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## Morelion wins state in debate

*BSHS junior takes Lincoln-Douglas title*

Special to the Herald

On the first day of school, Big Spring High School Junior Ethan Morelion stated that he had one goal for the school year "Win a gold medal at the UIL Academic State Meet."

On Wednesday, that goal was realized as Morelion defeated Lauren Alexander from Emory

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## Class of 2015 takes final bow

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Pictured at top, Big Spring High School 2015 graduating class members were all smiles as they waited to walk to their seats before commencement ceremonies started Friday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Right, a graduate gives a big hug to one of his teachers before he walks to his seat. A large, overflowing crowd filled the coliseum as 215 Big Spring High School students celebrated the end of their secondary education and received their high school diplomas.



Courtesy photo

UIL state academic medalists from Big Spring High School are, from left, Alexess Sosa, Ethan Morelion and Amber Monks

## Rodriguez named top teacher

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Described by her colleague as dynamic and a teacher who inspires her students, Kerri Rodriguez, a Big Spring Intermediate reading instructor, was honored with the local Masonic Lodge's Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for Excellence — Outstanding Teacher of the Year for Big Spring ISD Thursday afternoon.

"At the teacher convocation at the beginning of the school year, I told all our teachers to be the one who makes the difference in kids' lives and be the one who makes the kids want to come to school," said Big Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington, who was on hand at the award presentation. "I think she is one of those teachers. She is an excellent teacher and I am glad she is part of this district."

Rodriguez is a West Texas A&M University graduate and hails from the community of Panhandle, a town northeast of Amarillo. She was recruited out of college by BSISD four years ago. Rodriguez's mother drove down from Panhandle to surprise her daughter at the presentation.

"Teaching is a full-time job, and by the time you get done at the end of the day, you're tired," said BSI Prin-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Big Spring Intermediate School instructor Kerri Rodriguez was named the teacher of the year for Big Spring ISD.**

icipal Patsy Sanchez, who submitted the nomination to the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge. "You just want to go out there, but she takes the time to go out there and watch her students play basketball, baseball, cheerleading.

She takes the time to go out there for the baseball games. It means a lot to those kids. She forms a relationship with them the minute they walk into the door. She feels it's important to carry on that relationship outside the school. She is just a hard worker."

Building those relationships with her students are her biggest rewards as a teacher, Rodriguez said.

"To quote Kristen Tubb (a councilor with BSISD), if the kids don't know you care, then they don't care what you know," Rodriguez said.

"If they see me and know I do care, then they listen more in the classroom."

Each year, Staked Plains Masonic Lodge honors the teacher of the year at Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan chosen from written nominations.

"Mirabeau B. Lamar established the public school system in Texas," said Mason Bo Clawson, who presented the award. "He was a brother Mason, and we've always been heavily involved with education. We give a scholarship every year, we have the teachers' breakfast every year and we honor the outstanding teacher of the year at the three school district in this county."

## McIntosh stepping down as ISD trustee

Big Spring Independent School District board members will hold a special meeting Sunday to say goodbye to four-year trustee Ken McIntosh.

McIntosh and his family are moving to Pampa, Texas in the Panhandle. He will officially resign from his trustee position Sunday. Board members will meet at 12:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 911 S. Goliad. McIntosh has served as the pastor for First Christian Church for the past 10 years.

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# CFG Color Blast



The CFG Color Blast drew more than 350 participants to Comanche Trail Park on a Friday for two reasons, to be pelted by some colorful dye and to honor the memories of some special Big Spring ISD employees.

The Big Spring High School student council sponsored the 5K run/walk fundraiser May 22 to honor the families of long-time Big Spring ISD employees Jim Campbell, Carol Green and Danny Ferrell, who died earlier this year.

"Haley (LeFever, a Big Spring High School teacher) and I were both so proud to see the entire community rally behind the Campbell, Green, and Ferrell families," said Porsha Bryant, student council sponsor. "We were blessed to see the event come to life and witness the impact on the families."

According to Bryant, the run/walk raised \$5,423, which was split between the American Heart Association and the North Side Community center, organizations chosen by the Campbell, Green and Ferrell families.

As part of the event, participants ran or walked through paint stations along the route where they were pelted with a nontoxic, biodegradable paint powder.

Cheering on the participants were Sueann Edmonson and Rosey Slate, who along with their group of BSHS students, were volunteers at the last paint station before the finish line. Normally, they are participating in these types of races at events held all over the state.

"This one was in our home town so we really wanted to volunteer and cheer on everyone who participated," Slate said.

"Those races really take a lot out of you and when you get to a station like this and you hear everyone

cheering for you, that gives you lift and make you want to finish," Edmonson said.

Although some runners/walkers opted out of going through the stations, most participants were all grins as they were pelted with the various dyes and heard the encouraging cheers.

Jim Campbell was a 17-year veteran at BSISD and served as an athletic trainer. Carol Green retired in 2001 from teaching but returned to the district part time to teach at the junior high school. Of her 41-year career in education, 30 was spent at Big Spring ISD. Danny Ferrell was the assistant superintendent who had worked at the district since 2009.

"We would like to give a giant shout out to our sponsors which were State National Bank, Mitchem Wrecking, Blum's Jewelers, and the city of Big Spring Community Services Department," Bryant said.

According to BSHS principal Mike Ritchey, the American Heart Association out of Dallas presented only one of three state school recognition plaques to the student council for the blast.

*Story, photos and cover by Lyndel Moody*

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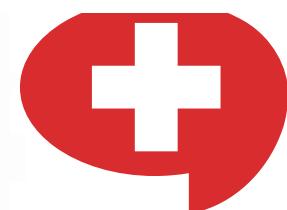
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Obituaries

Alphonse 'Poncho' Mendez Jr.



Alphonse "Poncho" Mendez Jr., 90, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in El Paso, Texas. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m.

Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 9, 1925, in Big Spring, Texas and married Eloise Puga June 7, 1947, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Dec. 17, 2005.

Poncho was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School and received his associate degree from Howard College. He served in the United States Navy during World War II on the USS Denver. After returning to Big Spring, he worked at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center as a lab technician for 35 years. After retiring from the VA, he worked as a greeter and cashier at Spanish Inn and Alberto's Crystal Cafe.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and had been a longtime member and helped build Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Poncho enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, traveling and dancing. He touched many lives and was an inspiration to them all. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Survivors include one son, Al Mendez and wife, Mary of El Paso; two brothers, Edward G. Mendez and wife, Sylvia of Big Spring, and Albert Mendez and wife, Ofelia of Parris, Calif.; two sisters, Margie Deanda and husband, Albert, and Josie Sanchez and husband, Mike, all of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Michael Mendez and wife, Tiffany of El Paso and Sheila Cooksey and husband, Darrell of Leander; three great-grandchildren, Phoebe, Cameryn and Caraline; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfonso and Josefa Garcia Mendez; and a brother, Ralph Mendez.

The family suggests memorials to any DAV organization.

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

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Lloyd Robinson



Lloyd Robinson, 84, of Knott, died Thursday, May 28, 2015, in a Big Spring nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Lloyd was born Feb. 5, 1931 in Big Spring and married Sue White Aug. 1, 1959 in Big Spring.

He was a lifelong resident of the Knott Community, graduating from Knott High School in 1948. He attended Howard College and had served in the United States Marine Corps. Lloyd farmed and ranched all of his life in the Knott Community and operated the Knott Station for 25 years.

Lloyd was active in Howard County 4-H, both as a member and a leader. He served on the State 4-H Council and had shown cattle nationwide. He served on the board of the Farmer's

Co-op Gin in Knott, the Sands CISD School Board, was a founding board member of Permian Basin Underground Water District and served on the board of Howard County Farm Bureau. Lloyd was a member of First Baptist Church of Knott and served as a deacon for 55 years.

He is survived by wife, Sue Robinson of Knott; three sons, Kent Robinson of Knott, Scott Robinson and wife, Leslie of Tarzan and Lance Robinson and wife, Leslea of Ackerly; three grandchildren, Lauren Robinson, Zane Robinson and Sloan Robinson; four sisters, Wanda Roman of Big Spring, Joyce Parker and husband, Bruce of Ackerly, Carol Strong and husband, Curt of Salado and Martha Sparks and husband, Bill of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T.M. and Ima Durdin Robinson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to First Baptist Church of Knott, 718 W. FM 846, Knott, Texas 79748.

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

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Police, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- GILBERT SALGADO MONTANEZ, 36, of 1401 Tucson St., was arrested on charges of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500-shoplifting and for warrants from other agencies.
- SIDNEY IRIS WHITAKER, 19, of 2464 Lakeside, San Angelo was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- DUSTIN COE NOBEL, 23, of 3803 1/2 Rice Road was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.
- BRANDON ANTHONY MORAN, 25, of 2206 S. Runnels was arrested on warrants from another agency and public intoxication.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area

of 9<sup>th</sup> and Lancaster Sts.

- THEFT was reported in the 2600 block of W. Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison Drive.
- DISTRUBANCE was reported in the 200 block of S. First St., Coahoma.
- BURLGARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.

The Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activities:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of FM 700. No transport.
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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Purdue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

Carmen Mendoza

Carmen A. Mendoza, 96, of Big Spring, died Friday, May 29, 2015, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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

Verla Mae Paige

Verla Mae Paige, 83, of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 30, 2015 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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# Who's Who

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**Name:** Lisa Kennedy  
**Where do you work:** Tommy Churchwell Insurance  
**Where were you born:** Salt Lake City, Utah  
**City you live in:** Big Spring, Texas  
**Family:** Tony Kennedy, Brianna Alaniz, Ricky Alaniz, Geoffrey Lewis, Mallory Kennedy, Gunnar Kennedy  
**Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs:** Refurbishing, gardening, family time, movies and Trinity Baptist Church  
**Favorite book:** Bible  
**Favorite show:** Gold Rush, Dr. Phil, The Voice  
**Favorite movie:** Gone with the Wind  
**Where would you visit if you could go anywhere:** Italy



## State award winning choir students



Courtesy photo  
 These Coahoma High School choir students all earned medals recently for their vocal performances of Class I solos at Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Pflugerville. Heather Goodger earned an excellent rating and a silver medal and Richie Ewing, Aimee Solis and Coley Rinard were awarded gold medals for their superior rated performances. Also pictured is Coahoma ISD music instructor Sandra Wallace.

Courtesy photo  
 Jim Clements and Emily McCann of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, presented a bicycle to Karisa Ornelas, first grader at Marcy Elementary for perfect attendance in the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year.



## Who's Who

Kelsie M. Guinn of Big Spring was named to the Hardin-Simmons President's List for the spring of 2015. The President's List is composed of students completing 12 or more semester credits who have grades of A on all courses for the semester.

Megan B. Doe of Big Spring was named to the Hardin-Simmons Dean's List for the spring of 2015. The Dean's list is composed of students completing 12 or more semester credits who have a grade point average of 3.75-3.99.

## Rotary Student of the Month – Big Spring



Courtesy photo  
 The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presented a student of the month award to Big Spring High School senior Ashley Lugo for March 2015. Pictured is Ashley Lugo with family and Mike Ritchey, BSHS principal, far right, and Chandra Brooks, school counselor, far left

## Student of the Month - Coahoma

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presented a student of the month award to Coahoma High School senior Kaeli Yager for April 2015. Pictured are Kaeli with her mother and father and Coach Richters from Coahoma High School.



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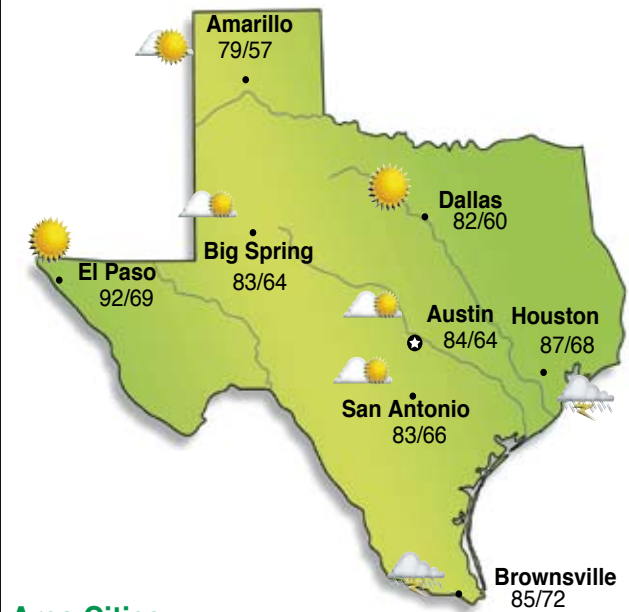
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/31	Mon 6/1	Tue 6/2	Wed 6/3	Thu 6/4
<b>83/64</b> Partly cloudy. High 83F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>90/65</b> Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>93/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>95/67</b> Sunshine. High in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>93/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:49 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	61	mst sunny	Kingsville	85	70	t-storm
Amarillo	79	57	mst sunny	Livingston	85	65	t-storm
Austin	84	64	pt sunny	Longview	82	61	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	66	t-storm	Lubbock	79	61	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	72	t-storm	Lufkin	87	65	t-storm
Brownwood	81	58	pt sunny	Midland	83	64	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	85	72	t-storm	Raymondville	85	71	cloudy
Corsicana	81	60	mst sunny	Rosenberg	85	66	t-storm
Dallas	82	60	sunny	San Antonio	83	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	85	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	84	66	pt sunny
El Paso	92	69	sunny	Sulphur Springs	81	62	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	83	62	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	62	pt sunny
Gainesville	79	57	sunny	Tyler	82	62	mst sunny
Greenville	79	59	mst sunny	Weatherford	81	60	sunny
Houston	87	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	79	58	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	65	t-storm	Minneapolis	67	46	pt sunny
Boston	76	52	rain	New York	79	63	t-storm
Chicago	56	45	pt sunny	Phoenix	102	71	sunny
Dallas	82	60	sunny	San Francisco	65	51	foggy
Denver	85	54	mst sunny	Seattle	75	55	sunny
Houston	87	68	t-storm	St. Louis	67	56	cloudy
Los Angeles	80	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	73	pt sunny
Miami	87	76	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 5/31	Mon 6/1	Tue 6/2	Wed 6/3	Thu 6/4
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

## DEBATE

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Rains High School to be crowned the 4A Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Champion.

"I'm blessed and lucky to call myself a state champion," Morelion stated "I couldn't do it without all the support of my family and coaches."

For Morelion, the placing was an improvement over last year's bronze medal.

"Getting eliminated in the semi-finals last year motivated me to work hard to not have that happen to me again," he said.

Coach Jennifer Adams stated "Ethan is a unique talent who keeps me on my toes as a teacher and a coach. He makes my job look easy."

This marks the third state championship by

students competing in Lincoln-Douglas Debate under the coaching of Adams and her husband and co-coach, Clint, and the fourth state cChampionship in the duo's 15 year career at Big Spring High School.

But Morelion was not done earning medals, he also placed fifth in persuasive extemporaneous speaking. The placings along with a fifth place earned in January at the UIL Congressional Debate State Meet makes Morelion's medal count stand at four medals in seven trips to state.

Joining Morelion on the winners podium were Alexess Sosa who placed fourth in editorial writing and Amber Monks who placed fifth in ready writing.

"We are really proud of both Alexess and Amber. They both wrote well and we are excited that they both will be

back again next year." Adams said.

As a school, the group of steers were able to tally enough points to make BSHS the 10th place UIL Academic team in the state. Earlier this semester, the

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• Sears, located in the Big Spring Mall is collecting for the Make a Wish Foundation. Donations of \$5 or more between the May 21 and June 4 will provide customers with a Wish Weekend Shopping pass that will allow the customer to save an extra 10 percent off on June 5 and 6. A customer can donate \$10 or more the days of the event and receive the discount. A donation must be made to receive the discount.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howard-college.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howard-college.edu.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

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

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

• 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.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big

Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids)

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

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

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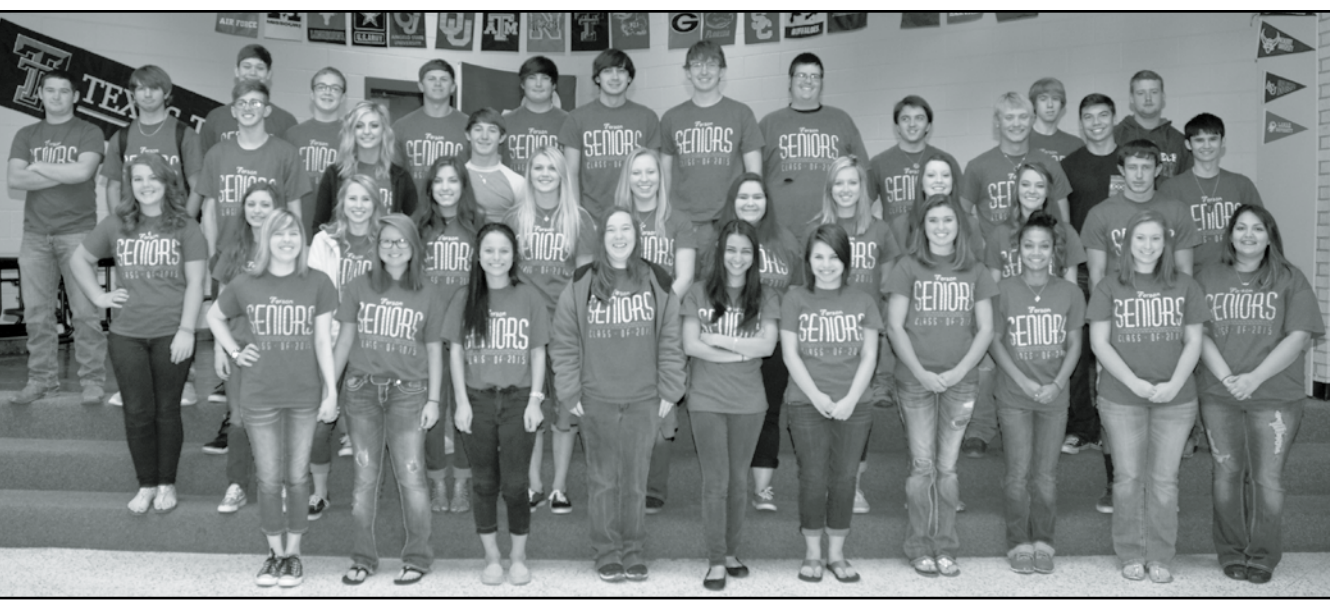
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Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: meaty queso, tortilla chips, pineapple chunks, refried beans, fresh fruit bowl and milk.  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: sausage roll, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chicken patty, baby carrots, fruity Jell-O, fresh fruit bowl and milk.  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast: french toast, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: steers chicken bowl, corn, roll, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit bowl

and milk.

**Big Spring Senior Center**

**Monday**  
Beef broccoli, steamed brown rice, stir fry vegetables, egg roll, cherry cobbler and milk.  
**Tuesday**  
Corn flake chicken, roasted potatoes, parsley carrots, cantaloupe/watermelon, bread and milk.  
**Wednesday**  
Chopped beef brisket, pork and beans, yellow squash, sliced pears, texas toast and milk.  
**Thursday**  
Baked ham, hash brown potatoes, spinach, tapioca pudding with whipped cream, V8 juice and milk.  
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- June 8** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- June 9** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
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- June 16** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
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- June 17** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- June 18** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
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- June 25** – Mall Walking, 9:00 a.m.  
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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## A remarkable four years

My four years as a member of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees has been one of the most significant uses of my time as well as personally rewarding. It was with a heavy heart that I tendered my resignation as a trustee from District 3 effective May 31.

I was privileged to be part of the opening of our new elementary schools; humbled to be part of making a change in the leadership for our school district; honored to serve as an advocate for our

teachers as we figured out how to meet their health insurance needs and salary increases; and blessed to help establish the HOPE Foundation to strengthen the innovative, creative skills of our teachers.

The other trustees have been a delight to work with; they are each individuals of good character and have always been professional in their demeanor, attitude and behavior in relation to me and those who have come before us with their concerns.

My only regret is that I will not be with them when the district finally

digs itself out of the accreditation hole and Big Spring has a much deserved celebration for everyone's hard work. The school district will achieve an acceptable accreditation certification. It's going to happen.

With all due respect to Mr. Kyle Carroll, whom I did not know, I was pleased to see the board welcome back Tony Kennedy and Maria Padilla at the recent board meeting. There seems to be an undercurrent in Big Spring that change is needed again. In my opinion, those who think that way could not be more wrong.

Four years ago, when I started on the board, it became evident to me within my first year that change was needed. New direction and new leadership was essential. We made the change, and now, the BSISD needs stability. Now is not the time for change. I am confident that Mr. Chris Wigington is the right person at the right time to lead the school district out of the accreditation doghouse.

Of course, not everyone agrees with me. There will always be criticism of any government entity, including school districts. The issue is how criticism is expressed and shared. Criticism can happen in a negative or positive way.

Recently, an anonymous letter was distributed in our community criticizing the BSISD district by identifying certain individuals who should be removed. It was obviously written by someone who feels the school district has let them down. But I've learned over the years that criticism that is done in the parking lot after a meeting or with anonymous letters is a negative way to deal with issues in a community.

Criticism is positive when it is open, honest and offered with humility and grace. Anonymous personal attacks on any civic leader are petty, ugly and offer no genuine analysis and critique worth consideration. Anonymous letters that disparage and denigrate belong in the trash can, which is where I hope most people tossed the most recent letter.

It has been a privilege to serve Big Spring ISD as a trustee. I will always hold my time in Big Spring near and dear to my heart.

I encourage civic and business leaders to find ways to support our schools. Businesses, select a school and build a special partnership with that school. You can do this through Mr. George Bancroft, the district's community relations officer.

I urge individuals to participate in the HOPE Foundation, which you can learn more about through Mrs. Linda Conway. Be a partner with the BSISD to afford the teachers and our students the best educational opportunities possible. Then everyone can enjoy, appreciate and celebrate the wonderful news when the district achieves acceptable accreditation. Invite me back to the party!

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## 'Texas!' turns 50

Fifty years ago, some residents of Canyon were trying to find ways to utilize the Palo Duro Canyon. One of those residents was Margaret Harper, who brought up the idea of having a play in the canyon. People thought she was crazy at first, but soon decided there might be something to that suggestion.

Mrs. Harper contacted Paul Green, a Pulitzer Prize-Winning playwright, who came down and wrote a play about pioneers coming to the panhandle. Residents got excited and built an amphitheater with 1,800 seats. Within a couple of years, the production of "Texas!" hit the huge stage with bright costumes, singing, dancing and dramatic special effects that make it a multi-media extravaganza.

Chris Miller was a dancer in some of those early productions. Now he's the executive director and plays the part of prospector Tucker Yelldell.

"We have the fire ballet," says

Chris, "with female dancers representing the flames on stage while we have actual flames on the mesa, which serves as a backdrop for the production. It looks like there's a prairie fire going on up there. We have a stunt in that scene that's kind of exciting. A man catches fire, twirls around and runs off stage. We hired a Hollywood stunt coordinator to come help us put that magic on stage."

A band accompanies the performers on stage. "About 90 percent of our music is live. We do have recorded tracks if something happens. Part of the grand finale is recorded music synched to the fireworks."

A streak of lightning cascades down the side of the mesa. "The lightning bolt is probably the number one icon of the show. The accompanying thunder sets off car alarms in the parking lot. Another piece of drama is the opening scene when a horseback rider carrying a Texas flag crosses the top of the canyon."

The play has 70 performers, all paid professionals and at least that many people working as a support crew. Auditions take place in half a dozen places around the country.



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## Uncle Mort on aging

On a night when sleep was fitful, I caught the tail-end of a TV talk show. A guy quoted my Uncle Mort, who believes drinking buttermilk daily is the secret of his longevity.

Of all the claims I've heard Mort make — and there are many — none I recalled involved buttermilk.

First thing the next morning, I called my 102-year-old kin to share what I'd heard on TV...

"The guy quoted me correctly, nephew," he answered. "Actually, I've drunk a pint of buttermilk daily for more than 40 years." Scrambling, I told him I'd never heard of his drinking buttermilk, daily or otherwise. "Maybe you should have asked," he said sharply.

"I did hear once of a guy who believed drinking buttermilk daily assured living until age 100," I said. "But he died at 85." "See what I mean?" Mort countered, "He didn't drink it long enough."...

He reminded me of his upcoming birthday on July 4, and was emphatic — for the first time ever — he wanted no one to bring gifts. "I won't need 'em, 'cause I should be rolling in enough dough in another month to buy whatever I want."

Oh, my. I'd heard this a few hundred times before, and to date, none of his "get rich quick" schemes has worked out.

He's long been convinced that he'll get a surprise inheritance,

find stacks of gold right over the next hill, or benefit from oil discovered smack dab in the middle of his spread down in the thicket.

Knowing I'd best drag up a chair and get comfortable for a "lengthy listen," I asked him what he's up to this time.

"We live in a world abuzz with social media — with guns blazing — and we're plunging headlong into entanglements that are inevitable when too many people believe in the laws of the land as long as they're applied only to others," Mort began.

It was hard to argue with his premise.

"Way too many shots are being fired today," he moaned. "When I was a kid, we were much into western movies, plunking down our dimes at the picture show every Saturday. We called the movies 'shoot-'em-ups.' Nowadays, shots are fired up, down, angled and sideways, with social media at the ready with pictures and sound."

"Now stay with me, nephew," Mort said. "You'll quickly see why my invention is going to popularize three-wheeled motorcycles."

Though his invention has nothing to do with the basic operation of motorcycles, he thinks the ones with side cars soon will outstrip others in sales.

"Cyclists are bound to opt for three-wheelers when they learn about my invention," he bragged.

With a second wind, he rattled off what he says will make the new side car immediately practical.

He said that with the press of a button, direction of the sidecar can be reversed. Immediately,

The season begins June 2 and runs Tuesdays through Sundays until Aug. 15. Four million people have seen the production, which has been designated the official state play. Chris says more than 4,000 people have been a part of the show over the years.

"Several marriages have resulted among the cast members and their children have been in the play. Some families have worked in the production for three generations."

Since this is the 50th year of the production, there will be special tributes during the season. The souvenir program will have commissioned art on it and a golden anniversary coin has been created.

One night, former cast members and their families will be in the audience. Reservations are recommended.

The box office is on the square in Canyon. Contact: [www.texas-show.com](http://www.texas-show.com).

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passengers see where they've been rather than where they're going.

"At the center of a pop-up shield is a mount for whatever may be the weapon of choice for tail-gunners," Mort claimed.

He said a sign holder is attached to the side of the car.

"That way, others won't have to guess about the guy or gal's gang affiliation." (He claims this will be particularly helpful on hot days when leather jackets aren't worn.)

As an aside, he said he's planning to attach a sidecar to his golf cart, hoping this will entice Aunt Maude to ride along more often.

"She's adamant about firearms, though," Mort said. "Maude says she's not about to fire anything with more pop to it than a single shot .22."

Eager to change the subject, I asked him if he thinks there should be governors on motorcycles.

"I've felt for a long time this would be a smart thing to do," he stated. He added it would be a good idea to strap quite a few other elected officials on cycles, too.

Since it's just a few days until Mort's birthday, I seriously doubt all of his projected riches will come to pass, so we'll take along a gift, just in case. I'm planning to give him a T-shirt reading, "I Don't Believe Everything I Think."

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Local attorney Mike Thomas was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

## Water damage restoration advice

It's been a soggy few weeks here in Texas. What started out as a few rainy spring days has turned into inches of rainfall and severe weather, including tornadoes. Flash floods have caused creeks to flood over into the streets, businesses and homes. Several homes have been washed away due to high flood waters and many areas aren't drivable. Currently, several people are missing and a few deaths have even been reported.



HEATHER MASSEY

With many homes and businesses dealing with water damage, it may be time to call a professional to fix the problem. If you have noticed a leaky ceiling or floor, BBB recommends that consumers:

- Check Insurance: Contact your insurance company immediately to inquire about policy coverage and specific filing requirements. This gets the ball rolling on the claim process. Also, know the difference between homeowners and flood insurance. Generally, damage caused by water that has been on the ground at some point before damaging your home is considered to be flood damage. Water damage is considered to occur when water damages your home before the water comes in contact with the ground (i.e., broken pipes, leaky roofs). These claims would be covered by homeowner's insurance.
- Prevent Further Damage: Do what you can to start mitigating further damage. If you're worried about wet carpets or rugs, get fans and dehumidifiers going. Talk to an expert to see if the carpet/rugs or furnishings can be salvaged.
- Document Damage: Take pictures and videos of all damaged items and damaged parts of the home.

Next, BBB advises consumers start looking for a business that specializes in water damage restoration.

- Do Research. Ask friends or family who they use and make sure to double check that company's information on bbb.org. Whether you have a specific company in mind, or are just looking for a general business in the area, go to bbb.org and type in your city, then type in "Water Damage Restoration" in the category section of the search bar in the top screen. You will be presented a list of BBB Business Reviews for water restoration contractors in your area. Just click on one you're interested in to see a letter grade and their accreditation status, along with complaint information, advertising-related concerns, ownership information, licensing information and customer reviews.
- Shop Around. Get at least three different estimates from three different companies. You can use BBB's Request-A-Quote feature for BBB accredited businesses at bbb.org.
- Get It In Writing. Prepare a written contract agreement with anyone you hire. It should specify the work to be done, the techniques used to do it, and the price breakdown for both labor and materials. An agreed-upon timeline is also a good idea.
- Plan Payments. Never pay in full for repairs in advance, and do not pay cash. Make sure there's a plan in place so that payment is based on completion of set of projects associated with the repair work.

It's also important to know about mold remediation, as water and warm weather often causes mold to grow. Makes sure to ask the company about proof of liability and workers' compensation insurance. Remember, don't feel pressured into making an immediate decision with a long-term impact. If you have damage, take the time to research and make sure you're hiring the company that's right for you. You can make temporary repairs if necessary.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews on charities and businesses, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.

## U.S. economy shrank in winter but staging a spring comeback

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy shrank at a 0.7 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, depressed by a severe winter and a widening trade deficit.

The government's revision for last quarter was weaker than its initial estimate of a 0.2 percent growth rate. The U.S. trade gap — the difference between the value of exports and the larger value of imports — was found to be wider than first estimated. And consumer spending was slower than previously thought.

But steady job gains are expected to fuel modestly healthy growth for the rest of 2015. The harsh winter, which kept many consumers home and businesses

closed, and a labor dispute that slowed trade at West Coast ports are both over. Home sales and construction are rebounding, along with business investment.

Analysts generally foresee the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, growing at an annual rate of 2 percent to 2.5 percent in the April-June quarter, with further strengthening later in the year. But risks remain: A stronger dollar, which makes U.S. exports more expensive, will likely continue to keep the trade deficit wide. And cutbacks in oil drilling, a result of low energy prices, could depress spending in the energy industry.

"While the evidence of a second-quarter rebound hasn't been

overwhelming, we still think that the outlook for the economy is very encouraging," Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a research note.

Last quarter's contraction marked the first since a 2.1 percent annual drop in the first three months of 2014, a slump that was also due in part to severe winter weather.

Last quarter, the trade gap subtracted 1.9 percentage points from growth, the biggest drag in 30 years. Consumer spending, which drives about 70 percent of economic activity, slowed to annual growth of just 1.8 percent for the quarter, slightly below the government's first estimate. Consumers spent

less on mobile phone services, among other expenses, than initially thought.

One of the biggest hits to the economy last quarter came from cuts in drilling activity by energy companies — fall-out from the sharp drop in oil prices over the past year. The government said investment in the category that covers energy exploration plunged at an annual rate of 48.6 percent, the steepest drop since 2009, during the Great Recession.

The government also downgraded its estimate of the boost the economy got from business restocking. That change should be a positive for second quarter growth,

See **GROWTH**, Page 5B



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Title Max was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

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# Tired feet? Not Her Majesty, despite 8,000 party guests



BY GREGORY KATZ

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — It was a stirring moment Thursday when the military band struck up “God Save the Queen” and Queen Elizabeth II appeared on the garden steps of Buckingham Palace next to her husband, Prince Philip.

She didn't wave. A quiet smile carried the day.

Then the 89-year-old monarch walked gingerly down the steps and spent nearly an hour chatting with some of her 8,000 guests before sitting down — finally — beneath the green-and-white awning of the royal tent for a welcome cup of tea.

The Queen's Garden Party: It's a tradition that started more than 145 years ago with Queen Victoria, and continues today, changed as little as possible despite the modern, screaming metropolis that now surrounds the extensive, tranquil palace gardens.

There is more security, true, and the sound of traffic sometimes intrudes, but the

garden party remains a timeless tableau, complete with spice-free sandwiches (yes, the crust is removed) along with cakes and tea.

The splendor of the palace, and the presence of the queen, moves some to tears.

“It was very emotional,” said Valerie Lister, who was invited to reward more than 40 years spent on heritage protection projects in Hartlepool, 250 miles (400 kilometers) north of London.

“Our fathers were coal miners,” she said, sobbing slightly and gesturing to her husband Rick. “And I can't imagine what they would think to know their children are here.

We're very lucky to live in this country.”

The parties are meticulous-

as ever, with no hint of fatigue or boredom.

ly planned. Guards gently create a passage for the queen to follow from the palace steps to the royal tent, and she is introduced to guests selected at random for a brief chat.

If the queen finds it a chore after six decades, no one would ever know. She handles herself as gracefully

It's another matter for the staff: They must pour about 27,000 cups of tea at each party, and serve about 20,000 small sandwiches and 20,000 slices of cake, some topped with the royal seal.

Invitations are coveted, in part because they are so hard to come by. Guests are nominated by civil servants, charities, diplomats, the military, and others, often as a sign of appreciation for a lifetime of devoted work.

Many guests keep their invitations, which are marked with the queen's seal, and couples often pose in front of the imposing palace for keepsakes.

“I think it's just lovely that she opens her back garden to so many people,” said Lt. Col. Nicholas Grace, a first time invitee. “She takes her time to meet as many people as possible. She has a great way of connecting with the British people.”

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# EPA proposes lowering requirements for ethanol in gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's gasoline supply likely will have more ethanol in coming years — but not as much as was required by federal law.

The Obama administration's proposed renewable fuel standard won't have much of an impact on gas prices, but could become an issue in the 2016 presiden-

tial elections, especially in farm states that have profited over the years from higher corn prices linked to the use of corn-based ethanol. Campaigning in Iowa, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton has called for a robust renewable fuels standard.

The proposed standards also represent a blow to re-

newable fuel companies that have pushed to keep high volumes of their product flowing into drivers' gas tanks.

The 2007 renewable fuels law tried to address global warming, reduce dependence on foreign oil and bolster the rural economy.

It required a steady increase in the amount of renewable fuels like corn-based ethanol

blended into gasoline over time.

The new proposal would reduce the amount required by more than 4 billion gallons in 2015 and by more than 3 billion gallons the following year.

The agency said the standards set by the law cannot be achieved, due partly to limitations on the amount of

non-ethanol renewable fuels that can be produced. Next-generation biofuels, made from agricultural waste such as wood chips and corncobs, have not taken off as quickly as Congress required and the administration expected.

There has also been less gasoline use than predicted, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

## RECORDS

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Caree Leigh Wilson vs. Justin Paul Wilson, all other family law matters

Maria Gonzales vs. Best Western Palace Inn and Suites, et al, injury/damage — other injury or damage.

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Grantee: MPD II Development LP  
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## GROWTH

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because it means businesses won't have as large a backlog of unsold goods.

Not all the revisions to the initial estimate for the first quarter were lower. Housing construction and business investment in equipment were both revised higher.

Though falling GDP can be a sign of a recession, economists see little cause for such concern this year.

Many economists also suspect that the government's calculations have tended to underestimate growth in the first quarter of each year. GDP has contracted in three quarters since the recession ended six years ago, and all three declines came in the first quarter of the year.

The outlook has brightened considerably since winter. Most economists expect lower gas prices will eventually accelerate consumer spending, the main fuel for the economy.

Sofar, most consumers haven't used their gasoline savings to spend much more on other goods and services. The average U.S. pump price reached \$2.03 a gallon in January, the lowest level in eight years. Though the average has

risen back to \$2.74, according to AAA, that's still nearly a dollar below its point a year ago.

Analysts also say that steadily solid hiring, which has helped cut the unemployment rate to a seven-year low of 5.4 percent, will continue to put money in more people's hands and fuel spending gains.

"We are more than halfway through quarter two and we are seeing signs that the economy is recovering from the weak first quarter," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

She said several economic reports next week including consumer spending, the trade deficit and auto sales for May should provide important clues on the economy's momentum.

Also, some of the first quarter weakness may be revised away by government statisticians, who are studying whether their methods for making seasonal adjustments tend to overstate slowdowns during winter. The Bureau of Economic Analysis has said some adjustments will be reflected in the annual updates to economic growth it will issue in July.

The government will release its third and final estimate for first-quarter GDP on June 24.



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# World in Brief

## Defiant FIFA chief Blatter criticizes US justice chief Lynch, federal soccer corruption case

ZURICH (AP) — FIFA President Sepp Blatter criticized U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and an American federal investigation into soccer corruption which could yet lead directly to his door.

In a defiant interview with his local Swiss broadcaster, Blatter said "there is something that smells" about the timing of dawn raids to arrest soccer officials in Zurich two days before his re-election Friday.

Two FIFA vice presidents and a recently elected FIFA executive committee member were among seven men detained and accused of racketeering, money laundering and fraud in connection with bribes worth \$150 million for tournament television rights in North and South America.

Lynch said Wednesday that indicted FIFA and marketing officials had "corrupted the business of worldwide soccer to serve their interests and to enrich themselves."

"I was shocked by what she said," Blatter told French-language broadcaster RTS. "As a president I would never make a statement about another organization without knowing."

## Iran nuclear talks: Envoys meet amid questions over sanctions relief, inspections of sites

GENEVA (AP) — A month out from a nuclear deal deadline, the top U.S. and Iranian diplomats gathered in Geneva Saturday in an effort to bridge differences over how quickly to ease economic sanctions on Tehran and how significantly the Iranians must open up military facilities to international inspections.

The talks between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif were likely to extend into Sunday, a negotiating round that officials described as the most

substantive since world powers and Iran clinched a framework pact in April.

That agreement, however, left big questions unanswered, which weeks of subsequent technical discussions have done little to resolve.

Asked about completing the full accord by June 30, Zarif said Saturday, "We will try."

World powers believe they have secured Iran's acquiescence to a combination of nuclear restrictions that would fulfill their biggest goal: keeping Iran at least a year away from bomb-making capability for at least a decade. But they are less clear about how they'll ensure Iran fully adheres to any agreement.

## Child sex abuse claims shake UN as revelations continue; top officials didn't know for months

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The boys said they approached the French soldiers because they were hungry. Some were so young that they didn't quite understand the acts the soldiers demanded in return. One boy, 8 or 9 years old, said he did it several times to the same soldier, "until one day an older kid saw him and told him what he was doing was bad."

Another boy, 9, said he thought the soldiers had been urinating.

United Nations investigators heard such stories of sexual abuse from several boys in May and June 2014 in Central African Republic, where French soldiers were protecting a sprawling displaced persons camp in the conflict-torn capital, Bangui.

One year later, revelations about how the U.N. handled the boys' accounts have horrified people both inside and outside the world body. Statements marked "strictly confidential" have shown that its top human rights officials failed to follow up for several

months on the allegations their own office had collected.

No arrests have been announced, and it's not clear where the accused soldiers, who were supporting a U.N. peacekeeping force, are now. The U.N. seems unable to say when the abuses stopped, or how long it continued to investigate.

## Putin left out of upcoming G-7 meeting, but West has limits on push to isolate Russia leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama and other world leaders gather in Germany next week, Russia's Vladimir Putin will be left off the guest list, part of his punishment for more than a year of alleged Kremlin-supported aggression in Ukraine.

But despite vows from Obama and his European counterparts to isolate Putin as long as the crisis in Ukraine remains unresolved, the Russian leader is still a central player in major international affairs, including the U.S.-led nuclear talks with Iran.

Just this month, German Chancellor Angela Merkel traveled to Moscow for talks with Putin and Secretary of State John Kerry went to Sochi to confer with the Russian leader. Putin and British Prime Minister David Cameron also spoke by phone in recent days and agreed to resume talks aimed at ending

Syria's civil war, another matter where Putin's cooperation is crucial.

U.S. officials defend the engagement with Russia, saying it's limited to areas where Moscow and the West have shared interests. Outreach to Putin on such matters, officials argue, should not be seen as a sign that the West has accepted the status quo in Ukraine, where pro-Russian separatists continue to stoke instability.

"It makes sense to cooperate where there is a clear mutual interest as long as you're not being asked to back off matters of principle that matter to the security and well-being of your country and your allies and your friends," Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday.

## The Latest on flooding: Concerns linger in Texas, where more storms are in the forecast

Flood concerns are lingering in Texas, with more storms in the forecast.

At least 28 people have been killed in storms that began pummeling Texas and Oklahoma over Memorial Day weekend. Twenty-four of the deaths have been in Texas alone. A dozen people were still missing early Saturday.

Rivers and lakes around Houston, San Antonio and Dallas have all swelled. And forecasters are predicting more rain this weekend.

The Colorado River in Wharton and the Brazos and

San Jacinto rivers near Houston are the main areas of concern as floodwaters move from North and Central Texas downstream toward the Gulf of Mexico.

## Man not guilty of murder in shooting of unarmed trespassers in Nevada stand-your-ground case

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Accused of murder for confronting two unarmed trespassers with a deadly barrage of gunfire, Wayne Burgarello walked out of a Nevada courthouse a free man after the jury found him not guilty of all charges in the latest of a series of cases nationally testing the boundaries of stand-your-ground self-defense laws.

"It's going to be OK," he said as he laughed with family members outside the courtroom after hugging his lawyer after the clerk's reading of the verdicts Friday night.

Burgarello, 74, a retired Sparks school teacher, insisted he was acting in self-defense when he shot and killed Cody Devine and seriously wounded Janai Wilson in a vacant, rundown duplex he owns in February 2014.

A jury deliberated for six hours before finding him not guilty on a charge of attempted murder as well as four alternative charges of first- and second-degree murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter. He would have faced up to life in prison without parole if convicted of first-degree murder.



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### Sports in brief

#### Lady Steers all-state in track

Two members of the Big Spring High School girls' track team were selected to the Class 4A all-state track and field team, as voted on by the Texas Girls' Coaches Association.

Senior Autumn Minter and sophomore Kaitlyn Mathews were named to the all-state team, officials announced.

#### Lady Steers hoops camp June 22-25

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Basketball Camp will be held June 22-25 at the junior high school gymnasium.

The camp is open to girls in grades 3 through 5, and 7 through 9. Cost is \$25 per camper.

Registration must be received by 8:30 a.m. the first day of camp.

For more information, e-mail coach Smalley at [ssmally@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:ssmally@bsisd.esc18.net)

#### Volleyball skills camps scheduled

Two volleyball skills camps will be held July 27-30 at the junior high school gymnasiums.

The first camp, open to players in grades 3 through 9, will be held between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cost is \$25; campers may purchase a T-shirt for \$10.

The second camp, supervised by former BSHS players Cerbi Ritchey, Taylor Seaton and Kinsey Wash, will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is open for players in grades 9-12. Cost is \$35; campers may purchase a T-shirt for \$10.

For more information on either camp, contact Lynn Osborne at 254-246-2148.

#### Rodeo box seat reservations accepted

Box seat reservations for the upcoming Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo are now being accepted.

The rodeo will be held June 18-20 in the ENCANA Rodeo Bowl.

Six tickets and chairs will be furnished for each night's performance and selection is limited.

For more information, contact Ace and Linda Berry at 432-394-4802.

#### Crossroads Classic set for country club

Registrations are now being accepted for the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic.

The two-man team scramble, which will be held June 20-21 at Big Spring Country Club, is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Atmos Energy and Culligan Water.

Registration is \$200 per team and includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday, free beverages and a shootout event June 19. Cart fees are extra, and private carts are welcome.

Registration is limited to the first 100 teams.

The format will be a two-man scramble, with pre-flighting done by the tournament committee and local golf pro. Prizes in cash and/or merchandise are offered.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641 or the country club at 432-267-5354.

## Texas to halt high school steroid testing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers voted Friday to dismantle the state's high school steroids testing program after eight years and more than \$10 million spent collecting thousands of samples that turned up only a handful of cheaters.

Once lauded as a model for the nation, the program instead turned into a target for critics who called it an ineffective waste of money. Several lawmakers defended it Friday as an effective deterrent against steroid

use, but said it was no longer needed.

"We spent a lot of money. We raised awareness. We saved lives," said Rep. Dan Flynn, a Republican who helped write the original testing law in 2007.

Friday's vote stripped all money for the testing program out of the next state budget, which was sent to Gov. Greg Abbott to sign into law.

Texas started the program in response to fears that performance-enhancing drug use in professional sports was rapidly

growing among teenagers in a state where the love of high school football is second to none. Texas initially created a massive program that sent testers swarming across the state to randomly collect urine samples from high school athletes in all sports.

The first 30,000 tests produced just 11 positive results of steroid use. Few saw those numbers as good news of clean athletes or even as proof the program could be a successful deterrent. Most saw it as fodder for critics

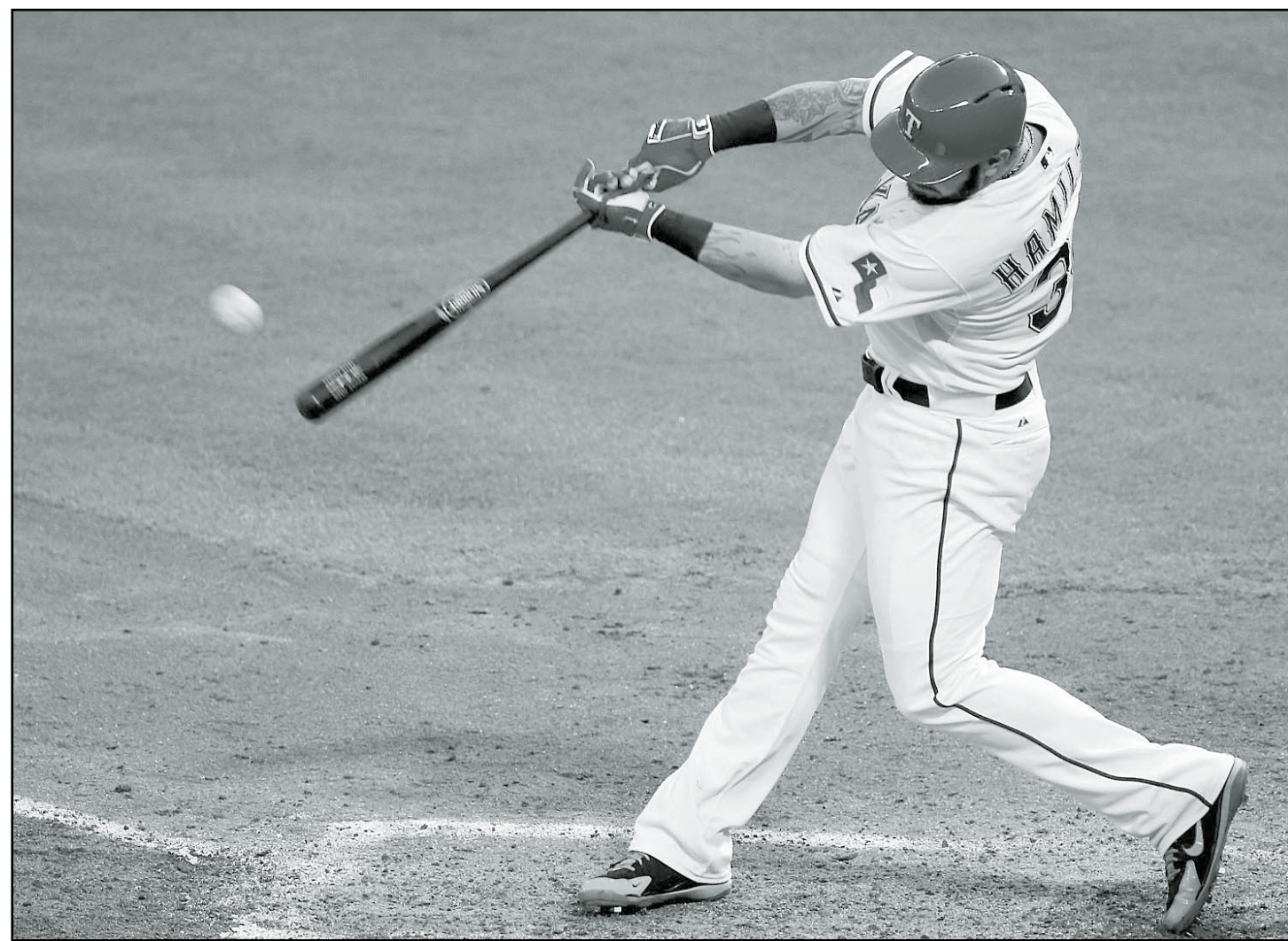
that the state was wasting money.

Lawmakers have been scaling down the program ever since. By 2013, its budget had been cut from \$3 million per year to \$500,000. Soon, Illinois and New Jersey will be the only states with testing programs.

The move was expected. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst championed the program from its start and kept it afloat in recent years, but he lost a bid for

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## He's baaaaack!



Texas' Josh Hamilton makes contact for a solo home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox Friday in Arlington, Texas. The home-run was Hamilton's second of the night.

## Hamilton's 2 homers power Rangers past Boston

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It seemed like old times for Josh Hamilton and the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

Hamilton homered in his first two at-bats, his first homers since he belatedly began his major league season this week back with Texas, helping the Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 7-4.

Hamilton pulled both homers into the seats in right field off knuckleballer Steven Wright (2-2). The homers came in the second and fourth innings, on pitches measured at 74 and 66 mph.

Hamilton, who starred for Texas from 2008-12

*"OK, I can still hit it out of the park. I think I can be the player I used to be. It's been fun the last two days."*

Josh Hamilton  
Texas Rangers

but struggled the last two seasons with the Los Angeles Angels, said the home runs gave him a sense of relief but no feeling of "I told you so."

"OK, I can still hit it out of the park," he said. "I think I can be the player I used to be. It's been fun the last two days."

Rangers right-hander Yovani Gallardo (5-6) limited the Red Sox to one earned run and four hits through six innings. Shawn Tolleson, who became Texas' primary closer last week, recorded his sixth consecutive save.

Prince Fielder went 2 for 4 to raise his American

League-leading batting average to .364.

It was Hamilton's ninth career multi-homer game. He was activated Monday with the Rangers in Cleveland and went hitless in his first nine at-bats. Since then, he is 5 for 12 with two multi-hit games.

Rangers manager Jeff Banister said Hamilton is one of the few hitters whose hands are quick enough to allow him to wait extremely late on a pitch.

"He didn't try to do too much," Banister said. "He let the ball travel, let it get deep and put the best

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### NCAA baseball roundup:

## Kent, Banks lead Texas A&M past Texas Southern, 5-0

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Matt Kent threw seven shutout innings, Nick Banks hit a two-run homer and Texas A&M topped Texas Southern 5-0 in the opening round of the

College Station Regional on Friday night. Kent (8-1) allowed six hits and walked one while tying his career high with nine strikeouts for the Aggies (46-11).

Banks busted open a scoreless game in the fourth inning with a blast over Blue Bell Park's right-field bullpen against Ryan Rios (6-2). Mitchell Nau led off the inning with

a double, and scored on Banks' sixth homer this season.

The Aggies escaped a bases-loaded jam in the sixth when Banks made a sliding catch in right field with two outs,

ending a great scoring chance for Texas Southern (31-18).

Texas A&M added three more runs in the eighth inning, two on a double by Hunter Melton.

**Oregon St. 5 Texas 4**  
DALLAS (AP) — Kyle Nobach hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning, and

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## TEXAS

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swing he could on it."

Wright, making his third consecutive start in place of the injured Justin Masterson, lamented his placement on the two deliveries.

"Both of the pitches to Hamilton were up where he likes it and moving to the middle of the plate," he said.

**FRIDAY'S NEWCOMER**  
Rangers SS Hanser Alberto, making his major league debut coming up from Triple-A Round Rock, recorded his first hit, RBI and run in the seventh inning.

And, on the first pitch of the game, he cleanly fielded a grounder up the

middle hit by Dustin Pedroia. "We're always ready for that," Alberto said. "Be ready, pitch by pitch, like in the minor leagues."

**SATURDAY'S NEWCOMER**

RHP Alex "Chi Chi" Gonzalez will make his major league debut starting Saturday against Boston. Gonzalez, the first of Texas' two first-round draftees in 2013 (23rd overall), was the organization's minor league pitcher of the year last season and was 3-5 with a 4.15 ERA this season for Round Rock.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Red Sox: SS Xander Bogaerts returned to the lineup after leaving Thursday's game in the second inning after being hit by a pitch on his left wrist. He went 0 for

3 and had a sacrifice fly.

Rangers: LHP Ross Detwiler (left shoulder inflammation) is scheduled to pitch two rehab innings Saturday for Double-A Frisco. After going 0-5 in seven starts, Detwiler will move to the bullpen when he comes off the DL next week.

**UP NEXT**

Boston: LHP Wade Miley (4-4) is on a three-game winning streak after allowing only one run in eight innings last Sunday at home against the Angels. Miley did lose a milking contest before Friday's game to Texas RHP Ross Ohlendorf.

Rangers: At 1-1 in this series with two games to play, Texas still seeks its first home series win of the season in its seventh attempt.

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re-election in 2014. A special committee that reviews state agencies last year recommended eliminating the program.

"While I am disappointed to see the testing program disappear, its demise was inevitable," said Don Hooton, who started the Taylor Hooton Foundation after his 17-year-old son's 2003 suicide was linked to steroid use, and was one of the key advocates in creating the Texas program.

An initial supporter, Hooton became one of the program's chief critics, complaining of loopholes in sample collecting and concerns that it didn't test for enough different types of steroids, creating easy ways for students to avoid detection.

"The chances of this program

catching one of our Texas high-schoolers using steroids was somewhere between slim and none," Hooton said.

State officials scrambled briefly Friday to determine if cutting the money really killed the program. The legislative session ends Monday and lawmakers have not eliminated the portion of state law passed in 2007 that required testing. But key lawmakers, from the original author to the budget architects, said it was a minor misstep and testing will not be required.

"The legislature voted to defund it, so I think the legislative intent is pretty clear," said Sen. Jane Nelson, the Republican chairman of the Senate budget committee.

Flynn, however, said the hiccup could allow lawmakers to bring testing back in the future.

"If we find there's a problem again, we could test again," Flynn said.

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Oregon State beat Texas 5-4 in the first round of the Dallas Regional on Friday.

Nobach also singled home a run in the fourth inning to give the Beavers (39-17-1) a 2-1 lead.

Texas (30-26) then trailed until Brooks Marlow hit a two-run home run in the eighth against starter Andrew Moore to pull the Longhorns into a 4-4 tie.

Center fielder Zane Gurwitz took a home run away from the Beavers' Caleb Hamilton in the bottom of the seventh and started the tying rally with a two-out single.

OSU's Joe Gillette drew a leadoff walk in the eighth off losing pitcher Kirby Bellow (3-2). Pinch-hitter Dane Lund sacrificed to set up the winning run.

Mitch Hickey earned his 11th save and started a double play to end the game. Scotland Church (1-0) got the win.

The game was delayed for 1:05 while a helicopter helped to dry the rain-soaked field at Dallas Baptist.

**TCU 10**

**Sacred Heart 0**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Cody Jones hit a leadoff home run and TCU cruised to a 10-0 victory over Sacred Heart in the opening round of the Fort Worth Regional on Friday night.

Jones scored twice and was one of seven players who drove in at least a run for TCU (44-11). The Horned Frogs scored three runs in the third, clearing the bases after three straight walks. Two two-out singles added two more runs for TCU in the fifth for a 6-0 lead.

Mitchell Traver (8-2) allowed four hits and struck out seven in seven innings, Derek Odell finished with three RBIs and Jeremie Fagnan scored three runs for TCU.

James Cooksey (7-3) gave up four runs in four innings for the Pioneers (23-31-1), who combined to walk 10.

TCU will take on North Carolina State in the winners' bracket Saturday, while Sacred Heart will play Stony Brook in an elimination game.

**Houston 6**  
**Houston Baptist 4**

HOUSTON (AP) — Corey Julks hit a three-run homer in Houston's six-run third inning, Andrew Lantrip scattered nine hits in a complete game, and the Cougars came from behind for a 6-4 win over Houston Baptist in the first round of the Houston Regional on Friday night.

Houston (43-18) advanced to play Louisiana-Lafayette in the winner's bracket, while Houston Baptist (28-26) will play an elimination game against Rice on Saturday.

Lantrip (9-3) settled down after a rough first two innings, allowing four runs and striking out eight for the Cougars, who trailed 4-0 before their big third inning. Josh Vidales and Jacob Campbell cut the deficit to 3-2 on RBI singles, and Julks' homer put the Cougars up for good.

Zach Nehrir homered and Matthew McCullough (8-3) allowed six runs and 10 hits in 7 2/3 innings for the Huskies, who are making their first NCAA Tournament after rejoining Division I in 2007.

**VCU 7**

**Dallas Baptist 2**

DALLAS (AP) — Virginia Commonwealth used a five-run fourth inning to power past host Dallas Baptist 7-2 in the first round of the Dallas Regional on Friday night.

Freshman designated hitter Brett Hileman went 3-for-5, including a two-run single in the fourth to put the Rams

(38-22) on the scoreboard.

VCU faces Oregon State in a winners' bracket game Saturday, while the Patriots (43-14) play Texas.

Dallas Baptist, a first-time NCAA regional host, went to the creative extremes of bringing in a helicopter before the game to help dry out the field after

heavy overnight rain. The crew needed only a minor hour-long delay before getting the tournament underway.

JoJo Howie (8-6) allowed two runs over 6 2/3 innings for the win. Patriots starter Joseph Shaw (10-4) gave up six runs and six hits in 4 2/3 innings. David Martinnelli hit a solo home run for Dallas Baptist.

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