 26th at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. Come and watch us dance and dance with us. See and experience our culture and celebrate it with us.

*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*

## How 'bout a longhorn steak?

James Gentz of Winnie used to show longhorn cattle. "We started in 2002 and showed for about 10 years," he says. "We've got all different types of the longhorn and at one time we had four saddle-broke steers that we rode in parades and people took pictures sitting on them. Then in 2004 we decided to start selling the longhorn beef. It's kind of a specialty product and has been good for us. We've had continual growth."

He says longhorn beef is 90 percent lean.

"I tell everybody to cook the steak low and slow because it doesn't have as much marble. The ground meat has very little fat, very little runoff. You get almost pure meat."

He sells all cuts of meat just like you would find in a butcher shop. In addition, he'll sell you a whole or half a cow. And if you

like he'll sell you the tail and the head.

"Our calves on the property aren't big. They're about 15 months to 18 months old. Sometimes I'll butcher them when they're 24 months. Their horns are not real long and so they don't have a problem at my processor. I don't raise longhorns for the horns. I can't grind them up and eat them."

He doesn't sell in stores because he is not sure he could meet the demand. He offers his products every Saturday at a Beaumont farmers' market from March to November. He also sells at his ranch.

"They usually call me first. I tell people not to drive up because I have a ranch and a rice farm. If they give me 30 minutes I could probably arrange for me or my wife to be here at the office, which by the way is on the site of my grandparents' house."

He does a big Internet business. His website is gentzlonghornbeef.net. His price is competitive. He had his first price increase this past year and went

up 50 cents a pound on everything. He has some loyal customers who don't seem to mind the extra cost. He says they like knowing the meat is produced locally and is free of antibiotics and hormones.

"When we first started, we were probably two dollars higher across the board than what you could buy at the local market. Right now with beef prices the way they are, I'm right there close. Sometimes on things like ground meat, the local stores are higher than I am."

He says most people buy steaks, briskets, roasts or ground beef. His processor is 120 miles away.

"I go to a state-inspected facility in Bellville, Texas. That's why I can sell individual cuts of beef. They cut it and package it the way the customer wants it. Everything is vacuum sealed except the ground beef."

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### NEWS ITEM: OBAMA ENDORSES MANDATORY VOTING



## Pull up a chair ...

Ask any chiropractor, masseur or masseuse, and answers will be similar. Most Americans are tense, on the wrong side of the frazzle equation. They are sheep — "go-alongers," if you will — figuring if the finish line is reached without indebtedness, so be it. To live positively is considered wishful thinking, perhaps attainable only with medication or something stronger.

Generally, we are in a "hunkering" mode, as if our avoidance of "boat-rocking" or "noise-making" is critical to keeping the glow on our "status quo." Maybe the Arrid deodorant ad people were right in the '40s and '50s, asking, "Why be half safe?" In a broader sense, we don't feel even that secure. Nowadays, even 50 percent achievement of what someone called "even keel-dom" seems a stretch.

Maybe we spend too much time in the "downright and locked position." As a late friend commented during a visit with his doctor, "I'm having no trouble 'hunkering down.' It's the 'hunkering up' that's getting tough."

That being said, there's a certain admiration for a smattering of people choosing litigation pursuant to their ongoing "bought and paid for" football season ticket rights. The same rights apply to the Super Bowl XLIX fans denied seats purchased for AT&T Stadium's "Big Game."

The former are Texas Aggie faithful who are challenging "King's X" changes they've encountered despite "lifetime" assurances for season ticket rights.

In short — while one might rightly question why fans shell out princely sums to attend athletic events — there's reason to cheer for people with legitimate beefs who simply aren't going to take it sitting down.

What could have been the simpler issue was at the Super Bowl. The National Football League admitted error. One would hope there'd be acceptable remedies short of the courthouse.

There are certain events for which there are no "mulligans." Ask photographers whose wedding pictures didn't turn out. Or ask NFL officials why tickets were sold for seats that weren't in place.

Harder to understand is the issue at Texas A&M University, where a few families and foundations wrote checks for lifetime rights to purchase season tickets at the "going rate" — without additional charges imposed annually for the right to do so. Unless "cooler heads" prevail, Texas A&M may catapult to the front of big-time institutions where sports gallop out of control. Again, we've "hunkered down," forgetting intercollegiate sports' initial and fundamental purpose. Further, lines formerly dividing them from professional sports grow exceedingly blurred.

Texas A&M — with its newly acquired law school — may need to roll out its biggest cannon in response to class-action lawsuits brought against both the university and its respected 12th Man Foundation.

Plaintiffs filing suits are not small fry. Some are "big fish," including the former executive director of the 12th Man Foundation and two former presidents of the Houston Aggie Club.

Curiously, the foundation has been assigned the task of "re-seating" in the soon-to-open expanded Kyle Field. Founda-

tion leaders, having navigated troubled waters before, had best prepare for a tsunami.

It's about "big time." It's about prestige. It's about money. It's about Texas A&M having the largest collegiate sports venue in Texas and in the Southeast Conference. It's also about forcing loyal fans to pony up with over half the renovation costs — about \$230 million — through annual "licensures" by season ticket holders.

The new Texas A&M president has an interesting contract. Like several others, it sounds like an NFL contract, calling for an annual salary exceeding \$1 million, and a "signing bonus" of \$800,000.

He's also eligible for four \$100,000 "performance bonuses" annually at the discretion of Chancellor John Sharp, who — like several others — opted for academia following government service.

The new prexy — and other Aggie leaders — are on the high wire, sans net. No matter which side prevails, the cost will greatly exceed mere dollars.

Damage will be inestimable. Critics will point to the university's code of honor: "An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do."

A non-partisan prayer might begin, "Oh, Lord. Show us the right way. Help us to know when to 'hunker' — whether up or down. May we avoid blaming Johnny Manziel — even though his dazzling grid exploits may be the primary impetus for a bigger stadium. Amen."

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Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 28, Big Spring

### Marriage Licenses

Gary Barber, 40, and Shirley Bench, 41, both of Big Spring  
Steve Curtis Eckert, 60, and Connie C. Kuykendall, 65, both of Big Spring  
Humberto Mier Jr., 41, and Elaine Rose Bowers, 32, both of Big Spring  
Keegan Laird Clark, 40, and Kyrie Beth Gambrell, 28, both of Big Spring  
Efren Pena Nieves Jr., 27, and Victoria Ornels Viera, 34, both of Big Spring

### District Court Filings

Juan Morales vs. Probst  
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## Building permits

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Dollar General, 2305 Wasson Rd. Com Elec Val: \$57,500 Fee: \$388.44. Com HVAC Val: \$37,000 Fee: \$140.  
J. Evans & J. Mize, LLC., 1705 S. Monticello. Res Plumb Val: \$12,000 Fee: \$62. Res Gas Val: \$1 Fee: \$7.  
Apex Restaurant Brands, 2403 S. Gregg St. Com Elec Val: \$135,000 Fee: \$163.54  
Debra Calley Cook, 2500 Glenwood. Other residential Val: \$6,500 Fee \$45.  
Derrick Wayne Looney, 1500 Thorpe St. Res Gas Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$32.  
Water Shop, 1711 Scurry St. Res Gas Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$32.

Jesse Cantu, 1616 Harding St. Res Gas Val: \$250 Fee: \$32.  
Daniel Mondier, 107 W. 21<sup>st</sup> ST. Res addition Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25.  
R. Lindsey, 2505 Cheyenne Dr. Res Plumb Val: \$5,400 Fee: \$32.  
Ron Cohorn, 2407 Charleton Dr. Structure other Val: \$2,300 Fee: \$25.  
Daypros Bookkeeping Service, 1512 Scurry St. A. Com Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25  
Larry Bryan Reese, 8 Indian Rdg. Res Gas Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.  
Theda Perez, 4207 Hamilton St. Res Gas Val: \$750 Fee: \$32.  
Spring Creek Fellowship, 1801 E. FM 700 M-B. Com Elec Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$193.80.  
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Georgina Lopez, 1011 N. Runnels St. Res Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.  
Marvin Tate, 1210 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Res Gas Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$32.  
Salvation Army, 2702 Ann Dr. Res Re-roof Val: \$7,000 Fee: \$45.  
Aaron Michael Garrison, 1001 Sycamore St. Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.  
Guardian Energy Services, 400 Galveston St. Structures other Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.  
Sophia Marmolejo, 108 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Res Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.  
Kerr Management Inc., 2621 Hunter Dr. Res. Re-Roof Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.  
Kerr Management Inc., 2611 Ent Dr. Res Re-Roof Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.  
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## Don't let AC repair spring up on you

Spring is in the air and Texans know the hot weather days are not far off. In preparation, Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin suggests homeowners and businesses get their air conditioning (AC) units checked by a trustworthy professional to make sure it's in good working order.

Don't get burned by hiring the wrong service company. Nationally, BBB received more than 1,400 complaints against commercial and residential air conditioning repair and service contractors in 2014. Complaints against AC repair service contractors often allege problems with the final price or payment process, as well as complaints that the service was ineffective.

If you're due for an upgrade, spending a little money on improvements can save you a lot over time. Air sealing is one of the quickest ways to cut your heating and cooling costs. Also, you can visit the Energy Saver website for DIY Savings Projects that provide step-by-step instructions on how to weatherstrip your windows and seal air leaks with caulk.

According to Energy.gov, turning your thermostat back from its normal setting by seven to 10 degrees for eight hours a day can save you as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling costs. Small changes have big results. Another way to save is by simply using a programmable thermostat and keeping your house warmer than normal when you are away.

BBB offers this advice when hiring a trustworthy air conditioning contractor:

- Consult your owner's manual. Before doing anything, check the warranty on your current air conditioning unit to determine whether any tune-ups, repairs or replacements may be covered.
- Hire a professional to maintain your heating and cooling system. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician. This includes checking the airflow over the coil, testing for the correct fluid (refrigerant) level, checking the combustion process and ensuring proper air-flow to each room.
- Research the company. Visit [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) for the BBB Business Review of any air conditioning service or energy auditor you plan to hire to learn details about the company, like its history of complaints. Visit [checkbbb.org](http://checkbbb.org) for a list of Accredited Businesses.
- Check licensing. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians and electricians. Ask to see a copy of the license before work starts.
- Compare prices. Get at least three estimates in writing. All bids should provide a full description of the services provided and the materials used.

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Owner Kyndra Batla and Leopard Heart Boutique staff are joined by Chamber of Commerce representatives for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the business, located at 2112 Scurry St.

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# News in brief

## Afghan president's first Washington visit a chance to boost ties, ask for US military support

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — As the Afghan president heads to the United States on his first trip to Washington as head of state, the landmark visit offers a chance for both sides to start afresh and wipe the slate clean on the legacy of troubled U.S.-Afghan relations.

Ashraf Ghani faces a daunting task — long-term, the visit could set the tone for years to come. More pressingly, Ghani needs firm commitment of American military support in his fight against the Taliban and other insurgent groups, including an Islamic State affiliate, which he and U.S. military leaders fear is finding a foothold in Afghanistan.

Ghani's relationship with Washington stands in stark contrast to that of his acrimonious predecessor, Hamid Karzai, whose antagonism toward the U.S. culminated in a refusal to sign security agreements with Washington and NATO before leaving office. Ghani signed the pacts within days of becoming president in September, and has since enjoyed a close relationship with U.S. diplomats and military leaders.

"It's important for Afghanistan that the United States has trust in the leaders of the country and uses this visit to show its support for the new government," said Afghan political analyst Jawed Khoistani. "A long-term American presence in Afghanistan is essential."

Ghani's week-long trip, which starts Sunday, comes as the Afghan army is waging its first-ever solo offensive against the Taliban in Helmand province, their southern heartland, seeking a decisive victory ahead of the spring fighting season as evidence it can carry the battle without U.S. and NATO combat troops that withdrew from Afghanistan at the end of 2014.

## Police: Man who swung at TSA agents with machete shot at New Orleans international airport

KENNER, La. (AP) — A man sprayed wasp killer and swung a machete at TSA agents and passengers at the New Orleans international airport before an officer shot the man several times as people frantically scrambled away, authorities and passengers say.

Richard White, 62, approached the airport security checkpoint Friday evening, pulled out a can of the insecticide and began spraying both agents and several passengers standing in line before he then drew a large machete from the waistband of his pants, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand said.

White began swinging the machete and a male TSA agent blocked the machete with a piece of luggage as White ran through a metal detector, Nor-

mand said.

After running through the detector, White was chasing a female TSA agent when Lt. Heather Slyve of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office drew her weapon. White continued to swing the machete as she approached, and she fired three rounds, striking him in the face, chest and leg, according to Normand.

A TSA agent also was struck in the arm by a bullet while running from White, authorities said, adding the agent's wound wasn't life-threatening.

## New fight on perennially divisive issue of abortion threatens to sink human trafficking bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's 100 members don't agree on much. They agreed they wanted legislation to help the victims of sex trafficking. Then the bill got caught up in the emotional and uncompromising politics of abortion.

Now the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act is stalled, its outlook uncertain. Democrats are insisting Republicans remove an abortion funding provision. Republicans are refusing to do so and demanding that Democrats back down.

President Barack Obama's attorney general nominee, Loretta Lynch, is caught in the crossfire, since Republican leaders decided to hold off her confirmation vote until the situation with the sex

trafficking bill is resolved. That might not happen for the better part of a month or more, with senators set to vote on the budget next week before leaving town for a two-week recess.

The stalemate over a bill meant to help some of the most vulnerable members of society is embarrassing and disappointing to all involved. Senators of both parties say they want to break the impasse and move the legislation forward, and negotiations are ongoing.

Yet at least so far, neither side has been moved enough by the plight of tens of thousands of trafficking victims to bend and find an acceptable compromise. The situation illustrates that when it comes to abortion, other considerations can get sidelined as even the most pragmatic lawmakers get pushed into ideological corners with no easy way out.

## New York Fire Department: 7 children die as fire rages through Brooklyn residence

NEW YORK (AP) — Fire tore through a Brooklyn residence early Saturday, killing seven children and leaving two other people in critical condition, authorities said.

The dead are children ranging in age from 5 to 15 years old, and they are believed to be family members, New York Fire Department spokesman Jim Long said.

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# FDA OKs genetically engineered potatoes, apples

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Potatoes that won't bruise and apples that won't brown are a step closer to grocery store aisles.

The Food and Drug Administration on Friday approved the genetically engineered foods, saying they are "as safe and nutritious as their conventional counterparts."

The approval covers six varieties of potatoes by Boise, Idaho-based J. R. Simplot Co. and two varieties of apples from the Canadian company Okanagan Specialty Fruits Inc.

Okanagan, based in British Columbia, is trying to make apples a more convenient snack with its non-browning version.

The company says bagged apples wouldn't have to be washed in antioxidants like they are now, a process that can affect taste. Neal Carter, the company's founder, says they want to see bagged apples become as prolific as bagged baby carrots.

"We know that in a convenience-driven world, a whole

apple is too big of a commitment," Carter said.

The apples are dubbed Arctic Apples, and Carter said he wants them to be labeled as such, since they bring an advantage to the marketplace. The first two varieties to get the non-browning treatment will be Granny Smith and Golden Delicious, and Carter says there won't be significant plantings until 2017.

Simplot calls its potatoes Innate and the varieties selected include Ranger Russet, Russet Burbank and Atlantic.

"We're trying to improve potatoes so everyone gets a better experience, just like it's right out of the field," said Haven Baker, vice president of plant sciences for Simplot.

It could be years before the average customer is able to buy one of the potatoes. The company has about 400 acres of Innate potatoes in storage from the 2014 harvest that it plans to deliver to growers, packers and shippers to be sent to a tightly-controlled network for use in small-scale test markets.

The company said those markets haven't been determined, and it's not clear yet how the potatoes will be labeled. The company said it's not selling Innate seed potatoes on the open market.

Aware of potential resistance from consumers, Simplot officials say Innate potato traits come exclusively from genes from domestic potato varieties.

However, one of the company's oldest business partners — McDonald's — has previously said it has no plans to use genetically modified potatoes. The company didn't respond to inquiries from The Associated Press on Friday.

ConAgra, a major French fry and potato supplier through Lamb Weston to restaurant chains, said it won't use the potatoes.

Simplot says its potatoes will have 70 percent less acrylamide, a chemical that can be created when potatoes are cooked at high temperatures, the company said. And it's touting that as a health benefit, as some studies have

shown acrylamide to be a potential carcinogen, though the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health says scientists "do not yet know with any certainty" whether the substance can be harmful in food.

The FDA in its approval Friday noted that acrylamide has been found to be a carcinogenic in rodents.

Simplot says its potatoes have 40 percent less bruising from impacts and pressure during harvest and storage than conventional potatoes, which the company said could reduce the more than 3 billion pounds of potatoes discarded each year by consumers.

"I think everybody wants to get what they pay for," said Doug Cole, Simplot's director of marketing and communications.

The FDA's review process is voluntary. Both companies asked for a review to ensure their products met safety standards. As part of the process, FDA compares safety and data of the genetically en-

gineered food in comparison to a conventional variety.

Gregory Jaffe, biotechnology director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, in a statement Friday objected to the voluntary system for approving genetically engineered foods.

"There's no reason why these 'Arctic' apples and 'Innate' potatoes would pose any food safety or environmental risk," he wrote. "That said, the process for allowing such new crops is badly flawed. Congress should pass legislation that requires new biotech crops to undergo a rigorous and mandatory approval process before foods made from those crops reach the marketplace."

Simplot is working on a second generation Innate potato that will have additional traits, including resistance to late blight, which the company said will result in a 25 to 50 percent reduction in the need for pesticides. Late blight helped cause the Irish potato famine of the mid-19th century.

# States to test ways to send food stamp recipients to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal grants will help 10 states test programs to help food stamp recipients find jobs, from using career coaches to quicker training courses to mental health assistance.

The grants, announced Friday in Georgia by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, come as the Republican Congress is exploring ways to cut the program, which cost \$74 billion last year — twice its cost in 2008.

Some in the GOP have proposed stricter work requirements as a way to do that. But the Obama administration sees better worker training as an alternative to cuts or stricter work requirements.

Vilsack said the grants will help USDA identify what works and what doesn't in terms of getting people to work.

The food stamp program has long been the center of political wrangling in Washington, with elective officials debating it virtually end-

lessly. Republicans for the most part have called it a government giveaway and have worked historically to rein it in, if not eliminate it. Many Democrats, particularly those in the party's liberal wing, have steadfastly fought cuts to the program, calling it an essential element of the federal government's safety net for the poor.

Washington provides the money for food stamps, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. But it is administered by the states, with regulations varying from state to state. As part of the grant program, the Agriculture Department is contracting two private research organizations to evaluate the states' performance.

Only about a fifth of the 46 million SNAP recipients are eligible for training. The rest are elderly, disabled, children or already in the workforce.

Vilsack said 35 states

applied for the \$200 million in grants, which were part of a wide-ranging farm bill that became law last year.

Among the winners:

In Georgia, participants would use an online tool developed by the state to create individualized work plans. In Kentucky, the state will work with local employers and teach skills for in-demand jobs, like food service. California will test child care programs for people who need work training as part of a family-centered approach.

Other states receiving the grants are Delaware, Kansas, Illinois, Mississippi, Vermont, Virginia and Washington state.

Congress's virtually annual fight over the cost of food stamps grew more intense as the benefit rolls started climbing during the Great Recession, which was under way when President Barack Obama took office in 2009.

The Republican House

passed a bill in 2013 that would have allowed states to put broad new work requirements in place. The bill also would have ended government waivers for some states that allowed able-bodied adults without dependents to receive food stamps indefinitely. Current law only allows those adults to receive the benefits for three months in a three-year period.

Democrats, in keeping with traditional practice, opposed major cuts to the program, and the final farm bill only made an estimated 1 percent cut, with no new work requirements.

Vilsack has encouraged better worker-training programs as one way to trim the cost; the farm bill established the grants for states to test programs.

Republicans have also supported that approach.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Texas, praised the grants, saying that states' innovative approaches "will help able-bodied SNAP recipients climb the economic ladder."

Still, the fight over food stamps is continuing.

As in past years, a House budget proposed

this week would transform the program into block grants to states, a move that could cut tens of billions from the program. A Senate version of the nonbinding budget resolution called for cuts to programs like SNAP but was not as specific in how they should be done.

Vilsack said he has "deep concerns" about the House proposal and said the job training is a better way to make SNAP work.

With block grants, "you are either going to cut people or cut benefits, and both approaches are the wrong way," Vilsack said.

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W. Gonzalez, 4114 Muir St. Res Curb cut Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.  
Kentwood Apartments, 1906 E. 25<sup>th</sup> St. Res Re-Roof Val: \$16,000 Fee:

\$90.  
Natalie Nicole Bose, 2809 Navajo Dr. Res Re-Roof Val: \$3,500 Fee: \$30.  
Tanglewood Grove, LLC., 3304 W. Hwy 80. Com Plumb Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32.  
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Cathy and Ken Pope, 901 Scott Dr. Res Re-Roof Val: \$14,000 Fee: \$80.  
Antonio M. Zavala, 808 Johnson St. Res addition Val: \$4,000 Fee: \$30.

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Electric, Inc., other injury or damage  
Bryan Dell Bosley vs. Misty Nicole Bosley, divorce  
Alfredo Garcia Jr., Nancy N. Martin Garcia vs.

Aache Corporation, other injury or damage  
Harvey Lee Davis vs. Gila Anne Davis, divorce  
Jerry Paul Jones vs. Rinnie Lee-Ann Carson, divorce  
Ivory M. Gamboa-Mize vs. Jason Paul Mize, divorce  
Amy Bledsoe vs. Jimmy Bledsoe, divorce

Meagan A. Ratliff vs. Donny L. Ratliff, divorce  
Jose Manuel Rodriguez and Alexis Rodriguez vs. Leslie Grantham, injury/damage motor vehicles  
Lance Wade Brockman vs. Criselda Chavera, divorce  
City of Big Spring, Texas vs. Holston Banks Jr., et al, civil suit

Matthew Cline vs. Cheryl Cline, divorce  
Tim Newton and Debbie Newton vs. Grass Roots Enterprises, LLC.; accounts, notes and contracts  
BNDK LLC. vs. Annuity M. Medrano, suits on debt

Grantor: CBR Holdings, LLC.  
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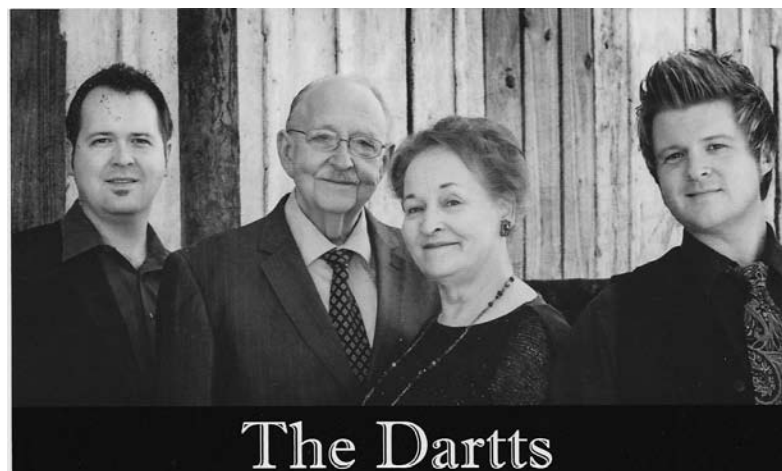
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# What's up, down at the legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — What looks to be the year of the gun in the Texas Legislature began bill-passing season with a bang.

The Senate marked the first day it was allowed to approve any bill by passing a plan that would allow Texans with gun licenses to carry their weapons openly. Two days later, it advanced a bill letting license holders carry concealed weapons on college campuses.

And those votes would have come even faster had not a committee error caused a daylong delay.

Texas is currently just one of six states to ban open carry. But the prohibition has also stood for 140 years, first imposed following the Civil War to disarm former Confederate soldiers

and freed slaves alike.

At least 20 states, meanwhile, allow some form of "campus carry" — though only a handful make it a defined right in state law, as Texas is seeking to.

Neither bill is likely to have as easy a road through the House. The GOP controls both chambers, but the dynamics of the lower chamber make it possible for opponents to delay, and possibly derail, one or both of the proposals.

Here are other issues that had strong weeks — and didn't — in Texas politics.

## WHAT'S UP: High School Seniors In Danger Of Not Graduating

The Senate also wasted little time approving a plan to let 28,000 Texas high school se-

niors graduate this year despite failing one of the state's standardized exams needed to earn a diploma. The bill offers an alternative graduation plan to Class of 2015 seniors who couldn't pass one of five required exams in algebra I, biology, English I and II and U.S. history. Supporters would like to see the proposal become law fast enough to let eligible students graduate this spring.

## WHAT'S DOWN: Health Agencies Consolidation

Continuing questions about a no-bid contract scandal have delayed a plan to fold five existing state agencies into a single, super entity. House and Senate lawmakers have announced that creating a sweeping new agency will happen far

more slowly than originally proposed — with key facets now not beginning until next year and the largest changes delayed until 2019. That means that the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Family and Protective Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation and the Department of State Health Services will stay separate for now. Consolidation was recommended following a multimillion dollar no-bid contract the Health and Human Services Commission signed with an Austin tech firm in 2012. But now, legislative attempts to tighten state contract rules are sapping momentum from making the merger happen quickly.

# News in brief

## Houston-area boy dies after bullet comes through wall

HOUSTON (AP) — A 6-year-old boy has died after he was wounded in the head by a stray bullet that came through the wall of his family's Houston-area apartment from an adjacent unit.

Jairo Reyes was pronounced dead Thursday night after being airlifted to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Five people from a neighboring apartment on the western suburban fringes of Houston were detained for questioning in the shooting, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Raquel Reyes, the boy's mother, said she was bringing him his homework about 6:40 p.m. Thursday when she heard a sharp, loud bang. She thought it was a lamp exploding, she said, until she found her son sprawled across his bed, bleeding from a gunshot wound to the cheek.

"He didn't answer me," she told the Houston Chronicle.

Contacted at work, Lorenzo Reyes raced home to find paramedics in his son's room trying to save his life.

"I pushed them aside and cradled my son, asking, 'Why?' The last thing I did was kiss him," the child's father told KTRK-TV, Houston.

Three preteen boys and two men in their early 20s were taken from the apartment next door, from which the bullet came, and questioned before they were released. No charges have been filed, but deputies said their investigation continues.

The child was a kindergartner at Hearne Elementary School. "He always asked to do extra assignments and was reading well above his grade level," said Craig Eichorn, spokesman for the Alief Independent School District.

## Abducted Texas clerk dies after removal from life support

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A College Station convenience store clerk has died of injuries inflicted during his abduction from work earlier this week.

Kevin Garcia died Friday afternoon at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. A hospital spokeswoman says the 55-year-old clerk's family removed him from life support before his kidneys were removed for transplantation.

Garcia was beaten and abducted from the convenience store Tuesday and driven to far north Fort Worth. Nathaniel Tillery currently faces charges of robbery, kidnapping and assault, but police are investigating to determine if new charges are filed. He remains in Brazos County Jail with bond set at \$520,000.

## Ex-police officer gets almost 6 years in prison for drug op

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston police officer has been sentenced to almost six years in prison for helping drug dealers while he was an officer.

A federal judge in Houston sentenced 36-year-old Marcos Carrion on Friday to 70 months in prison.

The 37-year-old former officer pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute. Prosecutors say he provided security and cover for cocaine dealers between 2013 and 2014.

Prosecutors say he was paid \$2,500 for the work.

Carrion worked for the department for five years before he quit in 2014. He could have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

## Woman suffers head wound in suspected road-rage shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area woman is hospitalized in fair condition after a motorist she had honked her horn at shot her in the head in Houston's northern suburbs, officials said.

Kay Hafford, 28, is receiving treatment for the wound in the back of her head at the Memorial Hermann Texas Trauma Institute in Houston, where doctors said she was expected to recover, said her husband, Kendrick Hafford.

Hafford was driving to work in her red sedan on Interstate 45 when she honked her horn at a white sport utility vehicle shortly after 7 a.m. Friday, said Assistant Chief Mark Herman of the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office.

"At some point, the individual in the white SUV drove up to the right side of her vehicle, at which time one gun shot was fired," Herman said.

Hafford was able to pull off the interstate and call 911, he said.

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# After Communist-era pain, small Czech brewers enjoy revival



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CVIKOV, Czech Republic (AP) — After shutting down in droves during the decades of Communist rule, the Czech Republic's small brewers are staging a comeback.

Dilapidated beer making facilities dotted across this patch of Central Europe, which is better known for a clutch of global brands like Pilsner Urquell, are being reopened to revive local brewing traditions that date back to the 10th century.

You'll have to visit the Czech Republic to taste any of it, though — production is still too small for export and many beers are not available outside the towns and villages where they are brewed.

The Czechs, by far the biggest beer drinkers in the world per capita, are embracing the trend for the better choice as well as a symbol of the reassertion of the country's identity.

"This is a sign of the time," said Jan Suran, who heads the country's association of small brewers. He said part of the success is that "they can offer wide varieties of beer." And along the way, "historical, industrial buildings have been renovated in a beautiful fashion."

Most of some 600 brewers that were on Czech territory at the beginning of the 20th century were shut after the communist took power in 1948 and only one small one remained in the entire country. Others didn't survive the return of the free market economy and the competition from multinational beer corporations after the 1989 anti-communist Velvet Revolution.

Big producers of brands like Pilsner Urquell, the world's first pilsner beer, and Budvar have the lion's share of the domestic market. Small facilities are opening in numbers, providing variety, though not much in

terms of volume.

More than 50 new craft brewers were opened last year, with output reaching up to 10,000 hectoliters a year. That brings the total of small brewers in the country to 280 and more are yet to open, Suran said. Overall production is still only at 1.2 percent of the country's total beer output.

In the town of Cvikov near the border with Germany, beer has been made since 1560 but the local brewer was closed in 1968 to be used later for storing potatoes and fruits. Mushrooms were grown in the cellars where the beer used to mature.

Its rundown facilities were spared demolition last year and it was reopened in November 2014. Now, the three renovated red brick chimneys and the towering building with a new roof are a sign of renewal.

"We rely on local people, that they will support our brewery by

consuming the beer, that they're happy to have a brewer in the region," Cvikov director Viktor Tkadlec said.

After four months in business, Cvikov is available in 60 bars and looks at nearby Germany for further expansion. Its six workers currently make about 10,000 hectoliters, mostly of

the traditional Czech lager, unfiltered and unpasteurized.

Cvikov is also reintroducing a drink long favored by glass workers in the region, which is the heart of the country's world-famous glass-blowing industry: a low alcohol beer that the workers can consume to cope with the

hot work conditions.

"We're delighted that the brewer is back on track," said Radek Koten from Ajeto glassworks in the nearby village of Lindava. "The beer tastes good. There's not much alcohol in it. Three or four (pints) a day can do you no harm."

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No tornadoes have been reported so far in March, when tornado season often begins ramping up for parts of the country. The last time the U.S. had no twisters in March was nearly 50 years ago, according to figures from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center in Norman.

Forecasters at the prediction center reported earlier this week that since the beginning of the year, it has issued only four tornado watches and no severe thunderstorm watches — less than 10 percent

of the average 52 tornado watches issued by mid-March. The center hasn't issued a watch in March, something that's never happened in its record of watches dating to 1970, said Greg Carbin, warning coordination meteorologist for NOAA's Storm Prediction Center.

"Every day that goes by is quite remarkable (because) we're normally seeing very active day-to-day weather somewhere in the country," Carbin said. "Four watches is also unprecedented."

Even in tornado-prone Oklahoma, the dominant weather pattern of cold, stable air that prevents a tornado's ingredients from coming together means the state is again starting storm season in sluggish fashion, a repeat of the year before, said state climatologist Gary McManus.

"We haven't had the prime conditions here in Tornado Alley because the predominant

weather pattern doesn't lend itself to severe weather," McManus said. "Not only are we not seeing the tornadoes, we're not seeing the supercell storm systems that spawn these tornadoes."

Adam Houston, associate professor of atmospheric science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, cautioned that with spring just starting, so too is the peak time for tornadoes, and conditions are likely to change. For example, it was May when twisters raked the Oklahoma City suburbs of Moore and El Reno during a two-week period in 2013, killing dozens of people and injuring hundreds more.

"January and February are not active months, so (the tornado drought) hasn't been particularly surprising," he said. "If we're having this conversation in June, then there would be something substantial here."

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## Three Deceptive Myths of the BDS Movement

**Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) advocates use inspiring human rights language to condemn Israel—but are their accusations accurate?**

Supporters of BDS make three stirring demands: Stop Israel's colonization, occupation and apartheid in Palestine. But how valid are these three accusations, and what are the real goals of the BDS movement—for Israel and the Palestinian people? Above all, does BDS really seek peace?

### What are the facts?

Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions advocates shrewdly use human rights rhetoric to inspire followers. But anyone tempted by this appeal must ask two questions: 1) How true are BDS's accusations against Israel, and 2) what is BDS's political agenda? If we examine the hard facts, we see that BDS is actually based on false myths and a disguised purpose.

**Myth #1: Israel is colonizing Palestine.** While BDS paints the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in polarized terms, in fact it is one of the world's most complex, emotionally fraught disputes. BDS portrays Palestinians as the region's sole "indigenous" people, while in truth Palestine has two indigenous peoples—Jews and Arabs. Jews have lived uninterruptedly in the Holy Land for more than 3,000 years, since the time of biblical Abraham. Israel does not insist it is the only heir to Palestine, but BDS advocates assert Jews have no right to a state there. This denies the Jewish people the right to national liberation. Since colonialism is "the control of one nation by 'transplanted' people of another nation," and Jews are natives to Palestine, Israel cannot be termed a colonial force.

**Myth #2: Israel is occupying Palestinian territories.** It's simplistic to argue that Palestine "belongs" entirely to either Jews or Arabs. Ownership of these territories is *disputed*—it can only be determined by negotiations. While Israel does not deny Arab rights to a state in Palestine, BDS opposes Jewish self-determination. When Israel declared a state in 1948, it was attacked by five Arab armies whose intention was to expel the Jews. In 1967, Arab armies again attacked Israel, but Jordan, Egypt and Syria actually lost to Israel territory they had controlled. In fact, none of the land Israel currently "occupies" in Israel or its ancient lands of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) was ever part of an Arab state. While Israel maintains security in parts of the West Bank, it is to protect Israelis from terror attacks that have killed thousands. More pointedly: As late as 2007 Israel offered Palestinians 95% of the West Bank, as well as a capital in Jerusalem, as an incentive for peace, but the Palestinians rejected this offer.

While smart diplomacy will surely be needed to resolve the territorial issues that divide Arabs and Israelis, it is intellectually dishonest to declare Israel an occupier.

**Myth #3: Israel is an apartheid state.** Apartheid was "an official policy of racial segregation, involving political, legal, and economic discrimination in South Africa against nonwhites." In fact, Israel is by far the most diverse nation in the Middle East—one whose population is 21% Arab and includes the region's largest Christian population. Israel's Jews hail from Ethiopia, Yemen, Morocco, Iran, Iraq, and Syria, as well as every European nation and Latin America. Unlike any other Middle Eastern nation, equal

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**What do the BDS leaders really want?** While the U.S., Western European powers, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a "two-state solution" as the basis for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, BDS leaders, like Ali Abuminah, argue for a one-state solution in which Arabs outnumber Jews. When BDS talks about occupation, it refers not to disputed West Bank territories, but to all of Israel. BDS has consistently opposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, calling them "collaborationist." In fact, the leaders of BDS openly confess their goal is not peace, but conquest. No wonder BDS founder Omar Barghouti admits, "If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No, it wouldn't—no." This explains why BDS insists on the "right of return" not for the estimated 50,000 living Palestinian refugees of Israel's 1948 War of Independence, but for their *five million descendants*—a bizarre definition of "refugee" applied to no other people. Of course, such an influx of foreign Arabs into Israel would swamp the Jewish state, conquering it demographically.

For all its emotive appeals, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions effort is based on falsehoods—a hijacking of human rights values. Even Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has acknowledged that BDS is counterproductive, proclaiming, "We do not support the boycott of Israel." Indeed, anyone who truly desires peace between Israelis and Palestinians must oppose this pernicious movement.

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BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Texas and Western Kentucky became acquainted to close, wild finishes when they met in the NCAA Tournament.

Thirty years later was no different. The programs resumed their old March rivalry with another thriller.

Brooke McCarty made two free throws for Texas with 20.8 seconds left and Alexis Govan missed a potential winning 3-pointer for Western Kentucky in the final seconds, sending the fifth-seeded Longhorns to a 66-64 victory in the first

round on Friday.

"I told the players after the game that there's no shame it went down to the wire," Texas coach Karen Aston said.

Imani McGee-Stafford had 24 points and 14 rebounds as sloppy Texas overcame 19 turnovers — including one that could have cost the Longhorns the game — and erased a late seven-point deficit.

Ivy Brown's 3-pointer with 39.5 seconds left got Western Kentucky (30-5) within one, then Texas lost the inbounds pass with 38.3 to go

on Brady Sanders' turnover.

Texas (23-10), which missed chances in the first half by committing 13 turnovers, will face No. 4 seed California on Sunday in the second round.

Chastity Gooch scored 25 points and Govan had 20 for Conference USA champion Western Kentucky, which earned an automatic berth after winning three tournament games by eight combined points.

Govan converted a key four-point play with 8:37 remaining and another big 3 with 3:55 left, and Micah Jones hit a pair of time-

ly 3s late. Govan would get the ball again with the game on the line.

"It looked good," Govan said. "I just wasn't able to connect on the shot."

Kelsey Lang added 11 rebounds in 21 minutes for a Texas team that dealt with the devastating losses of forwards Nneka Enemkpali and Nekia Jones to knee injuries in the past two months. The 6-foot-7 McGee-Stafford rediscovered her form after being slowed by a hurt foot early in the year.

McGee-Stafford says Texas is playing for those who are side-

lined, knowing how hard they would be working if still on the floor.

The Lady Toppers swarmed McGee-Stafford from every which way.

Govan, all of 5-10, did her best to front McGee-Stafford but had a hard time denying the ball.

Former Texas coach Jody Conradt was in attendance as the programs renewed an old NCAA rivalry from the mid-1980s — playing on the big March stage for the first time since the Hall of Famer was on the Longhorns' bench.

### Peterson's agent spurns lunch invitation with Vikings' GM

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The relationship between the Minnesota Vikings and star running back Adrian Peterson remains tenuous.

Peterson's agent, Ben Dogra, said Friday that he declined an invitation from Vikings general manager Rick Spielman to meet over dinner during the NFL owners meetings in Arizona next week.

Vikings officials have met with Peterson twice this month, one visit by Spielman and coach Mike Zimmer to Peterson's home near Houston and one trip by Peterson to the New York area to speak with owners Zygi Wilf and Mark Wilf and Spielman.

Peterson has expressed uneasiness about returning to Minnesota to resume his career that was halted last year while the child abuse case he was involved in played out in court and then through the league's personal conduct policy. His suspension, ordered by Commissioner Roger Goodell through at least April 15, was tabled after a federal judge knocked down the NFL arbitrator's denial of Peterson's appeal. Peterson was returned to the special exempt list, pending further developments on the legal front.

Peterson's contract with the Vikings doesn't expire until after the 2017 season. Spielman recently told Dogra the team does not plan to release Peterson, who turns 30 on Saturday. So either the Vikings work

out a trade to another team or Peterson puts aside his feelings and plays for \$13 million in 2015. There's always the possibility of a renegotiated deal, giving Peterson more guaranteed money, but if he's not happy that's beside the point.

The Vikings have plenty of space under the salary cap to keep Peterson on his current contract. Everyone from the Wilfs to Spielman to Zimmer has said they'll welcome Peterson back once he's reinstated by the NFL.

In the meantime, the Vikings must prepare for the possibility of a backfield without Peterson, their all-time leading rusher who appeared in only one game in 2014 because of the child abuse case that involved injuries to his 4-year-old son. Jerick McKinnon will return after a decent rookie season, Matt Asiata was re-signed for depth and former Green Bay Packers backup DuJuan Harris was signed on Thursday. The running back class in the draft this year is considered strong, as well.

The Vikings revamped their wide receiver group by acquiring Mike Wallace in a trade and releasing Greg Jennings. They also swapped backup quarterbacks by trading Matt Cassel and signing Shaun Hill. Otherwise, pending resolution to Peterson's status, this has been a relatively quiet offseason. The Vikings hosted safety Taylor Mays, who played for Zimmer with the Cincinnati Bengals, on a free-agent visit this week. But he left town without a deal.



Courtesy photo

Five Coahoma students competed in the regional powerlifting meet last weekend in Sundown. Participating were (from left to right) were Callum Hurst, Joe Melendez, Philip Bacon, Christian Van Wey and Zak Walton

### Coahoma's Melendez qualifies for 2015 state powerlifting meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coahoma High School's Joe Melendez punched his ticket to the 2015 Texas High School Powerlifting Championships with a stellar performance this past weekend at the regional meet in Sundown. The meet was held on Saturday.

Competing in the 198-pound division, Melendez hit the automatic qualifier for the state meet on his second attempt in the dead lift.

He turned in a dead lift of 530

pounds in the event.

Overall, Melendez finished second in the classification. In addition to his 530-pound effort in the dead lift, he recorded lifts of 550 in the squat, and 320 in the bench press. Overall, he finished with a combined weight of 1,400.

Melendez will join Big Spring's Andrew Paredes and Tyler Nairn at the state powerlifting meet this weekend at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Melendez wasn't the only Coahoma athlete turning in solid outings

at the regional tournament. A total of five CHS lifters participated in the meet.

Callum Hurst finished seventh in the 123-pound weight classification.

Others competing included Zak Walton, Philip Bacon and Christian Van Wey.

"Unfortunately Walton and Bacon did not have their best days, but Hurst placed seventh and Melendez was second," said CHS coach Coley Dobbs.

### RLF dodge ball tourney set for April 11

Howard County volleyball aficionados get ready. Soiking time is almost at hand.

The Relay for Life Co-ed Dodge Ball Tournament will be held on April 11 at the Big Spring YMCA

Players can register for the tournament from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Games will start at 10:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$10 per person. Teams will be limited to 10 players.

### Bufs open 6-A play with 11-2 win

The Forsan High School Buffaloes opened District 6-A action on Tuesday by pounding out an 11-2 win over the Borden County Coyotes in Gail.

Bradley East, pitched a complete game for the Buffaloes, striking out 10 Borden County batters.

Forsan scored the first run of the game thanks to a lead off walk by Ryan Pearson. Kaleb Stanley followed with a single

and set the stage for a run-scoring triple by Garrett Kligora. Stanley was tagged out at the plate.

Borden County's only runs came in the bottom of the first with a lead off error on a fly ball to right field followed by a double to left.

The Buffaloes busted open the fourth inning with two bunts, two singles, two walks and two errors that led to six run-

ners. Kligora hit a 2-run home run in the six inning, while Cervantes and Rocha both scored in the seventh to finish off the Buffaloes scoring. East limited the Coyotes to 2 walks and 2 singles after the first inning.

With the win, Forsan ran its season record to 7-2.

East, a junior at FHS, improved to 4-0 as a pitcher this season.

### Kershaw hit in face by liner, pitches 5 sharp innings

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Clayton Kershaw broke a tooth when was hit in the face, by a line drive in the third, then he finished a sharp five-inning outing for the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 3-2 loss to the Oakland Athletics in a game between split squads Friday.

Andy Parrino's soft liner

struck Kershaw on the left side of his face. Third baseman Juan Uribe picked it up and threw wildly past first base, setting up the A's only run.

"It was a cutter right on me," A's infielder Andy Parrino said. "I didn't hit it too well and I don't think he saw it too well.

"This early you never want this kind of thing to happen."

Kershaw fell in front of the mound then was examined by Dodgers trainer Stan Conte before throwing a warmup pitch. He remained in the game and allowed one run on three hits overall. He struck out four and did not

walk a batter.

"My initial feeling was he was going to be OK," Dodgers catcher A.J. Ellis said. "I think it just fooled him. I saw him get up right away."

Kershaw also had a hit.

Sonny Gray and Barry Zito each had solid outings for the Athletics.

### Derek Holland pitches 3 scoreless inning in debut

(AP) — Derek Holland pitched three scoreless innings in his spring training debut, but Mike Zunino homered twice as the Seattle Mariners and a Texas Rangers split squad played to a 4-4 tie Friday.

Holland threw 32 pitches, giving up two hits and walking one.

"I was en fuego ready to get out there. I'm not kidding," said Holland, saying fire in Spanish. "I was 100

miles per hour in the dug-out."

He added: "After that first inning was over, everything came back to normal."

Zunino homered off Rangers relievers Jon Edwards, a solo shot in the fourth with two strikes, and Spencer Patton with a runner aboard in the sixth. Alex Jackson, the Mariners' first-round pick in the 2014 draft, homered in the eighth.

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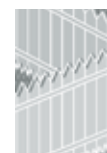
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# UFC: Rousey will return to ring against Correia on Aug. 1

UFC bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey will return to the octagon against Brazil's unbeaten Bethe Correia at UFC 190 in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 1.

Rousey and UFC President Dana White announced the headlining pay-per-view matchup Friday during a news conference in Brazil.

Rousey (11-0) finished her fifth title defense in a stunning 14 seconds last month, defeating Cat Zingano with an armbar at UFC 184 in Los Angeles. The fastest submission victory in UFC championship history was the latest in a string of impressive stoppages for the sport's most dominant champion, who has won her last three fights in a combined 96 seconds.

After contemplating an extended break to make another film, Rousey instead chose a summer bout with Correia (9-0), who has called her out repeatedly and rudely. Correia also has beaten two of Rousey's training partners, Shayna Baszler and Jessamyn Duke.

"I would definitely say this is a personal fight," Rousey said. "My dad had a great saying when somebody needed to be shown what's up. He'd say, 'This person needs to have a come-to-Jesus meeting.' Bethe is going to have her own come-to-Jesus meeting in Brazil. ... I don't just want to defeat her. I want her to leave that arena embarrassed, and the best way to do it is to come here and beat her in her own backyard."

Correia has angled for this title shot for years, but will be a heavy underdog against the champion. The UFC is running out of legitimate opponents for Rousey, but Correia is the most respected remaining contender in the 135-pound division, which Rousey has ruled since its inception.

"I'm going to beat Ronda," Correia said through a translator. "I'm going to make her feel the weight of my hand. She is coming here, and she is going to leave the belt here. ... The Brazilian crowd puts on a lot of burden. I'm sure she will feel the weight."

# MLB: Hamilton decision expected shortly

DALLAS (AP) — Commissioner Rob Manfred says Major League Baseball expects to make a decision on possible discipline against Los Angeles Angels star Josh Hamilton by opening day.

Manfred said Friday that "we are working toward a result."

Hamilton has had a long history of drug and alcohol abuse, and has been suspended in the past. The Angels said Hamilton met

with baseball officials last month, but neither side provided details on the reason for the session.

Hamilton is recovering from shoulder surgery and his status for opening day was in jeopardy even before

the meeting with MLB.

"I expect a decision before opening day. Obviously with Josh Hamilton recovering from surgery, that may give us some more time because he won't play," Manfred said.



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# Sharper plans to plea in rape cases

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just five years from reaching the NFL pinnacle as an All-Pro and Super Bowl champion, Darren Sharper is now likely headed for a lengthy prison sentence after reaching plea agreements in charges involving the drugging and sexual assault of at least nine women in four states, his lawyer said Friday.

The alleged sexual assaults happened after Sharper's 2011 retirement and followed a similar pattern. In all of the cases, Sharper is accused of slipping drugs to women and sexually assaulting them when they were unconscious or otherwise unable to resist or consent.

His Los Angeles attorney, Blair Berk, said Sharper would enter pleas in Los Angeles and Phoenix on Monday and would make similar pleas later in New Orleans and Las Vegas. Brian Russo, his attorney in Arizona, said his client will use video conferencing from Los Angeles, where he's being held, to allow him to make a change of plea in Phoenix.

Sharper had a 14-year All-Pro career as a safety with three teams, including the 2010 Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints. He was later an analyst for the NFL Network.

# Busch takes pole at Fontana

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Kurt Busch's comeback from his season-opening suspension is gathering speed.

Busch won the pole for Sunday's NASCAR race at Auto Club Speedway, turning a lap of 185.142 mph in his Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolet to edge teammate Kevin Harvick.

Busch took another step forward Friday in his return from four months of off-track troubles involving his ex-girlfriend, who accused him of domestic assault. He wasn't charged, but missed the first three races of this season under suspension.

Busch was reflective after claiming the 17th pole of his NASCAR career and his first since May 2013.

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Oakland	12	7	.632
New York	11	7	.611
Toronto	10	8	.556
Houston	7	6	.538
Los Angeles	8	7	.533
Seattle	8	7	.533
Tampa Bay	8	7	.533
Boston	9	8	.529
Minnesota	7	7	.500
Texas	7	7	.500
Chicago	6	8	.429
Baltimore	7	12	.368
Cleveland	6	11	.353
Detroit	6	13	.316
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	4	.692
Miami	10	6	.625
Arizona	11	7	.611
Pittsburgh	9	7	.563
New York	10	8	.556
Philadelphia	9	8	.529
Cincinnati	8	8	.500
Colorado	8	8	.500
St. Louis	7	7	.500
San Diego	8	9	.471
Washington	7	8	.467
Chicago	8	10	.444
Milwaukee	6	10	.375
Atlanta	6	11	.353
San Francisco	5	13	.278

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

**Sunday's Games**

Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:37 p.m.  
 Detroit (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Washington vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.  
 San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Oakland vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Texas vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Colorado vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

BASKETBALL			
National Basketball Association			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	28	.594
Boston	30	38	.441
Brooklyn	28	39	.418
Philadelphia	17	52	.246
New York	14	55	.203
Southeast Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	53	16	.768
Washington	40	29	.580
Miami	32	36	.471
Charlotte	29	38	.433
Orlando	22	49	.310
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	45	26	.634

Chicago	42	28	.600	2½
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	10
Indiana	30	38	.441	13½
Detroit	24	44	.353	19½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	48	21	.696	—
Houston	46	22	.676	1½
San Antonio	43	25	.632	4½
Dallas	44	26	.629	4½
New Orleans	37	32	.536	11
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	44	23	.657	—
Oklahoma City	39	30	.565	6
Utah	31	37	.456	13½
Denver	26	44	.371	19½
Minnesota	15	53	.221	29½
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Golden State	55	13	.809	—
L.A. Clippers	45	25	.643	11
Phoenix	36	33	.522	19½
Sacramento	23	45	.338	32
L.A. Lakers	17	50	.254	37½
x-clinched playoff spot				
Sunday's Games				
Miami at Oklahoma City, 3 p.m.				
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.				
San Antonio at Atlanta, 3 p.m.				
New Orleans at Clippers, 3:30 p.m.				
New York at Toronto, 4 p.m.				
Washington at Sacramento, 6 p.m.				
Denver at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.				
Charlotte at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.				

tioned RHP Taylor Jungmann and RHP Corey Knebel to Colorado Springs (PCL). Assigned C Adam Weisenburger to their minor league camp.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHPs Noah Syndergaard and Cory Mazzoni to their minor league camp. Reassigned C Kevin Plawecki and RHP Jon Velasquez to their minor league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Op-  
 tioned RHP Nick Kingham and C Elias Diaz to Indianapolis (IL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP Chris Heston, RHP Cody Hall and OF Jarrett Parker to Sacramento (PCL). Reassigned INF Mitch Delfino to their minor league camp.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed F Jordan Hamilton for the remainder of the season.

**Women's National Basketball Association**

ATLANTA DREAM — Signed G Jasmine Thomas to a multiyear contract.

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**National Football League**

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Dwayne Bowe.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed RB LaMichael James, QB Matt Moore and Louis Delmas to one-year contracts.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with T Bryce Harris on a one-year contract.

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Legals

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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Monday, April 13, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

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Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airport Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services # 8655 March 22, 2015

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Pluto Sextile

Perhaps Jane Austen was speaking presciently to those on social media when she said, "To flatter and follow others, without being flattered and followed in turn, is but a state of half enjoyment."



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Communication-planet Mercury and Pluto in powerful Capricorn will call attention to the balance of power on digital and real-life platforms.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You feel the admiration of someone upon you. Eyes linger a little longer than necessary. Questions are gentle and pointed at the same time. Even if you do not return the sentiment, the attention is flattering.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You gain something from being around the one who fascinates you. Articulate what you're getting out of the relationship -- like laughter, learning about different interests or cultures, and enjoyment in the moments together.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are powerful, but you still need people. When they sense this, it's good for your relationships. So don't work so hard at trying to convince everyone that you're completely self-sufficient.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Part of the way you pass down your legacy is to teach the ones you love to do something that you know how to do. Just know that they won't get it on the first or even the 10th time. Be patient!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be working in the privacy of your own space, and so no one will know whether you did the right thing or not. No one, that is, except for you -- the one who matters most to your self-esteem.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nothing favorably changes your brain chemistry and mood more than vigorous exercise. There are reasons you haven't been able to get as much as you'd like lately, but that all changes today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you fear you won't be able to surpass what you've already accomplished. It's a silly fear, really. Stand tall, reach high, dream big and above all believe in yourself.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If all you can say of an action is that it's sensible, that is not enough of a reason to commit to it. What else is in it for you? Excitement? Glamour? Intrigue? Your life should have all of these qualities. It's not too much to ask.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you could pay a visit to yourself, how would you be received? Lately, you're not 100-percent sure that you're even on your own side. It's time to practice hospitality at a very personal level.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will connect with one as bold and ambitious as you are. It will be refreshing to share your thoughts with someone who shares your optimism and high ideals.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some amount of posturing and pretending is to be expected. It's better to get involved with overly ambitious people than with those who don't have any ambition at all.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you can read subtle expressions of feeling, you will offer people what they most want and need. This is the key that will allow you to deeply influence others.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 22). In some ways, you are barely recognizable from the "you" of three years ago. Your personal life has changed considerably, and you're still working on adding true supporters and friends to your team. Next month brings a financial bonus, and

you'll put it right back into a winning project. Your social status rises in May. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 40, 11, 27 and 42.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be? We're all battling something. For most people, it's an internal struggle -- a tendency, flaw or belief that, if overcome, would free us in some way. As the sun graces Aries, the sign of the warrior, it's the perfect time to ask yourself what fight you're in. Wednesday, March 25, will feature an auspicious trine between the Aries sun and Saturn in Sagittarius. The fiery combination adds fuel to battle the main issue. Use it well, because Friday, March 27, the plot will thicken. It's almost as though the universe wants to be sure this is an exciting enough fight to make an irreversible impression on us. Venus in Taurus will angle Jupiter in Leo in a way that blows everything out of proportion. Money and the material world will seem to matter more than they should, and the sensitive Cancer moon has us taking things far more personally than we need to, as well. Keep the ego in check. It's better to get distance from a problem than to stew in the middle of it. There are times when it's wisest to retreat.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Following her Academy-Award nominated performance in "Wild," a film about one woman's solo hike of 1,100 miles, Aries Reese Witherspoon will once again show off her versatility in the comedy "Hot Pursuit," co-starring Sofia Vergara. Her natal sun, moon and Mars in Aries indicates a fiery, passionate intensity of spirit. Witherspoon's Mercury and Saturn are in artistic Pisces.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24.....9:30 AM

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# What are you worried about?

The world gives us plenty to worry about. Some worry about the stock market. Two weeks ago stocks plummeted giving rise to fears of another recession and wide-spread layoffs. Radio Shack announced it was bankrupt and Target laid off 1,700 at its headquarters in Minneapolis. A week later the market rebounded. Who knows what the report will be by the time you read this column?



BILL TINSLEY

Students worry about tests, assignments and grades. Recent graduates worry about looming student loans. Parents worry about making ends meet, raising their children and sending their kids to college. Terrorism stalks the

news. Al Qaeda has morphed into ISIS which has gone global recruiting teens and young adults from Europe and Australia. The Boston bombing trial for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is in full swing. Family members worry about sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, who live in a violent world.

Some worry about their health. Many are dealing with cancer, heart disease, diabetes, strokes, injuries and the ravages of old age. Some worry about family members and friends who have become addicted to alcohol and drugs.

The list goes on. There are lots of things to worry about. Some big. Some small.

Worry can be a good thing. Like physical pain, worry can serve as a signal that we need to take action for ourselves and the welfare of others. But worry can also debilitate. All of us expe-

rience circumstances beyond our control. In such cases, worry can rob us of sleep, steal our energy and cripple our creativity. According to WebMD "Chronic worrying affects your daily life so much that it interferes with your appetite, lifestyle habits, relationships, sleep, and job performance."

Jesus clearly wanted us to live our lives free from debilitating worry. Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of

the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:25-34).

*Bill Tinsley has served as pastor, church planter and missions executive.*

## In battle for coffee pod market, it's Keurig vs. recyclables

LINCOLN, Calif. (AP) — One measure of how heated the environmental battle has become over coffee giant Keurig Green Mountain's \$5 billion-a-year plastic pods is how often the company's opponents use galactic comparisons.

Keurig, the single-serve coffee industry's leader, produced enough plastic coffee pods last year to circle the earth

more than 10 times, according to one analyst's estimate, often cited by Keurig's critics. A YouTube parody depicts aliens that look like Keurig's plastic pods invading Earth.

The company introduced a new coffeemaker in time for Christmas that allowed only its pods, and the battle heated up again. It spawned parodies featuring Star Wars-style

rebels challenging the "Keurig Empire" by hacking a machine to accept more environmentally friendly pods made by rivals.

More than a dozen coffee manufacturers and other businesses are suing over what they claim is Keurig's unfair efforts to shut out rival pods.

"We're under siege," said Jon Rogers, patriarch of a California-

based family coffee company whose soy and corn byproduct-based pods are among those that the new Keurig machine is engineered to reject. "It's a matter of life and death for me."

Keurig says the fight boils down to how to make the best cup of coffee, and the company has pledged to come up with a fully recyclable pod of its own by 2020.

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**To All of Howard County and Beyond**  
Words can not begin to express the level of gratitude we have for each and every one of you and all you have done to support Garrett and our family. God's love is shining brightly through you all. Every act of kindness has been felt and is appreciated. This is a debt our family will never be able to repay! But please know, as it says above, We absolutely will never forget how you have made us feel. Your continued prayers will help us fight the fight.  
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## Sunday, April 5th



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