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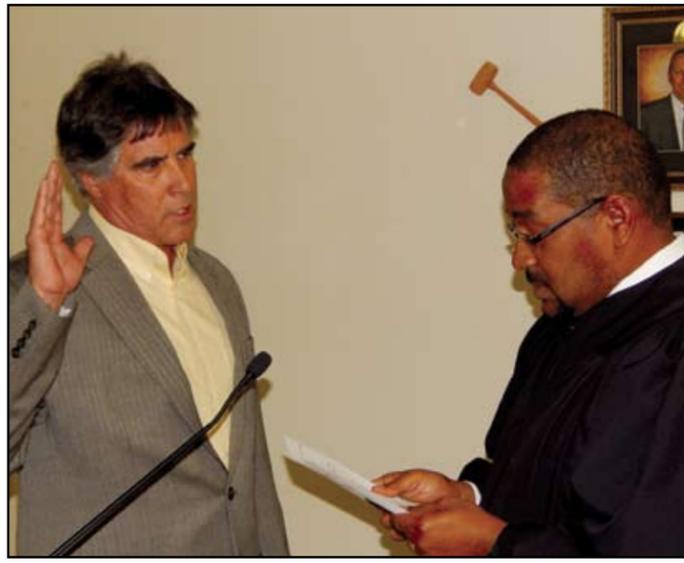
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## Council OKs booze at park proposal



By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The drinking lamp will soon be lit at Andries Park.

After weeks of study and discussion, the Big Spring City Council Tuesday approved a proposal to allow the consumption of alcohol at the Mi Familia Pavilion at Andries Park, located in north Big Spring.

In early April, the majority of the council expressed support for the idea, but voted to table the idea until officials had time to canvass residents in the area of the park for their opinions.

Later that month, the council held a public hearing on the matter. While not many residents spoke during the hearing, all supported the idea. In addition, a door-to-door survey of 29 lots within 200 feet of the park was conducted April 26, asking residents their opinion on the sale and consumption of alcohol at the pavilion. Those not contacted during the canvassing were sent the survey by mail.

City Manager Todd Darden said 17 responses were received. Of those, 12 supported the idea, while two opposed it.

See **COUNCIL**, Page 3

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan  
 City council members Carmen Harbour, above, Jim DePauw, top right, and Steve Waggoner take the oath of office from Municipal Judge Tim Green during Tuesday's council meeting.

## Putting on a play, the homeschool way

'Treasure Island' to be performed at mall

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

An afternoon of cuteness and laughs awaits those who venture to the Spring Creek Mall Saturday.

Howard County homeschoole students have gotten together to perform "Treasure Island."

"Spring Creek Church has generously donated this space for our play," said Camilla Strande, director of the play.

The group is excited to have the opportunity to come together to put on a play for the public, something that is rare for homeschoolers to be able to participate in, Strande said.

"We have about 18 kids, so we had to have parents take up some parts and help out, but it has been

a lot of fun for us and the kids," said Strande.

There will be a dress rehearsal Friday at 6:30 p.m. that will be open to the public. The main performance is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. in a little shop across from Hallmark in the Spring Creek Mall.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

For anyone with questions or who would like to join the homeschooling group, contact Jamie Forrester, president, on Facebook by searching for Howard County Homeschool Happenings.

Contact Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext 232 or email [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)



HERALD photo/Julie Bass  
 Howard County homeschool students are practicing for this weekend's performance of Treasure Island. Shown from right are Payton Surles, Cheyanne Griffith, Hannah Surles and Aurora Hugo.

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## 5K run/walk to honor former educators

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Comanche Trail Park is going to get very colorful in the next few weeks — brilliantly colorful that is.

On May 22, the Big Spring High School Student Council will host a CFG Color Blast 5K Run/Walk in the Comanche

Trail Park.

The event will honor three Big Spring employees — Coach Jim Campbell, Carol Green, and Danny Ferrell — who all died unexpectedly about mid-term within a few weeks of each other.

"A few of our student council officers originally had the idea of hosting a Color Run, and we

couldn't think of a better way to honor the loved ones we lost at the beginning of the year," said Porsha Bryant, student council sponsor. "We also wanted to involve the entire community and the money raised will go to charitable organizations of the families choice."

See **WALK**, Page 3

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## Adaline Madison



Former Coahoma resident Adaline Mary (Wilson) Madison, died April 29, 2015, in Sun City West, Ariz.

She was born Jan. 4, 1923 to Jessie and T.E. Wilson of Oregon, Mo. And married Ornon "Bob" Madison July 13, 1945.

She taught first grade and special education in Coahoma and later special education at Big Spring. She and her husband retired in 1983 and they moved to Arizona in 1984.

She was a past matron of the Coahoma chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, Ornon A. "Bob" Madison of Sun City West, Ariz.; two daughters, Mary Maples of Gardendale, and Laura Lynn Mackay of Carlsbad, Calif.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Alicia M. Paredez



Alicia M. Paredez, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 11, 2015, at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Alicia was born March 15, 1940 in Big Spring, Texas to Refugia (Torres) and Julian Moncada.

She married Esequio Paredez on Jan. 2, 1960 in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and loved gardening and yard work. She was a

homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Esequio "Chickie" Paredez of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Ann Iturralde and husband Manuel, Jo Jo Paredez and her partner Alma Gusman and Rachel Martinez and husband Jason, all of Big Spring; one sister, Aurelia Garcia and husband Ricardo of Alice; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Robert Paredez; three brothers; and four sisters.

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

## Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MARTIN YANDRICH YANEZ, 23, of 207 Pettus Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- JEREMY GLEN WILLIAMS, 29, of 418 Hillside Drive was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

- JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 34, of 212 Circle Drive was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- JUAN EDUARDO DIAZ GAMBLE, 25, of 1207 Sycamore Street was arrested on charges of no driver's license when unlicensed and parked facing traffic.

- FELICIA CANALES, 26, of 906 E. 12th Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- REBECCA LYNN HODNETT, 19, of 3205 Auburn Avenue was arrested on a warrant for failed to yield right of way on green arrow signal.

- MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD, 37, of 1505 Bluebird St. was arrested on warrants for speeding in a school zone, driving while license invalid, and expired driver's license.

- JACKIE TRUETT HOLMES III, 34, OF 1904 E. 25th St. 105 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- EDWARD LOPEZ, 26, of 411 N. Scurry St., was arrest on a warrant from another agency.

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

Note - Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- FELICIA CANALES, 26, of 410 W. 5th St. was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTAG/possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

- JUAN DIAZ GAMBLE, 25, of 1207 Sycamore, was booked by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license when unlicensed and parked facing traffic.

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- MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD, 37, of 1505 Bluebird St., was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding in a school zone; driving while license invalid, and expired driver's license.

- EDWARD LOPEZ, 26, of 411 N. Scurry was booked by the HCSO on warrants for resisting arrest search or transport, no driver's license when unlicensed (two counts), failure to appear, failure to display or expired motor vehicle, violate promise to appear.

- JOSE ANTHONY NIETO, 34, of 212 Circle St. was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

- JEREMY CHANCE SANCHEZ, 17, of 3717 95th St., Lubbock, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

- JEREMY GLEN WILLIAMS,

29, of 418 Hillside Drive was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.

- MARTIN YANDRICH YANEZ, 21, of 207 Pettus Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of 3rd St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 500 block of 17th St. No transport.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block of I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Sgt Peredez St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1000 block of State St. One person was transported to SMMC.

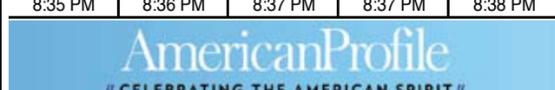
- GAS LEAK was reported in the 1000 block of Main St. Gas leak was investigated.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster St. One person was transported.

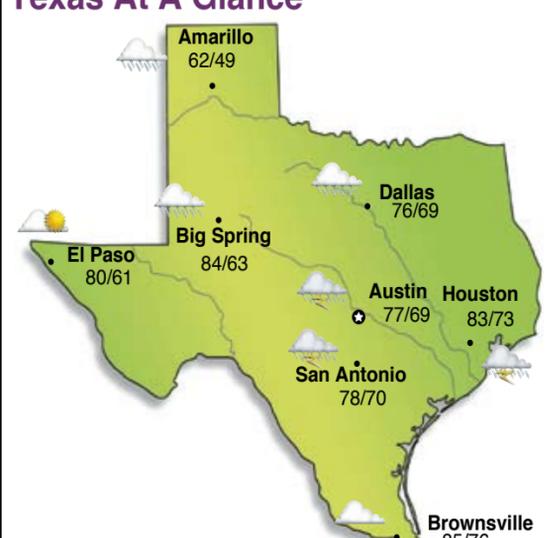
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 5/14	Fri 5/15	Sat 5/16	Sun 5/17	Mon 5/18
84/63	89/65	90/67	88/60	90/62
Showers and a possible thunderstorm in the morning will give way to cloudy.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM



## Texas At A Glance



City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	72	64	t-storm	Kingsville	83	74	t-storm
Amarillo	62	49	rain	Livingston	82	71	cloudy
Austin	77	69	t-storm	Longview	82	67	cloudy
Beaumont	82	71	cloudy	Lubbock	70	53	t-storm
Brownsville	85	76	cloudy	Lufkin	85	71	cloudy
Brownwood	73	64	t-storm	Midland	83	63	rain
Corpus Christi	82	76	t-storm	Raymondville	85	76	cloudy
Corsicana	77	68	t-storm	Rosenberg	82	72	t-storm
Dallas	76	69	rain	San Antonio	78	70	t-storm
Del Rio	79	68	t-storm	San Marcos	78	70	t-storm
El Paso	80	61	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	77	68	rain
Fort Stockton	82	60	t-storm	Sweetwater	73	63	t-storm
Gainesville	70	65	rain	Tyler	80	69	t-storm
Greenville	76	68	rain	Weatherford	74	66	rain
Houston	83	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	67	62	rain

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- American Legion Post No. 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry this Saturday. Plates are \$12 each, with serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and delivery available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 263-2084.

- The Big Spring Art Association area wide art show will be held May 23-30. Entries will be accepted Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Judging will be at 2:30 p.m. Categories are 1. oil/acrylics; 2. pastels; 3. photography; 4. mixed media; 4. watercolor; 6. 3D/sculpture, pottery, jewelry, stained glass; and 7. graphics and charcoal. All work must be original and completed within the past two years. No copy work will be accepted.

Entry fees are \$10 per item for BSAA members; \$15 per item for non-members; and \$10 per item for students. Cash prize and ribbons will be awarded.

For more information, contact Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; [kay197s-mith@aol.com](mailto:kay197s-mith@aol.com) or Ruby Bruns, 432-664-1942, [rubbybruns@yahoo.com](mailto:rubbybruns@yahoo.com).

- A garage sale will be held Wednesday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon

at the Home Hospice building, 111 7th St. The garage sale will be held in the business' parking lot on Runnels St. Proceeds will benefit the Relay For Life team - Hospice Halos. A variety of items from memorabilia to clothing will be on sale.

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 21 at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one laws and regulations and two general - will be offered.

Individual preregistration is \$20 if received at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal. For more information, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, [r-royall@tamu.edu](mailto:r-royall@tamu.edu), or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

- The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get-together from 6 p.m. to

## Take Note

9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

- 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.

- 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.



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Outgoing city council members Bobby McDonald, left photo, and Marvin Boyd, right photo, were presented with plaques in appreciation of their service by Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan Tuesday.

## Support groups

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again

at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• SteppingStone 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.

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

## WALK

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"Originally, we wanted the money to go to the Campbell, Ferrell, and Green families but because of their giving, loving nature, they decided on donating to organizations that Jim, Danny, and Carol were passionate about," Bryant continued.

In this particular run, participants will be pelted with colorful paint powder as part of the fun.

"Runners will run through paint stations where a nontoxic, biodegradable paint powder will be thrown on

them," Bryant said. "Participants usually choose to wear light colors so the paint powder will end up giving them a cool, bright design. Participants will receive a Color Blast shirt that they can wear or keep for later.

The community event will begin at 6:15 p.m., Friday, May 22, with a shotgun start. Registration that day is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes a T-shirt and all proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association and the North Side Community Center.

The pre-registration deadline is May 12. Sign-ups are allowed

on the day of the event but T-shirts will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration forms can be found on the Big Spring Independent School web-site [www.bigspringisd.net](http://www.bigspringisd.net).

During the mid-school year, school district personnel were hit hard with the news of the three deaths within a relatively short period of each other.

On Christmas Eve, Jim Campbell, a Big Spring athletic trainer, passed away. He has worked in the district for more than 17 years. The next day, Carol Green, a long-time Big Spring ISD teacher whose educational career cov-

ered 41 years, also died. Green had retired from teaching in 2001 but had returned to the district part-time to a position at the Big Spring Junior High School. She has served 30 years at Big Spring ISD, teaching at various schools during her career.

Then, on Jan. 4, Danny Ferrell, assistant superintendent, died of a sudden illness in a Martin County hospital. Ferrall had served the district

since 2009 through two superintendent transitions and was in integral part of the administration.

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## COUNCIL

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and three expressed no opinion on the matter.

Persons wishing to consume alcoholic beverages at the pavilion must follow the same permitting process established for sites at Comanche Trail Park where the practice is allowed, Darden said. In addition, alcoholic beverages will only be allowed within the specific confines of the pavilion and nowhere else at the park.

Violations are punishable by an escalating series of fines, Darden added.

The revised ordinance must pass a second reading by the council, probably later this month, before it takes effect, officials said.

In other business Tuesday, council approved:

• Results of Saturday's municipal election. District 2 Councilwoman Carmen Harbour was sworn in for a second term of office, while newcomers Steve Waggoner and Jim DePauw

took the oath of office for their first terms in Districts 4 and 6, respectively.

• The appointment of Kinsey Hanson and Lester Brown to the local civil service commission.

• The city's quarterly

investment report.

• A 14-day permit to allow vendors to work at multiple events within the city.

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# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

# Crimes against humanity

The images were stark and frightening. Millions around the world were shocked and angered as they watched the graphic video of 21 orange-clad Egyptian Christians being simultaneously beheaded by ISIS thugs. That report, along with a steady stream of other horrifying reports of their crucifying, decapitating and burying Christians alive, including children in Iraq and other parts of the world, has caused an awakening to the crisis of persecution that is reminiscent of early Christianity.

National spokesman for Iraqi Christians and Chaldean-American businessman Mark Arabo said the “evil” being carried out by ISIS militants in Iraq now includes shocking beheadings of children.

“They are systematically beheading children, and mothers and fathers. The world hasn’t seen an evil like this for a generation. There’s actually a park in Mosul that they’ve actually beheaded children and put their heads on a stick,” Arabo told CNN’s Jonathan Mann last week.

“And they have them in the park. This is crimes against humanity. The whole world should come together. This is much broader than a community or faith. This is crimes against humanity and they are doing the most horrendous, the most heartbreaking things you can think of,” he explained.

Addressing the plight of Christians in Mosul, Iraq’s second largest city, since it was captured by the Islamic State militants, Arabo said 95 percent of them were forced to flee while some 5 percent of the Christian population converted to Islam. He said even Christians who thought they could escape persecution by paying a fine discovered later that there was no honor among the militants.

“They’ve marked the red stamp of death on Christian homes and basically saying we know who you are and if you come back, you will get killed. That’s why we’re saying this is a Christian holocaust within our midst and the world community cannot turn a blind eye,” said Arabo. “They are absolutely killing every Christian they see. This is a genocide in every sense

of the word. They want everyone to convert and they want Sharia law to be the law of the land.”

But while ISIS is unquestionably a nightmare-come-true, when it comes to the alarming increase in Christian persecution worldwide the “Islamic State” is just the tip of the iceberg.

For most Americans, images of first-century Christian persecution, believers meeting furtively in remote houses with doors bolted tight, some preaching boldly in public and being dragged off to prison, others captured and paraded as spectacle to be crucified for sport by rulers like Nero, are familiar to us only through watching biblical movie epics.

Yet such is the harsh reality confronting millions of Christian believers – men, women and children – in many parts of our world, right now.

In North Korea, thousands of Christians and their families are imprisoned in penal labor camps, with up to 80 executed last year for possessing Bibles and similar “transgressions.” In Sudan, hundreds of Christian women and girls are flogged annually for “indecent dress,” though what constitutes indecent dress is not defined by law. Iran raids church services and threatens believers, punishing Christians with prolonged detention, torture and executions, with some 400 Christians detained throughout the country since 2010, including Iranian-born American pastor Saeed Abedini.

Even America’s “allies” are home to outrageous persecution of Christians. In Egypt, at least seven Coptic Christians were killed and more than 200 churches and other Christian buildings, homes and businesses recently attacked. In Pakistan, Christian women and girls experience violence daily, many targeted for rape, sexual abuse and kidnapping, and a mob beat and burned to death a Christian couple last year for alleged “blasphemy.” In Saudi Arabia, not a single Christian church is allowed to exist in the entire country.

What about emerging superpower China, on which the U.S. government relies financially, and Americans rely for a large share of manufactured goods they purchase? Christians face the “worst persecution since the Cultural Revolution of Mao Zedong,” explains Bob Fu, former leader of the student movement crushed by the Tiananmen Square massacre and

now a Christian underground church pastor. “There has been forced demolition, the removal of crosses, over 300 churches have been attacked and government sanctioned church pastors sentenced to 12 years in prison.” One pastor who dared even question authorities about the forced removal of the crosses was sentenced to prison, and a court recently sentenced two Christian bookstore owners to five and two years’ imprisonment for “illegal business operations.” Adds Fu, “Multiple believers have been attacked and hospitalized, and thousands of police were mobilized to attack a church. That has not been seen since the time of the Cultural Revolution. It’s overwhelming.”

Nevertheless, Fu expresses optimism about the long-term future of the Chinese church, noting that despite 60 years of persecution, the number of Christians has grown from less than 1 million to more than 100 million.

That’s right, around the world, amid the violence, persecution, civil war and mass death, a growing number of people are converting to a belief in Christ. If much of the media hasn’t yet realized the significance of this story, the Bible anticipated it years ago. The founder of Christianity, after all, was tortured to death and his original 12 followers were all persecuted; most were slain. Though his message was a Gospel of peace, his critics nailed him to a cross but failed to keep him in the tomb. They hated him but could not contain him. They sought to limit his influence, but they only broadened his impact.

I keep hearing the voice of my friend, Kara, singing the powerful song, “I Am Not Ashamed” and I am keenly aware that we may all be called upon to declare our allegiance to our Lord and Savior someday in a life or death scenario. May we all be empowered to embrace the truth of God’s eternal Word;

“In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my Rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.” (Psalm 31:1-2, NKJV)

You may not agree with anything I’ve said, but I column as I see ‘em.

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# Rand Paul not neutral about anything

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., wants to be “a different kind of Republican.” And he is. His campaign is joining San Francisco’s sharing economy by renting shared space. That should appeal to young voters. On Saturday, from the South of Market incubator StartupHouse, the GOP presidential hopeful proclaimed, “What we want is a government that leaves us alone.”

The event was not a fundraiser. It was something almost unheard of — free. And it featured a Q&A moderated by a member of the media, reporter Carla Marinucci of the San Francisco Chronicle. Local GOP political consultant Matt Shupe, 30, told me that it was the first time since he entered politics that a GOP presidential hopeful had set up shop in San Francisco. “When you have San Francisco progressives shaking Google buses and trying to get rid of Uber and Airbnb,” Shupe added, that spells opportunity for Republicans.

The crowd of 100 was mixed with techies and politicians. The event was sponsored by Lincoln Labs, a libertarian-leaning tech group, and Brigade, a civic engagement concern funded by

former Facebook President Sean Parker. Facebook and Google are big-time supporters of net neutrality, the concept that the government should prevent Internet providers from charging higher prices for fast lanes. Paul has introduced a resolution urging the Senate to repeal the Federal Communications Commission’s recent net neutrality order.

Don’t think that Paul was afraid to challenge his new base. Marinucci cited a University of Delaware poll that found 81 percent of Americans — and 85 percent of Republicans — support net neutrality.

Yet in the belly of the beast, Paul stuck to his free market principles. Paul, 52, responded, “I would say it depends on how you ask the question. So let’s redo the poll in an imaginary way. Let’s ask the question: How many of you believe the Internet should be regulated?”

Paul chalked up public support for net neutrality to savvy marketing.

“When you say something like ‘neutrality,’ the name is wonderful: net neutrality. Who can be against net neutrality? Who couldn’t be against the Man? Who wouldn’t want to stop the Man from charging me too much? Who’s not against the phone company, the telephone company, the television company? We’re all against the Man at some level.”

Folks may naturally protest

the idea of Internet providers charging more for faster service, but, Paul said, “is it really terrible for FedEx to charge more to deliver a letter in one day than in five days?” The marketplace is all about charging more for speed and location. If you believe in the marketplace, you don’t want the government setting prices. The senator voiced a pure libertarian position.

“Wow, it’s never been argued in that way before,” Shupe later told me. “While I was sitting there in that room, I agreed with it.”

Only later did the Republican wonder whether Paul’s larger plan for increasing broadband competition would be workable. There is no question, however, that the senator from Kentucky was “philosophically consistent.” He’s also the only Republican in the 2016 field who could draw a friendly South of Market crowd on a Saturday afternoon, tell them things they didn’t want to hear and leave behind new fans.

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# Check this out: What's at the library

Remember the story of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, how they funded Christopher Columbus' ships as he attempted to find a westward route to the Indies?



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All the credit seemed to go to the King, but in a new biography of Queen Isabella by Kirstin Downey, "Isabella, The Warrior Queen" (B ISA C), that has been debunked. Meticulously researched, Downey writes that at the age of 24, when most women were almost powerless, Isabella defied a hostile brother and a mercurial husband to seize control of Castile and Leon. History has almost forgotten her, attributing all the action to her husband, whom she did adore. Do check out "Isabella: The Warrior Queen" for another look at a powerful woman who helped shape history.

Another woman who shaped history, albeit it musical history, was Janis Joplin. "On the Road with Janis Joplin" (B JOP J), John Byrne Cooke, is written by a man who worked as a road manager and filmmaker, he helped run the Janis Joplin show — and record it for posterity.

Now he reveals the never-before-told story of his years with the young woman from Port Arthur who would become the first female rock and roll superstar — and depart the stage too soon. This intimate memoir spans the years he spent with Janis, from her legendary rise to her tragic last days. Cooke tells the whole incredible story as only someone who lived it could.

"The Great Divide: The Conflict Between Washington and Jefferson That Defined a Nation" (973.3 FLE T) from the book flap come the following: In the months after her husband's death, Martha Washington told several friends that the two worst days of her life were the day George died — and the day Thomas Jefferson came to Mount Vernon to offer his condolences.

What could elicit such a strong reaction from the nation's original first lady?

Though history tends to cast the early years of America in a glow of camaraderie, there were, in fact, many conflicts among the Founding Fathers — none more important than the one between George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

The chief disagreement between these former friends centered on the highest, most original public office created by the Constitutional Convention — the presidency. They also argued violently about the nation's foreign policy, the role of merchants and farmers in a republic, and the durability of the union itself. At the root of all these disagreements were two sharply different visions for the nation's future.

Acclaimed historian Thomas Fleming examines how the differing temperaments and leadership styles of Washington and Jefferson shaped two opposing views of the presidency — and the nation. The clash between these two gifted men, both of whom cared deeply about the United States of America, profoundly influenced the next two centuries of America's history and resonates in the present day.

A second inspiring story is "Factory Man" (338.768 MAC B) written by Beth Macy. The Bassett Furniture Company was once the world's biggest wood furniture manufacturer. Run by the same powerful Virginia family for generations, it was also the center of life in Bassett, Va. But beginning in the 1980s, the first waves of Asian competition hit, and ultimately Bassett was forced to send its production overseas.

One man fought back: John Bassett III, a shrewd and determined third-generation factory man, now chairman of Vaughan-Bassett Furniture Co, which employs more than 700 Virginians and has sales of more than \$90 million. In "Factory Man," Beth Macy brings to life Bassett's deeply personal furniture and family story, along with a host of characters from an industry that was as cutthroat as it was colorful. As she shows

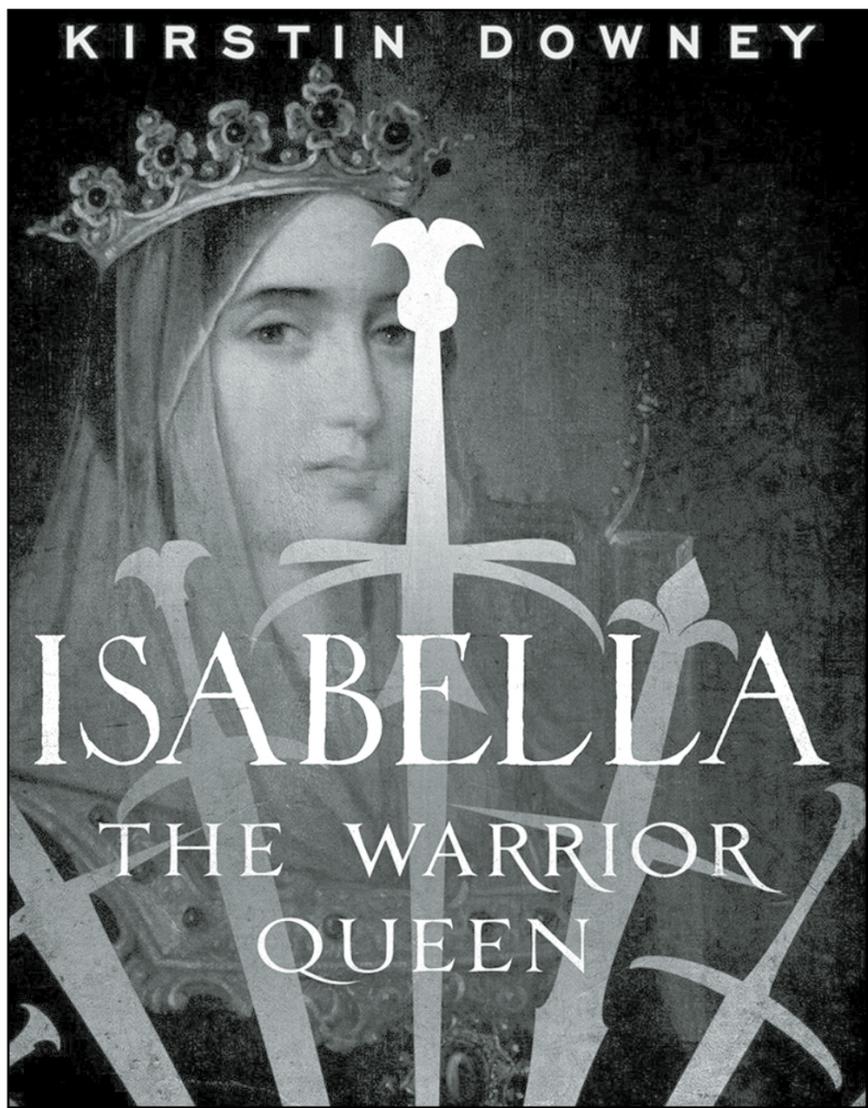
how he uses legal maneuvers, factory efficiencies and sheer grit and cunning to save hundreds of jobs, she also reveals the truth about modern industry in America.

Jennifer Chiaverini, the New York Times bestselling author of "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" and "Mrs. Lincoln's Rival," imagines the inner life of Julia Grant, beloved as a Civil War general's wife and the First Lady, yet who grappled with a profound and complex relationship with the slave who was her namesake — until she forged a proud identity of her own.

In 1844, Missouri belle Julia Dent met dazzling horseman Lt. Ulysses S Grant. Four years passed before their parents permitted them to wed, and the groom's abolitionist family refused to attend the ceremony. Since childhood, Julia owned as a slave another Julia, known as Jule. Jule guarded her mistress's closely held twin secrets: She had perilously poor vision but was gifted with prophetic sight.

So it was that Jule became Julia's eyes to the world. And what a world it was, marked by gathering clouds of war. The Grants vowed never to be separated, but as Ulysses rose through the ranks—becoming general in chief of the Union Army — so did the stakes of their pact.

During the war, Julia would travel, often in



the company of Jule and the four Grant children, facing unreliable transportation and certain danger to be at her husband's side. Yet Julia and Jule saw two different wars. While Julia spoke out for women — Union and Confederate — she continued to hold Jule as a slave behind Union lines.

Upon the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Jule claimed her freedom and rose to prominence as a

businesswoman in her own right, taking the honorary title Madame. The two women's paths continued to cross throughout the Grants' White House years in Washington, DC, and later in New York City, the site of Grant's Tomb. (Information is from the book flap)

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## News in brief

### Woman seeks protective order against Texas state senator

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A woman in Oklahoma has requested a protective order against a Texas state senator whom she accuses of stalking and threatening to harm her.

Cynthia Ortiz made the allegations against Republican Sen. Charles Perry of Lubbock in court documents filed last week in Creek County, Oklahoma.

Jordan Berry, authorized by Perry's attorney to speak on behalf of the lawmaker, denies the first-term senator has done anything to warrant a protective order. He says the woman has been around Perry off and on at campaign events for at least five years.

Ortiz on Monday posted a photo on Twitter of a judge's order for a May 19 hearing to consider the request. The Associated Press obtained a copy of her request and the judge's order.

### Heavy rain swamps parts of Houston area, vehicles abandoned

HOUSTON (AP) — Storms in the Houston area have left behind flooded roads that swamped more than a dozen vehicles.

The National Weather Service reports a flash flood watch for the Houston area through Wednesday evening.

Forecasters say parts of Harris and Galveston counties were inundated with about 8 inches of rain.

Numerous vehicles were abandoned in high water on flooded side roads near Interstate 45 in the Webster area, south of Houston. A NWS storm report Wednesday indicated flash flooding along I-45 and FM 528, with at least 14 disabled cars and trucks.

In East Texas, recovery continues from Sunday night's tornado that pummeled the town of

Van, leaving two people dead. Schools in Van, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, are closed this week during the clean-up.

### Texas GOP could take new stand on same-sex marriage

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Racing both a U.S. Supreme Court decision on gay marriage and legislative deadlines, Texas Republicans pushed ahead Tuesday toward putting the state at the forefront of resistance if same-sex weddings are ruled constitutional.

Nearly every Republican in the Texas House is backing a measure that would prohibit state and local officials from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Less than three weeks remain in Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's first session, and the bill must clear the House by midnight Thursday to advance.

If signed by Abbott, the bill would aim to defy the Supreme Court if it legalizes gay marriage, laying the groundwork for Texas to potentially raise new legal battles over its ability to regulate marriage licenses.

"It would certainly put the state in a position to challenge," said Republican state Rep. Cecil Bell, who filed the bill shortly after a Texas judge allowed a lesbian couple to wed despite a statewide ban on gay marriage.

The Alabama Supreme Court earlier this year already prohibited county officials in that state from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Lawmakers in South Carolina are also pushing a bill similar to what was filed in Texas, according to the Human Rights Campaign, which tracks gay rights issues.

Abbott didn't give hot-button social issues legislative priority after taking office in January. But with the Texas Legislature now close to adjourning, Republicans have accelerated legislation that gay rights activists consider

hostile. This week began with the Senate giving approval for clergy members to refuse to perform marriages that violate their religious beliefs.

### Houston man convicted of killing 3 put to death

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas inmate was executed Tuesday for the killings of his 15-year-old girlfriend, her mother and her grandfather nearly 13 years ago in Houston.

Derrick Dewayne Charles, 32, became the seventh prisoner put to death this year in the nation's most active capital punishment state. He was pronounced dead at 6:36 p.m. CDT, 25 minutes after being given the execution drug.

Asked by the warden if he wanted to make a final statement, Charles replied: "Nah. I'm ready to go home."

As the pentobarbital took effect, he took two breaths, yawned and then appeared to go to sleep. Six relatives of Charles' victims witnessed the execution, but he made no eye contact with them.

The lethal injection was carried out after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected arguments from Charles' attorneys that he was mentally incompetent for execution and that they needed time and court-approved money for experts and investigators to pursue that claim. Another appeal argued Charles' trial court also acted improperly by refusing to appoint psychiatric experts and investigators.

"We are disappointed with the Court's response," Paul Mansur, Charles' lead attorney, said in a statement. "Derrick Charles has a lifelong history of severe mental illness. While the Court has ruled that it is unconstitutional to execute the insane — those people without a rational understanding of why they are being executed — it is a hollow promise without resources and evaluation.

### South Texas officer indicted in cocaine, fake report scam

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A South Texas officer and another man have been indicted over what prosecutors say involved fake police reports to smuggle cocaine.

The federal indictment announced Tuesday names Rio Grande City police investigator Noel Pena.

Prosecutors in McAllen say Pena and Hector Salinas-Hinojosa of Roma are charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute as well as possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

The undercover investigation began last month, leading to both men arrested. Pena was assigned to the Starr County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force.

Investigators say Pena worked with drug traffickers who would steal much of the cocaine they were holding Mexican cartels. Authorities say Pena accepted bribes to generate fake police reports saying the cocaine had been confiscated during law enforcement operations he set up.

### Incoming University of Texas president declines \$1M salary

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Documents say the incoming president of the University of Texas at Austin declined the school's offer of a \$1 million salary.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that in an email, Gregory Fenves warned that a million-dollar salary

would prompt widespread negative attention from students and faculty because of budget constraints seen in the last five years.

The newspaper obtained the documents through an open-records request.

Fenves will receive his requested base salary of \$750,000 a year. He also requested that his annual bonus, which is dependent on a performance evaluation, be capped at 10 percent of his base salary rather than the 12 percent listed in a proposed term sheet that was earlier presented to him.

The UT System Board of Regents is expected to formally approve Fenves' compensation package Thursday.

Fenves will assume office June 3.

### House approves fireworks for Texas independence

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House has approved allowing the sale of fireworks on holidays that mark Texas independence.

The measure approved Tuesday would allow counties to permit fireworks sales for Texas Independence Day on March 2 and San Jacinto

Day celebrations April. It also would allow fireworks sales for Memorial Day in May. Counties would be allowed to place restrictions in case of drought.

The bill has raised safety and fire concerns from some county commissioners, fire officials and law enforcement who say fireworks restrictions are already difficult to enforce.

### Several hurt when school bus crashes into house

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — Police say a Houston-area school bus has crashed into a house in a wreck that left a student, the driver and a teacher's aide slightly hurt.

Officials with the Clear Creek Independent School District say the driver apparently had a medical problem Tuesday morning and possibly passed out.

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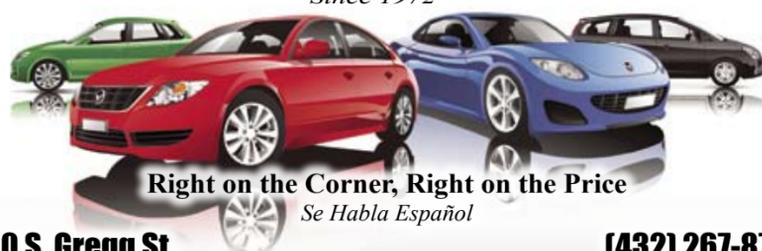
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# News in brief

## Official says boat crammed with over 500 refugees located off Penang island in Malaysia

LANGKAWI, Malaysia (AP) — An official says a boat crammed with more than 500 refugees, likely Rohingya and Bangladeshi, has been found off the coast of Penang island in northern Malaysia.

The official told The Associated Press that the overcrowded boat is full of desperate people and it's too dangerous to board it. Authorities are contemplating what to do next, said the official on condition of anonymity. The official is not authorized to speak to the media.

Thousands of Bangladeshis and Rohingyas, a long-persecuted minority in Myanmar, have become victims of human traffickers who promise them safe passage to Malaysia. But in recent weeks the traffickers have abandoned their human cargo and set them adrift in the sea off Malaysia and Indonesia.

Some estimates put their number at 6,000.

## Amtrak train derails in Philadelphia killing 5 people, injuring dozens; federal probe to begin

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An Amtrak train abruptly overturned in Philadelphia, killing at least five people and injuring dozens of others, some of whom had to scramble through the windows of toppled cars to escape. The accident has closed the nation's busiest rail corridor between New York and Washington as federal investigators begin sifting through the mangled remains to determine what went wrong.

Train 188, a Northeast Regional, left Washington, D.C. and was headed to New York when it derailed shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday. Amtrak said the train was carrying 238 passengers and five crew members.

Mayor Michael Nutter, who confirmed the deaths, said the scene was horrific and not all the people on the train had been accounted for.

"It is an absolute disastrous mess," he said. "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

He said all seven train cars, including the engine, were in "various stages of disarray." He said there were cars that were "completely overturned, on their side, ripped apart."

## Nepal officials tell people to evacuate damaged buildings in wake of major earthquake

CHAUTARA, Nepal (AP) — Officials with bullhorns walked through the quake-damaged streets of this small Nepal town Wednesday, calling for people to leave the damaged buildings.

The evacuation orders came a day after Nepal, just beginning to rebuild after a devastating April 25 earthquake, was hit by magnitude-7.3 quake. Tuesday's earthquake killed at least 65 people, injured nearly 2,000 and caused landslides that blocked roads and slowed the delivery of relief supplies.

"There is danger!" the officials called out over the bullhorns. "Leave the buildings!"

Most people, though, had fled into the open the day before, and had spent the night in tents or under plastic tarps.

Tuesday's quake battered Chautara, a foothills town that became a hub for rescuers and humanitarian aid after the first earthquake. Officials there said at least three people had died Tuesday and more than 60 were injured.

## Failed Senate trade vote leaves Obama, Democrats divided as Republicans jeer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama poured intense effort into lobbying fellow Democrats on trade. They repudiated him nearly unanimously.

Every Democratic senator except one, Delaware's Tom Carper, voted against moving forward on legislation Tuesday to award Obama "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that can pass Congress without being amended. The vote failed 52-45, falling eight short of the 60 votes needed and dealing a stinging setback to the centerpiece of Obama's second-term economic agenda, his hopes for a landmark pact with Asian nations.

Although the White House and senators of both parties are already working to revive the legislation, the outcome stunned the Capitol and highlighted Democratic divisions on trade heading into a presidential election year with control of the Senate at stake. Obama says it's essential for U.S. goods and services to have easier access to other countries in a globalizing economy, while many Democrats and the labor unions that back them still feel the pain of job losses they blame on earlier trade deals and fear more could be yet to come.

Tuesday's vote also laid bare the strained relations between Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill, who have spent years complaining of neglect by a president who tends grudgingly, if at all, to the relationship-building aspects of politics.

The president's tough sell on the trade legislation included Oval Office meetings, flights on Air Force One, promises of political support and concerted outreach by officials from Vice President Joe Biden on down. Obama mounted a public relations campaign to exert pressure, attacking his Democratic opponents as "wrong" in interviews and speeches, and even directly engaging liberal standard-bearer Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, dismissing her over the weekend as "a politician like everybody else."

## Iran warns US, Saudi that hindering aid ship en route to Yemen will 'spark a fire'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A senior Iranian military official has warned the Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemeni rebels that blocking an Iranian aid ship bound for Yemen will "spark a fire," as a five-day humanitarian cease-fire appeared to hold early Wednesday after going into effect the day before.

"I bluntly declare that the self-restraint of Islamic Republic of Iran is not limitless," Gen. Masoud Jazayeri, the deputy chief of staff, told Iran's Arabic-language Al-Alam state TV late Tuesday.

"Both Saudi Arabia and its novice rulers, as well as the Americans and others, should be mindful that if they cause trouble for the Islamic Republic with regard to sending humanitarian aid to regional countries, it will spark a fire, the putting out of which would definitely be out of their hands."

Iran says the ship, which departed Monday, is carrying food, medicine, tents and blankets, as well as reporters, rescue workers and peace activists. It says the ship is expected to arrive at Yemen's port city of Hodeida next week. Iran's navy said Tuesday it will protect the ship.

Saudi Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri, a military spokesman, said Tuesday that no ship would be permitted to reach Yemen unless there was prior coordination with the coalition, and that if Iran wants to deliver humanitarian aid it should do so through the

United Nations.

Wisconsin's capital faces test with protesters set to gather after police shooting decision

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Some of the Madison Police Department's toughest critics peacefully protested in the hours after a prosecutor said he wouldn't charge a white officer who killed an unarmed biracial man. But the city faced another test Wednesday as activists called for a widespread walkout.

After recent riots in cities where white officers have killed black men — including Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore — Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne's announcement Tuesday raised concerns that things could turn violent in Wisconsin's capital city as well.

The Young, Gifted and Black Coalition, which called for the walkout, has staged multiple protests since Tony Robinson's death on March 6. The group had demanded that Madison Officer Matt Kenny be fired and charged with homicide, but the rallies have been peaceful.

Ozanne, who is biracial but identifies himself as black, is Wisconsin's first minority district attorney. He pointed out his racial heritage as he made the announcement, noting his black mother participated in the Freedom Summer, a black voter registration drive in Mississippi in 1964. He said he views Robinson's death through that lens but made his decision based on the facts.

## Gunmen kill 43 in attack on bus packed with Shiites in southern Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen killed more than 40 people on Wednesday aboard a bus in southern Pakistan bound for a Shiite community center, in the latest attack targeting the religious minority.

The attack in the port city of Karachi was the deadliest Pakistan has

seen in months. Provincial police chief Ghulam Haider Jamali said 43 people were killed, including 16 women, and another 13 people were wounded.

The bus was in a relatively deserted area on the outskirts of the city en route to a community center for Ismaili Shiite Muslims when six gunmen boarded it and opened fire, Jamali said.

The attackers then fled on three motorcycles.

"These are the people who are extremists, who are terrorists," Jamali said of the assailants. "These are the same people who have been doing terrorism before."

## Deep-water Macondo field, scene of BP's catastrophic blowout, set to be drilled into again

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Deep-water drilling is set to resume near the site of the catastrophic BP PLC well blowout that killed 11 workers and caused the nation's largest offshore oil spill five years ago off the coast of Louisiana.

A Louisiana-based oil company, LLOG Exploration Offshore LLC, plans to drill into the Macondo reservoir, according to federal records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Harper's Magazine first reported the drilling plans late Tuesday.

LLOG's permit to drill a new well near BP's site was approved April 13 by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, an agency overseeing offshore oil and gas drilling operations.

The company's exploration plan was approved last October following an environmental review by a sister agency, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.



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# HC, Forsan ready for postseason

## Lady Buffs set for regional quarterfinal bout with Follett

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Weather permitting, the Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes will try and punch their ticket to the regional semifinal round of the Class 2A state softball playoffs this evening.

The Lady Buffaloes are scheduled to face off with the Follett Lady Panthers in a one-game playoff, beginning at 3 p.m. The contest will begin at 3 p.m. at Lady Cardinal

Field.

Forsan, now 25-9 for the year, is coming off a sweep of the first two games in the best-of-3 series with Lockney. Follett, which has won 10 of its last 11 outings, defeated McCamey by a 28-2 margin in a one-game playoff last week.

The winner of the Forsan-Follett will advance to face either Haskell or Archer City. The two teams start a best-of-3 series on Thursday in Seymour.



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**The Howard College Lady Hawks begin play in the NJCAA national tournament this evening in Utah.**

## HC set to begin push for JUCO national championship

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

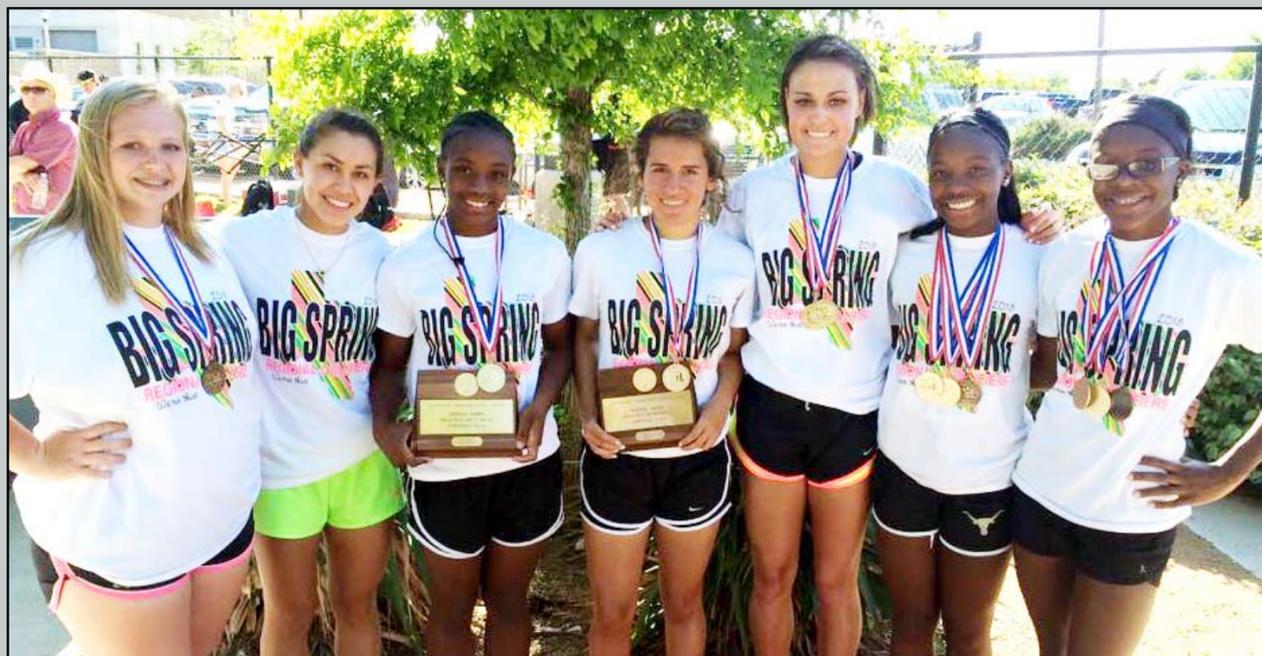
The Howard College Lady Hawks begin their quest for the national softball title this evening when they begin play in the 2015 NJCAA Division I Softball National Championship tournament in St. George, Utah.

The Lady Hawks, the No. 6 seed overall, will open the tournament at 6:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m. local time) against Jefferson

College, the No. 11 seed in the 16-team, double-elimination event.

The Lady Hawks, the Region V West champion, roll into the tournament at 45-12 overall. Jefferson College, which is located in Hillsboro, Missouri, is 55-4 and the Region XVI champion.

The winner of the HC-Jefferson College matchup will advance to play either Chipola or Shelton State on Thursday at 5 p.m.



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**The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' track program will be well represented at the state track meet this weekend in Austin. Representing BSHS will be (from left) Carlie Roberts, Karina Alvarado, Rachel McCalister, Samantha Solis, Erin Pollard, Autumn Minter and Kaitlyn Mathews. Alvarado competed in the Region I-4A meet but did not qualify for a return trip to state.**

# BSHS thinclads ready for Class 4A state track meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coming into the 2015 prep track and field season, Big Spring seniors Autumn Minter and Erin Pollard knew getting back to the Class 4A State Track and Field Championships would be a long and tough road. Getting to the state meet is hard enough ... and even tougher when you have to replace half of your lineup.

The two BSHS seniors can consider their mission to extend the Lady Steers' streak of state appearance in the relay events accomplished on Friday when the state meet gets underway at the Mike Myers Track Complex on the University of Texas campus in Austin. Minter and Pollard helped BSHS qualify for the state meet in both the 4x200- and 4x400-meter races.

The first Big Spring athlete to make an appearance at the state meet will be freshman sensation Carlie Roberts.

## Roberson returning to state with Wall

Former Big Spring High School standout Faith Roberson will be making her return to the state track meet this weekend, this time wearing the Wall High School uniform.

The daughter of Nick and Nora Roberson, she will be competing in the Class 3A 400-meter dash. The sophomore owns the fastest qualifying time in the event with a mark of 55.83 seconds.

Roberson is the granddaughter of former BSHS coach E.C. Roberson, for whom the junior high gym is named.

Roberson attended BSHS last year and was part of the Lady Steers' state-qualifying relay teams.

She will be competing in the 4A shot put competition on Friday after-

noon, beginning at 4 p.m.

Roberts, who qualified for the state meet by finishing second at the Region I-4A meet in Lubbock with a throw of 116 feet and 3 inches, is one of nine entrants in the event.

Yoakum's Celine Market enters the event as the favorite to win the state crown. She earned a trip to state with a throw of 147-10 two weeks ago. Her throw is more than 15 feet better than Port Isabel's Daniella Muchino, who comes in with a qualifying throw of 132-6.

The Lady Steers' participation in the state meet will resume on Saturday with a barrage.

Minter will lead off Big Spring's action on the final day of the event by appearing in the 100-meter dash, starting at 1:05 p.m. She qualified for the meet with a time of 12.30 seconds at the Region I-4A meet.

Houston Wheatley's Takyera Roberts. See STATE on Page 14

# Late HR lifts KC past Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Gordon put the Kansas City Royals back ahead in a flash, and Greg Holland made good on his second chance.

Gordon homered on the first pitch of the 10th inning and the Royals beat the Texas Rangers 7-6 Tuesday night.

"I just said if I get a good pitch to hit, a fastball down the middle or something, I'm just going to get a good swing on it," Gordon said.

And he did, greeting reliever Stolmy Pimental (0-1) by pulling a fastball into the seats down the right field line.

Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas also homered for the AL Central leaders, who went ahead on an RBI groundout by Lorenzo Cain in the ninth. Adrian Beltre's two-out RBI single in the bottom half off Holland tied the game for the fourth time.

After blowing his first save in seven chances this year, Holland (1-0) returned to throw a perfect 10th.

Gordon also made a nifty defensive play in the seventh. The Gold Glove left fielder picked up Elvis Andrus' grounder and threw an off-balance strike to third to get Shin-Soo Choo, who was trying to advance from first base.

That was before Kyle Blanks had an RBI single in the seventh that scored Andrus and made it 5-0. The designated hitter was trying to check his swing when he instead blooped a hit to short right.

After his tying hit in the ninth, with Blanks at the plate, Beltre was picked off first base by catcher Salvador Perez. Beltre initially was called safe by umpire Ted Barrett, but that was overturned on a replay challenge by the Royals.

# Late surge lifts Miles past Ira in Game 1

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Miles Bulldogs used a late surge to race to a 7-1 victory over the Ira Bulldogs in an area playoff matchup in front of a large crowd at Steer Park on Tuesday evening.

With the victory, Miles took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-3 series. Games 2 of the series will be played at 5 p.m. on Saturday. A third game, if needed, will be played following the conclusion of Game 2. The Bulldogs, backed

by the pitching of Logan Morris, held its own early in the contest. The Bulldogs scratched out a run in the first and took a brief 1-0 advantage.

Miles rallied back to tie the game at 1-1 moments later.

The Bulldogs blew the game open from there. They outscored Ira by a 6-0 clip over the last six innings.

The winner of the series will face either Van Horn or Stamford in the next round.

## Smart and talented ...

**Seniors Tyler Bryan and Stevi Ward were recognized for being the Highest Academic male and female athletes during Big Spring's annual sports banquet ceremonies last Thursday. Bryan starred for the Steers in basketball and golf, while Ward helped led the BSHS volleyball to the Regional semifinals.**

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)



# Bufs set to open series with Albany

The Forsan High School Buffaloes will make the postseason debut tomorrow afternoon when they square off against the Albany Lions in the first game of a best-of-3 series in Hermleigh.

Game 1 of the series is scheduled to get underway at 4 p.m. Game 2 will be played at 11 a.m. on Saturday with a third game, if needed, following.

Forsan is the District 6-2A champion.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Intuitive Pisces Moon



The moon in intuitive Pisces has psychic wisdom to impart. Trust yourself. Trust that things don't have to be made intellectual to be true. Other people's opinions (even the smart ones) will not apply to you today. Think of them as noise that needs to be tuned out so you can hear your internal voice.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Each and every day you communicate the love and respect you feel for those close to you. Most of the day will be spent promoting the highest interests of your family.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll be in a position to choose between social offers. Deft handling will

be required if you're to avoid hurting anyone's feelings. The best way is clear and direct.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your need for a quiet space will clash with another person's noisy social style. A compromise will be necessary, but don't give up too much, or you'll grow to resent the deal.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). An obvious solution to your troubles may nonetheless elude you, which is why you would be wise to partner with someone who is free with his or her opinions and observations.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's too soon to give up on your goal. Fight for it instead. It is now time to remind yourself what you came here to do. Take a risk tonight -- you'll make good.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A slow ascent to the top is usually the way it goes, but now your foot is tapping impatiently, and your mind is screaming,

"MOVE IT!" Why mosey on up when you can arrive lickety-split?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because so many people want in on it, the good life quite often needs to be scheduled. Make the reservations now so you won't have to pay through the nose later.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Beauty is as it animates. In other words, beauty is in the action. Confidence is better than any genetic gift you could have. Feel good about yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stop worrying about surviving, and start planning to thrive instead. Money is not the answer, but having more of it will change the questions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your love life gets interesting. You hold back because you know it will make the other person reach. The mystery you create will work to your advantage.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rid your space of bad-luck items like pictures of yourself you never really liked, tools that don't work and outdated information. Make room for the new.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Pretend that the new people you meet are already your friends, and you'll put everyone at ease. Tonight, listen well, and you'll learn a short cut, save yourself from a futile effort or improve a relationship.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 13). Announce your goals. Once you commit, there is no going back -- your friends will keep you accountable. June brings a contract. July has you leading the group. August shows you as a champion of your family. The work you love may not pay as much as you'd like, but the money gets better in November and January. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 40, 33, 28 and 11.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I've seen my sister only four times in the past 20 years. When she was 17, she ran off and got married to an older man and began having children. She has 10 children now and feeds them with the money she makes waiting tables, in addition to some funds from public assistance and the charity of her church. Her husband has problems and rarely works. I feel terribly guilty about her situation and wonder whether I could have done anything along the way to stop it. How can I assuage my guilt? I'm a Capricorn, and she is a Gemini."

Your guilt is based on your ideas of how your sister's life should be. Be careful not to assume to know how your sister feels about her situation. You may think of her as oppressed and in need of saving, but perhaps she is actually happy. You suggest that her children are fed and that she has a job, and this may be a source of great satisfaction to her. Capricorns

like you can be highly responsible and sometimes need to realize that the best thing to be responsible for is your own life. Live and let live.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The vampire of his generation, Robert Pattinson has a busy release schedule ahead that is rumored to include "The Lost City of Z," an adventure based on the book and the true story of legendary explorer Percy Fawcett. Pattinson was born when the sun and Mercury were in Taurus, a sensual and earthy part of the sky. His Cancer moon brings a soulful touch to the overall picture for this actor and musician.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** Last week, my husband and I were able to secure tickets to a movie that had been sold out for several weeks. We looked forward to a nice evening until the lady with the popcorn and icy drink sat next to me. As soon as the movie started, she began to chomp and crunch on the popcorn, rattle the paper bag and jiggle the soda, over and over. I tried moving away as much as possible, but it didn't help. Because the theater was so dark, I couldn't tell whether there were other seats available. I was stuck.

Very quietly, I asked her whether she was going to be finished eating soon,

because the racket was very annoying. She said she likes to eat popcorn at the movies. Afterward, my husband told me I was rude and that eating during a movie should be allowed.

I didn't expect to be "right," but am I wrong to expect courtesy from those around me? Why can't people enjoy their treats without disturbing everyone else? What do you say, Annie? -- Chomping in Florida

**Dear Chomping:** It is customary for people to eat popcorn and other snacks during a movie. But it is also incumbent on those in attendance not to

be an annoyance to the people around them. Crunchy stuff should be chewed quietly. No one needs to swish ice around in the cup. Your best bet would have been to find an usher and ask for help locating another seat, but these days, ushers are hard to come by. You also could have complained to the manager after the movie, which would not have changed the annoyance, but may have garnered you a comped ticket.

We know there are folks who believe they are entitled to behave however they wish, giving no thought to anyone else. Those are the same peo-

ple who would be the first to complain were they on the receiving end of such rudeness. In public places, one has an obligation to be considerate. It is selfish to do otherwise.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing about "M.W.," the retired teacher who didn't want to go to Florida. I do not believe there was a writing campaign from The Villages. We don't need to organize. We Villagers are 102,000 strong and still growing.

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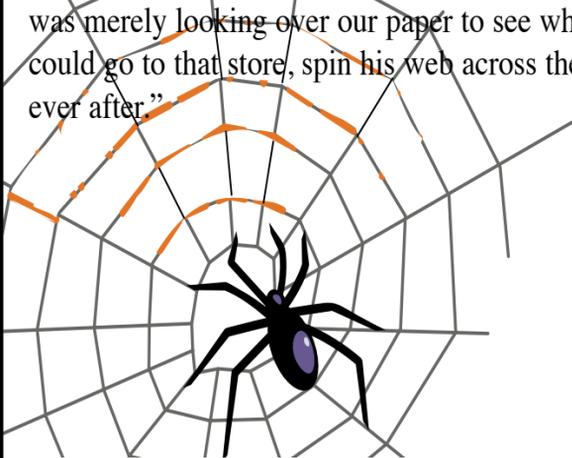
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Consider this deal where West led a diamond against three notrump. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played the ace and another club, hoping to catch a singleton honor or find the suit divided 2-2.

But West showed out on the second club, discarding a low diamond on East's queen of clubs. This informative discard indicated that West had lost interest in diamonds, the suit East might otherwise have returned. So East shifted to the six of hearts, ducked by South and won by West with the queen. West then returned a heart, forcing the ace.

Declarer realized that continuing clubs at this point would surely lead to defeat, so he turned his attention to spades, leading the nine. South planned to let the nine ride, and, if the finesse succeeded, he intended to lead the ten next and overtake it with dummy's jack.

Had everything gone as South planned, he would have finished with 10 tricks. But West threw a spanner into the works by covering the nine of spades with the queen! As a result of this inspired play, declarer was able to score only the A-K-J of spades and so finished with only eight tricks.

It is true that South could have — and should have — settled the issue at the outset by attacking spades instead of clubs, but this does not diminish the credit due East-West for a fine defensive performance from start to finish.

Tomorrow: Bidding a lot with a little.

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	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

5-13

"WAS THAT YOUR FIRST PATIENT...OR YOUR LAST?"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

5-13

"Grandma told me to keep up the good work, but I didn't even know I was workin'."

### HAGAR

5-13

I FELT NO PAIN WHEN I GOT THESE WOUNDS ON MY KNEES AND SHINS!

WELL, IT'S COMMON FOR ADRENALINE TO MASK THE PAIN IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE!

I WAS CRAWLING HOME FROM THE TAVERN!

### BC

5-13

B.C., WHAT ARE WE DOING UP SO EARLY?

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY... 'THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.'

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## This Date In History

Answer to previous puzzle

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KAPPA	SAVOR	SKY
SIESTA	SEAS	
	TESTS	CHAMP
PAPA	HAND	TOVER
ACE	IT	SOUR
SHARE	TREK	ERIN
TERSE	EELS	STAG

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**ACROSS**

1 Minor downturns

5 Throws in as a bonus

9 Extend a subscription

14 Barbell metal

15 Star Wars princess

16 Privileged class

17 Fancy party

18 Study hard

19 Panama waterway

20 "Sure thing!"

23 Climbing vine

24 Gorilla, for one

25 Kingly residence

29 Person in charge

31 Was in charge of

34 In the know

35 Taboo thing

36 Relatives of rats

37 "Sure thing!"

40 Luau instruments

41 Mare's meal

42 Angered

43 Part of mph

44 Remain

45 Stylish, as garb

46 Astound

47 Catch sight of

48 "Sure thing!"

56 Raise, as a flag

57 Astound

58 Fuse metal

60 Ancient Mexican

61 Frozen treats

62 Make simpler

63 Sharp parts of saws

64 Dry run

65 Chili con carne, essentially

12 Footnote abbr.

13 More than adequately

21 \_\_\_-Roni (side-dish brand)

22 Bricklaying expert

25 Settle a bill

26 Started the day

27 Today cohort

28 Shapes of eyebrows

29 Ill-gotten gains

30 Responsibility

31 Places to skate

32 Topmost points

33 Underprivileged sports org.

36 Something extra

38 Famous

39 Needing a break

44 Trade places

45 Abhor

46 Strong point

47 Soft-drink choices

48 Informal exchange

49 Leak slowly

50 Evening, in some ads

51 Polish a manuscript

52 Speed contest

53 Has a bill

54 Well-groomed

55 Alternatively

59 Lawn covering, at times

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# Houston avoids elimination with 124-103 win over L.A.

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden received an IV Tuesday afternoon, his answers to postgame questions were peppered with coughs and he sniffled repeatedly between queries. Harden clearly wasn't feeling well. But faced with elimination in the Western Conference semifinals, Houston's bearded superstar shook off his illness and had a triple-double in perhaps

his best playoff performance to keep the Rockets alive. Harden had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, Dwight Howard added 20 points and 15 rebounds, and the Rockets bounced back from two lopsided losses with a 124-103 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. "I'm all right," Harden said when asked about his health. "We won, so that's all that matters."

The Rockets hadn't lost three straight all season, and with their season on the line they ended their skid to send it back to Los Angeles for Game 6 on Thursday night. Houston used a 36-point second quarter to take a commanding lead and withstood a third-quarter surge by Los Angeles to lead by 14 entering the fourth. Blake Griffin had 30 points and 16 rebounds.

## STATE

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erson has the fastest qualifying time in the field with a mark of 11.84. Following her participation in the 100, Minter will make a quick turnaround to join the Pollard, sophomore Kaitltn Mathews and freshman Rachel McCalister on the track for the 4x200-meter relay. The girls' 4x200-meter relay will get under way at 1:25 p.m. The Lady Steers head into the event with the eighth fastest qualifying time with a mark of 1:44.8.

The Lady Steers will close out their state meet appearance at approximately 3:15 p.m. when Minter, Pollard, Mathews and freshman Samantha Solis team to compete in the 4x400-meter relay. The BSHS team will be among the teams expected to vie for the top spot in the race. Big Spring's qualifying time of 4:04.11 is among the fastest in the field. The Big Spring girls won't be the only BSHS squad appearing in the state finals of the 4x400-meter relay. The BSHS boys' team will also be gunning for a title. Gonzales, Tobyn Tannehill, Jeremiah Rushin and Ryan Lopez will form the Steers' squad.

riquez and Isaac Enriquez go into their event as the odds-on favorite to win gold. The foursome has the fastest qualifying time with a time of 3:31.82. Garden City's Riley Eggemeyer will also be competing in Austin. He qualified in the 110-meter hurdles. The busiest area athlete at the state track meet may well be Klondike's Sarah Kearney. She will be competing in the girls' 100-meter dash and long jump events as well as running the anchor legs on the Lady Cougars' 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay teams. Joining her on the 4x100-meter team are Alexi Bushong, Andrea Marquez and Iliana Robles. Bushong, Robles and Macy Sharp join Kearney on the 4x200-meter squad.

Longtime BSHS rival Andrews will also be competing in the race. Once the 4x200-meter race is finished, Mathews will get her chance to enjoy back-to-back outings by running in the girls' 400-meter dash. Mathews turned in a time of 58.24 seconds two weeks ago to qualify for state. Roberson owns the fastest time in the 400, running a 55.16 time at her regional meet. Ian Gonzales will be the first BSHS male athlete to step onto the track from there. A senior, he will be running in the boys' 400-meter race. Gonzales is expected to compete for the state title in the event. He enters the race with a qualifying time of 49.67 seconds. The fastest qualifying time in the race is held by Houston Wheatley's Floyd Green at 48.50.

The appearance at the state meet will close out a stellar prep career for Tannehill. A multi-sport standout at Big Spring, he will be making his third consecutive appearance in the state track meet. A host of area athletes will be joining the BSHS athletes at the state meet, including the Grady, Garden City and Klondike relay teams. Grady will have a large contingent of athletes at the Class A meet, including the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay squads. Making up the two teams are Braeden Jones, Beau Lucas, Joseph Briseno and E.J. Rodriguez. Jones will also be running in the 200-meter race. He enters the event with the fastest qualifying time with a mark of 22.69. Garden City's boys' 4x400-meter relay squad of Ismael Ramirez, Tanner Davis, Isaiah En-

Floyd Green at 48.50. Morris pitched for Ira in a 7-1 loss to Miles in the first game of their best-of-3 playoff series on Tuesday evening at Steer Park in Big Spring.

## Scoreboard

**BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	21	13	.618	—
Tampa Bay	18	16	.529	3
Toronto	17	17	.500	4
Boston	15	18	.455	5½
Baltimore	14	17	.452	5½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	21	12	.636	—
Detroit	20	13	.606	1
Minnesota	18	15	.545	3
Chicago	13	17	.433	6½
Cleveland	11	20	.355	9

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	20	13	.606	—
Los Angeles	16	17	.485	4
Seattle	15	17	.469	4½
Texas	14	19	.424	6
Oakland	13	22	.371	8

**Tuesday's Games**

St. Louis 8, Cleveland 3  
Toronto 10, Baltimore 2  
Detroit 2, Minnesota 1, 2 innings  
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2  
Kansas City 7, Texas 6, 10 innings  
Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee 2  
San Francisco 8, Houston 1  
Oakland 9, Boston 2  
L.A. Angels 5, Colorado 2  
Seattle 11, San Diego 4

**Wednesday's Games**

Boston (Miley 1-4) at Oakland (Gray 4-0), 3:35 p.m.  
St. Louis (Lackey 2-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-5), 6:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Aa.Sanchez 3-2) at Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 3-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Nolasco 2-1) at Detroit (Lobstein 3-2), 7:08 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Warren 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Karns 2-1), 7:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Ventura 2-2) at Texas (Gallardo 2-5), 8:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-3) at Milwaukee (Nelson 1-3), 8:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (T.Hudson 1-3) at Houston (Oberholzer 0-0), 8:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Lyles 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 2-2), 10:05 p.m.  
San Diego (Shields 4-0) at Seattle (T.Walker 1-3), 10:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	20	13	.606	—
Washington	18	16	.529	2½
Atlanta	15	18	.455	5
Miami	15	19	.441	5½
Philadelphia	11	23	.324	9½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	23	9	.719	—
Chicago	17	15	.531	6
Pittsburgh	17	16	.515	6½
Cincinnati	16	17	.485	7½
Milwaukee	12	22	.353	12

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	22	10	.688	—
San Francisco	17	16	.515	5½
San Diego	17	17	.500	6
Arizona	15	17	.469	7
Colorado	11	18	.379	9½

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Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3  
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 1  
Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee 2  
San Francisco 8, Houston 1  
Arizona 14, Washington 6  
L.A. Angels 5, Colorado 2  
L.A. Dodgers 11, Miami 1  
Seattle 11, San Diego 4

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St. Louis (Lackey 2-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-5), 6:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-2) at Philadelphia (Hamels 2-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Stults 1-3) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Miami (Cosart 1-3) at L.A. Dodgers

(Frias 3-0), 7:50 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 3-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-3) at Milwaukee (Nelson 1-3), 8:10 p.m.  
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**TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL**

**American League**

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed INF Ryan Flaherty on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Rey Navarro from Norfolk (IL).  
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Asher Wojciechowski to Fresno (PCL). Reinstated RHP Luke Gregerson from the family medical emergency list.  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Yohan Pino to Omaha (PCL). Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha.  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Selected the contract of INF Marc Krauss from Salt Lake (PCL). Designated RHP Ryan Mattheus for assignment.  
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed OF Shane Robinson on the family emergency list. Recalled OF Aaron Hicks from Rochester (IL).  
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Released

OF Alex Hassan.

**National League**

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Evan Marshall to Reno (PCL).  
CINCINNATI REDS — Released RHP Kevin Gregg for assignment.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned OF Chris Heisey to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Mike Bolsinger from Oklahoma City.  
MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned INF Reid Brignac outright to New Orleans (PCL).  
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned 3B Cody Asche to Lehigh Valley (IL).

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Named Suki Hobson senior strength and rehabilitation specialist.  
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Fired coach Monty Williams.  
**COLLEGE**

ANGELO STATE — Named James Reid interim athletic director.  
ASSUMPTION — Announced the retirement of softball coach Ralph DeLucia.  
GEORGIA STATE — Announced men's basketball F Willie Clayton is transferring from Charlotte.  
GEORGIA TECH — Announced men's basketball G Adam Smith is transferring from Virginia Tech.



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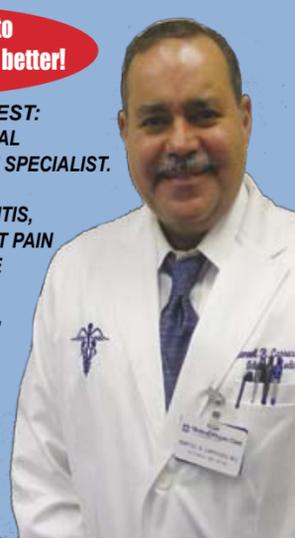
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