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Traffic accident claims local man

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — A Big Spring man was killed Tuesday in a two-vehicle accident 15 miles north of Garden City.

According to a Department of Safety news release, Cody Rhea Hare, 43, was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

At 2:18 p.m. Tuesday, emergency personnel responded to a call of a two-vehicle accident approximately 15 miles north of Garden City on Ranch Road 33.

According to the release, Philip Edward Davoust, 55, of El Paso was traveling in a 2007 Peterbilt TT and towing a 2007 Heil Trailer northbound while Hare was trav-

eling south bound in a 2013 GMC Pickup.

Davoust "failed to pass to the left safely, drove into the south bound lane...and struck," the pickup driven by Hare, the release said.

The GMC pickup, which received severe front distributed damage, then came to rest in a field on the eastwest side of RR 33, according to the DPS. The Peterbilt came to rest in a field on the west side of RR 33 and received severe damage to the left side of the vehicle.

Davoust was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the release states.

The investigation into the accident is still ongoing according to a DPS spokes person. The incident is being investigated by the Big Spring Highway Patrol.

Shooting suspect remains in custody

Wife in Lubbock hospital; Lloyd, 25, tased after brief standoff with police Tuesday

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A 25-year-old man charged with shooting his wife Tuesday night was still cooling his heels in jail after a \$400,000 bond was set Wednesday morning.

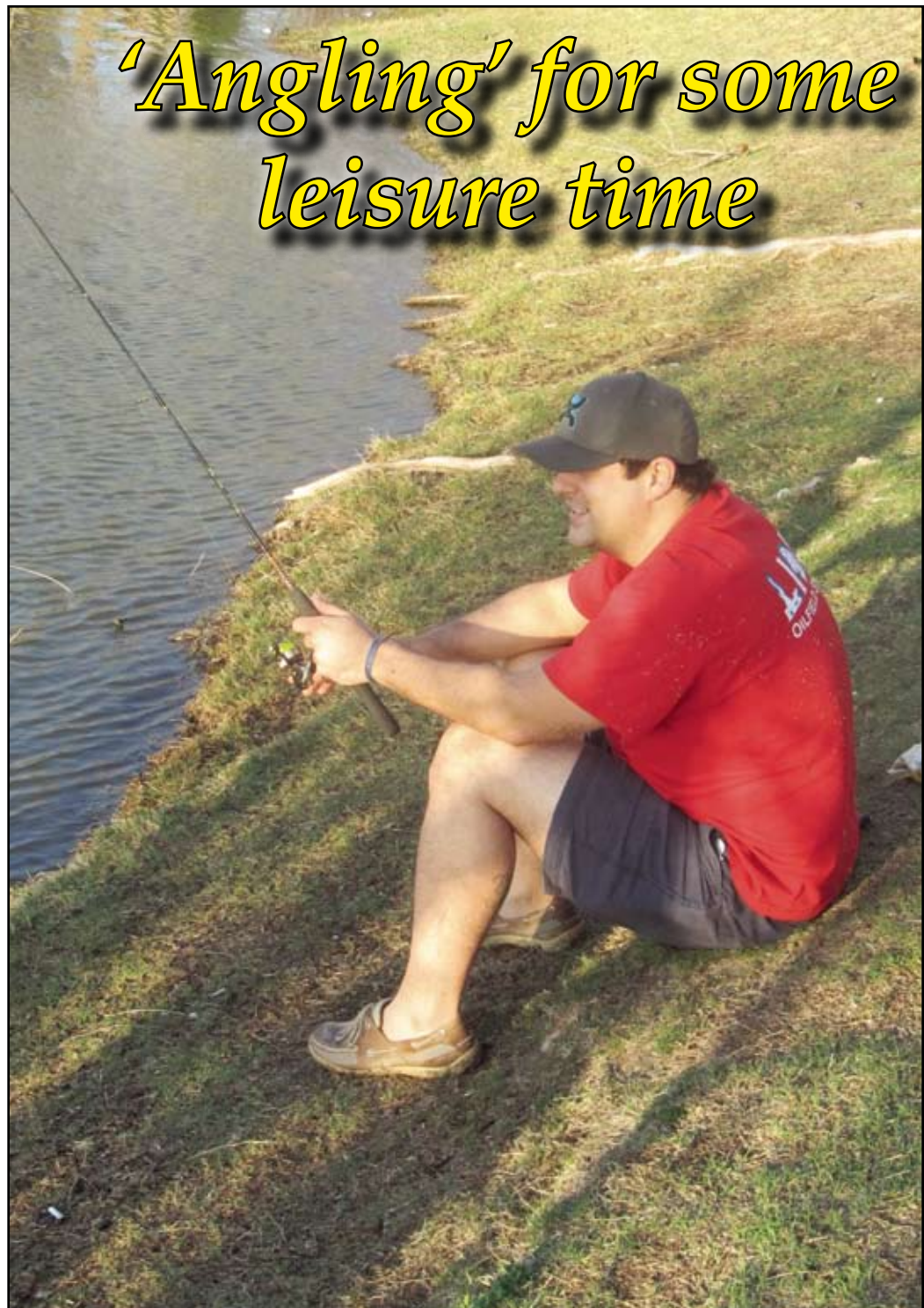
Farley Lloyd was arraigned before Municipal Judge Timothy

Green on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second degree felony. The medical condition of his wife, Maleah, is still unknown at this



Lloyd

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'Angling' for some leisure time

Tony Umberson took advantage of pleasant conditions this morning to cast a line into the Comanche Trail Lake in hopes of catching a fish. The National Weather Service is forecasting a high of about 90 degrees today but wind gusts of 15 to 20 mile per hour are expected in the afternoon. The weather is expected to cool off a bit for the Easter weekend with highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid-40s to low 50s.

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Schools, municipal offices closed Friday

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

County, city and public schools will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

The city of Big Spring will close all offices including the landfill and compost and there will be no sanitation pickup on that day. Emer-

gency services will continue as normal. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be open and can be contacted at 432-264-2392.

In Coahoma, city employees will get a jump on a three-day weekend as offices are set to close at 2 p.m. Thursday and reopen on Monday for normal business hours. Coahoma residents can call 432-213-5175

for any utility emergencies.

As for area students, Big Spring, Coahoma and For-san ISD will suspend classes for the day in observance of the holiday. Classes resume on Monday. All four Howard College campuses — Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf — will be closed on Friday includ-

ing administration offices and the Harold Davis Fitness Center.

The West Texas VA Health Care System, or known locally as the VAMC, will be open for regular hours on Friday as will the U.S. Post Office.

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

Bill would bar gun ownership status in medical record

by DAVID WARREN
 Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas lawmakers are considering a bill that would keep a person's gun ownership status from being listed in their medical records, a move health providers worry would be an unnecessary government intrusion that harms their consultations with patients.

The bill would make Texas at least the second state to enact similar restrictions, following a 2011 Florida law

on hold because of legal challenges.

Proponents of the Texas legislation say it's narrowly crafted to avoid infringing on medical care while also preventing government agencies from accessing the information. Critics say the proposal would only hamper the open discussion of patient health and has no practical use. They also note that medical privacy laws offer protections for a patient's personal information and government agencies already track gun

ownership data.

"I don't like government moving into my exam room, in any capacity," said Doug Curran, a family doctor in Athens, southeast of Dallas, who's on the board of the Texas Medical Association. "The exam room is sacred."

Republican state Rep. Stuart Spitzer, a surgeon from Kaufman in North Texas, submitted the bill after hearing concerns from constituents who were alarmed at being asked

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Obituaries

Shawntina Thorpe



Shawntina Marie "Shot" Thorpe, 47, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 28, 2015. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Dr. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born June 2, 1967 to Mary (Thomas) and Don Thorpe in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was free-spirited, great-natured, and never met a stranger. Her hobbies included painting, woodworking, yard work, hunting, fishing and camping. She worked a few years repairing cars for Buddy and Sons Body Shop and was a member of Assembly of God.

Royce Don Cox



Royce Don Cox, 71, of Midland, went to be with God on March 29, 2015. After a heroic battle with aphasia, Royce passed away at home, comfortably in his sleep, with his beloved family around him.

Royce, a devoted servant, loved the Lord. He enjoyed spreading this love through singing with his friends and fellow congregation members of Kelview Heights Baptist Church. Royce loved to play golf. Many understood this to be his greatest pastime, but to Royce it was a "passion of a lifetime." He excelled over the years including "shooting his age" many times, a highly recognized accomplishment, beginning when he turned 67.

He also had a love for fishing. His love of sports and nature allowed him the opportunity to teach integrity and respect for sportsmanship and the outdoors to many. He was an accomplished basketball official, being asked multiple times to officiate the Texas State UIL High School Basketball Tournament.

Royce was known as having an unrelenting work ethic that showed in his desire to educate youth through his chosen occupation and calling for more than 37 years. He began his career in education in Roaring Springs where he coached and taught, before moving to Big Spring in 1969. He continued teaching and coaching golf until accepting the position of vice principal for Goliad Middle School in 1980. Throughout his career in Big Spring, he was a principal in elementary, middle school and junior high school.

At one point he was offered a position outside the realm of education but respectfully declined, stating that he could not leave his "hip huggers,"

Carl Knappe



Carl Knappe, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 29, 2015, in Aransas Pass, Texas. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with naval honors will be held Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park, with Dr. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Carl was a gregarious, outgoing, fun-loving man who lived life to the fullest. He loved to travel and had friends all over Texas and across the country. Some of his longtime friends called him Tex or Bigun. He was a tall man at about 6-foot-4, and then he put on his western boots and western felt hat. He always wore western clothing and the signature hat. He felt like he was a cowboy until the day he passed. He still had his saddle and his chaps and would recall fond memories of working as a cowboy. He always loved to return home to his beloved West Texas town of Big Spring. He kept the old home place in tip-top shape, painted and mowed, trimmed and spruced up, as he said.

Carl was a proud Texan and proclaimed that there is no place better than the Republic of Texas. He is a proud veteran of World War II, as were his brothers. Because of injuries suffered to his legs and knees, he was a disabled veteran. He was a member of the DAV, VFW and the American Legion and would donate time, meat, and his barbecuing skills on many occasions to provide meals to those folks that came out to enjoy a celebratory or holiday meal at the Legion.

Carl was a man of many life experiences. He worked as a cowboy alongside brother Ed at the Dixie Ranch near Pecos, Texas. He drove a Trailways bus for years, which allowed him to accomplish his goal of visiting all 50 states in the United States. He worked as a butcher at the Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring until the base was closed. He then worked at the Knappe Meat Market below the family home, dressing deer during the hunting season.

Carl enjoyed time with family and his many

She is survived by one daughter, Autumn Marie Munoz and husband, Josh Sweet, of Austin; two sons, Christopher Lee Munoz of Austin and Sean Lee Munoz of Carlsbad; one granddaughter, Madison; her mother, Mary Thomas and husband, Bob, of San Angelo; one sister, Tonya Thorpe Bosier of San Angelo; one brother, Don DeWayne Thorpe of Reno, Nev.; cousins, Jimmy Pierce and spouse Kellie Hankins of Big Spring and Lisa Pierce Dyer of Aransas Pass; one nephew, Clyde W Raines Jr. (Skeeter) of Denver, Colo.; one niece, Elizabeth Grado of Las Cruces, N.M.; and several aunts and uncles, but one special aunt, "Dot".

She was preceded in death by her daddy, Don Thorpe; paternal grandfather, E.B. Robby Thorpe, maternal grandparents, Ora Marie Hill and Ross R Hill; and several aunts and uncles.

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which were his elementary students. Royce truly touched and influenced so many lives with his ideal of "worry less and love more".

Royce was married to the love of his life, Rue Ann Cox, for 48 years. They were an inspiring example of two souls predestined by God to be together. He was an amazing father to both Michelle and Jimmy Cox, teaching them, through his own actions, the values of integrity, wisdom, respect, and love. He was happiest when he was around family and the many friends that graced his life throughout the years.

Royce is survived by his wife, Rue Ann of Midland, four brothers and sisters, Thelma Burt of Knox City, Jackie Cox and wife Tippi of Ransom Canyon, Bobby Cox and wife Rosemary of Runaway Bay and Carol Dickson and husband Dick of Benjamin; two children, Michelle Cox of Midland and Jimmy Cox and wife Mindy of Midland; four grandchildren, Megan Ivie, Max Ivie, Avery Cox and Marlee Woodward; and one great grandchild, Kel Gard. He was preceded in death by his parents Ayres and Leola Cox of O'Brien and brother Wallace Cox of Fort Worth.

The family will receive guests on Thursday, April 2, 2015, from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church on Friday, April 3, 2015, at 1 p.m., with graveside services immediately following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

A scholarship fund, The Royce Cox Memorial Big Spring High School Golf Scholarship, has been established. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to The Royce Cox Memorial Golf Scholarship at any of the West Texas National Bank locations.

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friends. In these last years he loved to travel. He loved gaming, especially the craps table. He had a ball at shooting dice. I am fortunate that I got to get on the table with Carl and cheer for the "Yo" as he was shooting the dice. We had a lot of fun. We encouraged close friend of Carl's, Mrs. Kathryn from south Texas, and other family members, Carl A. (Uncle Carl's son), Carletta (Carl A.'s wife), from Aransas Pass, Texas; (Nephew and his wife) Perry and Laurie from Cloudcroft, N.M.; (Niece) Sandra Gandy from Midland, Texas, and (nephew and wife) from Parker, Colorado, Roy Jr. and Karen Knappe to meet at Sandia Hotel Resort Casino to share memories and some fun moments, and we got that done about a year ago.

Carl was one of eight children, all born and raised in Big Spring, Texas. Carl never left. Carl is the son of Lydia Knappe and Alvis Knappe. The grandkids called Mrs. Knappe Big Mama and Mr. Knappe Grandpop or Big Daddy. The Knappes immigrated from Germany to Texas in 1870 and settled in Marionfield, now known as Stanton. A few years later, the Knappes moved to Big Spring, built the Knappe Slaughterhouse and started the meat business in 1906. All the boys worked in the meat business where they learned to butcher cattle, hogs, sheep and goats.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; and in order of age, his brothers and sisters, Teckla (Teck), Albert, Henry, Roy, Peggy, Edward and Dorothy.

Carl is survived by his son, Carl A. (Carletta); granddaughter, Heather, of Aransas Pass, Texas; nephew, Perry of Cloudcroft, N.M.; nephew, Roy Jr. (Karen), of Parker, Colo.; niece, Sandra, of Midland Texas; and nephew, Craig (Lindy) of San Angelo, Texas. Also wishing him Godspeed are his grandnephews and grandniece, Justin, Christopher, Zachary, Stephanie and their families.

We will all hold close to our hearts the laughs and the "stories," some of them a little tall perhaps, the pinto beans cooked over a mesquite wood fire in a cast iron pot, shared during the family barbecues at Carl's home in Big Spring.

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Jolene Bennett



Jolene Bennett, 96, of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord March 31, 2015. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, with Rick Cunningham officiating.

Mable Jolene was born Jan. 21, 1919, to Charley Storey Taylor and Lora Etta Carter Taylor. Jolene was one of seven children. She married Roy Cecil Bennett May 11, 1935. They were parents to two daughters, Loretta and Bobbie.

Jolene was an accomplished fabric artist. Her quilts, dolls, and clothing are still on display in many homes. Roy and Jolene owned and operated Jolene's Antiques. She was an astute businesswoman and had an eye for the finest. She was a certified antique appraiser and judged many county fairs. Jolene's girls were her pride and joy. Her six grandchildren adored her and loved to come and stay in her home. The great-and-great-grandchildren followed in their parents' footsteps in their love for Mama Jo.

She is survived by a brother, Earl Taylor; a sister, Maudelle Poyner; two daughters, Loretta Farquhar and husband, Ron and Bobbie Wooten and husband, Gerald; and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Bennett, Aug. 12, 1988; three sisters; and one brother.

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Cody Hare



Cody Hare, 43, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 31, 2015. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church, with Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will be at Garden City Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 30, 1971 in Grapevine, Texas to Beverly Diane and Charles Rhea Hare. He attended elementary school in Garden City through the third grade, then moved to Royce City to live with his dad. He attended Collin County Junior College and Howard College. He owned the Wasson Road Chevron from 1994 until 1999. He worked for the city of Big Spring as a parks supervisor and Airport supervisor. For the last year and a half, he had been a fiberglass rod tech supervisor for Flexrod of Midland.

He married Stacy Karnes in 1995 and they had two sons, Casey Hare of Greenwood and Colton Hare of Garden City.

In addition to his sons, he is survived by his wife, Kelly McBee of Garden City; his mother, Diane Melton of San Angelo; his father and step-mother Charles and Vivian Hare of Royce City; his step-daughter, Chandra Brooks and her husband, Michael, of Coahoma; one brother, Preston Hare of Garland; one sister, Holly Brem and her husband, Gerry, of Hallsville; three nephews; a half-sister, Robin Seale of Odessa; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721-0823 or your favorite charity.

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Support Groups

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

from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles,

noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

News in brief

Gunmen attack university in eastern Kenya; attack bears hallmarks of al-Shabab

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Gunmen attacked a college campus in northeast Kenya early Thursday, opening fire in dormitories and killing at least 15 people and wounding 29 others, witnesses said. The attack bore the hallmarks of a Somali Islamic extremist group.

Augustine Alanga, a 21-year-old student who survived the attack at Garissa University College, described a panicked scene as gunshots rang out outside their dormitory in the pre-dawn hours when most people were still fast asleep.

The shooting became more intense almost immediately, he told The Associated Press by phone. The heavy gunfire forced some students to stay indoors as others fled with gunmen firing at them.

He said he saw at least five heavily armed, masked gunmen.

"I am just now recovering from the pain as I injured myself while trying to escape. I was running barefoot," said Alanga, who was one of scores of students who managed to escape through barbed-wire fencing.

Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar probing labor abuses, slavery in seafood industry exposed by AP

BENJINA, Indonesia (AP) — Officials from three countries are traveling to remote islands in eastern Indonesia to investigate how thousands of foreign fishermen wound up there as slaves and were forced to catch seafood that could eventually end up being exported to the United States and elsewhere.

A week after The Associated Press published a yearlong investigation into the problem — including showing men locked in a company cage — delegations from Thailand and Indonesia visited the island village of Benjina. Officials from Myanmar are scheduled to visit the area next week to try to determine how many of their citizens are stuck there and what can be done to bring them home.

"No one seemed to be aware of the problem, and now that they are, they want to do something as quickly as possible," said Steve Hamilton, deputy chief of mission at the International Organization for Migration, or IOM, in Indonesia, which is working with authorities to assist the fishermen.

In Benjina, some officials saw a graveyard where dozens of fishermen are buried. Others talked to men who have been stranded there for months or even years after being brought to Indonesia from Thailand and forced to work under brutal conditions on boats with Thai captains.

Russian trawler with 132 crew sinks in Sea of Okhotsk, at least 54 dead and 63 rescued

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian trawler sank in just 15 minutes in icy waters off Russia's Far Eastern coast early Thursday, killing at least 54 crew members, rescue workers said.

The massive trawler Dalny Vostok, with an international crew of 132, sank at about 4 a.m. local time (1800 GMT on Wednesday) in the Sea of Okhotsk off the Kamchatka Peninsula. It did not send distress signals prior to the sinking, the Interfax news agency said.

Emergency services in Kamchatka, citing the head of the rescue operation, said 63 crew members were rescued and the fate of the remaining 15 was unknown.

The crews of 26 fishing boats were helping the rescue operation that was scouring the water for survivors and bodies even after darkness fell in the region, Emergency Situations Minister Vladimir Puchkov said.

The fishing boats recovered 54 bodies. Some 1,300 people were involved in the rescue operation, emergency services said.

Iran sees progress but sides not yet there as talks resume after intense all-night session

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Eyes bleary from lack of sleep, senior diplomats from six countries Iran huddled Thursday in a morning strategy session meant to advance the pace of agonizingly slow nuclear negotiations with Iran. Iran's foreign minister said the sides were close to a preliminary agreement, but not yet there.

The talks resumed several hours after a flurry of marathon overnight sessions between Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, as well as other meetings among the six powers negotiating to curb Iranian nuclear programs that could be used to make weapons. Iran denies any interest in such arms and wants a deal that will quickly lift economic sanctions stifling its economy.

Two days after busting through a March 31 deadline, the negotiators hope to leave the Swiss city of Lausanne with at least a text outlining general political commitments to resolve concerns about Iran's nuclear program, and the pace of lifting sanctions. They are also trying to fashion more detailed documents on the steps they must take by June 30 to meet those goals.

NJ Sen. Bob Menendez vows to fight corruption charges; expected in court Thursday

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A defiant New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez declared that he's "not going anywhere" after he was charged with accepting nearly \$1 million in gifts and campaign contributions from a longtime friend in exchange for a stream of political favors.

Menendez is expected to appear in federal court in Newark Thursday in response to charges that he used the power of his Senate seat to benefit Dr. Salomon Melgen, a wealthy Florida eye doctor who prosecutors say provided the senator with luxury vacations, airline travel, golf trips and tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to a legal defense fund.

The indictment, which marks the latest development in a federal investigation that came into public view when federal authorities raided Melgen's medical offices in 2013, will almost certainly lead to a drawn-out legal fight between Menendez and a team of Justice Department prosecutors who have spent years investigating his ties to Melgen.

It will require prosecutors to prove that a close and longtime friendship between the men was used for criminal purposes and is likely to revive the legal debate about the constitutional protections afforded to members of Congress for acts they take in office, which Menendez has already signaled as a possible line of defense.

Social media, smartphone apps among online tools used to fuel anonymous threats in schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Threats against schools don't just come written on bathroom walls these days. Spread using smartphone apps, social media and Internet phone services, anonymous reports of bombs or other threats of violence are forcing school evacuations and responses by police or other authorities.

In the vast majority of cases, such a threat turns out to be a hoax. Still, the use of the modern technologies has made it that much harder to determine if a threat is real and to find the culprit.

Just this week, a 16-year-old from Gateway High School in Kissimmee, Florida, was arrested for posting about a bomb threat on Twitter because "she was angry and did not want to go to school," according to the Osceola County Sheriff's Office.

School safety experts say the number of such incidents appears to be increasing — as are the complexity of the cases. The latest figures from the National Center for Education Statistics for the 2009-2010 school year show 5,700 such disruptions.

AP Exclusive: Airbnb comes to Cuba in major expansion of US business on communist island

HAVANA (AP) — The popular online home-rental service Airbnb will allow American travelers to book lodging in Cuba starting Thursday in the most significant U.S. business expansion on the island since the declaration of detente between the two countries late last year.

For a half-century, the U.S. trade embargo has blocked such businesses from entering the Cuban market.

In January, however, the Obama administration loosened a series of restrictions on U.S. business in an attempt to encourage the growth of the island's small private sector.

Airbnb searches for "Cuba" will now turn up more than 1,000 properties across the island, with 40 percent in Havana and the rest in tourist destinations such as Cienfuegos a few hours away on the southern coast. The company has been sending teams of representatives to Cuba for three months to sign up home owners, and plans to expand steadily in coming months.

GUN

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during health consultations whether they own guns, said Spitzer's chief of staff, Robert Shulter.

"They don't consider it to be medically relevant to their condition," Shulter said.

He said the bill takes no issue with a doctor putting in the record that they discussed firearms. The problem is identifying a patient as a gun owner. Shulter said revelations that the National Security Agency is collecting Americans' phone records and intrusive practices by other government agencies show that the potential for abuse exists.

"We just don't want it going into electronic

medical records that could be accessed by other government entities," he said. "It's basically to protect patient privacy."

The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 offers various privacy protections for patients, such as allowing people to check what's included in their records and learning who has requested access to their records. Patients also have the option of declining to answer a doctor's question they deem too personal.

But Shulter said extra protections are needed because waivers are granted by a patient or legal representative allowing health information to be forwarded to insurance companies or other parties.

Still, critics of the bill question why government agencies would seek such information from medical records when both state and federal agencies maintain lists of permit-holders and other data.

"Common sense costs extra," said Gary Floyd, a Fort Worth pediatrician. "And it's not common."

Floyd adds that with the limited amount of time he can spend with young patients and their families, it's important to ask questions to ascertain the health or environmental dangers they may face. A backyard pool, secondhand smoke or an improperly installed car seat could be other household concerns, not just guns, he said.

"I guess I would ask a

patient, 'Wouldn't you want your physician to warn you about any possible danger to your community, or more particularly to your family?'" he asked.

The bill, which awaits a hearing before the House Public Health Committee, is among a few firearms proposals under consideration in the Legislature. One would allow license-holders to openly carry handguns and another would permit those with licenses to have concealed weapons on college campuses.

Spitzer's proposal follows the Florida law that garnered scrutiny from health providers who worried such restrictions would stifle the doctor-patient relationship. That legislation, popularly known

as "Docs vs. Glocks," subjects health care providers to possible sanctions if they discuss or record information in a patient's record about firearms that a medical board later determines to be irrelevant.

The law was challenged by organizations representing 11,000 state health providers. A federal appeals court ruled in July that the restrictions don't violate the doctors' First Amendment rights.

However, an injunction has prevented the law from taking effect as legal challenges continue.

Curran, the family doctor, said he's never asked whether a patient owns a gun, but he does inquire about firearms that may be accessible to children.

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time, according to a news release by the Big Spring Police Department.

The shooting occurred shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday, when police responded to a "shots fired" call in the 700 block of Tulane, the release said.

"On arrival, officers made contact with a gunshot victim, identified as Maleah Lloyd, 28 years of age, outside the residence, who had

a single gunshot to her neck," Police Sgt. Tony Everett stated in the release. "Maleah stated that she had been shot by her husband, identified as Farley Lloyd, following a domestic dispute."

Everett said the wife then told officers Farley was still inside the residence and believed he was still armed.

"Officers then entered the residence and found Farley was behind a locked bedroom door in the southeast bedroom," Everett said. "Officers gained entry into the bedroom and began

giving Farley numerous verbal commands to which he refused to comply."

Everett said officers then tased the suspect and was able to take him into custody. He was then transported to the Howard County Detention Center. The firearm was located, Everett said.

"Maleah was taken by ambulance to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room and later airlifted to a hospital in Lubbock due to her injuries," Everett stated. "Maleah's condition is unknown at this time.

Further investigation revealed that a small child was inside the residence at the time of the shooting. The child was unharmed, but it is unknown at this time if the child witnessed the incident.

"The investigation into this incident is ongoing."

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Garner Thixton, 82, died Sunday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Shawntina Thorpe, 47, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. this evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Carl Knappe, 90, died Sunday. Graveside service with Naval Honors will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Stephanie Painter Gurney, 28, died Saturday. Funeral services will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Calvin Marion, 42, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with expenses.

Cody Hare, 43, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church. Burial will be at Garden City Cemetery.

Alex Franco, 51, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Coding for cash...



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Suzanne Kirklands' tech classes at Forsan High School won \$3,000 for learning JavaScript on Khan Academy. More than 30 students completed the entire course.

Walker family establishes education scholarship at South Plains College



LEVELLAND — Jim and Robbie Walker recently established the Jim and Robbie Walker Family Scholarship Endowment to assist South Plains College students with education majors.

Walker, a Big Spring High School and Howard College graduate, is the vice president for academic affairs at SPC. He has worked for the college for more than 24 years. Robbie is a retired educator.

"We wanted to stay connected to South Plains College and establishing the endowment will allow us to continue to help students," Walker said.

When Walker arrived at SPC, he taught real estate classes as an adjunct instructor while working for Texas Tech University. In 1993, he was hired by Dr. Dick Walsh to become the director of continuing and distance education at the downtown Lubbock campus. His journey at SPC then led him to developing and implementing a dual credit program for the region.

Walker spent the next 20 years expanding the program from its original two high schools to as many as 73 participating schools. Along the way, he was promoted to associate dean of technical and continuing education. The program focused on maintaining a skilled workforce through short courses and training.

Walker, with help from Dr. Kelvin Sharp, Marla Cottenoir, and former SPC employee Stephanie Jones, credits the opening of the extension centers in rural communities among his favorite memories. South Plains College has centers in Plainview, Crosbyton, Denver City and Muleshoe. In 2012, Walker became the vice presi-

dent for academic affairs. He will retire from South Plains College in May 2015.

Walker received his bachelor of arts, bachelor of business administration and master of public administration from Texas Tech University. He did additional graduate work at Texas Tech.

After graduating from Big Spring High School, Walker attended and graduated from Howard College. After graduation he transferred to Texas Tech University. When he was in the ninth grade and living in Big Spring, Walker met Robbie. They were married while attending Howard College. In 1969 Walker enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War.

After two years of active duty, Walker returned and came back to Texas Tech to finish his education. Robbie worked as a classroom teacher and later as a librarian prior to her retirement in 2013. The couple have two children, David Cory Walker (Jennifer) of Boulder, Colo., and Jennifer Paige Hurst (Jerred Cole Hurst) of Lubbock; and two grandchildren, Noah James, 8, and Ella Grace, 4. David works as a marketing specialist and Jennifer is a homemaker.

Both Walker and Robbie are caretakers for their mothers — Frances Walker, who is 89, and Helen Chapman, who is also 89. Following his retirement, Walker will continue his quest to become an Episcopal priest.

"Since we are both in education, it was an obvious choice to help future educators who in turn will be able to help more students as well," Walker said. "There is a need to help students in rural communities to give them the financial opportunity to pursue their dreams in higher education."

The eligibility requirements for the Walker Family Scholarship state the recipient must be a U.S. citizen and permanent resident. The recipient should be a first generation college student and he or she must be a full-time student taking at least 12 semester credit hours. Preference will be given to an education major and can include students enrolled in the associate of arts in teaching program. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

For more information, contact Julie Gerstenberger, director of Development at SPC, at 806 716-2020.

Steer Pride Corner

Countdown to STAAR



BSI students Amelia Martin and Janae Caldwell with Mrs. Eggelston at the 18 Days to STAAR kick off.

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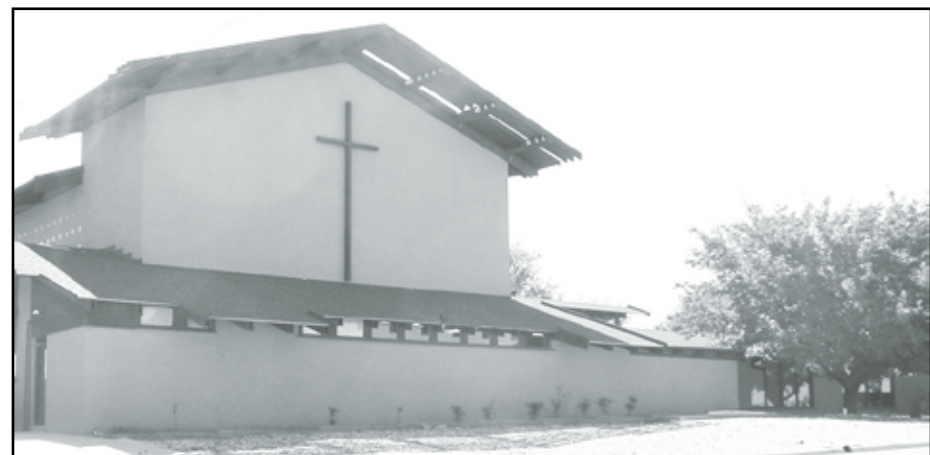
Meistersingers shine



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The Big Spring High School Choral Department's Meistersingers, Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus participated in the American Classics Choral Festival in Dallas this past weekend earning several awards at the contest.

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2-4A lead hangs in balance for BS, Snyder

Lady Steers look to end Snyder's unbeaten streak

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

For the past two seasons, everyone has been looking to knock the Snyder Lady Tigers from their perch atop the district softball standings. The Big Spring Lady Steers will get their chance to do just that tonight when they travel to Snyder for a key District 2-4A showdown.

Both Big Spring and Snyder head into the 5 p.m. start tied for the district lead with perfect 3-0 records.

The Lady Tigers, without a doubt, will be the toughest team the Lady Steers have played so far in district play. Snyder enters the game at 14-5 and ranked No. 16 in the

latest Class 4A state softball rankings. Of the Lady Tigers' five losses this season, four have come to Class 5A or Class 6A opponents. Their lone loss to a 4A team came earlier this year to No.1-ranked LaGrange.

Snyder, which has not lost a district softball game since the 2012 season, is lead into tonight's game by pitcher Taylor Hinojas and shortstop Lindzi Clemmer.

Big Spring, now 11-3, is led into tonight's game by pitchers Mariah Sarmiento and Yzzy Solis, and catcher Mia Oliva.

Sarmiento tossed a no-hitter in the Lady Steers' recent win over Estacado.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells
Leah Burton prepares to catch an infield pop during a recent game by the Lady Steers.

Big Spring to face red-hot Tigers for district's top spot

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers can take a huge step toward the District 2-4A title this afternoon. No ... better make that a monumental step.

Big Spring will face off with Snyder for sole possession of the district lead tonight, beginning at 7 p.m. in Snyder.

The Tigers, who come into tonight's matchup at 10-2, have been one of the district's hottest teams. En route to outscoring its opponents by a 28-2 margin, Snyder won both of their district games by the 10-run rule. The opened district play with a 17-1 rout of Lamesa and an 11-1 romp

over Estacado.

The Tigers are lead into the contest by Christian Fletcher. The catcher/pitcher has owned opposing pitchers through the Tigers' first two district games, going 6-for-6 from the plate with seven runs batted in.

Kutter Berry has also starred at the plate for the Tigers over the last two games, going 4-for-5.

Big Spring, 6-5 overall, has shown plenty offense, too. The Steers defeated Estacado and Levelland by huge margins in their first two district outings.

Gary Watkins, Phoney Godwin and Hunter Hill pace the BSHS offense.

BIG LIFT IN THE BIG COUNTRY

Melendez gives area another top notch effort at state meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Joe Melendez added another page to the Crossroads' dominance at the 2015 Texas High School Powerlifting Association's state meet last Saturday. The Coahoma High School standout became the third area athlete to stand in an expo center in the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

A senior, Melendez placed fourth in the 198-pound weight classification the Division 3 (Class 1A-3A programs). Overall, he posted a combined weight of 1,425 pounds in his three lifts.

He got off to a stellar start in the meet. After posting a lift of 585 pounds in the Squat competition, Melendez was second overall to Falfurrias' Andrew Garza heading into the Bench Press.

Garza posted a division-best 6-5 mark in the Squat.

Garza extended his lead in the Bench. He pushed up 345 pounds in the event. Melendez, who maxed out at 315 in the Bench, went into the final event, the dead lift, trailing Garza by 50 pounds, 950-900.

Despite a 525-pound dead lift by Melendez, Garza managed to hold on to win the 198-pound state crown. His 6-5-pound dead lift gave him a combined total of 1,555.

Pilot Point's John Groff finished as the runner-up with a total of 1,505, while Sundown's Xavier Garza was third at 1,465.

Big Spring's Tyler Nairn and Andrew Paredes also did well at the state meet while competing in Division II.

Nairn finished second in his weight classification, while Paredes finished 4th overall despite tying for second in total weight. Paredes, via the powerlifting tie-breaker, was slotted fourth by having the heaviest body weight of the three lifters that tied for second.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells
Coahoma's Joseph Melendez stands with Bulldogs' powerlifting coach Coley Dobbs after finishing fourth in the 198-pound classification at the 2015 state powerlifting championships on Saturday.

Harris helps BS remain on top

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Sam Harris and the Big Spring High School boys' golf team continued to set the pace at the District 2-4A Golf Championships on Tuesday afternoon in Lubbock.

The Steers posted the second-best round on Tuesday and head into the final round with a 14-stroke lead over Snyder.

Snyder posted the best team score on the second round, shooting a 322. Big Spring had a mark of 325.

Harris powered the Steers in the second round. He carded the second-best round of the day by firing a 76 over the 18-hole course.

Snyder's Logan Presley posted the best round on Tuesday, notching a round of 75, which helped him climb into a tied for third with teammate Jake Leatherwood in the overall tournament. Both head into the final round with two-round totals of 162.

Harris will tee off for the third round, which will be held in Big Spring, as the second-place golfer. He fired a first-round mark of 82 last week in Sweetwater and heads into the final round at 158, just eight strokes behind district-leading Michael Hunt of Sweetwater.

DeHart's double leads Hawks to 8-6 win over Western Texas

Jarrett DeHart blasted a one-out double off the wall in the top of the eighth inning on Tuesday afternoon and helped power the 16th-ranked Howard College Hawks to an 8-6 come-from-behind victory over the Western Texas.

The Hawks improved to 25-8 for the season. They also upped the Western Junior College Athletic Association record to 13-3.

Western Texas managed to survive an early scare en route to jumping out to a big lead early. The Westerners, who retired HC in the first with the bases loaded, scored twice in the

home half of the first and once more in the second and raced to a quick 3-0 cushion.

Matt Holcombe helped the Hawks rally in the third. He delivered a run-scoring double to right that allowed Brendon Wagner to score. Holcombe scored minutes later on a sacrifice

16th-ranked Lady Hawks to face Clarendon on April 3

The 16th-ranked Howard College Lady Hawks will return play tomorrow afternoon when they travel to Clarendon for a doubleheader with the Clarendon Lady Bulldogs.

fly off the bat of HC third baseman Eddie Paparella.

WTC scored twice in their half of the third and built its lead to 5-2.

Howard College tied the game in the fifth with a three-run surge. Ryan McCarvel keyed the Hawks' barrage with a two-run double.

The games are slated to begin at 1 p.m.

The Lady Hawks, who took three-of-four from No. 3-ranked Midland College on March 27-28, are 26-9 for the season.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Swinging away ...
Area boys and girls are practicing their swings at practice all over the county. Local teams will begin games next week-end.

5th/6th hoop team tryouts to be April 14

Tryouts for a fifth and sixth grade summer basketball team will be held on April 11 in the high school gymnasium. The team, which is being formed by BSHS head coach Stacy Smalley, is open to any current 5th/6th grade girl in Big Spring ISD.

Tryouts will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is no charge for athletes to try out for the team.

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Two planetary arrangements pave the way for the actions that will produce good fortune. First, Mercury in Aries forms an auspicious trine with Saturn in Sagittarius. It's the spark that ignites the engine. This could come in the form of an introduction, a phone call or a discovery. The fiery sun and Jupiter join in for another blast of fantastic luck.



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which the chase is exhilarating and another point at which it's exhausting. Pace yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's said that those who can't take the bad will never see the good. That's not entirely true. It's just that no one can truly appreciate the good without a contrasting experience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever you want to do, hang out with others who do it. Your instincts for making money, spreading love and perpetuating human decency will be strengthened in the company of those who do the same.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Feeling deprived? Declare it! Maybe it's sleep, a creative outlet or a supportive friendship that you're lacking. Get specific about your needs, and you will easily get them met.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Tardy people play on the insecurities of their waiting victims. When people are late, everyone wonders whether they

ever wanted to show up in the first place. Be prompt, win friends, earn trust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You inwardly roll your eyes at people who work too hard at being dominant. You prefer to let your work speak for itself. If they need it enough, they'll pay the right price for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You haven't been able to act on a lot of your good ideas. That's just life. Think about the opportunities you have been able to capitalize on. You're due for another bout of terrific luck, and it happens when you stay positive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether or not you are a parent, someone in need of comfort, protection and nurturing will be drawn to you. You don't have to know how to help. Your willingness to help will be enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The group discussion will be comprised of a wide array of opinions. Is there a way that everyone can be

right at the same time? No, but there is rightness in each stance, and it will bring you good fortune to look for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not like you have anything to hide. You're not a spy or a member of a secret society. You're not doing anything you shouldn't be doing. But privacy is a treasure. You appreciate those who respect yours the best.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may be unsure because of your mighty company or because this is all new to you, but let nothing intimidate you. "Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye." -- Helen Keller

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 2). Better organization will improve your life and health this year. This month you'll make a special connection with clients and customers and amp up your earnings. May shows you traveling in the name of love. Family additions will come in June. A charitable mood prevails in August, and your efforts will change

lives. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 18, 49, 25 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo, and my hair never seems to work out. Why is that? I thought my sign was about having a thick mane of beautiful hair. My hair is a betrayal. I keep thinking that the right stylist will change my life, but it never happens. What should I do?"

Not every Leo is born with a lustrous mane, but I've yet to find a Leo who doesn't care a great deal about their crowning tresses. Your hair reflects your mood, attitudes and place in life. Consider that your limitations may very well be your strengths. Beauty is not about having perfect features and a stellar physical appearance on all levels, but about what you do with the package you have. I'm a Leo, too, and consider myself to be among the "follicly challenged." In its natural state, my hair is high on frizz, low on volume -- well, that's what makes the multibillion-dollar world of hair products go

round. Why not try it all? Cuts, volumizers, wigs, mousses, pins and hats... Have fun with it. The quest to top that beautiful brain of yours with a hairstyle to match is just another one of the many extensions of your vibrant personality.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In addition to winning another Grammy for her collection, Emmylou Harris recently received an all-star musical tribute in Washington, D.C., from famous friends like Vince Gill, Martina McBride, Rodney Crowell and many more. The perpetually touring Aries road warrior was born when Mercury, Venus and Mars were all in artistic Pisces.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Jerry" for 10 years. We each have adult daughters from previous relationships.

Jerry has a peculiar relationship with his daughter, "Serena." She was taken from him by her mother at a very early age, and he did not see her again until she was 13. At age 15, she got into a fight with her mother and came to live with Jerry. He and his roommate allowed the girl to drink liquor and use their car. At some point, she was found in Jerry's bed having sex with a strange man. She also ran up \$1,000 in telephone charges calling her boyfriend back home.

When Serena went back to Mom, I moved in with Jerry. But Serena would call at all hours of the night. When she had another fight with Mom, Jerry invited her back without asking me. I put a lock on the phone, and Serena became angry and returned to Mom. After that, her relationship with Jerry was on-and-off

for 10 years. Jerry now visits Serena and her young son twice a year for six weeks at a time, which drives me nuts. I find her to be manipulative and toxic and don't care to deal with her. Last month, Jerry insisted I talk to her when she phoned at 3 a.m., and all she did was scream at me for 30 minutes. Jerry backed her up.

I told Jerry that Serena needs to apologize. I am upset by the way Jerry behaves toward her. When she is ill, he waits on her hand and foot, but when I was in a motorcycle crash, he expected me to get up and cook dinner. Jerry screams at me, yet he is all sweetness when speaking to Serena. He does nothing around the house other than take out the garbage, while I work full time, and all he does is criticize me. He wants me to embrace Serena the way he does, but I cannot do it. I'm depressed and miserable. What should I do? -- Second Place

Dear Second: Jerry has put Serena first, which means he will always take her side in any argument with you, and she knows it. Don't expect any apologies. The question is what to do about your marriage, which sounds unhappy and stressful. Get some counseling, with or without Jerry, and figure out whether you are better off with or without him.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Cringing in Exercise Class," who complained about a woman who chewed gum during classes. I'm surprised the instructor allows it. It is a safety hazard. The woman could inhale the gum and get it stuck in her windpipe. I bet the insurance company that covers the exercise facility would put an end to anyone chewing gum posthaste. -- Better Practice Your Heimlich Maneuver

Dear Better: You make an excellent point that we had not considered. With

the amount of exertion and breathing one does during exercise, the gum could easily end up where it shouldn't. Thanks for weighing in.

Dear Readers: We are carrying on Ann Landers' tradition that April 2 be set aside as Reconciliation Day, a time to make the first move toward mending broken relationships. It also would be the day on which we agree to accept the olive branch extended by a former friend or estranged family member and do our best to start over.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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From East's viewpoint, the king of hearts was clearly the right play. He had to credit West with the queen of hearts or ace of clubs, since if declarer had both of those cards, there was virtually no chance of stopping the contract.

Very little harm could come from leading the king of hearts even if it turned out that South had the queen. In that case, East would still have time to try to find his partner with the ace of clubs when he got on lead with the queen of diamonds.

A low heart return at trick three, depriving West of the lone entry to his spades, would have given declarer all the time he needed to establish dummy's diamonds and make the contract. But the highly unusual king-of-hearts return, creating an entry to West's hand, left South with no recourse.

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OK... SOME CHEMICAL... SOME OTHER CHEMICAL... SOME ADDITIVES... ARTIFICIAL THINGS, FAKE COLOR AND A MEGA DOSE OF HIGH-FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP... VERY WELL.

NO CORN SYRUP. SHOULD I GO WITH BROWN SUGAR OR POWDERED?

BROWN... WHOLE GRAIN IS ALWAYS HEALTHIER.

HI AND LOIS

I'M RUNNING AWAY.

GOOD LUCK.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO TALK ME OUT OF IT?

A FEW MONTHS RIDING THE RAILS MIGHT BE GOOD FOR YOU.

THE OTHER COAST

THERE'S BOB, BUT THAT'S NOT HIS DOG, PATCH.

PATCH IS AT THE VET GETTING HIS TEETH CLEANED. THEY GAVE ME A LOANER DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH

OH, WE DON'T GIVE OUT THAT KIND OF INFORMATION !!

YOU'LL HAFTA GO OVER YONDER !!

BETLE BAILEY

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

WOW! YOUR TEMPERATURE IS HIGH!

COULD YOU LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A MINUTE?

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2015. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition landed in present-day Florida. (Some historians say the landing actually occurred the next day, on April 3.)

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1800, Ludwig van Beethoven premiered his Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21, in Vienna.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in The Bronx, New York, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.)

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "American Patrol" at the RCA Victor studios in Hollywood.

In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1968, the science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey," produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in Washington D.C.

In 1974, French President Georges Pompidou, 62, died in Paris.

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

In 1995, baseball owners accepted the players' union

offer to play without a contract, ending the longest and costliest strike in the history of professional sports.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II, who'd helped topple communism in Europe and left a deeply conservative stamp on the church that he'd led for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84. Terri Schiavo's body was cremated as disagreements continued between her husband and her parents, who were unable to have their own independent expert observe her autopsy. An Australian helicopter on a relief mission in Indonesia crashed on earthquake-devastated Nias (nee-AHS) Island, killing nine people on board.

Thought for Today: "Never think you've seen the last of anything." -Ai Eudora Welty, American author (1909-2001).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

THE FOUR TOPS by Fred Piscop

Edited by Stanley Newman
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| ACROSS | 63 Supermarket section | 7 Japanese airline | 34 Two-fisted greeting |
| 1 Mattress size | 64 Slangy send-off | 8 Cambridge school | 35 "Aha!" |
| 5 Little Havana locale | 67 Adjust for pitch | 9 Cry from a dupe | 37 Spheres of work |
| 10 Tiny tricksters | 68 Oil source | 10 Hurriedly | 42 Santa _ |
| 14 Go far and wide | 69 Oil source | 11 Pointless to debate | 45 Ripped fish |
| 15 Celebratory day: Abbr. | 70 Keep back, with "in" | 12 Opinion sampling | 47 Wile E. Coyote buy |
| 16 Dinette spot | 71 Time-consuming | 13 Terrier variety | 50 Young hopper |
| 17 Old Testament prophet | 72 Female fox | 21 Counselor_ | 52 Prefix like anti- |
| 18 Pool-table material | 73 Troop group | 23 Mound stat | 54 Actor Carell |
| 19 Sanctified | DOWN | 26 GA airport | 56 Tote-bag material |
| 20 Have some (of) | 1 Sting operation | 27 Charity contest | 57 Role model |
| 22 Any Help! star | 2 Any Smith student | 29 Conditioned-reflex researcher | 58 Note to self |
| 24 Duma dissent | 3 Major source of cocoa beans | 31 Cornell student, e.g. | 59 Think ahead |
| 25 Narrows gradually | 4 Lipton rival | 32 iPhone voice | 61 Nuthatch cousin |
| 28 Western state, slangily | 5 Mardi Gras wear | 33 In any other way | 62 Repudiate |
| 30 Scholarly paper | 6 Marina site | | 65 Aladdin prince |
| 34 Prefix for degradable | | | 66 Box-office buys |
| 36 Arthurian paradise | | | |
| 38 Dark forces | | | |
| 39 Basic cable channel | | | |
| 40 Former cabinet department | | | |
| 41 "Gotcha!" | | | |
| 43 Long time: Abbr. | | | |
| 44 Interweave | | | |
| 46 Lend or Laver | | | |
| 48 Club-selection factor | | | |
| 49 Fictional frequent flier | | | |
| 51 Cut into cubes | | | |
| 53 Cookouts, often | | | |
| 55 What a tadpole may become | | | |
| 57 Comedy style | | | |
| 60 Talked nasally | | | |

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Lady Buffaloes shine at Wink tennis tournament

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
The Forsan High School varsity tennis team went into the recent Wildcat Country

Tennis Tournament in Wink with one goal in mind, turn in a solid outing to get ready for the upcoming district meet.

They can consider that goal accomplished. Forsan's mixed doubles team of Lane Schaffer and Erin Bagnall turned in a dominating

performance. The two won the Mixed Doubles title by defeating a strong team from Ft. Hancock by a 6-4, 6-2 margin in the finals.

Darby DePauw also did well. She placed second in girls' singles action. After battling her way to the finals, she dropped a close match with Midland Trinity, 5-8. In girls' doubles play, FHS' team of Kelia Smoot and Sterling Freeman took third, defeating Wink in a tie breaker 8-8 (7-3).

Overall, the Lady Buffs won the girls' division team championship.

Members of the Forsan varsity team include Erin Bagnall, Kelia Smoot, Darby DePauw, Hannah Thompson, Sterling Freeman, Danyelle Tilley, Mackenzi Lain, Mariah Brehm and Elizabeth Long. Forsan, which will compete in the Forsan Tennis Invitational today, will compete in the district tennis tournament in Irion County on April 9-10.



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Getting ready ...
The Sassy Sluggers went through practice drills recently while preparing for their season-opener. The team is among many area teams getting ready for the start of the BSGSA season on April 14.

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East fans 7 batters in Buffs' 10-3 rout of Ira

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Forsan High School Buffaloes scored five runs in the second inning and raced to an easy 10-3 victory over the Ira Bulldogs on Saturday in District 6-2A action.

Braden East pitched a complete game for the Buffaloes and picked up his fifth win of the season. During the game, East had seven strikeouts and gave up just five hits in seven innings of work.

Kaleb Stanley and

Trevor Williams both went 3-for-4 at the plate and East knocked in three runs for the Buffaloes, who never trailed in the game.

Ryan Pearson, Blaze Yeater, Jesse Cervantes, Ethan Rocha, Oscar Barraza and East all had hits in the game. Overall, Forsan registered 13 hits off the Ira pitching staff.

Forsan, now 10-2 for the season and 4-0 in district, will be back in action on Friday when they travel to Rotan. The game will begin at noon.

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Obituaries

Stephanie Painter Gurney



Stephanie Painter Gurney, 28, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 28, 2015, in Eden, Texas. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ron Westbrook, pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 19, 1986 in Stanton, Texas to Lisa Ann Holland and Tony Lane Painter. She had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring until recently, moving to San Angelo. She attended Big Spring schools. She loved children and had always worked in child care. She was involved with the Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army. She loved music, dancing and life. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Tracen Moore of Lake Thomas and Josiah Gurney of Missouri; two daughters, Amerlea Moore and Cristi Moore, both of San Angelo, her mother, Lisa Weatherby and husband Fred of Big Spring; her father, Tony Painter of Big Spring; two brothers, Daniel Painter and Dusty Painter, both of Big Spring; grandparents, Elvene and Haskell Holland and Josie and Fred Painter, all of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

Alex Franco

Alex Franco, 51, of Big Spring, died Wednesday at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TABITHA REANNE MONTEZ**, 21, of 900 S. Aylesford St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

- **PATRICIA ANN BACON**, 42, of 3509 E. I-20 was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and forgery of a financial instrument.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of E. 3rd St. and the 700 block of E. I-20.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of S. Scurry St., the 5000 block of N. Lamesa Hwy and the 1200 block of Harding St.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Vines Ave. and the 400 block of Dallas St.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and N. FM 700.

- **CITIZEN ASSIST/REQUEST OFFICER** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel Ave.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RAMIRO LUCIO JR.**, 25, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for sentencing in burglary of building and sentencing for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- **GLORIA ROBLEGO MARTINEZ**, 50, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for sentencing for theft of property less than \$1500 with two or more previous convictions.

- **TABITHA REANNE MONTEZ**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for moving to revoke probation for possession of marijuana

less than 2 ounces.

- **VERONICA ORTIZ**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for move to revoke probation for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces in a drug free zone, two counts of Bondsman off bail/Possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

- **PATRICIA BACON**, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery financial instrument and charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

- **RANDY LEE GARRETT**, 34, was booked by the RCSD on a warrant for failure to appear child support.

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Tax Preparation



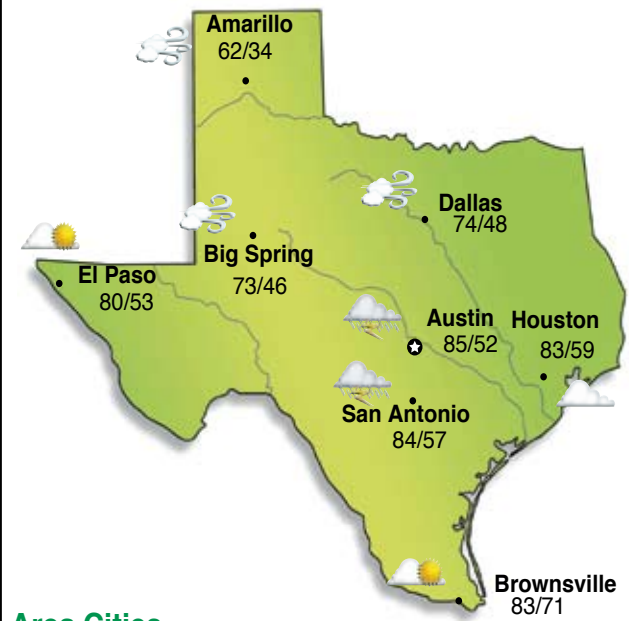
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/3	Sat 4/4	Sun 4/5	Mon 4/6	Tue 4/7
73/46 Partly cloudy skies. Gusty winds in the morning. High 73F.	67/52 Afternoon showers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	86/61 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	92/64 Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	91/63 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	45	windy	Kingsville	86	62	cloudy
Amarillo	62	34	windy	Livingston	78	55	t-storm
Austin	85	52	t-storm	Longview	76	49	t-storm
Beaumont	81	57	cloudy	Lubbock	67	39	windy
Brownsville	83	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	53	t-storm
Brownwood	74	47	t-storm	Midland	71	47	windy
Corpus Christi	79	62	cloudy	Raymondville	88	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	48	rain	Rosenberg	81	58	cloudy
Dallas	74	48	windy	San Antonio	84	57	t-storm
Del Rio	91	57	pt sunny	San Marcos	84	54	t-storm
El Paso	80	53	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	46	cloudy
Fort Stockton	78	49	pt sunny	Sweetwater	68	45	windy
Gainesville	68	43	windy	Tyler	76	49	t-storm
Greenville	71	44	windy	Weatherford	70	45	pt sunny
Houston	83	59	cloudy	Wichita Falls	64	38	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	53	sunny	Minneapolis	48	31	mst sunny
Boston	63	49	rain	New York	62	51	rain
Chicago	48	29	cloudy	Phoenix	83	53	mst sunny
Dallas	74	48	windy	San Francisco	69	49	sunny
Denver	52	27	pt sunny	Seattle	58	42	pt sunny
Houston	83	59	cloudy	St. Louis	57	34	rain
Los Angeles	75	57	sunny	Washington, DC	77	53	t-storm
Miami	82	70	mst sunny				

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