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BSHS champs at academic meet

Special to the Herald

A new district did not pose any problems for the Big Spring High School UIL Academic team who put on a dominating performance at the 2-4A UIL District Academic Meet clinching the 2015 district 2-4A Academic Championship.

"In spite of the negative reports from the media and some community comments lately like 'nothing good ever comes out of Big Spring

High School,' our students stepped up and won the district UIL Academic Championship," said Mike Ritchey, high school principal. "I am so proud of our students who overcame the negative attention. This is a sweet victory for our school."

Amassing a massive 576 points, the Steers ran away from their closest competitor, Snyder, by more

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Courtesy photo
Big Spring High School UIL Academic medalists are shown at the school. Big Spring won the district academic title in convincing fashion this year.

Signs of change

Spring has sprung, and so has new construction, business in Big Spring

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

With Spring comes change, and Big Spring is no exception to that equation, what with new businesses coming and all of the construction going on now.

Among the signs of change:

- The city council has been discussing the Ports to Plains plans and the possibility of bringing Interstate 27 through Big Spring. If this development is approved, then there will be more traffic through this area, which could lead to more customers for the local businesses. An intersecting of interstates would boost the economy and Big Spring would grow.
- The Highway 87 reliever route, which will eventually ease commercial traffic con-

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The strip mall by Wal-Mart has several stores open for business already and a few more spaces ready to be occupied.



HERALD photos/Julie Bailey
Above, Little Caesar's Pizza will soon open on Gregg Street; at right, a crane towers over the landscape as crews work on the Highway 87 reliever route.

Powwow ticket sales brisk

Special to the Herald

Last year more than 3,000 tickets were sold to the annual Powwow of Big Spring.

When you consider that children 12 and younger are admitted free, this year's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum should be a popular place to be next weekend when the 2015 Intertribal Powwow begins.

"The Powwow will be both entertaining and educational," said Randy McKinney, Powwow Committee vice president

Dancers of all nations and dance styles perform together. Also, vendors will be offering Native American arts and crafts including jewelry, leather and beadwork, art and pottery.

Food vendors will be available in the parking lot, some selling Native American food such as fry bread, Navajo tacos and corn soup, McKinney said.

The Powwow begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, with gourd dancing followed by the grand entry and intertribal

dancing at 12:30 p.m. A dinner break will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. when dancing resumes. The powwow will end at 10 p.m.

On Sunday, April 26, a worship service will be held at 9 a.m. with gourd dancing at 10:30 a.m.

The grand entry is schedule at 12:30 p.m. and dancing will continue until close which is 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12 are free. Event programs will be available.

Scam alert

There is currently a telephone scam operating in Big Spring.

Someone claiming to be a representative of Oncor is calling and telling people that they are late on their electric bill and need to pay it or their

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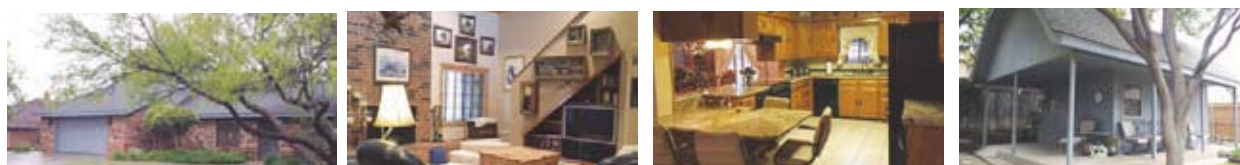


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Obituaries

Vicki Lillard Morgan

Former Big Spring resident Vicki Elaine Lillard Morgan died at her home in Clearwater, Fla., April 8, 2015. A memorial service was held Sunday, April 12, 2015.

She was born to Ernest and Dolores Lillard Aug. 24, 1959, in Big Spring and graduated from Texas Tech University. She married Dr. Steve R. Morgan in 1985 and moved to Clearwater in 1987.

She was a secretary for the Clearwater Free Clinic and attended Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoyed boating and performing in a steel drum band.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Lillard.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Steve R. Morgan of Clearwater, Fla.; a son, Riley Morgan; a daughter, Bailey Morgan; mother, Dolores Lillard of Big Spring; sisters-in-law, Debbie Alvey and Kay Peters; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Clearwater Free Clinic, Mortain Plant Mease Foundation or the charity of your choice.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- HARVEY GLEN LAMKIN, 34, of 2303 Marshall Dr. was arrested

on a warrant from another agency.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Rd.

- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Kiowa St., the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, the 1700 block of N. Hwy 350 and the 1900 block of S. Gregg St.

Take Note

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May 2014 and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the fall 2015. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2015. For more information or for an application form, visit www.westtexags.com. The deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

- Relay for Life Garage Sale. The sale is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Family Medical Center, 2301 S. Gregg St. Lots of misc Items. We will have \$5 fill your Walmart bag sale.

- American Legion Post No. 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry Saturday. Serving time is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (deliveries from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Plates are \$12 each. Call 263-2084 for more information.

- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. Thursday at the Colorado City Civic Center. Live music features Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center, along with several other local agencies, will host a Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Ceremony April 30 at 6 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, provided by BBVA Compass bank, local statistics and a proclamation read by the mayor. Please join us as we bring awareness to this growing issue.

- Healthy YOU! Kick-off event has been scheduled for May 7 at the Big Spring County Club. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 a person or \$350 a table. Please RSVP to Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721 to purchase tickets.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous will hold a 4th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will include food, fun and fellowship along with multiple speakers throughout the day. The group meets at Spring Town Plaza (near Attitudes Hair Salon, down from Bealls).

- The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

- SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more informa-

tion, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- The Howard College Dance Department will stage concerts at 7:30 p.m. April 24-25 at the Hall Center for the Arts. General admission is \$5; students and faculty tickets are \$3. To make reservations, call 432-264-5161.

- 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






- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

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

- The Crossroads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

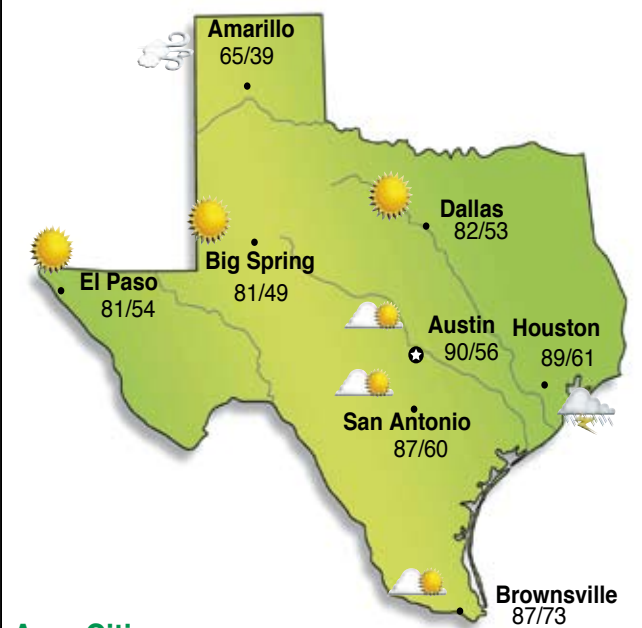
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 4/19	Mon 4/20	Tue 4/21	Wed 4/22	Thu 4/23
 81/49 Sunny skies. High 81F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph.	 79/54 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	 81/59 Afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	 87/63 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 88/65 Windy, thunderstorms likely early.
Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	48	sunny	Kingsville	89	68	t-storm
Amarillo	65	39	windy	Livingston	87	56	pt sunny
Austin	90	56	pt sunny	Longview	84	50	t-storm
Beaumont	85	61	t-storm	Lubbock	72	44	windy
Brownsville	87	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	55	t-storm
Brownwood	80	49	sunny	Midland	79	50	sunny
Corpus Christi	86	68	mst sunny	Raymondville	90	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	50	sunny	Rosenberg	88	60	t-storm
Dallas	82	53	sunny	San Antonio	87	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	60	sunny	San Marcos	90	56	pt sunny
El Paso	81	54	sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	50	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	81	51	sunny	Sweetwater	77	49	sunny
Gainesville	76	46	sunny	Tyler	83	51	t-storm
Greenville	81	50	sunny	Weatherford	80	49	sunny
Houston	89	61	t-storm	Wichita Falls	76	44	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	63	t-storm	Minneapolis	58	39	rain
Boston	53	41	mst sunny	New York	57	47	pt sunny
Chicago	59	49	rain	Phoenix	86	57	sunny
Dallas	82	53	sunny	San Francisco	68	50	pt sunny
Denver	51	29	pt sunny	Seattle	65	46	sunny
Houston	89	61	t-storm	St. Louis	74	53	t-storm
Los Angeles	76	56	sunny	Washington, DC	66	57	rain
Miami	88	77	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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News in brief

US Treasury secretary urges Greece to reach deal with creditors and avoid 'another crisis'

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is urging Greece to reach a deal with its creditors, warning that a default would "create immediate hardship for Greece" and damage the world economy.

Greece is in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and European authorities to receive the final 7.2 billion euro (\$7.8 billion) installment of its financial bailout. Creditors are demanding that Greece produce credible reforms before releasing the money.

The country has relied on loans from the international community since 2010. Without more bailout money, Greece could miss two debt payments due to the IMF in May and run out of cash to pay government salaries and pensions.

"It's something that the European and global economies don't need — to have another crisis," Lew told reporters Friday.

Fears that Greece could default and abandon the euro currency group sent shockwaves through global markets Friday. After being down nearly 360 points, the Dow Jones industrial average recovered a bit to finish down 279.47, a drop of 1.5 percent.

Gas-line explosion at Central California sheriff's shooting range leaves 11 injured

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A natural gas pipeline explosion at a California sheriff's gun range shot flames well over 100 feet into the air, left 11 people injured and brought traffic on a busy highway to a halt, authorities and witnesses said.

The explosion on a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. pipe happened at the Fresno County Sheriff's gun range while an equipment operator was using a

front-loader to build a dirt berm to confine gunfire to the range, the sheriff's department said. A group of county jail inmates were doing cleanup work nearby and most were injured in the blast.

Traffic heading north and south on Highway 99 in Fresno was halted by the explosion at about 2:30 p.m. as flames towered over the roadway, the California Highway Patrol reported.

Freelance photographer Kevin Ling, 42, was driving by shortly after the blast when he saw fire flying into the sky.

"As I got closer, the flames were just bigger and bigger," he said. "It was shooting up to 200 feet or more, and a fireball maybe 10 to 15 feet in diameter. It was like out of a movie."

Australia arrests 5 men on charges of plotting IS-inspired terror attack on ANZAC Day

SYDNEY (AP) — Five Australian teenagers were arrested Saturday on suspicion of plotting an Islamic State group-inspired terrorist attack at a Veterans' Day ceremony that included targeting police officers, officials said.

The suspects included two 18-year-olds who are alleged to have been preparing an attack at the ANZAC Day ceremony in Melbourne later this month, Australian Federal Police Acting Deputy Commissioner Neil Gaughan told reporters.

Another 18-year-old was arrested on weapons charges, and two other men, aged 18 and 19, were in custody and assisting police. All the arrests took place in Melbourne.

ANZAC Day is the annual April 25 commemoration of the 1915 Gallipoli landings — the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I.

Police said they believe the plot was inspired by the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, and was to have involved "edged weapons."

Official: At least 30 killed in a suicide motorcycle bombing in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomb attack on a bank branch in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad has killed at least 30 people, officials said.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, spokesman for the provincial governor in Nangarhar province, said on Saturday that more than 80 people were also wounded in the attack in Jalalabad, the provincial capital.

"There are reports of many wounded people in critical condition at the hospital," Abdulzai said.

The attacker detonated an explosive-laden motorcycle, targeting a crowd of both military personnel and civilians who were gathered outside the bank to receive their monthly salaries. The bank branch is located in the heart of a crowded commercial district, Abdulzai said.

Another blast was reported Saturday near a shrine in Jalalabad, but no one was hurt. A third blast was also heard in Jalalabad, but it was later reported as a controlled explosion by the Afghan army in Nangarhar, Abdulzai said.

Son: Michigan billionaire philanthropist, shopping mall developer A. Alfred Taubman dies

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A. Alfred Taubman, the self-made Michigan billionaire whose philanthropy and business success — including weaving the enclosed shopping mall into American culture — was clouded by a criminal conviction late in his career, has died. He was 91.

Taubman, who donated hundreds of millions of dollars to universities, hospitals and museums, died Friday night at his home of a heart attack, according to son Robert S. Taubman, president and CEO of Taubman Centers, Inc.

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than 200 points.

"I'm really proud of what our students did at the district meet this year," Co-Academic Coordinator and Speech & Debate Coach Jennifer Adams stated "Being in a new district, we didn't know what to expect but the kids really worked hard this year and the results of their efforts are apparent."

Around 80 Big Spring High School students participated in the UIL Academic meet held at Big Spring High School.

"I am really proud of the number of high

school students we had participate this year," Ritchey said. "The students worked very hard this year as well as their coaches. Jennifer Adams has done a fantastic job this year."

Leading the Steer charge was Tyler Bryan who earned the school 36 points by placing first in mathematics and science while also being the top biology and chemistry tester.

Not to be outdone, Matthew Wood earned 31 points, placing first in current Issues and events, second in computer applications and sixth in social studies. Freshman standout Trinidad Joslin was also included in the 30-point

club by placing first in both feature writing and editorial writing.

"Students who place in the top three in their events go to regionals the weekend of April 24th-25th," Adams said. "We expected big things from our students and they rose to the challenge, the next hurdle is the Regional Academic Tournament."

Students qualifying for regionals include: Yessinia Juarez, 3rd, accounting; Seth Hamby, 3, current events and informative speaking; Autumn Moore (1st) and David Caldera (3rd), computer applications; Alexis Sosa, 2nd, Editorial writing, Britney Tan 2nd in Feature Writing,

Adam Gonzales (2nd) and Summer Ybarra (3rd) in headline writing.

Amber Monks, 1st, informative speaking, 2nd, ready writing; Ethan Morelion, 1st, Lincoln-Douglas debate and 2nd, persuasive speaking; Aliscia Brorman, 3rd, Lincoln-Douglas debate; Samantha Grace, 1st, literary criticism; Kaci Marvin, 2nd, literary criticism and poetry interpretation; Destiny Zamora, 2nd, mathematics; Abby Bryan, 3rd, number sense; Kelli Ruth, 3rd, persuasive speaking; Ashlan Armstrong, 1st, prose interpretation; Elana Clark, 1st, ready writing.

Other students plac-

ing in the top six and earning points toward the 1st place sweepstakes award were Brianna Gonzalez, Destinee Fowler, Caleb Chandler, Kendrick Kennemur, Hannah Alsobrooks, Alyssa Deanda, Andi Armstrong, Alyssa Payne, Katlin Long, and Adrian Wilbert.

Additionally, members of the current events, mathematics, and science teams also qualified for regionals by placing 1st as a team. The speech team and the journalism team also placed 1st.

The 528 points accrued by the academic competitors were added to the 48 point lead that was earned by the cross-examination debate teams earlier in the semester.

SCAM

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Lee Turner, 82, died Saturday, April 11, 2015. Graveside service was at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Annie Looney, 86, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

SIGNS

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gestion on Gregg Street, is currently under construction. To that end, parts of Wasson Road are temporarily shut down in order in preparation for an overpass. Likewise, along Interstate 20, the progress is visible.

Roads are not the only new developments around town. A num-

ber of building permits have been issued as current businesses renovate their buildings or relocate to different addresses. While some businesses are updating, new businesses are seeking space and setting up shop around town.

Pizza Inn relocated to FM 700; on the next lot over is the new Home Depot. A new Dollar General store building is on Wasson Road and the store looks close to

being ready to open its doors for business.

At the site of the former Furr's Cafeteria on south Gregg, a new strip mall has been constructed. The mini-mall is home to customers such as AT&T, Rue 21 and KT Nails; other businesses, like Papa John's Pizza, open in the near future.

Little Caesar's Pizza has secured a site near downtown on Gregg Street and will open soon, officials said.

This may be just the be-

ginning, as other firms have secured building permits to either construct or expand their businesses.

The oil field may have slowed down the past few months, but this spate of new construction is definitely picking up at least some of the slack, city officials said.

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Opinion

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Walking the Red Road: Lost in a powwow

People, I must apologize. I have been so involved in pulling together this year's Big Spring Powwow that I have not come up with a good story for you for this week's column.

Since I am lost in a powwow, I will invite you to join me. Hopefully, you will not be lost but instead find yourself at this year's powwow. I will cover a few basics of the powwow.

Let us start with the sacred circle. We refer to the dance arena as the sacred circle. Each morning before the powwow the arena is blessed with sage. This honor is bestowed on me. The sage calls the good spirits and will not allow bad spirits to enter the circle. Come a little early if you wish to witness this ceremony.

Once the arena has been blessed, it becomes sacred ceremonial ground. There are a few things you need to know about the sacred circle.

Unless you are a dancer, do not enter the circle unless you are invited. This is disrespectful to our culture. If invited to come and dance with us you may enter. If a blanket dance is called and you wish to place money on the blanket, you may enter. If you have placed an offering on the blanket, you may remain inside the circle until the end of the song if you wish.

Never walk through the circle, always walk around it. Even dancers will do this. And never allow your children to run through or play in the circle. We ask you honor our cultural and time-established traditions.

Next, about the dancers regalia. The clothing dancers wear is called regalia. Please never say to a dancer, "I like your costume;" this is an insult to a dancer. A costume is something you wear when you are pretending to be something you are not.

These dancers are not pretending. They are dressed as who they really are, Native Americans. These people are the real deal, honoring traditions that date back for centuries.

Never touch a dancers regalia. What they are wearing is ceremonial and sacred. Dancers may spend thousands of hours and thousands of dollars on their regalia. Some of it has been handed down from generation to generation. It is all handmade — you do not buy a dance outfit at a store.

Be polite when taking photographs. Some dances such as the Gourd Dance are ceremonial dances. These are not to be photographed. You may photograph the dancers when they are dancing in the circle. To photograph an individual dancer you need to always ask the dancers permission. Rarely will they refuse but you should always ask.

Also, always remember to have a good time at a powwow; after all, it is a celebration of life. Watch the dancing, feel the power of the drum, dance with us and eat some fry bread.

I hope to see you all at the Eleventh Annual Big Spring Powwow. The powwow will be April 25-26 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. Come and experience Native American culture and enjoy yourself. However, be careful, you can get yourself lost in a powwow.

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

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The Memory Lane Classic Car Museum

If you like antique and classic cars and haven't been to Weldon Brookshire's car museum in downtown Pecos, you should rush right over there. You will be amazed. It's like something you'd find in Las Vegas or Phoenix or other classic car centers.

When you walk in it's like stepping right back into the 1950s. The lobby is a replica of a small café and soda shop with a menu that reflects prices of the era. Then you go into the museum area that is full of cars and other items, like perhaps the largest collection of Banner Dairy products in the nation. Weldon used to deliver Banner milk when he was a boy growing up in Ballinger and decided to start collecting the bottles and related items. He says some of the tiny cream bottles are quite pricey now, selling for \$50 or more.

His impressive collection of advertising signs lines the walls. We're not talking about your everyday museum in a small town.



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We're talking about a first class, well-lighted museum that is under constant maintenance. He even has mannequins displaying some of the clothes of long ago. Weldon says some visitors stay all day and wear out their cameras taking pictures.

It was a real treat to get to meet Weldon and his wife Jeannie, who seem to still be on their honeymoon. I asked Weldon how many cars are in the Memory Lane Car Museum. "I've got 33 in this room and 15 more we're going to put in a second building we've bought just south of this one."

He has his favorites. "That '58 Corvette. And that '55 Nomad station wagon. And then, the '53 Olds represents the first car me and my wife had. It was exactly like that one except it was black and white and this one is maroon."

The first vehicle he bought and restored was a 1912 Republic Truck. His second was a Durant car.

"I bought that Durant down in Fort Davis for \$75 and had to pay it out over several months. It was in bad shape and I had to have everything done to it."

I asked him why he started col-

lecting cars. "Well, I started out with an old car and never could improve myself, just had to keep driving them." That car was a Model A roadster convertible pickup.

Weldon has had a wrecker service since he was a teenager. He's 81 now and still works every day. And he's still buying cars. He is a good mechanic. "I do everything except the upholstery and paint work on these cars. There's a few in here we bought restored."

One of the most popular items is a 1927 Reo fire truck with a working siren. That belongs to Weldon's son, Jack, who was about 6 years old when his daddy started collecting cars more than 50 years ago. The oldest vehicle in the collection, which used to be housed in Ballinger, is a 1903 Oldsmobile.

Weldon has had a car in every Pecos rodeo parade since 1959. He recently surprised his wife with a 1940 Ford convertible as a 57th anniversary present.

When Tumbleweed Smith is not out chasing Texas stories he's at home in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all Trash Off participants

To the Editor,

Time to share with our friends and neighbors of Big Spring, the results of our "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash off. I regretfully report, our town is still trashy. We have so much trash and unsightly areas that the 213 volunteers putting in 483 hours could not make a dent, it would take 1,000 or more and that probably would not cover it. What we need is help from every person living in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas to take responsible for their own trash with proper handling and disposal! We could then say, we are "Clean and Green."

Did you know we had six of the largest employers in Big Spring participating? They did a great job; they are Alon Refinery, Big Spring State Hospital, Federal Correction Institution (FCI), GEO Group Texas, Sid Richardson and V.A Hospital.

Also, we had Howard College, SWCID, Howard Cottage, Big Spring High School Student Council, First Baptist Church, Disc Golf, Girl Scouts and

KBST participating. They all did their part!

Now, it is up to us. Please help us with "Clean it up Big Spring!" We had individuals, and families doing their part; they were Lisa Brooks, Gloria and Bobby McDonald, Marvin Boyd, Todd and Teresa Darden, Jim and Tammy DePauw, Al Williams, Lee and Fran Emerson, Janell Davis, Gus Leonardo, Terry and Jan Hansen, Londa Henry, Gene and Sanda Roffer, Justin Meyers family, Genia Phillips, Kathryn Wiseman, Peggy Hopper, Frank Morphis, K. C. Payne, Girl Scout troops 321, 108, and 282. Seventeen on the list were "Keep Big Spring Beautiful" members.

We had 213 volunteers eliminate 6,740 pounds, or a little more than 3 tons, of trash from our community. We had 75 youths under the age of 18 give their time; the volunteers put in 459 hours. Some of the most common thing picked up were beer bottles, plastic water bottles, styrofoam fast food items, and of course plastic bags. A few unusual items were Matchbox tractor, drug kit with pipe, rake and a

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Golf king feeds the hungry?

Norm Hitzges, a pioneer in sports radio, is to Dallas airwaves what colorful writer Blackie Sherrod was to newspapers. He's a beloved icon respected by athletes, coaches and fans alike.

Deeply analytical and as hard-working as they come, he has a track record of excellence that sets him apart in a field dominated by younger broadcasters. At age 70, Norm is the dean of Metroplex sports broadcasters with a big following during his two-hour talk show each week-day at 10 a.m. on KTCK, 1310, The Ticket.

To reach the lofty pinnacle where he's perched for so long, Norm has plumbed the depths of sports in a compassionate manner, known for dealing with current, significant sports issues in a civil manner — even if callers on the other end of the line refuse to meet him halfway.

It's a wonder he ever "caught on" in a major market. Called a "melon-headed Yankee" by a smattering of critics who maintain he has "a face for radio," they also say his voice quality languishes right alongside basketball personality Dick Vitale — high pitched, with a nasal twang diluted by gravel.

One was remarked that "Norm doesn't say it, he whines it, and his thunderous laugh sounds like a farmer's hay-baling machine that needs a good greasing."

Such descriptions aside, most listeners know he has an "outdoor-sized heart" rarely matched in compassion. Masses

care what he thinks, taking his predictions to heart, and some to the race track.

At the turn of the century, Norm's focus sharpened on the mission of the Austin Street Center, where food and lodging are provided for some 350 men and women nightly. He buttonholes numerous sports personalities to participate in "Norm-A-Thon," an 18-hour radio marathon whose proceeds benefit the center.

He's now been the backbone for this annual event for 14 years. More than \$2.5 million has been raised, with the 2014 mark an all-time high of \$400,000. Norm's at Dallas' Star-Power Home Theater Store to interview sports celebrities, urging call-in bids, pushing raffles, and, in general, beating the drums for Austin Street Center. He'll do so for the 15th time come Dec. 26.

Jordan Spieth — Masters champion and darling of the golf world — was a 2014 participant. Maybe it brought him good luck — and who is to say it didn't? If there's any superstition, Jordan may be a "lock" for future "Norm-A-Thons."

Norm made an on-the-air mention that since the 2014 "Norm-A-Thon," Jordan has played in four PGA events, finishing under par for all 16 rounds.

When other pro golfers hear this, they may well flock to Dallas to see if such good fortune "rubs off" with association to programs that help the poor and hungry....

We've needed a sports hero like Spieth for a while. His head is on straight. He handles all matters so far in a pleasant manner, without a hint of cockiness. Asked about his humility, he answered that if he talked about it, he wouldn't be humble!

Few people can handle fame where pressures never ease and spotlights never darken. He credits his 14-year-old special needs sister for inspiration each day, and foul words — uttered so casually by many athletes — seem foreign to his upbringing. In short, many are banking on him to continue being who he is.

It is clear he's from a family of values. He wears the "apples don't fall far from the tree" mantle well. He's "been raised right," with a good chance to warrant admiration for decades—a bona fide national sports hero....

My guess? His bristles will always be big enough. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," Shakespeare warned. And already, this young man has taken heed.

And so has Hitzges. He has humbly accepted tons of accolades. And his love of broadcasting is exceeded only by his passion to help the hungry and homeless.

My wife and I have followed Norm's career with interest and hurrahs. He was my successor as Director of College Information at Sul Ross State University for the 1967-68 school year. He was a guest in our home for about a month until he found housing. He is remembered fondly in Alpine, particularly that he "talks funny." (I recall that he covered the first rodeo he'd ever seen.)

Both Norm and Jordan have life figured out to a significant degree. They've learned that happiest folks give back.

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receiver hitch.
After collecting the trash, 67 of the volunteers enjoyed hot dogs and trimmings provided by Alon, Culligans, SW Tool and cookies were provided by KBSB ladies.

Did you know we had "Adopt A Highway" participation? They adopt and take responsibility for a 2-mile stretch of highway and are required to clean the area four times a year and it is a two-year contract with TxDOT. They have areas that need adoption!

The ones currently participating in that program are: U. S Flight Academy, Phillip Guzman Family, Adult Probation, Manuel Ramirez, Mom and Pop Tattoo and Big Spring State Hospital. They so far have reported 71 volunteers with 229 hours.

This was a good year ... we had our bumps and bruises but we will overcome!

I just want to give everyone who participated in the Trash Off a huge "thanks," because we could not have made it without you!

Pat Simmons
Big Spring

Thanks for support in our time of loss

To the Editor:
Three and a half months ago, our family embarked on a journey known by many, but anticipated by few ... the journey of loss. On Dec. 24, 2014, our husband and father, Jim Campbell, unexpectedly stepped from this life into his heavenly glory. In the days, weeks and months since that loss, we have seen and experienced such an incredible outpouring of love, encouragement, prayers and support

from our Big Spring and Howard county community. Words cannot express the depth of gratitude our family feels for all our your, but please know this simple "thank you" is heart-felt.

Twenty-seven years ago, Jim and I drove into Big Spring thinking we would stay a few years and move on. It was to be a temporary stopping place in the scheme of our lives. This city and the wonderful community won our hearts, though, and we stayed. Over the years, we have been honored to work with you, play baseball, participate with you in Walk to Emmaus, worship and praise with you and so much more. It is a privilege to call Big Spring home.

Suffering the loss of Jim has changed our world, but the constancy of love from this community has helped

us make it through. So again, thank you!

The Jim Campbell family
Sammye, Zach, Jessie, Nate, Kandi and Saige

Thoughts about our symphony

To the Editor:
In my opinion, there are only seven people in Big Spring who would understand what I'm about to write. It is not they to whom my letter is sent.

In the Sunday, April 12, 2015 edition of the Herald, there was an article stating that one of our city's performing arts needed funds with which to help pay off its past season. This is important to me in several ways, but one of those ways is why I write.

Seven years ago, my son in Houston called me and said, "Daddy, what would you think

about my bringing you to Houston to see 'The Nutcracker' at the Houston Ballet as a Christmas present?" I told him I would take the moment to my grave. I went and I was seated in the same seat former President George Bush had the night before. It was drop-dead beautiful.

As I had never gone to such a high-classed performance, I called the performing arts organization in Big Spring, which now asks for help with indebtedness. I left a message on the voice mail of the director — my name, my cell phone number and the reason for my call: directions on a code of dress for an evening performance at the Houston Ballet. Here it is, seven years later, and I have not heard from him.

Still, I have gone to the performances of this musical organization

and they have always been first class. However, over the many years, not one time have any of the people behind the table on which cookies and punch are being served at receptions ever looked up to any of the patrons and said hello. They are as of their association's director.

For the past seven years, I have attended the Houston Ballet every month and am a member of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and a frequent flyer of Rice University's Mercury Baroque Orchestra. It is all completely opposite from Big Spring.

I personally feel the performing arts in Big Spring have some major groundwork to do to get into a better position to try and achieve financial stability. This is my personal opinion.

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'Silent Sentinels' still on guard in North, South

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — After the Civil War ended in April 1865, statues depicting Union and Confederate soldiers went up across the country, from New England squares to Southern courthouses. A century and a half later, these weathered "Silent Sentinels" still stand guard, rifles at the ready, gazing off in the distance.

For a war that pitted brother against brother, many of them bear a strong family resemblance.

Most of the statues were mass-produced by a handful of Northern companies that found a steady market selling to communities — North and South — eager to honor their fallen soldiers and surviving veterans.

"They're not meant to represent one person or another," said Sarah Beetham, an art historian who teaches at the University of Delaware and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. "This way, people

could go and see in them their sons or fathers who had fought in the war."

Known as the "Silent Sentinel," "Single Soldier" or similar names, he tops many of the thousands of Civil War monuments to be found in more than 30 states. Today, 150 years after the guns fell silent to end the nation's bloodiest conflict, the ranks of the more than 3 million citizen soldiers who fought on both sides are represented by some of our most ubiquitous yet often overlooked public symbols.

"Before the Civil War, you would never have had an image of the common soldier to memorialize. You would have a general or a biblical figure," said Earle Shettleworth, head historian for the state of Maine. "After the war, there was more of a democratic way of memorializing those who had participated."

With untold thousands of war dead buried in graves on or near battle-

fields and encampments far from their homes, some communities in the North and South erected hometown monuments to the fallen even as the fighting raged. Most were stone obelisks placed in local cemeteries.

Within a couple of years after Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Virginia, more elaborate monuments were being commissioned from sculptors. By 1867, monuments featuring sculpted or cast metal soldier statues were dedicated in cemeteries in Cincinnati and Boston. The version depicting a single soldier at "parade rest" — hands gripping a musket at the end of the barrel, the stock resting on the ground — became the most popular way to honor the more than 2 million men who fought for the Union.

But commissioning a monument made of Italian marble or northern New England granite could cost tens of thousands of dollars, much

too expensive for most small towns. Many turned to the northern foundries specializing in cast bronze or zinc statuary used to decorate cemetery markers. Firms such as the Monumental Bronze Co. of Bridgeport, Connecticut, did a brisk business selling soldier statues. A life-size parade rest model was listed in its sales catalog for \$450, while the 8-foot-6-inch version sold for \$750.

"It's like going to Wal-Mart. It's less expensive," said Timothy S. Sedore, author of "An Illustrated Guide to Virginia's Confederate Monuments."

Because they had lost the war and were economically shattered, Southerners got a later start erecting monuments. By the time the 20th century arrived, they were making up for lost time, with hundreds of soldier statues installed across the South, typically outside county courthouses.

But old animosities died hard, and folks in

the South didn't usually publicize who was supplying the statues: mostly companies in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Ohio.

"The Southerners didn't talk about that, buying from Yankees," Beetham said.

Versions of the Silent Sentinel statue can be found from Amarillo, Texas, to Kennebunk, Maine. The Northern version features a Union soldier wearing a kepi and caped greatcoat, while his Southern counterpart typically wears the iconic slouch hat and bedroll strapped diagonally across his chest.

An accurate number of Civil War monuments is difficult to pin down. Beetham, who wrote her dissertation on post-Civil War citizen soldier monuments, estimates there are some 2,500 across the Northern states, with the Silent Sentinel version believed to account for as many as half of them. Estimates of Confederate monuments range

between 500 and 1,000, including hundreds of the rebel version of the solitary soldier.

"In Georgia, there must be one in practically every county in every town square and cemetery, and it's facing north, by the way," said Ben Jones, a former Georgia congressman who played the role of Cooter on "The Duke of Hazzard."

Jones, the chief of heritage operations for the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, said his group doesn't have a definitive number.

In Virginia, where Jones now lives, there are at least 360 Confederate monuments by Sedore's count.

All those soldier monuments — North and South — are a collective symbol of the losses felt in virtually every community, Jones said.

"It represents the humanity, the family" and, he said, "the people who didn't come back or who did come back worse for the wear."

5 years on, empty graves, full hearts for Gulf survivors

JONESVILLE, La. (AP) — Courtney Kemp was getting dressed for work when husband Wyatt walked in and sat down, not saying a word. Something was clearly weighing heavily on him.

She knew that things hadn't been going well on the job, but Wyatt never wanted to trouble her with details. They'd talked often about the risks of working on an oil rig 41 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico; Wyatt had always insisted that the most dangerous part was the helicopter ride to the Deepwater Horizon. In just a few days, the 27-year-old derrick-hand would be leaving for his next three-week hitch.

Courtney asked what was wrong.

"I just want you to know that if something happened to me, especially if the girls are young, that I want you to remarry," he told her. "I don't want you to be by yourself. And I don't want the girls to grow up without somebody to be their father."

She was caught completely off-guard. "Nothing's going to happen to you," she insisted. "If something did, I wouldn't be able to get over it. I don't know how I would go on." And she began to cry.

Wyatt stood up and pulled her into an embrace.

"It's all going to be OK," he assured her.

In the five years since the Deepwater Horizon exploded and sank off the coast of Louisiana, the Gulf has shown remarkable resilience. So, too, have the families of the 11 men who died in the disaster. But the shockwaves of April 20, 2010, continue to send out ripples across the gulf of time.

Children too young to have any real memories of their fathers ask to hear stories and make pilgrimages to empty graves. The family of one victim recently celebrated the birth of his first grandchild; the

mother of another is still coming to grips with the bitter fact that her youngest son will never give her grandkids.

These survivors are doing their best to balance the memory of the men they loved and the reality that each of their own lives is an ongoing journey.

Consider the road traveled by a now-31-year-old widow named Courtney in this sleepy Louisiana river town.

Courtney Carpenter and Roy Wyatt Kemp began dating during their sophomore year of high school. By the spring of 2010, they'd been together nearly half their lives.

"A lot of people said we grew up together," she says.

As a teenager, Wyatt had been baptized in a Colorado creek during a youth trip. But his parents weren't regular churchgoers, and Wyatt began worshipping with Courtney's family at Pleasant Grove Baptist, just outside this city of 2,300, where the tallest structure is a water tower.

Shortly after graduation, they married and moved away. But after just a couple of years, they were drawn back to Jonesville, and to their comfortable old church.

Wyatt found a job as a roustabout on a land-based oil rig, later making the jump to the Deepwater Horizon, the "pride of the Transocean fleet." Courtney worked as an investigator for the state department of social services. After two years in her parents' "mother-in-law suite," during which their daughter, Kaylee was born, the couple built a home of their own amid the ironing board-flat pastures outside town. In late January 2010, their second daughter, Maddison, was born.

Church remained central to them. The Sunday before he left for his last hitch on the rig, Wyatt answered the pastor's

invitation to approach the altar. Later that afternoon, back at home, Courtney asked if everything was OK.

"Everyone needs prayer at some time or another," Wyatt said simply. They left it at that.

Around noon on April 20, Wyatt called from the Deepwater's tower. He was due home the next day. They were short-handed, he said, and it would be a busy shift. He said there'd been some problems but, as always, didn't elaborate — saying instead that he was just ready

to come home. Kaylee's third birthday was on the 17th, but they were postponing the party until Daddy could be there.

"Kiss the girls for me and tell them I love them," he told his wife. "I love you. And I'll see y'all tomorrow."

At 4:30 the next morning, Courtney was jolted awake by the telephone. A woman from Transocean said there had been an accident on the Deepwater, and that the Coast Guard was evacuating the rig.

Was Wyatt OK? The woman said she didn't

know.

Transocean set up a hotline for the families. Courtney called it every hour. At one point, someone at the switchboard told her that all the men had been found, and all were alive. Jubilation broke out in the house.

The next time the phone rang, Courtney was sure it was Wyatt. She soon learned that the earlier report was false.

The couple's pastor, Craig James, was at the house when Courtney learned that Wyatt was dead. He sat down be-

fore the crying widow and asked if she remembered the altar call.

"Wyatt told me that he wanted to be so close to God that he couldn't get any closer," the pastor said.

The 11 victims had lived in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Besides Wyatt Kemp, they were Jason Anderson, Aaron Dale Burkeen, Donald Clark, Stephen Ray Curtis, Gordon Jones, Karl Kleppinger Jr., Keith Blair Manuel, Dewey Revette, Shane Roshto and Adam Weise.



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Big Spring's Brycen Kiker puts down a bunt in the Steers' 2-0 win on Friday.

Godwin hurls 3-hit gem at Lobos

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Anthony Godwin gave the Big Spring High School Steers just what they needed on Friday night. Brilliance.

The hard-throwing left-hander limited Levelland to just three hits while leading the Steers to a 2-0 victory in front of a large crowd at Steer Park.

Just how dominating was Godwin? Consider this: En route to improving to 8-0 for

the season, he fanned six batters and allowed just one runner – in the fourth inning – to reach second base.

That was a great baseball game," said BSHS coach Bobby Smith. "When 33's on the mound you know he is going to throw strikes and everyone is going to try and make the plays behind him. He hasn't had a bad game all season."

The win was huge for Big Spring. With the victory, and Lubbock Estacado's 3-2 decision on Snyder, Big Spring

moved into a tie with the Tigers for second place in the District 2-4A race. Both Big Spring and Snyder trail Sweetwater by one game heading into Tuesday's action.

Levelland never had a chance against Godwin in the early going. Through the first two innings, he retired all six LHS batters in order.

Big Spring gave Godwin all the offensive support he would need in the bottom of the first inning by pushing

across the game's only two runs.

Hunter Hill led off the Steers' first at-bat with a double to deep left. Following an infield single by Riley Henson, Garrett Wigington pounded out an infield hit that enabled Hill to slide under the tag at home for the game's first run.

Wigington led the Steers offensively. He collected two of Big Spring's seven hits, including a double in the seventh.

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Steers take 4th at I-4A golf meet

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Tyler Bryan and the Big Spring High School boys' golf team closed out their 2015 season with an impressive finish at the Region I-4A Golf Championships at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock on Thursday. Backed by a 10th-place finish by Bryan, the Steers placed fourth in the overall team standings – just 34 strokes behind Decatur, which locked up the region's third state-qualifying spot.

Andrews won the Region I-4A title, shooting a two-day total of 584. Monahans was second at 605. Big Spring tied Stephenville for fourth with a final tally of 640.

Bryan starred for the Steers throughout the tournament. After opening the event with a first-round score of 75 on Wednesday, the BSHS senior came back the following day to notch the identical round of 75.

His final two-day total of 150 tied his with Monahans Jacob Lair and Andrews' McKenna Rochell for 10th in the individual medalist standings. Decatur's Drew Jones won the Region I-4A medalist honors with a final mark of 134.

Big Spring's Sam Harris also did well at the tournament. He fired a 79 over the final 18 holes of the event and finished with a two-day score of 179.

Nolan Otto, Nolan Dominguez and Ryan Dimidjian also played well at the tournament. Otto finished at 168. Dominguez and Dimidjian posted scores of 171 and 173, respectively.

HC twinbill with FPC rained out

Mother Nature threw a curve into the Howard College Hawks' baseball plans on Friday afternoon.

Heavy rains in the Borger area forced officials to postpone both ends of the Hawks' doubleheader with the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen, which was slated to start at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Howard College was scheduled to play Frank Phillips in a second doubleheader on Saturday.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Mercedes Ruiz launched a deep home run during the third inning of the Lady Steers' 6-1 victory over the Levelland Loboettes on Friday. Big Spring improved to 14-5 overall with the victory.

Aguilar, Ruiz power BS by Levelland

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Jaci Aguilar and Mercedes Ruiz both came up with clutch hits on Friday afternoon and helped the Big Spring High School Steers roll to a 6-1 victory over Levelland in front of a large crowd at Lady Steer Field.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 15-4 for the season and, more importantly, kept their district title hopes alive heading into Tuesday's rematch with district-leading Snyder.

Aguilar gave the Lady Steers the boost

they needed early. The Big Spring second baseman keyed a 4-run outburst in the bottom of the second inning by hammering out a clutch two-out two-run double to left.

After Levelland had opened the inning by retiring the first two BSHS batters, Sydni Oliva started the Lady Steers' uprising by reaching base via an error. Mackenzie Roberts followed with a single to put runners on the corners.

Yzzy Solis and Shaylee Franks put Big Spring on top from there with a back-to-back run-scoring singles.

With the Lady Steers' leading 2-0, Agu-

ilar delivered the big hit from there. She drilled a 1-0 pitch to center that sent Solis and Franks scrambling home.

The Loboettes threatened to rally back in the third. Levelland put its first two batters of the inning on base before the Big Spring defense rose up. After getting Levelland catcher Sarian Romero to bounce out to short, BSHS starter Mariah Sarmiento snared a hard shot off the bat of the next batter and rifled a throw to first for an out. On the play, the Loboette runner rounded third and headed for home. Roberts fielded the throw from

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Swinging away ...

Michaela Mendez hits into the dirt in front of home plate during the Dirt Divas' game against the Pixie Stixs on Friday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Mendez reached first base on the play.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Lady Hawks split twinbill with WTC

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

SNYDER – The Howard College Lady Hawks' hopes of winning the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title took a hit on Friday.

The Lady Hawks split their doubleheader with Western Texas.

Howard College, now 36-11 overall, opened the twinbill by dropping a 1-0 decision to WTC. Howard rallied back to claim an 8-2 decision in

Game 2.

The loss will likely drop the HC women into second in the WJCAC race behind Midland. The No. 4-ranked Lady Chaps defeated Odessa College, 2-0, on Friday and were slated to play Frank Phillips twice on Saturday.

The Lady Hawks will close out the regular season on April 24 with games against El Paso Community College at Foundation Field.

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Junior high teams claim district titles

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh and eighth grade girls' track and field teams have a new title.

District champions! The BSJHS teams both walked away from the District 2-4A Junior High School Track and Field Meet with team crowns last Thursday in Snyder. The eighth grade team rolled up a meet-high 181 points, while the seventh grade squad amassed 151.

"These young ladies did an amazing job this year and we are so proud of them and of all of their accomplishments," said Big Spring coach Audrey Dunn. "We look forward to seeing our eighth graders move on and compete at the high school level, as well as our seventh graders becoming the leaders of the junior high."

Haiven Rushing, Logan Terrazas and Keila Yanez all turned in superlative efforts for the Lady Steers' eighth grade team.

Rushing walked away with a pair of gold medals by winning the girls' 2,400-meter run with a time of 9 minutes and 56.4 seconds, and the 1,600-meter event with a mark of 6:06.10.

Terrazas collected three gold medals in the meet. She won the 400-meter dash in a time of 1:06.31, won the high jump with a leap of 4-9, and raced her way to the

top spot in the 800 with a winning time of 2:49.44.

Terrazas also teamed with Reyna Gonzales, Alexis Cruz and Kaley Mathews to win the girls' 4x400-meter race. The four combined for a winning time of 4:32.96.

Mathews, who teamed with Gonzales, Cruz and Haley Crawford to take second in the 4x100-meter relay, also picked up a first-place finish in the long jump. She won the event with a leap of 15-11 1/2.

Crawford finished the meet as one of the Lady Steers' top athletes. In addition to being part of Big Spring's silver-medal winning relay, she took second in the 200-meter dash and long jump.

Bree Spears and Chloe Bustamante also did well. Spears won the girls' 300-meter hurdles race with a time of 54.96 seconds, and took second in the 800.

Bustamante was second in the 2,400- and 1,600-meter runs.

Sierra Mancha also garnered a silver medal. She was the second-place finisher in the high jump with a height of 4-2.

Yanez added to Big Spring's gold-medal haul by winning the discus competition with a throw of 84-1. She also finished sixth in the shot put, one spot behind teammate Kayleigh Penny.

Penny also finished fourth in the 100 and



Courtesy photo

Members of the Big Spring Junior High seventh- and eighth-grade track teams celebrate after winning their respective championships at the recent District 2-4A Track Meet in Snyder.

discus competitions. BSJHS standout Alexis Starr was third in the 100.

Janeigh Vanderbilt was sixth in the long jump standings.

The BSJHS seventh-grade 4x400-meter relay team highlighted the Lady Steers' dominance of the seventh-grade division. The foursome of Mariah Chavarria, Sophia Dominguez, Austyn Montgomery and Amber Martinez combined for a winning time of 4:44.41.

The Lady Steers' 4x100-meter relay squad of Robyn Evans, Dominguez, Marissa Aguilar and Martinez placed second at 56.79.

The seventh grade squad also picked up stellar outings from Mackenzie Rodriques, Yenifer Ornelas and Madison Kuykendall. Each posted first-place marks in their respective events.

Rodriques and team-

mate Elexiuss Lopez gave BSJHS a 1-2 sweep in the 2,400-meter run. Rodriques won the race in a time of 10:06.93. Lopez was second at 11:17.32.

Big Spring's Kenra Thibeault was fifth in the 2,400-meter race, checking in at 11:37.75.

Rodriques also won the girls' 1,600-meter title by legging out a time of 6:32.15.

Lopez and Briana Bustamante were fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 1,600-meter standings.

Ornelas dominated the running of the 300-meter hurdles. She won the event with a time of 56.76 seconds.

She also finished third in the 100 hurdles and third in the high jump.

Montgomery and Chavarria both starred for BSJHS in the 800. They finished second and third, respectively.

Montgomery also legged out a sixth-place

mark in the 400 and finished sixth in the girls' high jump competition.

Chavarria finished off her outing by claiming second in the 300 hurdles, finishing behind Ornelas with a time of 58.28 seconds.

Kuykendall collected Big Spring's fourth gold medal by winning the shot put event. She had a winning throw of 27-6 1/2.

Evans and Kynlee Fontana added to the BSJHS

medal count with second-place finishes. Evans was the runner-up in the long jump event, while Fontana was second in the 400.

The Lady Steers also benefitted from solid outings from Abigail Carrillo, Kyleigh Mathews and Obri Guzman. Carrillo was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles, while Mathews was fourth in the 200. Guzman claimed fifth in the triple jump.

Vanover leads JV girls to 2nd at district track meet

Jaryn Vanover sprinted to gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter races on Thursday and helped carry the Big Spring High School junior varsity girls to second in the overall team standings at the District 2-4A Track and Field Championships in Levelland.

Vanover posted a winning time of 28.82 in the

200-meter event. She legged out a winning mark of 13.60 in the 100.

Lindsey Brooks and Samantha Rodriguez also medaled. Brooks was third in the 800, while Rodriguez was third in the 3,200-meter.

Alyssa Ornelas won the girls' discus event with a throw of 76 feet. She was third in the shot put.

GIRLS

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Sarmiento and alertly threw to Mia Oliva at home to complete a 1-3-2 double play.

Ruiz delivered the knockout blow for Big Spring in the top of the third. The Lady Steers' designated hitter opened the inning by launching a monster home run that landed in the trees behind the left field fence.

Sarmiento never let Levelland recover from there. She scattered four hits over the next four innings and cruised to the win.

Defensively, Ashley Gonzales highlighted the Lady Steers' victory.

Team	DISTRICT 2-4A SOFTBALL STANDINGS	
	District Season W-L	W-L
y-Snyder	8-0	19-5
y-Big Spring	7-1	15-4
Sweetwater	5-3	13-8
Levelland	3-5	NA
Lamesa	1-7	NA
Estacado	0-8	5-16
Friday's Games - Snyder	22, Estacado 1; Sweetwater 12, Lamesa 2; Big Spring 6, Levelland 1.	

She made five putouts in right field, including a running one-handed catch in the top of the second that prevented Levelland from scoring.

With the win, Big Spring set up a rematch with Snyder on Tuesday. Snyder edged the Lady Steers by a 5-2 margin last month.

STEERS

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Designated hitter Brycen Kiker drove Big Spring's second run home moments later with a sacrifice fly.

Godwin - and the BSHS defense - took over from there.

Levelland's Isaiah Cortez opened the Lobos' half of the third with a single, but was quickly erased. After Cortez had singled to center, BSHS centerfielder Matt Yanez fired in to Henson, who alertly tagged out Cortez, who had rounded first base too widely.

Godwin didn't need any help from there. He retired the Lobos' next batter, Tristan Hayward, on a grounder back to the mound and then finished off the frame with a strikeout of LHS outfielder Nober-to Pena.

Levelland staged its biggest threat of the game in the fourth. LHS shortstop Nick Gerber opened the inning with a single and moved to sec-

Team	DISTRICT 2-4A BASEBALL STANDINGS	
	District Season W-L	W-L
Snyder	5-2	13-4-1
Sweetwater	6-1	14-6
Big Spring	5-2	9-7
Levelland	2-5	11-9
Estacado	3-4	8-14
Lamesa	0-7	3-11
Friday's Games - Big Spring 2, Levelland 0; Estacado 3, Snyder 2; Sweetwater 6, Lamesa 5.		

ond on a two-out fielding error.

Hill got the Steers out of the inning unscathed, however. With runners on first and second, the senior shortstop ended the threat by throwing out the next batter on a routine grounder.

The Lobos never got close to second base again.

Godwin allowed just an infield hit over the final two innings to close out the contest.

With the win, Big Spring ran its season record to 9-7 and moved to 5-2 in District 2-4A play.

The Steers will return to action on Tuesday when they host Snyder at Steer Park.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Spring-Cleaning Moon

This new moon is a spring-cleaning heyday. It isn't just about the expiration date of pantry items, the dust on floors or boards or the mystery grime inside of the microwave. It's also about your soul. Your internal environment will be renewed by refreshing your external environment, and vice versa. So start anywhere — the stars are rooting for you!



HOLIDAY MATHS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You like to be around the kind of people who know what they want, and you don't mind if what they want is you. But you prefer a direct approach. You'll be skeptical of round-about communication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want everyone to know who you love, but you don't want them to talk about your love life. That's why you'll keep your business private. It will drive your nosy friends nuts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Are your expectations realistic? If you're frustrated, the answer is no. But that's not a problem! All you have to do is adjust and then revisit the situation until you hit that sweet spot where expectation meets reality.

CANCER (June 22-Ju-

ly 22). Your skills may seem arbitrary to you, and sometimes you think they don't matter to anyone outside of your little corner of the world. Not true! The reaction you get from others will prove the point.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a nose for trouble, and you'll use it today to steer away from the danger, not toward it. You don't need the excitement. You've already seen enough drama, and besides, you're too busy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Compliments are gifts you sometimes feel awkward accepting. Take them, and you feel greedy. Turn them down, and you feel rude. The way to go is to shift the focus back to the graciousness of the one doing the complimenting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cultivating a content and thankful spirit can seem diametrically opposed to your main ambitions, but it's really not. Finding something to appreciate in the less than ideal will attract good luck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's weird how the smallest things can expand your heart as big as a hot air balloon and set you sailing across the cloudless sky of your mind. This all happens for one reason: You were noticing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you lose your cellular connection with someone, it's not because the other person isn't there

and wanting to talk to you. It's just outside interference. Other personal connections are the same. Call again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A conflict may be subtle at this point, but it's there all the same. You're not imagining it. In fact, you have witnesses. Play it cool. Show everyone watching that you're above this fight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are interesting people out there you know about and want to meet. Also, there are equally interesting people you know nothing about who want to meet you. Be open to the friendliness of strangers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The old saying goes, "Fall down seven times, stand up eight." As the sign associated with feet, you might take a more practical approach — for instance, a sturdier pair of shoes.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Whether feuding or loving, blonde or brunette, married or single, the every move of Kourtney Kardashian makes magazine covers. The socialite and reality television star is an Aries with Mercury and Mars in the fiery sign of the warrior, as well. These stars show intensity, fearlessness and impulsivity. Her moon in Capricorn indicates tremendous business savvy and a desire to amass concrete assets.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Tom" for 30 years, and we've raised two successful children. Tom is a nice guy, but he is a binge drinker and has been all the years I have known him.

I didn't recognize this as alcoholism until 10 years ago. Tom has been in therapy ever since. It has increased his awareness, but hasn't stopped the bingeing. It seems to happen several times a year at social events. He drinks so much that he blacks out, falls, vomits on himself, displays other inappropriate behavior and suffers countless humiliations.

As always, Tom is shocked when I tell him what he did the night before and promises never to drink again. Slowly things get better, I forgive him, and then it happens again. This also happens when he goes away with his friends, but I don't know the details, so there is a trust issue, as well. I have been going to Al-Anon for years and am taking great care of myself. But I do feel sad sometimes.

Now that the children are grown, I could leave him, but the vows "through sickness and health" stop me. And, of course, many people would be upset, including our kids. Any advice? — T.

Dear T.: Worry less about what others will think and more about what you can live with. Is Tom a good candidate for medication to curtail his drinking? Would he be willing to do it? Talk to his doctor. Would it make a bigger impression if you videotaped him when he's drunk so

he could see for himself how he behaves? Do it. Would he cooperate with your setting a time limit on how long he spends at these social events in the hope that you could get him out before it's too late? (We understand that this would be difficult.)

If Tom refuses to do any of these things, or if it makes no difference in his drinking, you need to determine whether it happens often enough that you can no longer tolerate it. You may benefit from some counseling to help you figure it out.

Dear Annie: You printed a lot of responses about people whose nickname is "Dick." But how does one get that out of Richard? — K. in Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear K.: It is human nature to shorten names, both when speaking and when writing. Shortened versions of Richard have been common for centuries, likely starting with "Rick" or "Rich," which then produced nicknames of their own, such as "Richie." In England, where Richard has been a familiar moniker since the Norman Conquest, people liked to rhyme names, which is probably how "Rick" became "Dick." (Apparently, there used to be another rhyming nickname, "Hick," which has since dropped from its early popularity in the 13th century.)

Here's a little additional information for you: Richard derives from the old German and means "brave power" or "brave ruler," which could explain why England had three kings named Richard,

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Spring in West Texas

An unusual abundance of rainfall these past few months has left the Crossroads area draped in a color rarely associated for West Texas — green.

Wildflowers, trees and grass seem to be bursting forth with spring colors painting the landscapes, roadway medians, parks and lawns, nowadays.

Brown patches of dirt that once was called a lawn now are starting to recede and, in some cases, disappear as thick grass returns.

Heck, the sound of lawn movers are starting to become a common occurrence. And some of the lakes are, well, starting to look like lakes.

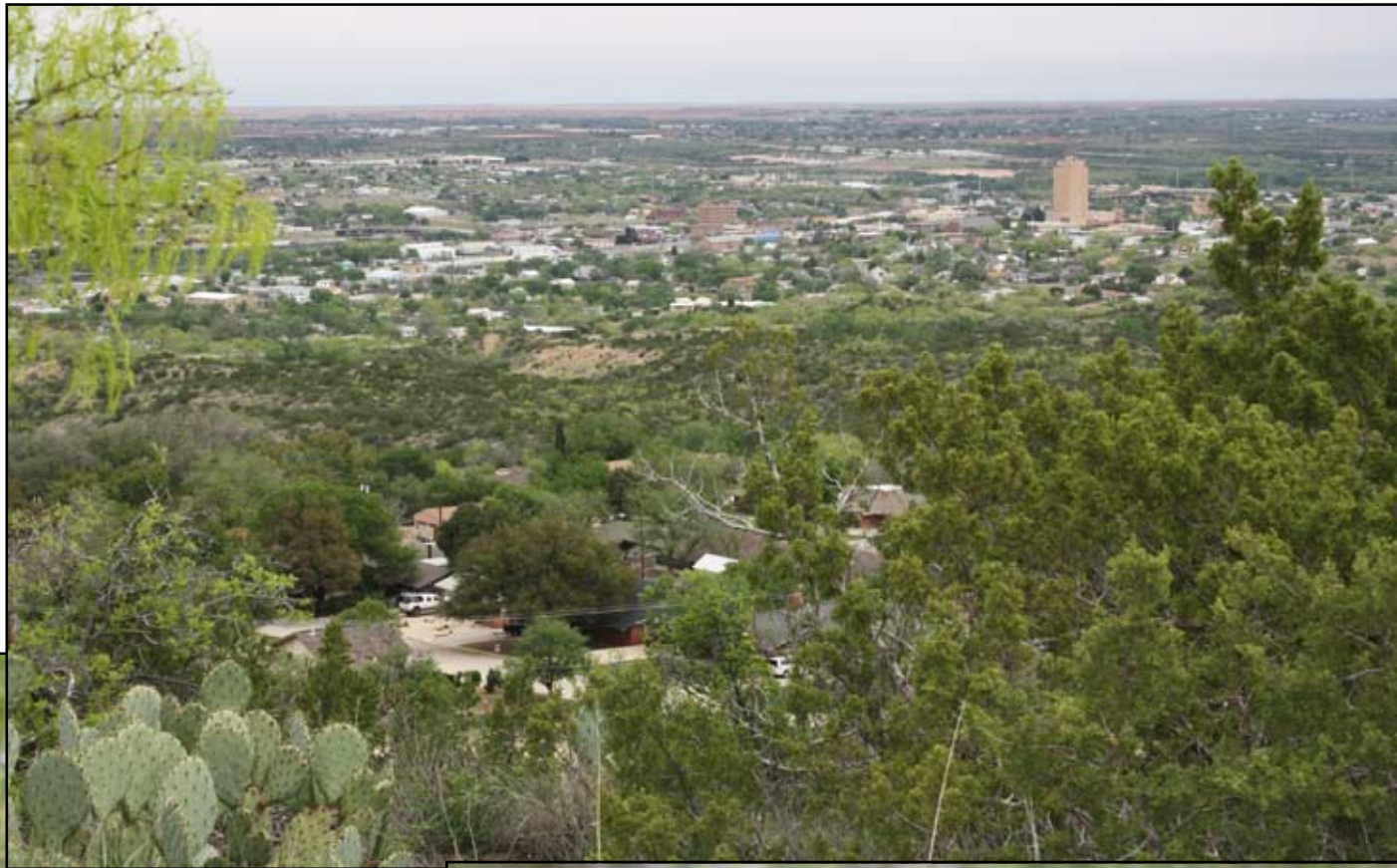
Ahh, but for those fairly new to the area, here's one piece of advice for those of us who've hung our hat here for quite a while.

Drink in the color, and run your toes through the grass because if there is one certain truth in West Texas — it ain't gonna stay around too long.

But since spring is actually here, Herald reporter Julie Bass snapped a few scenic shots atop the Big Spring State Park recently. Here are just a few reminders of how beautiful the area can be with just a little water and sun.

— Lyndel Moody

[Photos by Julie Bass]



DPS offers safety tips for enjoying Texas wildflowers

Springtime in Texas is known for the beautiful wildflowers that blanket the fields and roadsides across our state, including the state flower, the Bluebonnet. Here are a few tips to help everyone enjoy the wildflower season safely and lawfully.

While there is no law against picking the state flower, laws do exist against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property. So even though picking a few flowers may be okay, individuals should not dig up clusters of flowers or drive their vehicle into a field of flowers.

Flower fans must also consider laws against criminal trespassing and make sure they are not on private property when stopping to enjoy or take photos of the wildflowers. Individuals should also be cautious of snakes, fire ants and other potential dangers while observing wildflowers.

DPS encourages motorists to be mindful of laws against impeding traffic and exercise caution when slowing down to enjoy the view; and if you decide to stop, choose areas with light traffic conditions.

For the safety of yourself and others, consider the following tips while enjoying Texas wildflowers:

- Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.
- Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic.
- Don't cross lanes of traffic on foot to get to the flowers.
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Dance, Raku workshop coming soon to Howard College



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Performing in the program are Howard College Dance Troupe members who have auditioned and receive Howard College talent scholarships for their participation and also students who are casually interested in dancing and are Howard College Dance Club members.

Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for Howard College students, faculty, and staff. They are available at the door. Tickets may also be reserved ahead of time by calling 432-264-5161.

Herald Staff Report
Howard College prepares to don its artistic hat as two departments are holding events open to the community in the next few weeks.

Dance recital featured Disney-themed acts to take stage

Event: Howard College Dance Department Concert

Date: April 24 and 25

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: Howard College - Hall Center for the Arts

Tickets: Call 432-264-5161 for reservations. \$5 general admission, \$3 students and faculty

The Howard College Dance Department will celebrate its ninth year with a program titled, "Dancing Disney."

Students will perform Disney classic favorites like "Step in Time" from the movie Mary Poppins to newer favorites like "Friend Like



Date: May 1 and May 2

Time: begins at 10 a.m. for both days

Where: Howard College - Hall Center for the Arts

Cost: \$35, includes all supplies and instruction

Registration for the Howard College's first Raku Workshop is now ongoing.

The workshop is held in collaboration with the college's continuing education program and will be held at the Hall Center for the Arts, Kiln Yard, Friday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 45-minute lunch break beginning at 12:15 p.m. for both days. It is open to all community residents.

"Raku is an older Japanese technique developed around the 16th century that uses a very quick firing technique that yields dramatic black and metallic glazes," said Stacy Slaten Howard College assis-

tant professor of art.. "We actually set the pots on fire outside. The Rodeo has even kindly donated their horse manure as the chemistry when burned helps create exciting blues. We will be outside so come dressed comfortable and casual."

The cost of the workshop is \$35 total for all supplies and instruction. Participants will leave with their own glazed, ceramics functional or sculptural pre-casted items. Registration can be made by calling Courtney Burgans at 432-264-5131.

For further inquiries please contact Slaten, Chad Averette or Burgans at 264-5000.

Funding for the event was made possible by a grant from the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau.

In addition there will be a week long workshop on June 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to build ceramics and Raku fire as well.



Community Raku workshop slated in May

Event: Howard College Art Department and Continuing Education Program

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Who's Who in Howard County

Name: Itzel Gomez
Where do you work: Howard County Clerk's Office, H-E-B as a cashier and Hunan's Restaurant on Sundays.

Where were you born: San Angelo, Texas
City you live in: Big Spring, Texas

Family: Mauro Gomez, father; Evangelina Gomez, mother; Albert Gomez, brother; Yazmin Alcala, Roxanne Gomez, Jury Padron, sister; three nieces, three nephews, one sister-in-law and three brothers-in-law

Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Work - four jobs, attend nieces' and nephews' baseball games, travel, watch movies, and walk my dog, Beauty.

Favorite book: Fault in Our Stars

Favorite show: Law and Order - SVU, Bates Motel, Paranormal Witness

Favorite movie: Hot Rod, Lion King, Slumdog Millionaire, End of Watch and Fault in Our Stars.

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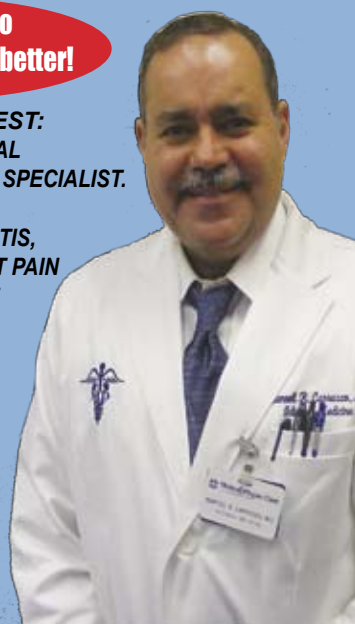
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New 'Star Wars' teaser, cast information revealed at event



BY LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The force won't officially awaken until December, but Star Wars fans got an early glimpse Thursday with the debut of a spooky new teaser trailer for "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

The clip features the wreckage of a star destroyer, X-Wing battles, the Millennium Falcon in action, and a first look at Harrison Ford as Han Solo.

"Chewie, we're home," Solo says at the close of the brief teaser, prompting the audience to scream and applaud.

Die-hard fans packed the main hall at the Anaheim Convention Center for the event known as Star Wars Celebration. They wore costumes and wielded light sabers as they watched director J.J. Abrams and producer

and Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy kick off the four-day event.

Franchise cast newcomers Oscar Isaac, Daisy Ridley and John Boyega surprised the audience with appearances and regaled the rapt fans with anecdotes about the highly anticipated film set to hit theaters Dec. 18.

The fans were treated to a few morsels of new information even though the film remains cloaked in secrecy.

Abrams, who is finishing the edit of the film, spoke about his love for

the series and his insistence on keeping sets for the new episode as real as possible, even in the age of computer-generated images.

"The thing that struck me ... is how real you knew and felt Star Wars was when you first saw 'A New Hope,'" he said. "You want it to be legitimate. You want it to be authentic. Building as much as we could was really the mandate."

He also revealed that the desert landscape seen in both teasers was the planet Jakku, not Tatooine as seen in

other episodes. Filming took place in Abu Dhabi to get the "John Ford landscapes" — a reference to the renowned director of Westerns.

It's "a Western and a fairy tale as much as anything else," Abrams said of "The Force Awakens."

Ridley said her character Rey is a scavenger who is completely self-sufficient and solitary until she meets another character. In the new teaser, viewers see Rey meeting Finn, the character played by Boyega, who wears a storm

trooper suit in the clip and is in unspecified immediate danger.

Isaac said his character Poe Dameron, an X-Wing pilot, "is the best freaking pilot in the whole galaxy."

"Star Wars" veterans Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, C-3PO actor Anthony Daniels and Chewbacca actor Peter Mayhew also made appearances.

"You grew up with us. It's amazing to be part of so many people's childhood," added Fisher, who noted that she would not be sporting her signature buns or metal bikini in the new film.

Harrison Ford, who was recently involved in a plane crash, did not attend. Kennedy assured the audience that the actor was resting and getting well at home.

Other special guests included a brigade of new storm troopers, series mainstay R2-D2, and the brand new ball droid BB8, who became a fan favorite when the first teaser trailer debuted in November.

"I loved all the little details like having BB8

come out," said 24-year-old fan Meghan Conmy, who traveled with friends from San Francisco for the event. "I was already excited but now even more so. I got chills. We were tearing up."

Bedecked in a golden Queen Amidala costume, 10-year-old Julia Morales was also excited to be at her first celebration with her older sister Lucia. They live in Rancho Cucamonga.

"I can tell it's going to be really awesome," Morales said of the upcoming movie.

James Allen, 22, of Suffolk, England, marveled over the atmosphere and the surprise of getting to see the new cast.

"The footage showed us everything we need to know about the film's vision, but nothing about what the film is actually about," Allen said. "It was a very well-made trailer and worth the 24-hour wait."

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Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: steak fingers or chicken fajitas, rolls, baked potatoes, baby carrots, corn, pears, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: blueberry waffle, sausage patty, apples, assorted fruit juice, milk; crispy tacos or chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, charro beans, garden salad, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: animal crackers, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack or toasted ham & cheese, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, Spanish rice, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: bacon

scramble pizza, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: hamburger or cheeseburger or chicken patty, potato rounds, ranch beans, peaches, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: cinnamon mini rolls, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken parmesan or cheese pizza or pepperoni pizza, breadsticks, garden salad, green beans, orange smiles, milk.

Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center

Monday
Breaded pork cop, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, apple cobbler, cornbread, milk.

Tuesday
Beef stroganoff, with noodles, vegetables blend, peaches, sugar cookie, Texas toast/ milk.

Wednesday
Sliced ham, black-eyed peas, braised cabbage, tapioca pudding, rolls, milk.

Thursday
Cheeseburger, tator tots, lettuce/tomato/onion/pickle brownies, milk.

Friday
Cheese enchilada, refried beans, chips & salsa, oatmeal-raisin cookies, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday
Breakfast: cheddar omelet, bacon, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: steak fingers with gravy, rolls, fries, seasoned corn, baby carrots, fruit bowl.

Tuesday
Breakfast: soft taco, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch, Asian chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, cookies.

Wednesday

Breakfast: sausage, biscuit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Spanish rice, salsa, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples.

Thursday
Breakfast: cinnamon roll, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken parmesan, breadsticks, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices.

Friday
Breakfast: waffles, sausage, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, tater tots, Western beans, diced pears.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions.

All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

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

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Suggs Hallmark in Spring Town Plaza received the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

Time for some digital spring cleaning

April is a good time to do a little spring cleaning around the house. But, you shouldn't just focus on your garage or attic. You should also be looking in to your computer and smartphone. That National Cyber Security Alliance (NSCA) and your Better Business Bureau (BBB) says now is the perfect time for some "digital spring cleaning."

The bulk of digital cleaning falls into four buckets: keeping a clean machine, staying secure, cleaning up your online reputation, and purging files. Here is a breakdown:

- **Keep a Clean Machine:** Keeping all web-connected devices — including PCs, mobile phones, smartphones, and tablets — free from malware and infections makes the Internet safer for you and more secure for everyone.

- **Keep all critical software current:** Having all software current is one of the best security measures you can take. This includes security software, web browsers, document readers, operating systems, and any other software you use regularly.

- **Clean up your mobile life:** Most of us have apps we no longer use as well as ones that need updating. Delete unused apps and keep others current, including the operating system on your mobile device. An added benefit of deleting unused apps is more storage space and longer battery life.

- **Make Sure You're Secure:** Enhancing the security of your online accounts is a fast and simple way to be safer online.

- **Get two steps ahead:** Turn on two-step authentication also known as two-step verification or multi-factor authentication on accounts where available. Many of the Internet's most popular email services, social networks, and financial institutions offer this key security step free of charge, but you must opt in to turn it on. Visit stopthinkconnect.org/2stepsahead to learn more and view a list of the websites that offer

- **two-factor authentication.**

- **Create better passwords:** If your passwords are too short or easy to guess, it's like leaving your car unlocked in a parking lot. Longer passwords and those that combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols provide better protection.

- **Clean Up Your Online Reputation:** Take an active role in shaping your digital footprint.

- **Own your online presence:** Review the privacy and security settings on websites you use to be sure that they remain set to your comfort level for sharing. It's OK to limit with whom you share information.

- **Update your "online self":** Is your LinkedIn profile current? Are other social media sites up-to-date? Review your personal information and update it where needed.

- **Digital File Purge and Protection:** Tend to digital records just as you do for paper files.

- **Clean up your email:** Save only those emails you really need. Your inbox is likely stuffed with offers, logistical arrangements, and other outdated materials. Delete what you don't need and be sure to empty your deleted mail folders. If you must keep old messages, move them to an archive.

- **Dispose of electronics securely:** Wiping data isn't enough. When you dispose of old electronics, look for facilities that shred hard drives, disks, and memory cards.

Visit NSCA's STOP.THINK.CONNECT.org site at stopthinkconnect.org/ or a library of additional resources.

For more tips you can trust, visit <http://www.bbb.org>.

Jarrod Wise is communications manager for Permian Basin BBB.



JARROD WISE

Groundbreaking slated for new auto dealership in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

Mike and Pat Dunnahoo, owners of Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Star Hyundai of Abilene Texas have announced the official groundbreaking for a new state-of-the-art Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Big

Spring.

The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at 809 W I-20, next to The Hampton Inn.

The new facility will encompass more than 25,000 square feet sitting on 10 acres and will feature the latest in service technology with 20 service bays, officials said. "We are thrilled to

bring Big Spring into the Star Family of dealerships and look forward to working with the community and meeting the automotive needs of this area" said Owner Mike Dunnahoo.

Star CDJR of Big Spring hopes to bring up to 50 new employment opportunities to the Big Spring community.

Star CDJR of Abilene has been named "Top 100 Dealerships to Work For in the Nation" for the last three years.

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and local dignitaries will attend the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday, along with the Dunnahoes and several other Star team members.

Herren honored by lumbermen's group

Special to the Herald

Steve Herren, owner of Harris Lumber & Hardware in Big Spring, was honored April 9 in Galveston, Texas, at the Lumbermen's Association of Texas (LAT) 129th annual convention as the Lumberman of the Year for his past and ongoing efforts on behalf of the association.

Steve grew up on a farm outside Big Spring, driving tractors and raising hogs. He graduated from Sands High

School in Ackerly and attended Lincoln Tech University in Dallas.

Steve enjoyed racing and working on cars, but soon learned he liked construction even more. He moved to Lubbock to work for a pre-stressed concrete plant for two years then moved to Big Spring in 1976, where he met Gay Harris on a blind date.

They married six months later. Steve went to work for Gay's father, Bert, at Harris Lumber and Hardware in 1976 and has since worked

his way up. He became owner of the company in March 2002.

Steve and Gay have two daughters — Heather Rutledge and Stephanie Hopper, along with son-in-law Jacoby Hopper, and their grandchildren M'Kenna Shea and Jackson Rhea Hopper and Reese Erin Rutledge. Steve is a past president of the LAT and former chair and member of several committees — and current chair of the important LAT Audit and Investment Committee.

Steve is very involved in his community as past president of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club with perfect attendance over the past 38 years, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, current president of the Big Spring District Trustees of the United Methodist Church, president of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the city of Big Spring.

Steve also serves on the community relation Board of the federal prison in Big Spring.

Building permits

Byron Harris Construction, 2601 Coronado; Res Elec Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$102. Res Plumb Val: \$10,000 Fee: \$70.

Howard County Abstract, 222 Main St. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Charles Watts, 102 Cottonwood; Res Elec. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Koila Grant Strickland, 106 E. 15th St. C; Res Plumb Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$52.

Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Ln.; Construction Val: \$1 Fee: \$0.

Joel Ray Miller, 2604 Cindy Ln.; Construction Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Emmett E. Woodard, 1819 S. Benton St.; Res addition Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25.

City of Big Spring, 310 E. 3rd St.; Com addition Val: \$799,000 Fee: \$0.

Doris Stevenson, 100 Village Rd. E; Res HVAC Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.

Ashley Automation and Technology, 1308 E. 4th St.; Com Re-roof Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.

Justin Ditto, 802 Highland Dr.; Res Plumb Val: \$4,000 Fee: \$32.

Big Spring Bowl A Rama, 3318 E. I-20; Sign Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.

Allan Chance Gana, 1810 Owens St.; Res addition Val: \$300 Fee: 25.

Big Spring Bowl A Rama, 3318 E. I-20; Sign Val: \$25,000 Fee: \$135.

Jimmy Eugene Berry, 1302 Grafa St.; Res HVAC Va: \$4,500 Fee: \$45.

Ronald Crouch, 802 Scott Dr.; Res addition Val: \$9,000 Fee: \$55.

Melissa Lynne Rogers, 2311 Mishler St.; Structure Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$35.

First Mexican Baptist Church, 1802 Owens St.; Res Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Sonia Weaver Lusk, 802 W. 17th St.; Res Gas Val: \$850 Fee: \$32.

Robert Garza Rodruquez, 1904 Runnels St.; Res Elec: \$500 Fee: \$25.

HGTS, LLC, 2201 Old W. Hwy 80; Liquid storage facility Val: \$597,058 Fee: \$804.

Triple L Rentals, 1008 E. 11th Pl.; Com Elec Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.

Cassandra Isabelle Sulatan, 3209 E. 11th Pl.; Res HVAC Val: \$3,800 Fee: \$45.

Lonnie Clare Arn, 1609 Owens St.; Res addition Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.

Jordan Shantel Tristan, 3804 Connally St.; Res Elec Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

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Parkview Nursing and Rehab received the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.



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Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring

Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir, Big Spring

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Transportation officials issue oil train safety measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — An emergency order requiring trains hauling crude oil and other flammable liquids to slow down as they pass through urban areas and a series of other steps to improve the safety were announced Friday.

The Obama administration has been under intense pressure from members of Congress as well as state and local officials to ensure the safety of oil trains that traverse the country after leaving the Bakken region of North Dakota. To get to refineries on the East and West coasts and the Gulf of Mexico, oil shipments travel through more than 400

counties, including major metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia, Seattle, Chicago, Newark and dozens of other cities.

There have been a series of fiery oil train explosions in the U.S. and Canada in recent years, including one just across the border in Quebec that killed 47 people.

Major freight railroads have already limited oil trains to no more than 40 mph in "high threat" urban areas under a voluntary agreement reached last year with Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. But Friday's order makes the speed limitation a requirement and

extends it to trains carrying other flammable liquids like ethanol.

The voluntary agreement also applied only to trains that used older tank cars that are easily ruptured in crashes. The new order includes tank cars constructed since 2011 that were designed to replace the older cars, but which have also repeatedly ruptured in crashes, spilling their contents. So far this year there have been four oil train derailments resulting in huge fireballs — two in the U.S. and two in Canada. All involved the newer tank cars known as 1232 cars.

The department has

also issued an advisory to railroads to strengthen its procedures for checking for flaws in train wheels that can cause a crash. A broken train wheel is suspected of causing the March 5 derailment near Galena, Illinois, of a train hauling 103 cars of Bakken crude.

The department also wants inspectors with the highest qualifications to conduct brake and mechanical inspections before trains carrying oil and other hazardous liquids depart. Railroads were also asked to put a system in place to quickly provide investigators with key information on trains and their contents in the event of an accident. Railroads were

also notified that the department is working on regulations requiring them to provide more detailed information on the trains and their contents than currently required, including any testing and analysis of the crude oil before the tank cars were filled.

Tests results of crude from the Bakken region show it is often far more volatile and likely to ignite than other types of crude oil.

However, the American Petroleum Institute says Bakken crude is similar to other light, sweet crudes.

The new directives "build on the many practices and protocols the industry has applied for years for safely moving and handling hazard-

ous materials by rail, including flammable liquids," Edward Hamburger, president of the Association of American Railroads, said in a statement.

Foxx said the safety measures "are a result of lessons learned from recent accidents" and promised further action.

Besides the steps announced Friday, the department has a proposed a more comprehensive series of regulations to address oil train safety, including a stronger tank car design and better train braking systems. The proposal is under review at the White House and final regulations are expected to be released in the next few weeks.

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Victor T. Anaya, 31 and Kristan Nicole Rios, 26, both of Big Spring

Christopher Jones, 42, of Big Spring and Janet Oliver, 44, of Sweetwater

David Allen Albin, 51, and Karen Jo Moore, 47, of Big Spring

County Court Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Jesse Rivera Jr. Fleeing police officer imminent danger SBI. \$200 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 6 months.

The State of Texas vs. Paige N. Palmer. Duty on striking fixture/landscape more than \$200. \$100 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 6 months.

State of Texas vs. Romelia Isabel Mcmaryion. Driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Chad Evan Hall. Assault causes bodily injury to family member. \$500 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

State of Texas vs. Joseph McBeth. Assault causes bodily injury to family member. \$750 fine, court costs and 360 days in jail probated 24 months.

State of Texas vs. Lorenzo Torres Ramirez. Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$500 fine, court

costs and 75 days in jail. State of Texas vs. Eurvin Winters. Criminal mischief. \$200 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail probated 12 months.

District Court Filings

April Renee Rankin vs. Stetson Ramey Rankin, divorce

James Casillas vs. Lucky Rental Tool, LLC and James Hardie Hamilton III, other - injury or damage

Felicia Marie Leos vs. Thomas Leos, divorce

Nicole Smith vs. Derrick Smith, divorce

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Martha Jordan May
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Date: April 3, 2015

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Property: Lot 10, block 5, Banks addition

Date: March 5, 2015

Grantor: Shawn Harris
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Property: Lot 1, block 8, Parkhill addition

Date: April 10, 2015

Grantor: Janice E. Wagner
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Property: .46 acre tract of S.E. quarter of Sec 20, block 32 T-1-N R&P RR Co. Survey

Date: April 10, 2015

Grantor: Dickie Henkell
Grantee: William Kevin Goforth

Property: Lot 12, block 3, Avion village subdivision

Date: April 2, 2015

Grantor: Shirley Allison
Grantee: Kenneth Allen Douglas and Joye Doris Douglas

Property: Lot 9, block 2, Marshall Fields Estates Phase I

Date: April 7, 2014

Feedback sought on fees for drilling on federal land

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration took a first step Friday toward a possible increase in fees charged for oil and gas companies to drill on federal lands.

The Bureau of Land Management issued a notice seeking public comment on whether regulations are needed to give the government more flexibility in setting its fees.

Government auditors have consistently questioned whether the 12.5 percent royalty now being charged is too low. But a low royalty rate also encourages oil and gas exploration, and

any increase would likely raise protests from industry and others that it will lessen production and increase prices.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell says the current regulations have failed to keep pace with technological advances.

"It's time to have a candid conversation about whether the American taxpayer is getting the right return for the development of oil and gas resources on public lands," Jewell said in a press release.

The Government Accountability Office has recommended that BLM through the rule-making process be allowed to

raise or lower onshore royalty rates as necessary. The auditors noted that the royalty rate for some offshore leases exceeds 18 percent. They also said the bureau needs to do a better of justifying any changes it makes.

Julia Bell, a spokeswoman for Republicans on the House Committee on Natural Resources, described the Obama administration's review of the fees as "the latest regulatory assault on oil and gas development on federal lands" and that the administration shouldn't make it harder for producers to operate there.

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#8693 April 16 & 26, 2015

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#8678 April 12 & 19, 2015

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#8687 April 19, 2015

Legals

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#8690 April 19 & 26, 2015

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	2	8	4					
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5				7				
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A Heart-Rending Tale

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South have a part score of 30.

NORTH
♦AK1097
♥Q95
♦10
♠AKJ7

WEST
♦QJ
♥8762
♦7653
♣Q62

EAST
♦65432
♥J4
♦82
♣853

SOUTH
♦8
♥AK103
♦AKQ94
♠1094

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass

Opening lead — two of clubs.

They say that truth is stranger than fiction, and here is a tale to bear it out. The hand was played in a rubber-bridge game. The stakes were high, the atmosphere tense, and all the players except South were first-rate.

North had been having a hard time all evening, largely because he had cut South as his partner most of the time. So when he heard South open the bidding with a diamond, North perked up, since he was about to win a rubber at last. To make sure South got the message, North responded by jump-shifting to two spades.

South now bid two hearts, which was not sufficient. West called attention to the insufficient bid and offered to explain the options South had, but South, gazing intently at his score pad, said: "No, it's all right. I bid three diamonds. We have game and 40."

North groaned deeply and said: "For your information, sir, we happen to have game and 30, and furthermore, you've now succeeded in barring me from the auction. Can't you even keep score correctly?" So South played the hand at three diamonds, making seven, and, of course, lost the rubber on the next deal.

Had South corrected his bid to three hearts, there would have been no penalty under the laws, and North-South might have reached a slam and made it.

When North tried to explain this to his partner, South replied: "Well, I've already told you three times I thought I was making a game bid because I thought we had 40 on. Besides, I wouldn't dream of rebidding my hearts with a four-card suit!"

Aside from what occurred, the hand is a curiosity in another respect: As the cards lie, North-South could have made a grand slam in spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs or notrump!

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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4	6	5	7	3	2	9	8	1
9	2	8	4	1	6	3	7	5
7	9	2	5	8	4	6	1	3
5	1	6	9	7	3	8	2	4
3	8	4	6	2	1	5	9	7
6	4	7	1	9	5	2	3	8
8	3	9	2	4	7	1	5	6
2	5	1	3	6	8	7	4	9

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Senate panel passes update to No Child Left Behind law



BY KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate panel unanimously passed legislation on Thursday updating the No Child Left Behind education law, setting up a likely vote by the full Senate this spring.
The legislation would continue to require annual standardized

tests to measure student performance but would allow the states to determine how much weight to give them in evaluating schools.
The unanimous vote belies the tougher challenges ahead. The House abruptly canceled a vote on its version of the bill early this year when it became uncertain it would pass. It has not

rescheduled a vote.
The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions took up a bipartisan agreement that Sens. Lamar Alexander and Patty Murray reached last week. Alexander is the chairman of the committee. Murray is the ranking Democrat. Over three days, the committee approved 29 amendments to their legislation, but it also set aside some of the more divisive amendments for the full Senate to debate.
Both Republicans and Democrats have complained that the requirements in the 2002 law were unworkable. The Obama administration in 2012 began allowing waivers around some of the law's more stringent

requirements if schools met certain conditions.
Still, one of the signature goals of the law was to improve the education system for the poor, particularly minority students stuck in struggling schools. Since the law has been in effect, dropout rates have steadily decreased. The Hispanic dropout rate is half what it was in 2000. The drop-out rate for black students has been cut by more than a third.
The committee also passed a reauthorization bill during the two previous congressional sessions, but Alexander said prospects are better this time because the legislation has support from members of both parties.
“We couldn't have had

a better beginning,” Alexander said after the vote.
Alexander said the most significant change from current policy is letting the states and local school boards determine what constitutes success. The federal government will help them obtain the data they need to make those decisions.
“The accountability belongs in the local community. That's what we heard from both Democrats and Republicans,” Alexander said.
While lawmakers voted unanimously to move the bill forward, some clearly have problems with it and could vote against it when it comes up for a Senate vote. Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of

Massachusetts worried that lawmakers went too far in rolling back federal oversight.
“It lacks the fundamental safeguards, and as written, could allow states to take billions of dollars in federal grants without any assurance they will do much for the children who need our help the most,” Warren said.
Similarly, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said after the vote that he was glad some committee members recognized the need to strengthen the bill's accountability measures as this legislation advances.
“Every family and every community deserve to know that schools are helping all children succeed,” Duncan said.

Study: US moms typically space pregnancies 2—years apart



BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — For U.S. moms, the typical time between pregnancies is about 2—years but nearly a third of women space their children too close, a government study shows.

Experts say mothers should wait at least 18 months to give their body time to recover and increase the chances the next child is full-term and healthy.
The study released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention found that about 30 percent of women who'd had a child became pregnant again within 18 months.
“That is actually pretty high and very problematic,” said Heike Thiel de Bocanegra, a reproductive health researcher at the University of California, San Francisco. She was not involved in the new study.
The report is based on 2011 birth certificates from 36 states and the District of Columbia, representing about 83 percent of the nation's births that year. It was the first such report by the CDC so researchers don't know if pregnancy spacing has changed over time.
The study found:
• The median time to next pregnancy was 2 years, 5 months. About half fell in the 18 months to 5 year range. About 20 percent had babies more than 5 years apart.
• White women had the shortest spacing — about 2 years, 2 months on average. Black and Hispanic women typically waited 2 years or longer.
• The older the mom was, the longer

the spacing between a birth and her next pregnancy.
Of course, miscarriages, illnesses or other factors can affect a couple's plans.
Lhamo Ellin of New York had her daughter about 12 years after her son.
“I tried. It didn't happen,” said Ellin. She works as a nanny in a Brooklyn neighborhood that is a magnet for young families, where she said siblings seemed to be about three to five years apart.
New Yorker Reis Goldberg and his wife had twin boys and then a daughter 3—years later.
“As soon as we got the twins under control, we were ready to have another one,” he said.
Goldberg, who is only about a year younger than his brother, agreed with the experts.
“Second kid suffers. A lot runtier. He was like double my size when I was younger,” he said.
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White House names deputy social secretary to top job

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former hip-hop journalist who became a White House intern in her 30s was named on Thursday as the new White House social secretary.

Deesha Dyer, a Philadelphia native, will oversee planning for everything from the annual Easter Egg Roll attended by tens of thousands of people to opulent state dinners for hundreds, along with numerous receptions, ceremonies and other events that take place daily at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Dyer, 37, started in the social office about two years ago and immediately impressed Michelle Obama with "her passion, creativity, public-mindedness and relentless competence," the first lady said. "Since then, whether helping flawlessly execute state dinners or going the extra mile to open the White House to people who never dreamed they would walk through these doors, Deesha has worked tirelessly to truly make the White House the 'People's House.'"



Deesha Dyer

Dyer succeeds Jeremy Bernard, who plans to leave after a state dinner for Japan scheduled for April 28.

Bernard held the social secretary's post for more than four years and was the first male in that job in White House history.

Before starting her career in government, Dyer was an assistant at Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust and a freelance journalist covering East Coast hip-hop culture. She also worked with young adults, created a Philadelphia-based hip-hop AIDS program and as a CARE advocacy volunteer, the White House said.

Dyer returned to college at age 29 and earned a degree from the Community College of Philadelphia.

She joined the White House in 2009 as a 31-year-old intern in the office of scheduling and advance. She was brought on full-time a year later, beginning as associate director for scheduling correspondence and working her way up to deputy social secretary in 2013.

At one point, Dyer traveled with President Barack Obama and Mrs. Obama to handle lodging and logistics.

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female dogs; the reason isn't clear.

An oxytocin researcher not connected to the study said previous work had provided bits of evidence that the hormone plays a role in bonding between species, but that the new work is more comprehensive.

"It makes very good sense," said C. Sue Carter, who directs the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University.

But Clive Wynne of Arizona State University, a psychologist who studies interaction between dogs and people, said he thinks the link to

domestication is "barking up the wrong tree." The study doesn't provide convincing evidence for that, he said.

Emory's Young, who studies bonding behavior, said the relationship between people and dogs is special. Human love can lose its initial exhilaration over time, he said, but he hasn't seen that with the dogs he has owned for 10 years.

"When I come home from work every day, they are just as excited to see me now as they were when I got them," Young said.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Oh, those puppy eyes.

Just by gazing at their owners, dogs can trigger a response in their masters' brains that helps them bond, a study says.

And owners can do a similar trick in return, researchers found.

This two-way street evidently began when dogs were domesticated long ago, because it helped the two species connect, the Japanese researchers say.

As canine psychology experts Evan MacLean and Brian Hare of Duke University wrote in a commentary on the work, "When your dog is staring at you, she may not just be after your sandwich."

The new work is the first to present a biological mechanism for bonding across species, said researcher Larry Young of Emory University.

Neither he nor the Duke scientists were involved in the study, which is reported in a paper from Japan released Thursday by the journal Science.

The brain response is an increase in levels of a hormone called oxytocin (ahk-see-TOH'-sin). Studies in people and animals indicate this substance promotes social bonding, such as between parent and infant or between two lovers.

One experiment in the new research involved 30 owners and their dogs. Oxytocin levels in the urine of both species were sampled before and after the owners and their dogs spent a half-hour together.

Analysis showed that owners whose dogs looked at them longer in the first five minutes had bigger boosts in oxytocin levels. Similarly, dogs that gazed longer got a hormone boost, too. That's evidently in response to being touched by their owners during the session, one of the study authors, Takefumi Kikusui of Azabu University near Tokyo, said in an email.

No such result appeared when researchers tried the experiment with wolves. The animals were paired with people who had raised them, although not as pets. The difference suggests dogs started gazing at owners as a social strategy when they became domesticated, rather than inheriting it from their wolf ancestors, researchers said.

Another experiment with dogs found they looked at their owners longer if they were given doses of oxytocin, and that the hormone's levels then went up in their owners. But these results appeared only in



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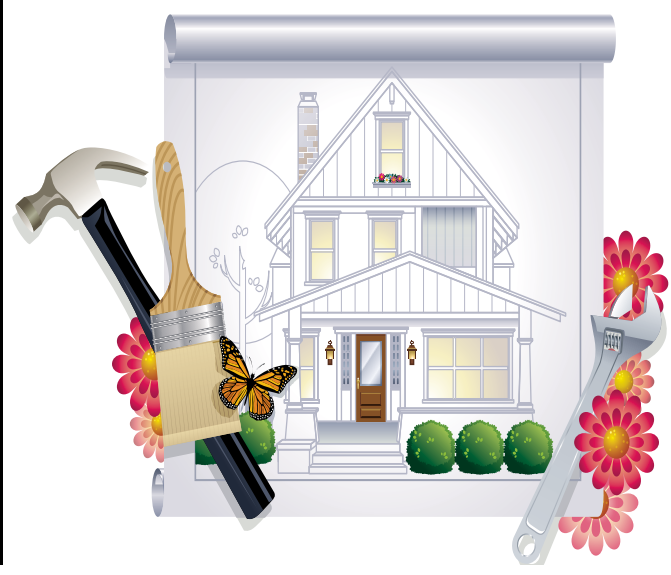
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On Saturday, April 11, runners and walkers alike met atop Scenic Mountain — the Big Spring State Park to participate in the annual Master the Mountain 5k, 10K event. Money raised from the event went to the Bob Fishback Memorial Scholarship. Fishback was a long-time educator in the Forsan school district.

“Duck Dynasty” family debuts musical in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — There is no shortage of beards, camo, hunting and God alongside a bit of recent real-life scandal in “Duck Commander Musical.”

The Las Vegas show premiered Wednesday at the Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino and tells the story of a family duck-call business that led to reality show juggernaut “Duck Dynasty.”

The 90-minute show with Broadway backers and bonafides, including the company behind “Jersey Boys,” alternates between something akin to a live-action commercial celebrating the family business to a mostly cheery singing and dancing scrapbook of their tight-knit journey.

Skeptical observers who envisioned a high-kicking dance number complete with hunting rifles and flashy sequin camouflage costumes when they heard of the musical won’t be disappointed. Producers, in on the joke, included one such traditional Broadway-style number. The rest is populated with earnest songs with lyrics such as “there’s no time for rest, this is my quest,” and “be yourself in camouflage” and on the other end, comic relief courtesy of the family’s Uncle Si offering fart jokes and “that’s what she said” replies. Scenes are set against a high-tech stage set of moving screens including appearances by the real-life Robertson family.

Nearly the entire “Duck Dynasty” family from Louisiana attended the premiere at the Rio hotel and casino, later dining on biscuits and gumbo at an after party.

Missing from the audience and show’s development was bearded patriarch Phil Robertson who was quoted vilifying homosexual behavior in a January 2014 issue of GQ magazine.

Theatre-goers expecting an apology from the actor playing Phil Robertson won’t get one. Instead, they get a glimpse into his long-ago descent into drunken irresponsibility before he finds God and atones in pathos that arrives near the end. The explanation for the comments? Phil was just being Phil. And Phil, like the rest of the family, loves everyone, they sing.

On stage, the subject arrives at first innocuously then ominously with a magazine reporter who after being consistently snubbed by the family patriarch asks: “What are your thoughts on Leviticus?”

In real life, GQ has said the question that led to Robertson’s comments was: “What, in your mind, is sinful?”

Anyone who read the profile or ensuing coverage knows what’s coming and the play coyly makes no direct mention of the comments themselves.

Emmy-award winning actor Michael Emerson who played Ben on the television show “Lost” and was in the crowd Wednesday night to support his friends, the show’s creators, said they managed the real world fallout, “in a really delicate way.”

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