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HC Trustees to consider eliminating faculty positions at the SA campus

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will be facing some tough choices at the district's San Angelo campus budget as declining student enrollment and dwindling state funds are forcing faculty layoffs.

According to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, the district's administration will recommend cutting seven positions from next year's budget to trustees Monday at the board meeting. Five of those positions are currently filled and those affected have been notified by district officials, Sparks said, while two others are currently vacant.

"These budget cuts are very difficult.

HC trustees meeting

When: 12:30 p.m., Monday

Where: Tumbleweed Room, Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Unfortunately, these decisions have to be made at times," Sparks said.

At this point in the state appropriations process for community college, Sparks said the San Angelo campus could lose approximately \$1 million to \$1.32 million spread out over the next two years. Even

though the appropriations process will continue through at least the end of May, the district will need to consider faculty contracts at this time, Sparks said.

Two positions in the general studies area and one in career technology education are on the chopping block while the rest are in health science, she said.

Faculty positions on the two other campuses — Big Spring and Lamesa — along with the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will not be impacted at this time, Sparks added.

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Coming up

- Howard College Dance recital, 7:30 p.m., tonight, Howard College — Hall Center for the Arts.
- Child Abuse Awareness Prevention, April 30, 6 p.m. hosted by SMMC.
- BSISD memorial tree dedication ceremony, 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, Blankenship Field.
- Cinco de Mayo, Friday, May 1, Howard County Fair Grounds.

Large load on the road



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Employees move a huge electrical transformer Thursday to a wind farm in Glasscock County. The equipment was made in Mexico and brought into Big Spring by rail, where it was offloaded by Big Spring Rail Company at the McMahon Wrinkle Industrial Airpark and then taken to Glasscock County via truck.

Early voting begins Monday

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Three city council seats and four school district trustee positions will be chosen in the next coming weeks.

Early voting for municipal and school district board elections begins Monday for Big Spring and Coahoma residents at the Howard County Elections Office.

Both races in the Big Spring City Council and school district elections are only open to voters who live in those districts. For the city council District 2 race, incumbent Carmen Harbour is running for another term while she faces challenger Thomas Padilla. Two other seats are up this cycle on the council but both candidates - Steve Waggoner in the District 4 race and Jim DePauw for District 6 - are running unop-

posed. The city opted to not list those candidates on the ballot.

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Reminder!

The Social Security temporary office is open for business on Mondays and Fridays only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office is located at West Texas Opportunities, 2001 S. Scurry St.

Clients can also visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1 800-772-1713 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to receive help.

I-27 resolution on tap for county commissioners

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners are expected to join a growing list of counties throwing their support behind extending Interstate 27 through this area when they meet at 10 a.m. Monday on the third floor of the county courthouse.

Since construction began on the Highway 87 reliever route, area officials have

Commissioners Meeting

When: 10 a.m., Monday

Where: Howard County Courthouse, third floor.

begun a push to convince the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to conduct a new feasibility

study on extending I-27 south from Lubbock through Big Spring and on to San Angelo.

Earlier this month, Big Spring's city council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the measure and commissioners will consider taking the same action Monday.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said she strongly supports the measure.

"This is a critical issue for Big Spring and Howard County," Wiseman said.

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Eastertide Concert

Junior high band to perform at St. Mary's

Herald Staff Report

The award-winning Big Spring Junior High Honor Band will perform for the community Wednesday for a special Eastertide concert hosted by the parish of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The concert, which is scheduled for Wednesday at 12:05 p.m., will mark the junior high honor band's first appearance at St. Mary's. The fifty plus member band is under the direction of Rocky Harris and his assistants - Sam Hale, Emily Andrews and Olivia Caldwell.

"The band will perform 30 minutes of beautiful and widely varied music," said Linda Hill, St. Mary's music director. The pieces to be played are "The Footlifter," a march written during the Great Depression by American composer Henry Fillmore, "Salvation Is Created and Awake," by Russian composer Pavel Chesnokov, and "Dona Nobis Pacem," which is based on a portion from the Roman Catholic Mass set by Texas composer James Sudduth."

Following the concert, a light lunch will be provided for attendees at no charge. There is no admission charge for the concert, also.

The junior high band earned a Division I rating at UIL concert and sight reading contest held earlier this year.

"St. Mary's is proud to welcome this group of talented and dedicated young musicians," Hill added.

The church is located at 10th and Goliad in Big Spring.

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"With the growing population, our kids need to understand if a person is a good person or a bad person by their action, not by what they look like. radKIDS know more," Catie Wiedenhofer, nationally certified radKIDS instructor, said. "A good person is someone that asks mom and dad's permission before engaging with the child and a bad person would engage with the child without permission.

"radKIDS teaches grown ups help grown ups. For example, if a grown up asks a radKID to 'help find their puppy' the radKID is going to go get a grown up to help that grown up," Wiedenhofer continued. "radKIDS is taught in context for example if mom says, 'help that grown up' then the radKID helps the grown up. The radKIDS program encourages family involvement by safety homework that the kids bring home.

"radKIDS is an evidenced-based program and complies with the Texas Educational standards in the public school system. I love helping these kids and I am blessed that Scenic Mountain Medical Center created a path for Safe Kids San Angelo to bring this empowering program to our children in Big Spring."

The pilot class — presented by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the local YMCA and radKIDS instructor Catie Wiedenhofer — wrapped up April 10 with a graduation ceremony.

During the 8-hour course, students learned cognitive thinking to help them in situations of possible abduction, abuse, bullying and worked on building self-worth and self-esteem.

In recognition of students completing the course, each received a certificate which serves a dual purpose. The certificate not only declares them a radKID, but it serves as their identification card, complete with thumbprint, name and current photo.

"It's important that we give the power back to our children," Wiedenhofer said. "We tend to get so caught up in trying to be a good parent, good teacher, good counselor that sometimes we over look some of the most vital pieces of information that we could provide our kid with and that's just how important they really are to us."

"Our children are our most precious resource and we need to do everything we can to make sure they know their options in case danger arises," Wiedenhofer added.

Statistics show 58,200 children are abducted by non-family members, 203,903 children are abducted by family. Out of those instances 4 percent of the children are not recovered and 40 percent are killed.

"Unlike programs that simply tell children what to do in the face of potential danger, radKIDS provides our children a hands-on, activity-based, physical skill development program that empowers them to instinctively avoid, and, if necessary, respond to potential danger. Our parents in San Angelo are breathing a sigh of relief that their children are gaining real skills that will help them not only navigate their school years, but life," Wiedenhofer said.



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Obituaries

Phillip Eugene Riddle Jr.



Phillip Eugene Riddle Jr. entered into eternal rest April 23, 2015. Phillip was born to P.E. and Olivia Riddle Feb. 9, 1941 in Big Spring, Texas. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Sue Ann Dolan, for 54 years and was a lifelong resident of Howard County. Phillip worked for Fina Oil and Chemical Production for 27 years and returned to his first love of farming full time after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Ann Riddle of Big Spring; one son, Scott Riddle of Big Spring; a daughter, Pamila Riddle Johnson who resides in Dallas. Phillip also leaves behind five grandchildren and one great grandson, Allison Claunch and

husband, Corey, along with their son, August, of Austin, Kaitlin Johnson of Houston, Daniel Johnson of Nacogdoches, Cody Riddle of San Angelo and Kelsey Riddle of Tuscola. He is also survived by two brothers, Charles Riddle and Terry Riddle; and one sister, Nancy Walton.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton and Dr. Ricky Pat Lamb officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Margaret Ogden



Margaret Ogden, 82, of New Braunfels, died on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Resolute Hospital.

Margaret was a Coahoma girl, born to Harvey Lavell and Olga Kate Stamps on July 17, 1932 in Fort Stockton, Texas. She graduated valedictorian of her class at Coahoma High School in 1949.

She was a Presbyterian most of her life until she joined her final church, Grace Memorial in New Braunfels. She married her high school sweetheart, Billy Ray Brooks, in 1950. She married her second husband, Troy Ogden in 1971. She went to work at the Soil Conservation Service, working from 1950 to 1960. She then began her second career at Webb Air Force Base as a classifier. When Webb closed, she transferred to Randolph Air Force Base and rose through the rankings to achieve GS13 sta-

tus.

After retirement, she and Troy moved to New Braunfels. Not long after her arrival, she was asked to leave retirement to be the CFO of the Board of Realtors due to her skills and her military training.

She is survived by her three children; sons, Brent Brooks and wife, Mary, of New Braunfels and Noel Brooks and wife, Marcia, of New Braunfels; daughter, Belinda Markay Brashears and husband, Maxey Ray, of San Marcos; seven grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Troy E. Ogden; and sister, June McCasland.

Public Visitation will begin 5 p.m. Sunday at Zoeller Funeral Home and will continue until 8 p.m. Funeral Services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Zoeller Funeral Home with Pastor Adam Cork officiating. A private interment will be held at a later date at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Billy T. Schooler



Billy Theral Schooler of O'Donnell died on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the age of 87.

He was born Nov. 4, 1927 in O'Donnell to the late William and Resa (Sayles) Schooler. At a young age, Billy lost his parents and was cared for by his adoptive parents, Branch Mac and Vera Haymes. Billy graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1945.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard and graduate of McMurry College with his bachelors' degree in 1953 and masters' degree in 1969 from Texas Tech University. He was a member of the McMurry band under the direction of Professor (Prof) Bynum. During his senior year at McMurry, he started the band at Abilene Wylie High School. Following graduation he was band director for one year at Petersburg, two years in Paducah, and then returned to O'Donnell as director of the Eagle Band.

He became a classroom teacher continuing to teach music to kindergarten through 12 grade and in 1973 became the principal of O'Donnell Elemen-

tary School for 10 years. In 1983 he returned to the classroom until retirement in 1989. Billy was active in the community where he was a volunteer fireman and involved with the Rotary Club. He served as choir director for the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell where he was a lifetime member. He married Lota Butchee in 1958 in Abilene.

He is survived by his children, Sharon Wells and husband, John, of O'Donnell and Kevan Schooler and wife, Connie, of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife, Lota Schooler in 2006 and siblings, Allie Jo Roye, Dean Schooler, Leo Schooler and Ocran Schooler.

Memorial services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell. Memorial donations can be made to FUMC, PO Box 446, O'Donnell, Texas 79351; O'Donnell Heritage Museum, PO Box 605, O'Donnell, Texas 79351; or O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 236, O'Donnell, Texas 79351.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes. www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com

Gordon James Birrell

Gordon James Birrell, age 55, of Early, Texas died on April 21, 2015. Cremation is under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Brown County Youth Fair Homemaking Building.

Gordon was born on Oct. 30, 1959 in Big Spring, Texas to Bill and Zay Harmon Birrell. Gordon grew up in Big Spring where he graduated from Big Spring High School in 1979. He married Lisa Glenn on Sept. 7, 1996. They moved to Early where they

made their home and raised their daughters. He worked independently as an inventory auditor.

He is survived by: his wife, Lisa Birrell; two daughters, Morgan Birrell, and Megan Tidwell, husband Craigan, all of Early; a granddaughter; two brothers Ron Birrell, wife Dorinda, of Denver, Colo., and Greg Birrell, wife Clarice of Big Spring; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends are invited to sign the guestbook at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net

Heartland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cedar Park nursing home. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **RODNEY JOSEPH KELEMAN**, 30, of 1011 S. Scurry St. was arrested on charges of manufacturing/delivering of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **JASON WAYNE ENGLISH**, 37, of 1502 S. Runnels St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

• **STACY FAYE POE**, 42, of 101 Moore Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **AARON SCOTT COMBS**, 28, of 1514 Vines Ave. was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, more than three grams but less than 28 grams.

• **TED MORALLY**, 38, 1204 State St. was arrested on charges of fraudulent use/possession of identifying information.

• **DEREK TARVER MOFFETT**, 35, of 200 E. 11th Place was arrested on a warrant for fail to appear.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Robin St. and the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 11th St. and Gregg St.

• **CITIZEN ASSIST/REQUEST OFFICER** was reported in the 600 block of S. Gregg St. and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1600 block of E. FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 15000 block of Circle St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 700.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla St.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.



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Name: Andrea Barr
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City you live in: Big Spring, Texas
Family: Husband - Rob Cook, Dad - Mark Barr and Stepmom - Stacy Barr, Mom - Brenda Barr
Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Cooking and Shopping. Philanthropic Education Organization. Board member of the Chamber of Commerce and board member of the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
Favorite book: I'll Gather My Geese by Hallie Stillwell
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Where would you visit if you could go anywhere: Sardinia



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Sands CISD

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Breakfast: cereal, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: breaded pork chop, garden salad, carrot coins, sliced peaches, breadstick and pudding.

Tuesday

Breakfast: muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: crispy tacos, spanish rice/chicken enchiladas, garden salad, charro beans, salsa and cinnamon applesauce.

Wednesday

Breakfast: pancake wrap, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, roll and strawberries & bananas.

Thursday

Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: sloppy joe sliders, chips, broccoli bites, garden salad and orange smiles.

Friday

Breakfast: cinnamon pastry, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch: beef and bean burrito, salsa, broccoli bites, garden salad and orange smiles.

Big Spring ISD

Monday

Breakfast: assorted cereal, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: spaghetti or rib patty sandwich, broccoli with ranch, garden salad, strawberries & bananas, carrots, breadsticks and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: crispy tacos or chicken enchiladas, spanish rice, charro beans, garden salad, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: pancake on a stick, peach cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chicken strips or salisbury steak, roll, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruity jell-o and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk;

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School districts, parents at odds over breakfast in class

BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The number of breakfasts served in the nation's schools has doubled in the last two decades, a surge driven largely by a change in how districts deliver the food.

Instead of providing low-income students free or reduced-price meals in the cafeteria, they're increasingly serving all children in the classroom. Food policy advocates say the change increases equity, however, it's fueled a

backlash from parents and teachers. They contend that it takes up class time that should be devoted to learning and wastes food by serving it to kids who don't want or need it.

Lilian Ramos, a mother of two elementary school children in a working-class Los Angeles neighborhood, said she takes offense at the district's assumption that she hasn't fed her children: She serves them a traditional Mexican breakfast each day.

"They say if kids don't eat they won't learn," Ramos said. "The truth is that many of our kids come to school already having eaten. They come here to study."

The Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second-largest with about 650,000 K-12 students, has been aggressively expanding its program, and by the end of the school year, will be serving breakfast in class at nearly every school. That growth mirrors an increase nationwide. Since 1994, the number of breakfasts served has climbed from about 1 billion annually to 2.3 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Across the country, 51 percent of children are considered low-income, up from 32 percent in 1989, according to the Southern Education Foundation. In a number of school districts, the vast majority of those children qualify for a free or reduced-price meal. In Los

Angeles and Detroit, about 80 percent are eligible.

Proponents believe shifting breakfast from the cafeteria to the classroom is the most effective way to make sure all children are ready to learn. Students who come to school hungry, they argue, are likely to have a harder time paying attention.

There's also a financial incentive for districts to expand breakfast. The federal government reimburses schools for each meal served. At LA Unified, the number of participating children has grown from 29 percent to 81 percent in three years, generating an additional \$16 million, according to Laura Benavidez, the district's deputy director of food services.

At Stanley Mosk Elementary, regarded as having a model breakfast program, teachers help distribute the meal, check off which students are eating and show a video to incorporate a nutrition lesson, all in 10 minutes. On a recent morning, students were given apples, cereal and a small, packaged breakfast sandwich. At the end of breakfast, there was a large cooler filled with uneaten breakfast sandwiches.

"I think it's a good way for students to eat here because sometimes at home they're in such a rush," said Fatima Nassar, 10. "Sometimes I see students throw it away."

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VOTING

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In the BSISD school board race, long-time trustee Tony Kennedy faces Kyle Carroll for the single-member District 4 position. Running unopposed for the District 2 race is Maria V. Padilla. Her name will remain on the ballot as BSISD decided to continue list the race.

Howard County Election

Early Voting

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 27-May 5.

Where: Howard County Courthouse, Election Office, first floor

Administer Sandra Bloom suggest voters may want to contact her office to confirm if they live in the district and are eligible to vote before making the trip down to the election office.

In Coahoma, both city and school board seats will be decided in at-large elections so anyone who resides in the city limits will be able to vote.

Two city council seats received three candidates. They are incumbents Ronnie Dodson, Jay Holt, and new comer Brandy Manning. In the school board race, voters have a choice of five candidates to fill three at large positions. They are Jody Reid, incumbent; Brian Moore, incumbent; Alan Wright, incumbent; Melissa Sanchez and Dicky Stone.

According to the state of Texas election laws, voters must show a valid photo identification in order to participate.

That includes:

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Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS

Texas personal identification card issued by DPS

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United States military identification card containing the person's photograph

United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Ballots can be cast for Big Spring and Coahoma city and school district races on Monday through Tuesday, May 5, at the election office located on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Voting will be held during normal business hours. Extended voting hours will be held on Thursday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

The county is still accepting applications to receive a ballot by mail. The cut off date to apply for a mail-in ballot is 5 p.m. Wednesday.. To request an application, call Brooke Wells at 432-264-2273.

People who qualify to vote by mail are those who will be out of the county during the early voting period and election day; persons who are age 65 years and older; or are sick and disabled or are confined to jail during the early voting period and on Election day.

On Election Day, May 9, voting booths for the Big Spring municipal and school district trustee race will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Foyer located on the Howard College campus. Coahoma city and school district constituents can cast their vote at the Coahoma Community Center, also between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Take Note

• On Saturday, May 2, Papa John's Pizza, 2503 S. Gregg, will hold a veteran's appreciation day from 10 a.m. until midnight. All active duty military and veterans will receive 20 percent off on all menu items. In addition, half of the business' sales that day will go to assist local veterans.

• The "Cancer Throat Punchers" Relay for Life team will hold a "Burlap and Bites" fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Washington Elementary. For more information, contact Nichole Negron at 432-296-8570.

• 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.

• 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 information, 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.

HC

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Enrollment at all three Howard College campuses has been tapering off the past several years after historic highs following the recession in 2008. The bump in student enrollment was a mixed blessing for community colleges across the state as it brought in more students mostly seeking retraining but also

meant less funding as the state faced severe budget issues.

Trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room located in the campus' Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Also on the agenda, trustees will:

• Hear updates on both the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Village construction project and renovation for the West Texas Training Center Science Lab.

• Personnel issues including faculty contracts and retirement resolutions and financial matters.

• Consider grant funding for math and English classrooms.

• Hear an update on the current state legislative appropriations.

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MEETING

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"If we can secure a promise from TxDOT to extend I-27 through this area, it would make Big Spring one of the few cities in Texas which has intersecting interstates. It would be a great thing

for this area."

In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

• A public hearing on a proposal to change the speed limit on Boykin Road.

• Discussion and possible action on a proposal to rename a private road north of Big Spring Worthy Road.

• Discussion and possible action on a request to use an outside engineering firm to design a culvert for Snyder Field Road.

• A presentation from the Howard County Historical Commission.

• Bids for oil and gas leases on county-owned land.

• Personnel matters.

• A budget work session.

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Students are served breakfast at the Stanley Mosk Elementary School in Los Angeles.

CLASS

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In Los Angeles, parents from wealthier schools organized against it, winning a concession permitting 32 schools with less than 20 percent of children who fall below the poverty threshold to opt out.

Parents at UCLA Community School, where Ramos' children attend, also organized. They said the initiative took away instructional time from low-income and English-learner students, a group that scores persistently lower in reading and math. They also worried about unsanitary classrooms. The district temporarily delayed implementation but plans to soon start breakfast in the classroom at the school.

LA Unified board member Monica Garcia, who sponsored the breakfast resolution, acknowledged a one-size breakfast solution probably doesn't fit all.

"Does it help the majority of kids? I

think it does," Garcia said. "Do we still need to figure out what to do when people want to opt out? Probably."

About a decade ago, school and food policy advocates began drawing attention to the low participation in the nation's school breakfast program. Some districts didn't offer it, while others provided it before class, forcing students to arrive early.

"Breakfast in the classroom evolved as a smart response," said Jim Weill, president of the nonprofit Food Research and Action Center.

A 2013-14 survey by Weill's organization found 52 of 62 districts nationwide offered free meals to everyone, regardless of income, at some or all schools. Fifty had breakfast in classrooms.

Not everyone has embraced it. In New York City, former Mayor Michael Bloomberg opposed serving breakfast in class over

concerns that children would eat twice. Current Mayor Bill de Blasio has expressed support, but it has only been implemented in 301 schools of about 1,600 districtwide.

At the UCLA Community School, parents plan to continue fighting the decision.

"We want them to serve it in the cafeteria," Raquel Martinez, a mother of three, said. "That's what the cafeteria is for."

Follow Christine Armario on Twitter: www.twitter.com/cearmario

MENUS

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Lunch: teriyaki beef sandwich or beef and bean burrito, baked chips, garden salad, broccoli with ranch, green beans, orange smiles and milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

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barbecue chicken, oven potatoes, broccoli, cherry cobbler, bread and milk.

Tuesday
king ranch casserole, mixed vegetables, fruit cup and milk.

Wednesday
chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cake, rolls and milk.

Thursday
beef fajita/tortilla, spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, chocolate pudding and milk.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Portraits of warriors

I first heard of Ken Pridgeon while visiting in Liberty, Texas. The owner of radio station KSHN, Bill Buchanan, told me that Ken was done some fantastic things for families who had sons or daughters killed in military action. I made contact with Ken, who lives in Baytown, but he couldn't do the interview that day because he was going to Galveston to address thousands of Navy veterans.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

That night he was going to be recognized during halftime at a football game. He later told me he was driven to the stadium in a limousine and a big jumbotron showed a report on him that had recently been on TV.

When Ken was in the military, he came home on leave and went duck hunting. "I shot a wood duck and the thing fell at my feet. There's nothing prettier than a wood duck. God was having a good day when he put that thing together. I looked down and saw how pretty it was

and tried to give him artificial respiration. I wanted to bring him back to life, but the poor little guy died. That was the end of my duck hunting and I started finding ways to paint them and I've painted thousands of them, working to get the right way the feathers belong and the color just right."

Ken developed into a fine artist. Four years ago a woman asked him to paint a portrait of a Texas marine killed in Iraq. Then another person asked him to paint a soldier killed in Afghanistan. Ken was moved by the requests and set out on the biggest job of his life.

He found out how many Texas military personnel had lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and he is trying to do portraits of all of them. It's hard to keep up. "When I started here were 525. Now there are 739 and the number keeps growing."

He has a gallery in Baytown that contains nearly 200 portraits. Ken gets no money for his work. He lives mostly on his Social Security income. The gallery and his painting supplies are donated. Many people donate money. "There's a donate button on the website, portraitofawar-

rior.org. There's a picture of the gallery there and you can see over a hundred paintings."

He paints six days a week. The gallery gets busloads of visitors. Ken started doing the paintings when he was 75 years old. "I didn't have anybody to tell me I couldn't do it. This gives me the greatest pleasure of my life."

Ken is 79 now. When someone contacts him to do a portrait of a fallen warrior, he gets details about the individual and puts some of those details in the painting. "After the family gets in touch with me, they tell me a little bit about their son or daughter's history. I'm a poor man's Norman Rockwell and like to put a little bit of the story in the background about his or her life. I give a print of the portrait to the family."

Many people see the quality of his work and want to commission him to do a portrait of someone not connected with the military. "But I don't accept any of those. I don't have time."

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

Some thoughts about education

To the Editor:

I am retiring May 31 after 35 years of teaching, three in Houston and 32 with the Big Spring ISD. I am pleased and proud to say that I have some very special memories of colleagues and students.

Having been part of the educational system of Texas, I can say I have seen many different trends and philosophies come and go during my career. When testing was first proposed I thought "what is all the fuss about? I grew up with the California Achievement test given en masse in the high school auditorium. No big deal, the test will just give us more information to better understand what our students' need." (I admit that was vary naïve of me.)

However, as with any large production, it has become warped and changed into something so different that the creators don't even recognize it any longer. The media (TV, radio, newspaper) will sometimes distort the information they receive out of ignorance on how to interpret the results or just

plain confusion.

Unfortunately we also have some media who distort the facts for sensationalism because we, as a culture, have grown to look at the bad instead of the good.

We have a lot of good here in Big Spring ISD! We have students who bring smiles to their peers and their teachers everyday by valuing education and community. Some who are homeless attend school and try the best they can to improve themselves.

Yes, we have those who don't take advantage of education and often these are the ones who are vocal against the district. The students come home and no one checks to see what they have done at school or they give lip service by saying "what did you do at school today?" and have tuned out before the final words have left their mouth.

Not so long ago, the standard for homework was at least 10 minutes per grade level (1st grade would have at last 10 minutes, 8th grader would have at least 80 minutes, 11th grade would have 110

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Mort's theory of everything

My Uncle Mort's screeching to a stop on his golf cart isn't a rarity; seldom, however, does he leave the motor running. I thought this meant his visit might be brief. It was briefer, but several minutes beyond briefest.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the thicket," my 102-year-old kin bragged. "The two-hours-only shoe sale coincides with Maude's kick-off of spring cleaning. So I ducked out of work, volunteering to fetch her some new sandals in town. The sales guy asked me her shoe size; I told him Maude says she wears a size 9, but a 10 feels so good, she usually buys 11s."

Good fortune followed my uncle to the thrift store, where he found a like-new pair of brogans for \$3. And they gave him a buck for the ones he's been wearing for 20 years. I guess my kin are, uh, "summer-ized."

Mort had "a brief, two-pronged" agenda — analysis of our country's defense system and discussion of a recent dream.

He began thusly. "Can you believe a man could land a gyrocopter on the Capitol lawn unchallenged, even after announcing he was coming?"

Of course I'd read and heard plenty on the subject. I'm still eye-rolling after the 61-year-old Floridian flew the contraption at an altitude of 150 feet at a speed of 45 miles per hour. My uncle said this postal employee has

taken special delivery to a new level. Further, with the scheme working so smoothly, Mort predicts airlines will clamor to offer scheduled passenger service to the Capitol lawn.

"My historical perspective helps to understand how such a thing could happen," my uncle said. "More than 50 years ago — during the Cuban missile crisis — our military leaders assured us we had missiles capable of striking major world targets with great accuracy."

I asked him why we didn't flex our muscles more against Cuba.

"That's precisely the point," Mort responded.

"Cuba is less than 100 miles from Miami, and we didn't have missiles that would shoot that close."

What, pray tell, does the Cuban missile crisis have to do with a guy who builds a gyrocopter, announces it to the media and then flies to Washington?

Mort makes no fortune teller claims, but he has strong opinions about why the illegal landing was unchallenged. "Kinda like Cuba was too close, now we don't have any radar that detects aircraft flying that low and that slow."

Whatever, officials of 32 different agencies are squirming. That's the number of groups which have varying degrees of Capitol security jurisdiction. No doubt, they're "going postal."

I'm not suggesting Mort was on a high, but clearly, he was on a roll.

Wink-quick, he changed the subject, switching from our country's defensive flaws to Jordan Spieth's offensive assault on golf courses.

What's not to admire about this young man who appears to

be "hound's tooth" clean from every angle, with a great chance to become the hero to a nation? Mort admitted his golf game is way south of miserable. "If my own game was a prize fight, they'd stop it," he lamented.

"You won't believe the dream I had about Jordan," Mort said. "Before reaching the first tee at a PGA Tournament, his opponents surrounded him to sing what I've always considered to be a Christian hymn — "I Don't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Mort assumed he'd hear the same lyrics sung at church across the years. But they were radically different.

"In essence," Mort said, "the lyrics warned that if Jordan is crossed, they'd best gang up on him and bring along their biggest guns."

Before he pattered off toward the thicket, I asked his secret to a happy marriage, acknowledging his 81 years in tandem with 101-year-old Maude.

"An easy answer," Mort said. "I wrote the Constitution for our marriage, but I accept all of her amendments." I smiled at the recollection of Maude's Christmas gift to Mort last year — shaving lotion called "Old Spouse."

It's surprising he didn't end our visit by waxing poetic, a la Ogden Nash: "To keep your marriage brimming — with love in the loving cup — whenever you're wrong, admit it. Whenever you're right, shut up."

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Merle Norman Cosmetics of Big Spring received the Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

Farmers face June 1 deadline to certify conservation compliance

Special to the Herald

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds farmers that the 2014 Farm Bill requires producers to file a Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wet-

land Conservation Certification form (AD-1026) with their local USDA service center by June 1 in order to become or remain eligible for crop insurance premium support.

Most farmers already have a certification form on file since

it's required for participation in most USDA programs, such as marketing assistance loans, farm storage facility loans and disaster assistance. However, farmers, such as specialty crop growers

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Franklin and Sons of Big Spring received the Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

The 'buzz' on finding reliable pest control

There's nothing that bugs me more than ants crawling around on my countertops. It can be a little creepy, but it can also be the sign of a bigger problem.

If you're seeing more little critters sneaking around your home this time of year, you're not alone. As the hot months approach, more and more pests are finding any opportunity they can to get inside, and keep cool.

April is actually National Pest Management Month, so even if you don't have a problem now, it's a good time to start researching a pest control service in case you need one later down the road.

In 2014, BBB received more than 4,200 complaints nationwide against pest control services, a slightly higher number than 2013. Many complaints allege there were services paid for that were not provided, extermination attempts were ineffective and companies hid high cancellation fees.

BBB offers this advice when searching for a pest control service you can trust:



- Compare prices. Solicit bids from at least three different pest control companies before making a decision. BBB provides a free Request-a-Quote service to make it easier to gather estimates from local BBB Accredited Businesses. You can also go to checkbbb.org for a full list of BBB accredited pest control services in our area.

- Ask about safety. Because pesticides and pest control products could be dangerous to touch or inhale, be sure to ask the company about the safety of the chemicals they use. Let the company know if you have children, pets or sensitive plants as that may impact the products they select for your home.

- Check for licensing and insurance. Make sure the company meets state licensing requirements by verifying the business with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Also, be sure to ask for proof of the company's insurance and coverage for any potential property damage or personal liability.

- Get it in writing. Make sure all guarantees are clearly stated in writing with details about the service agreement. Be sure you understand what the company will do if pests continue or come back after treatment.

- Carefully review your contract. Be sure you fully understand the nature of the pest to be exterminated, the extent of the infestation, and the work necessary to solve the problem.

For more consumer tips and information on pest control services, go to be BBB's homepage at bbb.org/central-texas.

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

Jarrod Wise is communications manager for Permian Basin BBB.

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Charles Watts, 102 Cottonwood. Res Elec; Val: \$500, Fee: \$25.
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McDonalds, 2600 S. Gregg St. Com HVAC; Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$135.
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Keith Ray Fontana, 1 Coachmans Circle. Res Elec; Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$25.
Le Burks, 3201 Auburn Ave. Res Gas; Val: \$500, Fee: \$32.
Juan Aguilar, 809 N. Gregg St. Other - Nonres; Val: \$3,800, Fee: \$30.
Johnny Schafer, 702 Caprock Dr. Single family house; Val: \$409,000, Fee: \$1,527.
Mary Virginia Saiz, 3306 Drexel Ave. Res Gas; Val: \$500, Fee: \$32.
Stripes, LLC., 1101 Lamesa Drive. Signs; Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$25.
Complete Nutrition, 2503 S. Gregg St. Non-Res; Val: \$55,000, Fee: \$335.
Felix Lugo, 1314 Park St. Structure; Val: \$500, Fee: \$25.
James Boudreau, 2105 Grace St. Non res; Val: \$24,000, Fee: \$130.
Becky Marie Harris, 1503 E. 5th St. Structure - Other; Val: \$150, Fee: \$25.
Juan Rocha, 404 Benton. Res Plumb; Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32.
Polly Speaker, 4205 Connolly St. Res add; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.
Wes Baird, 4208 Parkway Rd. Other Non res; Val: \$8,000 Fee: \$50.
Janice L. Byrd, 430 Dallas St. Res HVAC; Val: \$6,500 Fee: \$45.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. no. 19, Big Spring
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
Wayne Richard Boyce, 4042 Morningside, Canyon
Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir, Big Spring
Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood, Big Spring
Tonya Renea Cogburn, 1610 Johnson, Big Spring
Okytra Larae Cole, 1903 Runnels, Big Spring
Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute, Big Spring
Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. Seventh, Big Spring
Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave., Midland
James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. no. 502, Atlanta
Eugene Frank Gulley, 1201 Floydada, Wellington, Texas
Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
Dylan Hammons, 4404 E.

11th Pl., Big Spring
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., Big Spring
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas no. 198, Odessa
Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
Jenny Marie Hamilton Lyon, 2609 Fairchild, Big Spring
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
Michael Shane Martinez, P.O. Box 613, Coahoma
Lee Allen Mathis, 101 Falcon Ln., Hillsboro
Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Courtney Pl. no. 108, Big Spring
Dehalie Marie Nunez, P.O. Box 93, Eden
John Troy Riddle, 801 Industrial Loop no. 65, Breckenridge
George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd no. 14, Big Spring
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter, Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, Colorado City
Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Rd., Big Spring
Charleston Naster Sanders, 700 N. Valley St., Anaheim, CA
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425

E. Davis Rd., Big Spring
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Rd., apt. 133, Big Spring
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connolly St., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 28, Big Spring
Cody K. Witt, 310 E. 21st, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Justin Thomas Francis, 34, and Candice Kristine Slightom, 32, both of Big Spring
Jose M. Robles, 66, and Betty Rodriguez, 61, both of Big Spring
Dakota Clyde Ginkinger, 20, of Colorado City and Kimbra Leigh Rodriguez, 21, of Big Spring

County Court Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Justin Brandon Martinez, Possession of marijuana. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Mario Ireno Yanez, Driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

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Marcy Elementary School A Honor Roll	Nairelys Ayala-Ramos Matthew Cuellar Mackenzie Emerson Niomi Wines Zaida Ybarra	Vanessa Viasana Kalyn Whitehead	Chelsie Ortiz Mohit Patel Ein Ramon Jace Richards Bella Rios Maricela Rivera Rafael Rodriguez Arianna Sosa Simealai Tino Erick Villalobos- Martinez Madison Wilson Willie Wright	Sofia Lozano Daliyah O'Hara Ava Smith Damion smith Teresa Torr3es Emmamel Tubbs Jonathan Varndell Gabriella Vasquez Gracie Villarreal Jose Villarreal Jaidyn Vineyard Jarett Wilson Quasett Nathaniel Zarraga	Aaliyah Marquez Amirah Meredith Xavier Montez Dekaysha Parker Sydney Reinert Elena Saracho Emilio Solis Ethan Urias Angalena Vasquez Cloe Viasana Kenneth Yockers
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LETTERS

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minutes and so forth). With the rigor and technology challenges of today often the homework can seem massive, but it reinforces the learning in the classroom.

If your child doesn't "have" any homework, the parent could have the student read for a little while and the activity will help greatly. In my day, the coach wouldn't have to tell me I was ineligible, my parents would not let me play or participate until I had passing grades.

Besides talking to your child, contact teachers or use the parent portal. Teachers can only do so much; remember we also have families.

The general public has no concept on how much some teachers give of themselves, including

supplies for the students who never seem to have a pencil every day. It took a long time for Big Spring ISD to start having some low testing scores (about 12 years under some ineffective leadership); give us a chance to get out of the ditch under leadership that is dedicated to making BSISD one of the best districts in the state.

Please realize that test scores are only a part of the state ranking. Attendance and socio-economics factors also determine school ranking. Remember that we have your child for only part of the day. Be a parent first and then a friend, because even a true friend wishes the best for their loved one and knows that nothing comes easy; it is the hard work that makes things worthwhile.

Judy Tereletsky
Big Spring

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Stocks rise on tech earnings; Nasdaq adds to record

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock indexes edged higher Friday, helped by gains in big technology companies including Google, Amazon and Microsoft.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose five points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,118 as of 2:20 p.m. Eastern. The Nasdaq composite added 37 points, or 0.7 percent, to 5,093 and the Dow Jones industrial average was up 22 points, or 0.1 percent, at 18,082.

BIG GAINS IN BIG TECH: Microsoft, Amazon and Google all rose sharply after the releasing their quarterly results. Amazon jumped \$56.66, or 15 percent, to

\$446.55. While the company reported a quarterly loss, investors were encouraged by the growth in some of Amazon's other businesses, including Amazon's cloud computing division.

Microsoft rose \$4.12, or 10 percent, to \$47.48. The software giant had results that beat expectations, and like Amazon, showed promising growth in new businesses like cloud computing. Google rose \$17.72, or 3 percent, to \$564.72. The search and advertising company missed analysts' expectations; the company had strong growth in mobile advertising.

PIVOTING: Investors have been looking for

Google, Microsoft and Amazon to show promise outside their bread-and-butter businesses. Microsoft cannot solely rely on PC sales to drive its profits, Amazon has very low profit margins on the products it sells and Google is heavily exposed to desktop computer advertising while the world is shifting to mobile.

"I think we are starting to see actual evidence that their strategies are working, especially at Microsoft and Amazon," said Dan Morgan, a portfolio manager at Synovus Trust Company, who owns shares of all three companies.

GREECE: A meeting between Greece and its

creditors ended without a deal. A top official said "significant" progress is still needed. The lack of a deal keeps uncertainty over Greece, which is forecast to have enough money only for another few weeks.

WALK AWAY: Time Warner Cable and Comcast rose after the companies called off their \$45 billion merger following pressure from regulators. Comcast rose 61 cents to \$59.85 and Time Warner Cable rose \$7.71, or 5 percent, to \$156.49.

Shares of Time Warner Cable rose after The Wall Street Journal reported that Charter Communications, another cable company,

was looking at making a bid for Time Warner Cable now that Comcast pulled out. Charter was up \$1.16, or 1 percent, to \$184.48.

NASDAQ RECORD: On Thursday the Nasdaq composite rose to 5,056.06 points, beating the record of 5,048.62 it set on March 10, 2000 at the height of the dot-com boom.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 59 cents to close at \$57.15 a

barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

CURRENCIES, BONDS: The dollar fell to 118.89 yen from 119.62 yen. The euro was little changed at \$1.0865. U.S. government bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.92 percent from 1.96 percent late Thursday.

METALS: Gold fell \$19.30 to \$1,175 an ounce, silver fell 19 cents to \$15.64 an ounce and copper rose five cents.

FARMS

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who receive federal crop insurance premium support but may not participate in other USDA programs, also must now file a certification form to maintain their crop insurance premium support.

"USDA employees are working very hard to get the word out about this new Farm Bill provision," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"While many producers will not need to take

action, we want to help make sure that those who are required to act do so by the June 1 deadline.

"We want all eligible producers to be able to maintain their ability to protect their operations with affordable insurance."

Producers should visit their local USDA service center and talk with their crop insurance agent before the deadline to ask questions, get additional information or learn more about conservation compliance procedures.

Producers who file

their form by the deadline will be eligible for federal crop insurance premium support during the 2016 reinsurance year, which begins July 1, 2015.

USDA will publish a rule outlining the linkage of conservation compliance with federal crop insurance premium support. Go to <http://go.usa.gov/3WY5J> to view a copy of the rule.

The Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form is available at local USDA service center or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/

AD1026form. When a farmer completes this form, USDA Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff will outline any additional actions that may be required for compliance with highly erodible land and wetland provisions.

USDA's Risk Management Agency, through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, manages the federal crop insurance program that provides the modern farm safety net for America's farmers and ranchers.

RECORDS

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bated 6 months.

The State of Texas vs. kayla Elizabeth Sigmon, Theft of property. \$200 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Johnny Martinez, Theft of property. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Ermelinda C. Caro, Theft of Property. \$100 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Kenneth McPherson, Criminal Trespass. \$100 fine, court costs and 90 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Quantal Alex Brown, Fail to ID and five false/fictional information. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Steven Douglas Elder, Assault causes bodily damage. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 6 months.

The State of Texas vs. Chase Garrett Pierce, Possession of marijuana. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Kerry Don Fletcher, Driving while intoxicated. \$750 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Cody Ray Brown, Driving while intoxicated. \$750 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and probated 12 months.

The State of Texas vs. Nathaniel Devon Lang, Possession of marijuana. \$200 fine, court costs and 20 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Raymond Anthony Vargas, Theft of property. \$750 fine and court costs.

The State of Texas vs. Angela C. Dugger, Theft of property. \$500, court costs, 180 days in jail and

probated 12 months.

District Court Filings

Nicole Smith vs. Derrick Smith, divorce

Credit Control, LLC. vs. Dora L. Rodriguez, accounts, notes and contracts.

Barry McBee vs. Meagan L. McBee, divorce

Melissa Sue Rigdon vs. John Adam Rigdon, divorce

Rolad De La Garza vs. Price Construction Ltd and Alex Adrian, injury/damage - motor vehicle

Jessica Ruth Ybarra vs. Mathew Daniel Ybarra, divorce

Rosa A. Webb vs. Michael S. Webb, divorce

State of Texas vs. Herbert Randal Phillips, expunction

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Aja Dawn Chandler

Grantee: Denver Chandler

Property: Lot 7, block 2; lots 5-10, block 1; lots 3-9, block 2; lots 3-20, block 3 in the Caroline Court subdivision

Date: April 15, 2015

Grantor: Earl Ray Lee

Grantee: Peggy Lee

Property: West half of Sec. 37, block 31

Date: Oct. 15, 2014

Grantor: Rosalinda B. Marquez

Grantee: Oscar Bustamante

Property: Lot 8, block 1 Moore's Heights addition

Date: April 15, 2015

Grantor: Allene Pearce

Grantee: Tiffanie Subia

Property: Lots 7, 8, and 9, block 19 Washington Place addition

Date: April 6, 2015

Grantor: Juanita Rodriguez

Grantee: Bryan Christopher Stokes

Property: Lot 9, block 8 Monticell addition

Date: April 16, 2015

Grantor: Kelley Joe Reynolds

Grantee: Cheryl Overton

Property: North half of Lot 18, all of lot 19 and 20, block 2 Furrh addition in Coahoma

Date: April 14, 2015

Grantor: Richard and

Cheryl Overton

Grantee: Kelley Joe Reynolds

Property: South half lot 18 Furrh addition in Coahoma

Date: April 14, 2015

Grantor: Vicki S. Dahmer

Grantee: Matthew S. Dahmer

Property: Lot 1, block 11 Coronado hills addition

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Report critical of West Texas prison that was scene of riots

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A prison in West Texas that holds mostly immigrant inmates and has been the scene of multiple riots was understaffed and failed to address persistent security problems, a federal report released Thursday said.

The Justice Department's Inspector General report criticized operations at the Reeves County Detention Center in Pecos, which came under heavy scrutiny beginning in late 2008 following the death of an inmate and two riots that caused an estimated \$1 million in damage.

The 2,400-bed federal prison, about 175 miles east of El Paso, houses mainly immigrants who have committed low-level crimes, including drug possession and entering the United States illegally more than once.

The report covering a peri-

od from October 2008 to December 2013 found several issues at the prison, including too little medical and correctional staff, use of an improper area of the prison to isolate inmates, and failure to address reported deficiencies in security, health services and record-keeping.

The facility, which is made up of two compounds, is overseen by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons but has been run since 2003 by The GEO Group, a for-profit prisons operator based in Florida.

The audit examined the contract awarded to The GEO Group in 2007, which runs through 2017 and is worth an estimated \$493 million, the second largest ever awarded by the Justice Department, according to a Justice Department news release.

Auditors found that nearly \$3 million in expenses

charged to the government was considered to be "unallowable or unsupported," or money that should have been put to better use. Without adjustment, nearly \$100,000 in improper charges would occur through the end of the contract, the report said.

Prior to a riot in 2009, the prison had limited its staffing to save costs, the report said. The riot was one of two that occurred after an inmate died of an epileptic seizure while placed in solitary confinement.

After the 2009 riot, staffing was increased to meet a requirement of more than 90 percent, the report said.

But the prison's health services unit continued to be short-staffed. From December 2010 to December 2013, the unit was understaffed 34 out of 37 months.

Reeves County uses a sub-

contractor, Correct Care Solutions, to provide health services at the prison. The report said the subcontractor may have a financial incentive to accept Bureau of Prisons deductions for health service vacancies rather than "fill vacant positions at the costlier market rates."

From 2007 to 2013, Bureau of Prisons staff provided 94 notices for unacceptable performance to the GEO Group, and nearly half of them concerned security, health services and record-keeping.

The report also criticized an area of the prison called the J-Unit, where inmates accused of creating disturbances, including coercing other inmates to join demonstrations, are separated from the general population. Several inmates told investigators they didn't know why they were placed in the unit

and were given no explanation by officials.

J-Unit inmates do not have access to the same educational and vocational resources as those in the general population, the report said.

The report made 17 recommendations, including specific guidelines for the J-Unit. In its official response to the report, the Bureau of Prisons agreed with nearly all the recommendations except those for the J-Unit, saying it disagreed with how the unit was portrayed.

However, the Bureau of Prisons did not respond to messages or emails from The Associated Press seeking comment about the report.

The GEO Group also would not respond to a request for comment but said in a statement that the recommendations "have been largely resolved."

Obama uses hospital funds to push Medicaid expansion

MIAMI (AP) — The Obama administration is dialing up the pressure on a handful of states that have resisted expanding Medicaid coverage for their low-income residents under the federal health care overhaul.

The leverage comes from a little-known federal fund that helps states and hospitals recoup some of the cost of caring for uninsured patients. The administration says states can just expand Medicaid, as the health care law provides, and then they wouldn't need as much extra help with costs

for the uninsured.

Two top targets so far are Florida and Texas, with large numbers of uninsured residents. Both have received several billion dollars in recent years from Washington under the so-called low income pool, also known as LIP.

Florida's hospital funding is the first of the nine states — which include Tennessee, California, Massachusetts, Arizona, Hawaii, Kansas and New Mexico — to expire on June 30. But the hospital funds are

an optional program, not entitlement programs like Medicaid, meaning the federal government has broad discretion whether to grant them, experts say.

"There's no doubt that other states that haven't expanded Medicaid are watching this," said Joan Alker, Alker, executive director of the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families.

Hospitals say even with the low-income pool funds, it still doesn't cover their costs for caring for uninsured and Medicaid patients. Several hospitals have said they would be forced to cut services or shut down without the funding.

Alker said she didn't think the federal government would immediately drop funding to zero, even for states that don't expand Medicaid. But the political standoff between some GOP states and the feds has left hospitals

anxious.

Federal health officials publicly said for the first time last week that Medicaid expansion should be linked to any discussion on extending the hospital funds.

Spokesman Aaron Albright with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said that the agency sent Florida officials a letter detailing "key principals" the agency will use in considering proposals regarding uncompensated care pool programs in the states.

"Discussions with each state will also take into account state specific circumstances," he added.

Negotiations are playing out much the same as the rest of the Affordable Care Act, with Republicans crying federal overreach and threatening lawsuits as the Obama administration pursues its goal of getting health insurance to more Americans.

HONOR

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Keitan King
Samuel King
Paris Lawrence
Ashia Loudermill
Anastasia Maronn
Zoe McElroy
Taelynn Michael
Cristoval Olivarez
Isabella Elena Saenz
Adolfo Salinas
Jaylon threats
Maria Villalobos-Martinez
Destiny Wakabi
Dakota Wert
Joshua Wilson
Hugo Wislar

Sergio Ybarra

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Galilea Barajas
Trinity Beck
Kolton Carver
Brandon Castillo
Isaac Chavarria
Mackenzie Chille
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Felicity Claxton
Chesney Copeland
Sa'Quan Fizer
Cruz Flores
Maecee Goad
Jesse Hernandez
Adrian Juarez
Shanelle Landsaw-Baird
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Jessica Long
Esmee Lopez
Destinee Marquez

Andrew Martinez
Mia Martinez
Mireya Ontiveros
Timothy Ontiveros
Chloe Paredes
Hannah Peckenpaugh
Zena Pendleton
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- May 12** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.
Supper Club, "Hunan's", 5:30 p.m.
- May 13** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- May 14** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.
- May 15** – Pot Luck & Bingo, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- May 18** – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
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Supper Club, "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.
- May 20** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- May 21** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- May 25** – Memorial Day - No Game Day.
- May 26** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.
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Senior & Circle

Hawks sweep two from EPCC

The Howard College got their weekend series with the El Paso Tejanos off to a grand start on Friday afternoon by claiming a sweep of the first of two back-to-back doubleheaders.

The Hawks, 38-11 overall, downed EPCC by a 7-6 score in Game 1. They won the nightcap, 18-1.

The two teams played again on Saturday in El Paso.



Herald photo/Jaime Bass

Katie Reyes prepares to catch a line drive at shortstop for the HC Lady Hawks on Friday.

Ohmie, Lady Hawks sweep twinbill from Lady Tejanos

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Samantha Ohmie blasted a pair of home runs and drove in five runs on Friday afternoon and powered the Howard College Lady Hawks to a convincing sweep of a doubleheader of the El Paso Community College Lady Tejanos at Foundation Field.

Sparked by Ohmie's round-trippers, the Lady Hawks accomplished part of their goal

ultimate goal. The two wins enabled HC to lock up at least a share of the Western Conference crown heading into Saturday's regular-season finales.

Howard College, ranked ninth in the latest NJCAA poll, needed just one win in their final two games against EPCC on Saturday to clinch the conference title and nail down the No. 1 seed at the upcoming Region V Softball

Tournament, which begins next week in Lubbock.

The Lady Hawks didn't waste any time on taking the upper hand in the second game of the doubleheader. HC scored twice in its initial at-bat and raced to a lead.

Cortnee Laughlin led off the Lady Hawks' inning by getting hit by a pitch. One out later, Ohmie blasted a two-run home run over the fence. See **WOMEN** on Page 10A

BSHS races to area crown

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers went into the District 1-4A/2-4A Area Track and Field Meet feeling pretty confident about their chances. On Friday, they showed exactly why they feel they are one of the top track and field teams in the state.

Big Spring, backed by a thrilling victory in the 4x400-meter relay, nailed down the area track and field championship by rolling up a meet-high 114 points. The Steers edged out Borger by eight points in the final team standings.

More importantly, Big Spring put itself in line to make a run in the Region 1-4A championship next week. The Steers qualified 12 athletes for the upcoming meet, including all three relay teams.

The 4x400-meter squad cemented the Steers win. Ian Gonzalez, Tobyn Tannehill, Leon Mathews and Ryan Lopez combined for a time of 3 minutes and 24.73 seconds in the race and easily edged out Borger, which had went into the final event trailing BSHS by just four points, at 94-90.

Big Spring also picked up gold-medal individual performances from Lopez and Charlie Boling.

A senior, Lopez and Ian Gonzales gave the Steers a 1-2 finish in the boys' 400-meter

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Courtesy photo/Kaymee Fountain

Zyneka Christian (in catcher's gear) waits with some of her teammates to turn to take to the field during the Pixie Stix's softball game on Friday. The only girl playing in a boys' league last year, she is in her first year of playing softball.

One of the Girls

A year after being 'that girl,' Goliad third-grader having fun being 'one of the girls' in new game

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The hint of sweat runs down Zyneka Christian's face as she sits behind home plate at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex waiting for the ball to bounce in front of her.

Sometimes it happens to get past her. When it does, she happily gets up and takes the opposing team's coach. It is the life of a catcher, she knows. Someone is always throwing things at you. And when it doesn't hit you, you get to go chase it down, throw it back to them and

do it all again.

The 8-year-old catcher for the Big Spring Girls Softball Association Pixie Stix isn't complaining. Playing catcher is fun.

Softball is fun ... maybe as much fun as baseball, she admits.

"I really like playing softball," she said. "It is so much fun, plus the girls throw it a lot easier than the boys. I can catch a lot of the balls thrown at me now, instead of last year when I had to run and get it a lot."

"A whole lot," she added.

Zyneka, the daughter of Amanda

Christian of Big Spring, rose to fame a year ago by being the only girl playing in the boys' Pee Wee baseball ranks as a member of the Devil Rays.

"She wasn't a bad player at all," said former Devils Ray coach Bubba Wells. "She struggled a little hitting, but she was one of the younger players on the team. Even then, you could tell she was a good player. She was really fast and worked hard."

"I wouldn't have had a problem with her playing on my team again," he said. "She never got discouraged or com-

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Reynolds wins Middle School coaching honors

Lauren Nichols Reynolds, the daughter of Coahoma High School coach Kim Nichols and his wife, Kathy, was selected as one of 8 winners of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Association's "Middle School Coach of the Year" recipient earlier this week.

Reynolds is a middle school coach at Seminole Junior High School.

"We're pretty proud of her," said Kim, who won his 500th game this season.



Herald photo/Jaime Bass

BSLL President Robert Smith receives a \$7,000 check on behalf of the Little League from Jeff Borman of Alon USA for new scoreboards at the Garrett and Robert fields.

ALON donates \$7,000 to BSLL for scoreboards

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The youth of Big Spring received a huge present recently when Alon USA put its money where the kids are.

On the baseball field.

Alon USA representatives made a large financial contribution to the Big Spring Little League at the Opening Day ceremonies. Jeff Borman, the refinery manager, presented Big Spring

Little League President Robert Smith with a donation of \$7,000 to obtain new scoreboards for the Garrett and Roberts fields.

"We are so thankful to Alon USA for their help," said Smith. "Their contribution will help make the fields a more fun place for everyone."

Smith said the new scoreboards at the Garrett and Roberts fields will be installed in the near future.

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Saturday's Games Corpus Christi at Frisco, 6 p.m., 1st game Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m. San Antonio at Midland, 8 p.m. NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m. Corpus Christi at Frisco, 8:35 p.m., 2nd game

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Grady, Sands thinclads turn in strong efforts at area track meet

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

The Sands and Grady track and field teams both turned in stellar efforts at the Class A area track and field meet in Hermleigh on Thursday. The Grady boys team rolled up 107 points and finished third overall, while the Sands boys finished seventh with 24.

The Grady 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay teams both qualified for the upcoming regional meet by posting winning times in Hermleigh. Braeden Jones, Beau Lucas, Joseph Briseno and Eddie Rodriguez posted a time of 44.46 seconds en route to winning the 4x100-meter event. The same four won the 4x200-meter race with a time of 1:33.08.

Jones and Lucas also punched a tickets to the regional meet with strong individual efforts. Jones won the boys' 200-meter dash race with a time of 22.48. Lucas was second in the

100 at 11.41 seconds and third in the long jump Andrue Robles also guaranteed himself a spot at the regional meet by winning the boys' 1,600-meter run. He finished the race in a time of 5:02.87.

Robles also took third in the 800-meter run. Briseno and Cole Avery also did well. Briseno was fourth in the 200, while Avery took fourth in the high jump competition.

Other GHS athletes doing well at the meet included Rodriguez, who took sixth in the 400 and shot put; Devynn Smith, who was fifth in the 800 and pole vault; Edrei Trejo, who was sixth in the 1,600 and seventh in the 3,200; Taylor Boydstun, who grabbed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles and pole vault; Carlos Flores, who was fifth in the 1,600; and Kyle Garza, who was second in the 3,200.

Leonard Martinez highlighted Sands' efforts at the meet. He ran his way to a gold medal

Lyon, Grumbles earn berths in Region I-IA meet

Grady's Destiny Lyon and Sands' Mattie Grumbles both punched their ticket to the Region I-IA Track and Field Championships on Thursday with strong showings at the area meet in Hermleigh.

Lyon led Grady to a 7th-place finish in the girls' team standings with a silver medal effort in the 100-meter hurdles. She finished second with a mark of 17.89 seconds.

As a team, Grady scored 25 points. Other Lady Cats participating including Jacy Parker (8th in

the 100), Emily Glaze (6th in the 400), Draven Schoberg (7th in the 400), Juli Jimenez (8th in the 400) and Tristen Johnson (7th in the 100-meter hurdles).

Grumbles paced Sands to an 11th-place finish in the team standings. She scored five of the Lady Mustangs 6.5 points.

Grumbles was fourth in the 800-meter run and eighth in the 3,200.

Nina Clare tied for fifth in the high jump, while Kate Carson and Sunny Kuykendall took sixth and seventh in the pole vault, respectively

in the boys' 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:46.27.

The SHS 4x400-meter relay team of Dayton Eddleman, Dyllan Tindol, Martinez and Dylan Segundo placed third in their event.

Tindol also took sixth

in the 200-meter race.

Other SHS runners doing well included Eric Garcia (sixth in the triple jump) and Trevor Blagrove (seventh in the high jump).

The Mustangs' 4x100-meter relay team was seventh.

Angels, Rangers talk about Hamilton trade

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Reports that troubled Los Angeles Angels outfielder Josh Hamilton might be traded to the Texas Rangers dominated the chatter before the game between the teams Friday night.

When asked about the reports from media outlets that the move could happen in the next few days, Angels manager Mike Scioscia said he

has had no discussions that Hamilton's status had changed. He said Tuesday that the left fielder was expected to be evaluated at the Angels complex this week when he was expected to report for extended spring training.

The former AL MVP has been recovering from shoulder surgery and missed spring training. Also, an arbitrator has

ruled that Hamilton cannot be disciplined under Major League Baseball's drug agreement for his self-reported relapse into alcohol and cocaine use.

Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre and Hamilton were teammates on Texas in 2011-12. He said Friday if Hamilton did return, he'd have his support and that of others. "Who doesn't need a guy like Josh Hamilton?"

Beltre said. Scioscia said he didn't think the discussion surrounding Hamilton's status has been a problem with the team.

"I don't think it's been a distraction with the guys in that clubhouse," the manager said before the game that the Angels won 3-2. "It's going to be resolved one way or the other in its own time."

BSHS All Sports Banquet set for May 7

The 2015 Big Spring High School All Sports Banquet will be held on May 7 in the BSHS cafeteria. The event, which is titled "Evening of the Stars," will begin at 7 p.m.

During the event, Big Spring High School athletes will be recognized for the accomplishments. Tickets to the banquet are \$10 each and will be on sale from April 27 to May 5 at the ATC and the front office at the high school. BSHS athletes can attend for free.

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BSHS girls take 3rd at area

The Big Spring Lady Steers 4x200- and 4x400-meter relay teams both sprinted to first-place finishes and helped power BSHS to third in the girls' team standings at the area track meet.

Along with the relay teams, the Lady Steers also picked up wins from Autumn Minter in the 100-meter dash and Kaitlyn Mathews in the 400-meter.

Erin Pollard and Karina Alvarado earned spots in the upcoming Region I-4A meet with third-place marks in the 400 and 300-meter hurdles, respectively. Carly Roberts and Samantha Solis also advanced. Roberts was third in the discus, while Solis was fourth in the 800.

TRACK

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dash standings. Lopez won the race with a time of 50.81 seconds. Gonzales was a close second at 50.82.

Boling dominated the shot put competition, taking first overall with a throw of 48 feet and 3 inches.

Ty Sealy and Tobyn Tannehill also punched their tickets to the regional track meet. Sealy was second in the discus with a throw of 157 feet, while Tannehill sprinted to a second-place effort in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.23.

Nick Connor also qualified for the regional meet by placing fourth in the discus with a throw of 139.6.

Only the top four finishers in each event advance to the regional meet, which will be held May 1-2 at the Fuller Track Complex in Lubbock.

Jeremiah Rushin and Jeremy Cervantes also advanced. Rushin finished third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.67, while Cervantes placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run at 4:48.33.

The BSHS 4x200-meter relay team was second, while the 4x100-meter squad finished third.

District 1-4A/2-4A Area Track Meet Results

DISTRICTS 1-4A/2-4A AREA MEET at West Texas A&M, Canyon Friday's Results

Note: Top four in each event qualify for Region I-4A meet May 1-2 at Fuller Track Complex in Lubbock.

BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Big Spring, 114; 2. Borger, 106; 3. Bushland, 95; 4. Levelland, 90; 5. Perryton, 76; 6. Snyder, 45; 7. Sweetwater, 32; 8. Pampa, 22; 9. Dalhart, 21; 10. Lamesa, 12; 11. Estacado, 7.

Field Events
Shot Put: 1. Boling, Big Spring, 48-3; 2. Simmons, Levelland, 47-0½; 3. Sanchez, Bushland, 45-2½; 4. Barron, Lamesa, 43-11.

Discus: 1. Simmons, Levelland, 159-7; 2. Sealy, Big Spring, 157-0; 3. Sanchez, Bushland, 149-1; 4. Connor, Big Spring, 139-6.

Long Jump: 1. McGee, Sweetwater, 22-0½; 2. Dickson, Borger, 21-11½; 3. Hurn, Levelland, 21-3¾; 4. Burrell, Pampa, 20-8½.

Triple Jump: 1. Dent, Levelland, 44-8; 2. Dickson, Borger, 43-9½; 3. Reyna, Levelland, 42-6½; 4. Hurn, Levelland, 41-4.

High Jump: 1. Climber, Bushland, 6-2; 2. Garlin, Bushland, 6-2; 3. Williams, Sweetwater, 6-2; 4. Robles, Snyder, 5-10.

Pole Vault: 1. Wills, Snyder, 12-6; 2. Ramirez, Perryton, 12-0; 3. Hames, Bushland, 12-0; 4. McGee, Bushland, 11-0.

Running Events
3,200 meters: 1. Vargas, Levelland, 10:02.42; 2. Lopez, Perryton, 10:11.01; 3. Singler, Bushland, 10:34.05; 4. Gonzalez, Levelland, 10:41.59.

400 relay: 1. Borger (Weber, Jones, Hearon, Embers), 44.20; 2. Bushland, 44.38; 3. Big Spring, 44.53; 4. Pampa, 44.55.

800: 1. Ventura, Perryton, 2:06.20; 2. Johnson, Levelland, 2:06.24; 3. Montgomery, Dalhart, 2:06.65; 4. Borunda, Perryton, 2:06.82.

110 Hurdles: 1. Newcomb, Perryton, 15.36; 2. Smith, Dalhart, 15.69; 3. Smith, Snyder, 16.04; 4. Torres, Snyder, 16.71.

100: 1. Dickson, Borger, 11.09; 2. Cannon, Bushland, 11.13; 3. Embers, Borger, 11.34; 4. Deere, Snyder, 11.36.

800 relay: 1. Borger (Weber, Embers, Hearon, Dickson), 1:29.69; 2. Big Spring, 1:30.72; 3. Bushland, 1:33.06; 4. Snyder, 1:33.44.

400: 1. Lopez, Big Spring, 50.81; 2. Gonzales, Big Spring, 50.82; 3. Ventura, Perryton, 52.56; 4. Ponce, Pampa, 52.81.

300 hurdles: 1. Reneau, Snyder, 41.80; 2. Newcomb, Perryton, 42.52; 3. Rushin, Big Spring, 42.67; 4. Hendrix, Perryton, 43.35.

200: 1. Dickson, Borger, 22.58; 2. Tannehill, Big Spring, 23.23; 3. Martin, Lamesa, 23.38; 4. Hearon, Borger, 23.39.

1,600: 1. Singler, Bushland, 4:44.31; 2. Vargas, Levelland, 4:45.12; 3. Lopez, Perryton, 4:45.74; 4. Cervantes, Big Spring, 4:48.33.

1,600 relay: 1. Big Spring (Gonzalez, Tannehill, Mathews, Lopez), 3:24.73; 2. Borger, 3:31.50; 3. Levelland, 3:31.75; 4. Sweetwater, 3:32.10.

GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Dalhart, 131; 2. Bushland, 93; 3. Big Spring, 87; 4. Snyder, 68; 5. Levelland, 63; 6. Pampa, 49; 7. Perryton, 44; 8. Estacado, 33; 9. Borger, 31; 10. Sweetwater, 20; 11. Lamesa, 1.

Field Events
Shot Put: 1. Williams, Pampa, 40-11 3/4; 2. Tarango, Levelland, 35-00; 3. Braziel, Snyder, 34-2 1/2; 4. Wallace, Estacado, 34-0 1/4.

Discus: 1. Williams, Pampa, 123-4 1/2; 2. Braziel, Snyder, 100-9; 3. Roberts, Big Spring, 100-2 1/2; 4. Todd, Dalhart, 96-11 1/2.

Long Jump: 1. Norman, Bushland, 17-3 3/4; 2. Gutierrez, Perryton, 16-08; 3. Sullins, Bushland, 16-01 1/2; 4. Menton, Estacado, 16-1 1/2.

Triple Jump: 1. Norman, Bushland, 36-3 3/4; 2. Coleman, Pampa, 35-1 1/4; 3. Wilhelm, Bushland, 33-7 3/4; 4. Sullins, Bushland, 33-7 1/4.

High Jump: 1. Lewis, Borger, 5-2; 2. Garcia, Sweetwater, 5-0; 3. Wall, Pampa, 4-10; 4. Himango, Levelland, 4-8.

Pole Vault: 1. King, 10-6; 2. Stull, Dalhart, 10-6; 3. Martini, Snyder, 10-6; 4. Straffuss, Dalhart, 10-6.

3,200: 1. McCutchen, Levelland, 11:50.72; 2. Smith, Dalhart, 11:57.80; 3. McDaniel, Dalhart, 12:29.60; 4. Simmons, Dalhart, 13:08.72.

JV Steers suffer 14-8 loss to SHS

The Big Spring High School junior varsity Gold team closed out its 2015 baseball season on a sour note on Friday afternoon at Steer Park by dropping a 14-8 decision to the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Sweetwater, after falling behind by a 1-0 margin in the second inning, managed to blow the game open in the third and fourth innings. The Mustangs pushed across two runs in the top of the third and then tacked on seven more in the fourth

en route to building a 9-1 cushion.

Members of the BSHS Black team also played in the contest.

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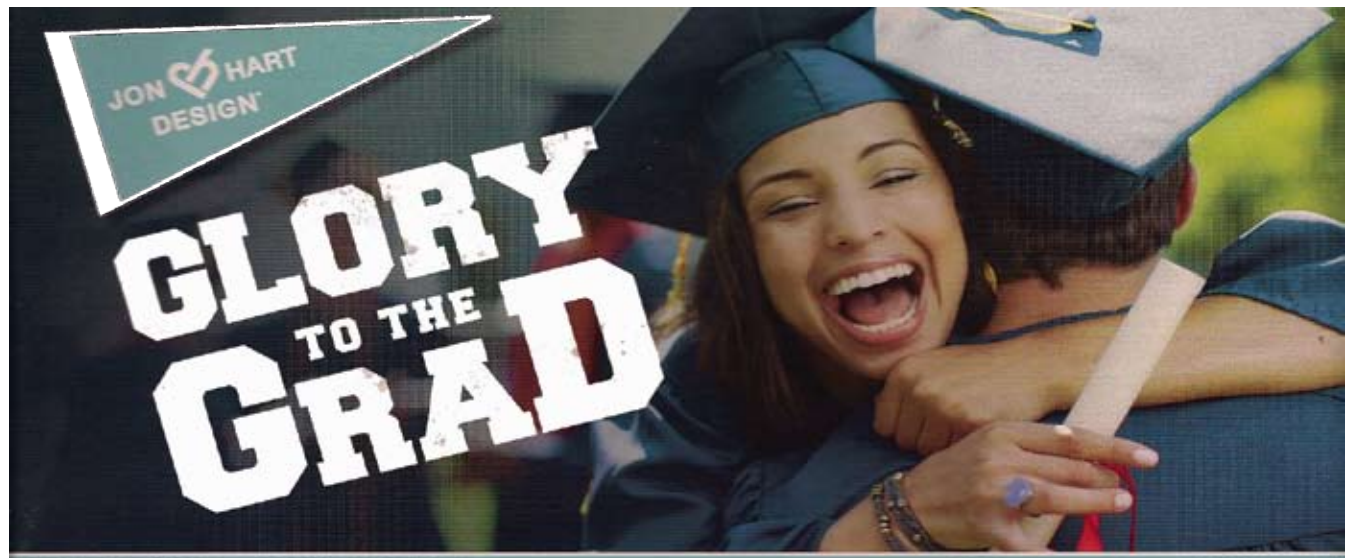
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The Grady High School track and field team competed in the area track and field meet this week. The GHS boys' team was third in the area meet held at Hermleigh on Thursday. The Grady girls were seventh.



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#8697 April 26, 2015

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79739, UNTIL 9:00 a.m., MAY 11,
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award by the Glasscock County
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sites of the work and to inform
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Engineer: Don W. Bonifay, P.E.,
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the three lowest responsible
bidders. When the Contract is
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Creative Leo Moon
It starts with the
impulse to put on a show.
At worst, entertaining
others is a means of
getting attention. At best,
it's a
wonderful
gift you
can give
many
people at
once. The
intention of
delighting
people
leads to
new
creative
vistas. Let
your
thoughts dance and play
as you try to figure out
how to bring a smile to
their faces.



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ARIES (March 21-April
19). You wouldn't wear
tomorrow's outfit on top
of today's, and neither
should you carry
tomorrow's burdens. With
one day's burdens on
your back at a time, life
will feel light and
natural.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). It is said that the
secret of happiness is
freedom. Indeed, it is
difficult to find your bliss
when you are confined to
the needs and constructs
of others. Instead of
trying to get happier, ask:
"How can I get free?"

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). You'll spend time
with the person who is
both your mirror and
your anchor. Being with
this person isn't always
smooth, easy or even
enjoyable, but you're
better for it, and that's
what counts.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). The hardest thing
about a dreaded (but
necessary) project will be
taking the first step. It
will help you to make the
first step an easy one that
lasts less than an hour.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
You've put in your time
with the group, and now
the moment is right to
assert your
independence. Privacy,
secrecy and solitude are
called for. You'll solve the
problem quickly on your
own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). It can be hard to
build up momentum, and
so once you have it, don't
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). Even though you are
right, there is nothing to
be gained from an
adversarial stance. Your
people are so much more
important to you than the
issue behind the conflict.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Self-esteem isn't
about thinking you're
great. It's about seeing
the insufficiencies and
still choosing to like
yourself. Every
successful interaction
and job well done counts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). While trying
to find out what the real
story is, you might weed
through a million boring
details, only to find
there's no story there. It's
a good reason to use the
media for your drama
and keep your life drama-
free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). You know that
most magic comes down
to tricks, but when the
illusion comes together,
you still experience it as
magical. As a willing
fool, you'll receive the
blessings of wonder and
innocence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Don't allow
yourself to get so busy
using the hours in the
responsible way you're
supposed to that you lose
sight of how to use the
hours as a child would.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Lately, it feels like
you're on a Herculean
mission that requires
every bit of strength you
have. Take a break from
all of that. It's the small
daily tasks that build
your belief that you can
handle your life and
handle it well.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(April 26). Your life is
your song, and this year
the melody is soaring.
Changes to your living
environment lead to
better health. You have
the gusto to demand
something outrageous,
and you'll get it in May.
June shows you as a
classic overachiever. In
July, you'll use media to
your advantage and
benefit financially. Love
intensifies in August.
Libra and Leo people
adore you. Your lucky
numbers are: 4, 5, 19, 2
and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE
WEEK AHEAD: The past
weeks have thrown

cosmic curveballs,
fastballs and screwballs,
and the action has kept
us swinging for the
fences. This week
represents a kind of 7th-
inning stretch. There's
not too much going on in
the way of changes until
Thursday's Mercury
switch-out. The first part
of the week is a moment
to settle into the way
things are, accept life's
process and wrap our
heads around the current
moment before
everything gets exciting
again.

Mercury's stay in
Gemini begins on April
30 and lasts through July
8 -- much longer than
usual because of a
retrograde stint in the
middle. Because Gemini
is the first home of
Mercury, it's a cozy place
for the messenger planet
to hang out. The
unusually lengthy stay
will build good fortune,
good will and good cheer.
Life will progress at a
quick and yet unhurried
pace. Daily life will be
peppered with surprises,
new trends and various
sources of stimulation --
never boring. There's
always something to talk
about when Mercury is in
Gemini.

Friday is the
celebration of the Gaelic
May Day, or Beltane, the
halfway point between
the spring equinox and
the summer solstice.
"And those who were
seen dancing were
thought to be insane by
those who could not hear
the music." -- Friedrich
Nietzsche

CELEBRITY
PROFILES: Channing
Tatum fans eagerly await
the release of "Magic
Mike XXL" on July 1.
Tatum was born when
the sun was in sensual
Taurus, the sign of
money, appetite and
sheer determination.
Tatum's natal moon,
Jupiter and Saturn are
all in the disciplined sign
of Virgo, indicating a
penchant for perfection.
It's likely that Tatum
demands too much of
himself to let the crowd's
adoration go to his head.

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♦ Q 5 3
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♦ 7 3 2
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right opening lead can kill many a
reasonable (or unreasonable) con-
tract, while the wrong lead can hand
declarer a contract that otherwise
could not be made.

Sometimes, fate plays a role in the
outcome by placing the wrong (or
right) defender on lead. A case in
point is provided by this deal from
the final of the 1991 Canadian
women's team championship.
One can only sympathize with

West, Noella Masse, who found her-
self on lead against six clubs follow-
ing the auction shown. As can be
seen, a diamond lead would have
brought a swift end to the slam, but
with little to go on (South's four-club
bid was Gerber, asking for aces, and
North's four-heart response showed
one), Masse made the normal lead of
a heart. Declarer won and claimed 12
tricks, disposing of a diamond loser
on one of dummy's high hearts.

At the other table, the bidding
went:
West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣
Pass 2♥ Pass 3 ♣
Pass 3 NT

Here, North-South wisely steered
clear of the club slam, but settled into
three notrump instead of the laydown
game in clubs. What's more, their
bidding placed the opening lead with
East, who had no problem finding
the low diamond lead that sank the
contract.

All this was worth 16 IMPs to the
team that bid and made six clubs at
one table while defeating three
notrump at the other. Had the East-
West cards been reversed, however,
it is quite likely that six clubs would
have been defeated while three
notrump would have succeeded for a
swing of 13 IMPs the other way.

Sometimes it really is better to be
lucky than good.

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WOMEN

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Shelby Ume hit a run-scoring single in the second inning that scored Katie Reyes from first base and put the HC women up 3-0.

El Paso managed to put on a power display of their own in the fourth and cut the Lady Hawks' lead to 3-2. EPCC's Jasmín Mitchell accounted for the Tejanos' runs with a two-run homer.

Howard College, 40-11 overall and 21-5 in conference play, answered back in the bottom of the inning, scoring three times to grab a 6-2 cushion.

After Ume had reached base on an error, Corinna Liscano notched a two-out hit to set up Ohmie's second homer of the game, a three-run shot down the line in left.

Region V
tournament set
for May 1-3

The Region V Softball Tournament will be held on May 1-3 in Lubbock.

The top four teams from the WJCAC and NTJCAC will participate in the tournament, with the winning advancing to the national tournament in St. George, Utah, on May 13-16.

Ohmie's two homers increased her WJCAC-leading total to 18.

EPCC fought its way back in the fifth. The Tejanos scores three times in the inning and cut the Lady Hawks' lead to 6-5.

Howard put the game away from there, thanks to clutch hitting from Reyes and catcher Jae-

lyn Young.

Reyes ignited a 6-run fifth for the Lady Hawks with a one-out trip that sailed over the outfielder's head in right. She raced home moments later on a wild pitch.

Back-to-back errors from their enabled Ume and Laughlin to reach base. Liscano followed from there by drilling a pitch to the wall in left for a two-run double that upped the HC lead to 9-5.

Following a walk to Ohmie, Young taxed the EPCC pitching staff again by drilling a pitch over the fence in left for the Lady Hawks' fourth homer.

Reyes tallied Howard's final run in the sixth by scoring a double off the bat of Ume.

Freshman Alisha Quintero worked the first four innings in the circle and picked up the victory.

Arielle Charuk domi-



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Samantha Ohmie belted two home runs in the Lady Hawks' 13-5 win in Game 2 of Friday's doubleheader with EPCC.

nated the Lady Tejanos in the first game of the twinbill. The HC stand-out held the EPCC offense in check in a 14-1 rout.

After building a 6-0 lead through the first three innings, the HC offense

blew the game wide open in the fourth by sending batters to the plat and scoring six runs.

Liscano sparked the HC run by opening the fourth with a bang. The third baseman led off the frame by launching her

12th home run of the season – the second-most in the WJCAC.

After a walk to Ohmie and Young, Natalie Baltas got into the power act. She hit a three-run shot that all but KO's El Paso.

GIRL

Continued from Page 7A plained. She just tried hard every day."

For her part, Christian said she misses baseball a little.

"I liked playing baseball with the boys," she said. "They threw harder than the girls. I think it helped teach me how to play."

"Plus, they were a lot of fun. The boys were always playing and having fun."

As a member of the Devil Rays, Christian played several positions, including all four outfield positions, as well as catcher on occasion. She played in all 10 of the team's games and was one of the fastest players on the team.



As a member of the Devils Rays a year ago, Zyneka Christian was the only girl playing the BSLL Pee Wee division.

As a batter, she didn't get a hit as a 7-year-old, going 0-16 from the plate.

The experience she gained from playing with the boys has helped her this season.

Through the Pixie's first three games, she has helped the team post a 2-1 record – and even collected her first hit, an infield single.

"Hitting the ball is fun," she said. "At first, I didn't know what to do but I heard everyone yelling to run so I just started to run."

Which version of the sport is her favorite?

"I think I like softball a little more because they throw it a little easier," she said. "But I had a lot of fun playing baseball. I don't know which one I like better. I just like to play."

The move to the softball ranks has had a benefit for her. By playing softball, she gets to see her younger sister, Veronica, and cousins play.

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Berlin show explores 12 nations' experience after World War II

BY GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Joy and despair, punishment and denial, devastation and rebirth: a new exhibition in Berlin delves into 12 European countries' experiences in the immediate aftermath of World War II. Ahead of the 70th anniversary of Nazi Germany's surrender May 8, the show that opened Thursday at Berlin's German Historical Museum offers a snapshot of the impact of defeat, victory and liberation in Germany, the surrounding countries it occupied or annexed, as well as Norway, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Personal stories of heroes, villains and victims; photos, videos, posters; and objects such as a Danish bride's 1946 wedding dress made of silk from a British parachute illustrate the process of building the future.

"After the war ended, practically all the countries that were affected by the war faced a new beginning," curator Maja Peers said. "None of the countries, neither those that had suffered for years under German occupation nor the allies, were in a situation where they could return seamlessly to pre-war life."

To start with, nations faced the task of how to deal with Nazis and their collaborators. A

Dutch poster demands quick punishment for Nazi collaborators and a bulky cabinet from Denmark is full of information on "traitors."

But the exhibition also notes that it took German society decades to address many aspects of the Nazi past, and contains artifacts such as an Austrian conservative party's 1949 election poster fishing for votes from former Nazi supporters.

"We are far from saying that there was a zero hour or an empty sheet from which there was a new beginning," co-curator Babette Quinkert said. "We look in every country at where there is continuity, what were the effects, where are the breaks."

The show is part of low-key commemorations of the war's end in Berlin, which also include an open-air exhibition at six locations depicting everyday life after the fighting ended.

Visitors are greeted by radio recordings from the 12 countries announcing the end of the war, juxtaposed with pictures of people's reactions: a crying boy, soldiers celebrating, liberated prisoners.

A central room detailing some of the grim statistics of the war in Europe — 45 million dead and at least 20 million children who had lost one or both parents — leads into sections

on each country, with tiny Luxembourg and the Soviet Union getting equal attention. Peers said curators wanted to

let visitors choose rather than imposing a "hierarchy" of nations. Presenting the exhibition, organizers faced

repeated questions over why they left out countries further afield such as Greece and Yugoslavia that also suf-

fered Nazi aggression, at a time when Athens has revived calls for German reparations. See, **SHOW**, Page 11B



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In this Wednesday, April 22, 2015 photo, a festive dress in French national colors with the symbol of the French Resistance, the Cross of Lorraine, appears on display at the exhibition "1945 Defeat. Liberation. New Beginning." at the German Historic Museum in Berlin. Ahead of the 70th anniversary of Nazi Germany's surrender, on May 8, the museum's show offers a snapshot of the impact of defeat, victory and liberation in Germany, the surrounding countries it occupied or annexed, as well as Norway, Britain and the Soviet Union.

AP Photo/Markus Schreiber

SHOW

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"We had to limit ourselves to a certain number for space reasons," Peers said, adding that the first priority was Germany's immediate neighbors.

Each section is illustrated by the stories of three people representing part of their country's experience — people as diverse as Norwegian collaborationist leader Vidkun Quisling; Pierre Godfrin, who survived the 1944 Nazi massacre in Oradour-sur-Glane, France; and Katharina Brandstetter, found at a home in Austria by U.S. troops and believed to be the child of a forced laborer from eastern Europe.

The show examines the period up to around 1950, by which time the 12 countries had taken very different ideological and economic courses.

In the west, a camping kit from Norway illustrates that nation's quick return to prosperity, while new governments in Denmark and Britain built up the welfare state.

Across the Iron Curtain, Poland faced the daunting task of rebuilding a nation that was devastated — a set of tablets to sterilize water illustrates the

dangers that lurked in the ruins — and shunted westward, forcing many into new and unfamiliar homes. Germany was stripped of its eastern regions and later divided in two, a split symbolized by a cart used to transport new western mark banknotes in 1948.

Still, a French medal commemorating the 1950 proposal to found the European Coal and Steel Community, an early forerunner of the European Union, points to a happier future.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said he was particularly moved by a dress in France's national colors, made by a mother for her daughter to wear when her husband returned from the war.



"This beautiful dress was never worn," he

said. "Yet a friendship grew between France and Germany, a friendship that is the foundation of Europe."

The exhibition, "1945. Defeat. Liberation. New Beginning," runs until Oct. 25.

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