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Saddle up, folks

Annual rodeo and cowboy reunion starts Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

In more than 80 years, only a world war has stopped the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, so a slight chance of rain isn't likely to slow things down.

The rodeo, a local mainstay since the 1930s, will hold its 82nd edition Thursday through Saturday at the Encana Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Gates open at 7 p.m. each night, with the grand entry scheduled for 8 p.m. Tickets at the gate are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

The rodeo is one of the longest-running events of its kind in the country. Since its inception in the 1930s, only gas rationed imposed during World War II has prevented cowboys and cowgirls from displaying their talents in Big Spring.

Weather forecasts show a slight chance of rain during the week, but organizers said that won't affect the rodeo schedule.

Carr Pro Rodeo returns as the event producer. Specialty acts include famed rodeo clown Wild Child, sponsored by Southwest Tool and Cathey Construction, and the All-American Cowgirl Chicks, sponsored by Partee Drilling.

The rodeo will feature traditional events such as bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing and team roping, but special events for younger folks include mutton busting and Shetland bronc riding.

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Keena Hebbard and her son, Quetavian Lewis, celebrate his birthday Saturday with a little fishing at the swollen Comanche Trail Park Lake.

Gaze up in wonder

Annual Stargazing Party set for state park next Saturday

"A fun thing to see that night is the Hubble Telescope and the International Space Station flying over us. Basically, it will look like a streak of light, a bit like a comet going by."

Ron Alton
 Big Spring State Park ranger

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

If the weather is clear, Saturday, June 20, should be a night with the stars for astronomy fans.

The Big Spring State Park along with the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland will host its annual Stargazing Party on top of the state park beginning at 8:30 p.m. Sunset is expected about 9 p.m.

"Come out and enjoy the sunset and then check out the amazing night sky with large telescopes

provided by the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club," said Park Ranger Ron Alton.

Several large telescopes will be set out for the public to get a glimpse of the heavens, Alton said, and club members will be at the park until late to allow people some prime time stargazing views. The moon is expected to set at 11:58 p.m.

For a added treat, the International Space Station and the Hubble Space Telescope is expected to pass over the area

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Courtesy Photo/Valerie Avery
Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Juanell Rover hands out tote bags to patients during the hospital's annual Summer Fun Day Thursday at the state hospital. The Volunteer Services Council ushers in summer every June by handing out tote bags, flip flops, sunglasses, caps and T-shirts to the hospital's 200 patients. They cap off the day with Root Beer floats.



False alarm at K center

Herald Staff Report

A fire alarm at the Big Spring Independent School District's Kindergarten Center produced some anxious moments but no fire Friday evening.

Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson said units were dispatched to the campus, located in the Kentwood section of Big Spring, Friday evening after a fire alarm sounded.

Upon arrival, firefighters investigated the scene and BSISD personnel shut off power, but no fire had occurred in the building, Ferguson said.

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The Cowboy Life

By **Tammy Schrecengost**
Heritage Museum curator

What is a cowboy? Wikipedia's definition of a cowboy is an animal herder who tends cattle on ranches in North America, traditionally on horseback, and often performs a multitude of other ranch-related tasks.

The cowboy was responsible for feeding, branding, tending to injuries, checking the fencing for damages, warding of predators, finding a way to remedy the watering problems and always ensuring the herd was properly fed.

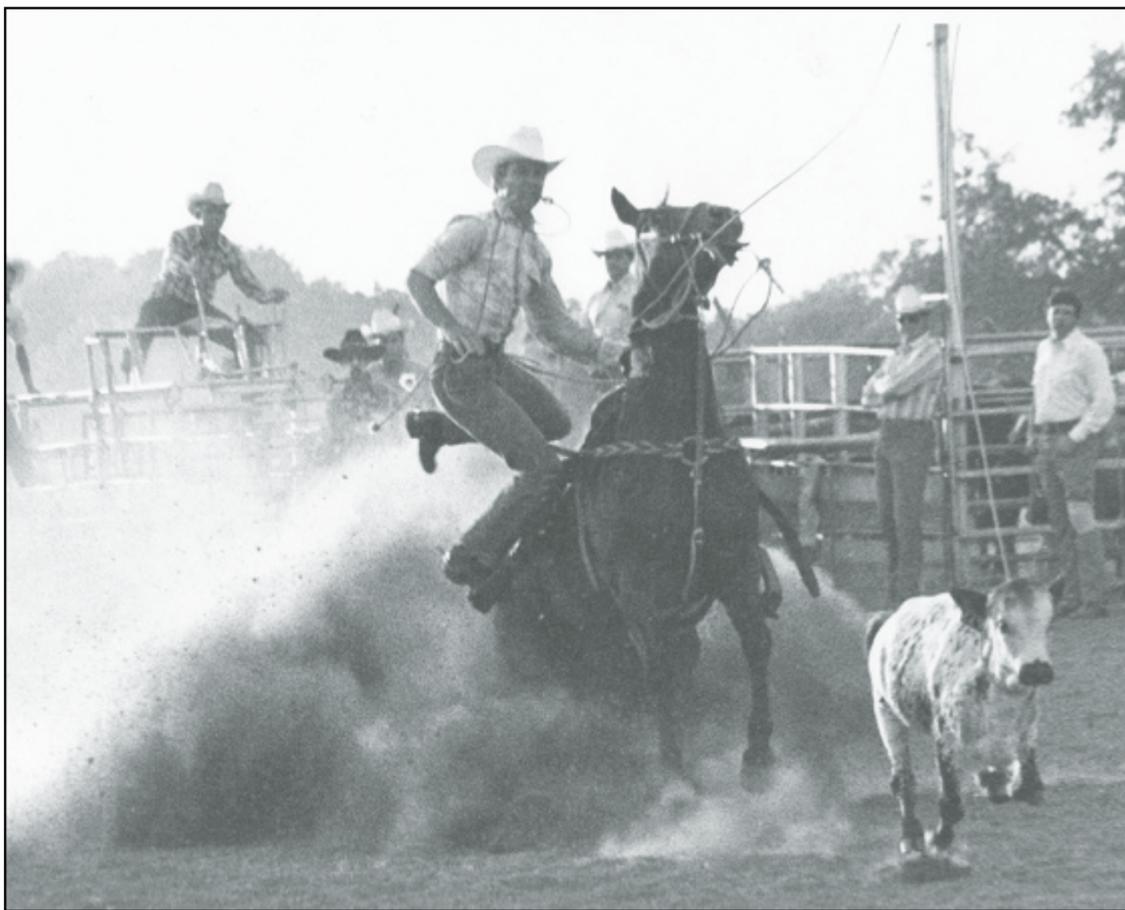
Usually, the job started at daylight, never 9 to 5, and day the same routine. Weather is always an issue; too cold, too hot, thunderstorms, blizzards, dust storms, not enough rain, and sometimes too much rain. A cowboy not only knows how to ride a horse, they know how to keep it alive.

The rodeo was an opportunity for the cowboy to make money by using his experience with horses and livestock. It is certainly a way of life and not everyone can succeed at it.

On Tuesday, the Heritage Museum is honored to inducting six local cowboys into our new 2015 Cowboy/Cowgirl Hall of Fame. The six gentlemen are: Skipper Driver, Hoyle Nix, Harry Middleton, Lorin McDowell Sr., Jr. and III, Quail Dobbs and Toots Mansfield.



Schrecengost



Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Pictured is the late Toots Mansfield, a seven-time world championship roper, who in one of the six local cowboys that will be inducted in into the Heritage Museum's Cowboy/Cowgirl Hall of Fame Tuesday eveing

2015 Heritage Museum Cowboy/Cowgirl hall of Fame inductees



Skipper Driver
(1943-2011)

Skipper Driver's sense of pride in the community and his dedication to the Big Spring Rodeo was unsurpassed. In order for the rodeo to operate successfully, it must have a dedicated leader and Skipper Driver was that leader for the PRCA Big Spring (Texas) Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo for 30 consecutive years.

All total, Driver was involved in the B.S. Rodeo, in one capacity or another, for 46 years serving 30 as the director, 10 as the secretary/treasurer and six as the president.

In addition, he served as the rodeo coach at Howard College for more than 10 years. He took his HCJC rodeo team to the top level four times during his tenure as they made the trip to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Finals. He was inducted into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2013.

He was an accomplished calf roper, team roper and steer wrestler making him a hands-on coach for his students. He led by example and his students learned so much, not only about

rodeo, but also about life.

He attended Texas Tech University and qualified for the NIRA Finals Rodeo on two different occasions and was named Southwest Region Champ calf roper in 1965. Aside from being on the rodeo team, he served two years as president of the Texas Tech Rodeo Association and was twice named winner of the Dub Parks memorial Award.

Ranching and the cattle business were a large part of Skipper's life.

He was a PRCA Gold Card member and was a supporter of the sport of rodeo throughout his entire life.

In addition to his involvement with rodeo, he was a member of the Heritage Museum board, was director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for three years and member of the Rotary Club.

Skipper passed away on April 20, 2011. He defined the words gentleman, cowboy, and most of all, a true friend.



Hoyle Nix
(1918-1985)

Hoyle Nix (arrived in Big Spring at the young age of one year old. His

father, Jonah Lafayette Nix, was a fiddler and his mother, Myrtle May (Brooks) Nix, was a guitarist. The couple often performed together at community gatherings. Hoyle was six years old when he learned his first fiddle tune. In addition to his parents' influence, the music of Bob Wills was also very important to his style. According to Nix, Wills was the finest fiddler he ever heard.

Nix and his brother Ben formed the West Texas Cowboys in 1946 and patterned the band after Wills's Texas Playboys. In 1954, the Nix brothers built a small dance hall on the Snyder highway, just outside of Big Spring and named it the Stampede.

Nix had already established a dance circuit in the area and was making regular appearances in other towns, including Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo. The West Texas Cowboys cut their first recordings in 1949 for the Dallas-based Star Talent label. The initial Star Talent release, Nix's "Big Ball's in Cowtown," a folk-derived rewrite, proved to be an enduring standard.

He continued to record for small Texas record companies — Queen, Caprock, Bo-Kay, and Winston — in the 1950s and early 1960s.

In 1968, Nix started his own label, Stampede, named after the dance hall.

During the late 1950s, the West Texas Cowboys grew to its largest size with nine members. The band at this time included former Texas Playboys Eldon Shamblin, Millard Kelso, and Louis Tierney. Nix had first shared a stage with Bob Wills in

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1952 in Colorado City, Texas, and their two bands soon began touring together, splitting the playing time at each dance.

After Wills disbanded the Texas Playboys in the early 1960s, he continued to appear with Nix on a fairly regular basis until his first stroke in 1969. The respect that Wills had for Nix was evidenced when he invited Nix and his son Jody to participate in what turned out to be Wills' final recording session, For the Last Time, in 1973.

Hoyle Nix's last recordings were made in 1977 and released on Oil Patch. He was inducted into the Nebraska Country Music Hall of Fame in 1984, the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame in 1985, the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame in 1991, and the Western Swing Hall of Fame in 1991.

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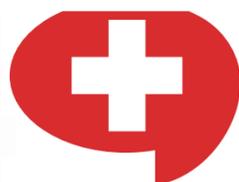
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Obituaries

Bruce Hogue



Bruce Lenard Hogue, 90, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2015 in Boerne, Texas. A native of Big Spring, Texas, Bruce was born on Sept. 19, 1924, the son of Emmitt L. Hogue and Ruth Gulley Hogue.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January 1942 at the age of 17 and served aboard the U.S.S. John Land, a troop transport ship which participated in many major battles in the Pacific. Following the

war, Bruce returned as a civilian to his hometown of Big Spring. He married the former Lee Brunson on Sept. 21, 1947, and they had two daughters, Brenda and Beverly.

In 1956, he reenlisted in the U.S. Navy and the young family moved to San Diego. After several deployments, Bruce decided to make a career change to the U. S. Air Force. He spent a total of 24 years in military service. In addition to serving in WWII, he also completed two tours in Vietnam in 1967-68 and 1970-71. He retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1976.

Upon retirement, Bruce and Lee Hogue returned to Big Spring where they spent several years building their home and working their ranch. In 1982, they moved back to San Diego.

They were married one week shy of 50 years

when Lee passed away in 1997 at the age of 69. It was a devastating loss for Bruce. He became active in Eagle's Wings, a support group for military widows and widowers, he was an active volunteer at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla and his biggest joy was the time he spent with his daughters and grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters, Brenda Barnett (Jim) of Boerne and Bev Harris of San Diego; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, Bobby M. Hogue (Della) of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank those who cared for Bruce in the last few years of his life. The dedicated staffs at Belmont Village, Sabre Springs in San Diego and Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs in Boerne, Texas were always kind and supportive to Bruce and his family will be grateful always.

A graveside service will be held at El Camino Memorial Park, 5600 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego, Calif. on Flag Day, June 14, 2015, at 11 a. m., when Bruce will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Lee.

Memorial donations may be made to Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 Attn: Jan Foresyth for the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Fund, or to Eagle's Wings, 2115 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101.

Paid obituary

Ted Diaz



Ted Diaz, 47, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 7, 2015. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 27, 1968, in Big Spring, Texas. He has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He

was a cook at TA Travel Center. He enjoyed playing pool. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Sirena Maria Diaz of Big Spring; his mother, Maria Diaz of Big Spring; two brothers, Adolpho Diaz of Greeley, Colo. and Rudy Diaz of Loveland, Colo.; three sisters, Narcissa Diaz of Fort Collins, Colo., Elizabeth "Lisa" Perez of Big Spring and Angie Sue Diaz of Greeley, Colo.; and 20 nieces and nephews.

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

Police blotter

Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BOBBY RAY MORENO**, 29, of Lamesa was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, evading arrest/detention, resisting arrest, search or transport and a warrant for another agency.

- **VERONICA MARIE ORTIZ**, 32, of 2202 Williams Road was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

- **GABRIEL XAVIER CROSSMAN**, 18, of 3704 Boulder Ave. was arrested on warrants for speeding in a school zone, no driver's license and two counts of fail to appear.

- **XAVIER GARCIA MOYA**, 40, of 1218 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid.

- **JUAN R. PROVENCIO**, 59, of 109 Algertia St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container 2nd offense.

- **DARIN FRANK WITTEN**, 27, of 1106 Stanford Ave. was arrested on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- **BRIANA KAY RODRIGUEZ**, 24, of 800 block of S. Johnson was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container.

- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1100 block of Mt. Vernon.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE**

was reported in the 1600 block of Avion St.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Donley St. and the 1600 block of State St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 5th St. and Donley St.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 4th St.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Austin St.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Marijo Ave.

Today's Weather

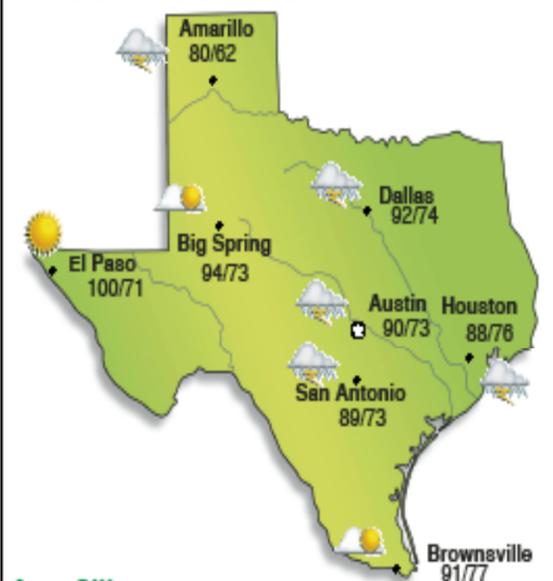
Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 6/14	Mon 6/15	Tue 6/16	Wed 6/17	Thu 6/18
94/73 Partly cloudy skies. A stray severe thunderstorm is possible. High 94F.	91/71 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	90/71 Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.	93/73 Traces of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/73 Partly of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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Amarillo	80	62	1-40mm	Livingston	85	74	1-40mm
Austin	90	78	1-40mm	Longview	85	72	1-40mm
Beaumont	85	78	1-40mm	Lubbock	85	69	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	90	74	1-40mm
Brownwood	92	71	pt sunny	Midland	94	72	pt sunny
Copula Christi	90	78	1-40mm	Raymondville	82	78	1-40mm
Comstock	90	78	1-40mm	Rosenberg	85	73	1-40mm
Dallas	92	74	1-40mm	San Antonio	89	78	1-40mm
Del Rio	85	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	78	1-40mm
El Paso	100	71	sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	72	1-40mm
Fort Blockton	91	89	1-40mm	Sweetwater	82	72	pt sunny
Greenville	89	72	pt sunny	Tyler	85	78	1-40mm
Greenville	89	78	1-40mm	Weatherford	91	72	1-40mm
Houston	88	78	1-40mm	Wichita Falls	90	71	1-40mm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	75	mt sunny	Minneapolis	84	65	pt sunny
Boston	78	60	pt sunny	New York	80	69	pt sunny
Chicago	76	69	1-40mm	Phoenix	100	78	sunny
Dallas	92	74	1-40mm	San Francisco	89	84	sunny
Denver	82	68	pt sunny	Seattle	73	51	sunny
Houston	88	78	1-40mm	St. Louis	87	78	1-40mm
Los Angeles	76	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	85	75	1-40mm
Miami	87	78	1-40mm				

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin

at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- SteppingStone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

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TUESDAY

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France plans to lure more tourists with wine tours

PARIS (AP) — France wants to develop wine tours in its countryside as part of a series of measures aimed at boosting tourism and retaining the country's position as the top destination in the world.

France's foreign affairs minister, Laurent Fabius, set Thursday a target of 100 million foreign tourists per year by 2020, up from 84 million now.

"Tourism is a national treasure," he told a news conference. "Wine is an important sector to attract foreign customers in our beautiful wine-growing regions that are still under-visited: Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Languedoc, Rhone, Champagne, etc."

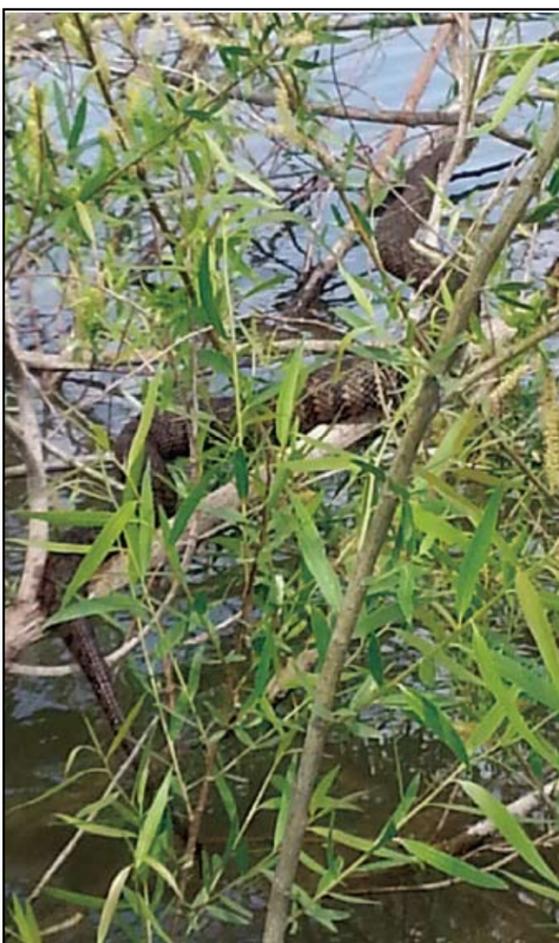
Fabius announced the creation of a state-owned investment fund that would, among other things, help finance tourist facilities in vineyard areas.

In the same spirit, the government vowed to boost river and sea cruises and to invest in shore areas, ports, and waterways. It will also support events promoting France's gastronomy.

France plans to extend its 48-hours visa process system — already applied for China — to Turkey, Singapore and Indonesia by the end of the year.

To make life easier for tourists in Paris, authorities want to launch next year a new "city pass" that would give access to both the metro and museums not only in the capital, but also in its surroundings — including the Palace of Versailles and the airports.

It would replace the current complex system of metro tickets with different prices depending on the distance from the city center.



Herald Photo / Julie Bass
A snake was spotted recently sunbathing on a low tree limb at the Comanche Trail Park Lake.

College Board says printing error won't affect SAT scores

WASHINGTON (AP) — The College Board acknowledges that test booklets for hundreds of thousands of students taking the SAT college entrance exams last Saturday carried an error, but says it won't affect test scores.

The board's website on Tuesday says the error appeared in test books provided to students across the nation who took the test that day — about 487,000. According to the board, the test booklets from the Educational Testing Service incorrectly stated that 25 minutes were allotted for the last reading section. Because of

the way the test is administered, students taking the last math section in the same room also were affected.

The board, however, said the manual provided to supervisors overseeing the exam had the correct 20-minute limit for those sections. As soon as ETS learned of the misprint that day, it worked "to provide accurate guidance to supervisors and administrators" overseeing the test, the board said.

All students who took the SAT that day are affected. The board says sections with the incorrect time limit will not be scored, but that it

will still be able "to provide reliable scores for all students."

"We have deliberately constructed both the reading and the math tests to include three equal sections with roughly the same level of difficulty," the board said in its statement. "If one of the three sections is jeopardized, the correlation among sections is sufficient to be able to deliver reliable scores."

The omission of one section was criticized by Bob Schaeffer, education director at the National Center for Fair & Open Testing, or FairTest.

"The College Board/

ETS took the course of least resistance by announcing they would score the test without an entire section," Schaeffer said. "If reliable and valid scores can be generated from June 6 exams despite a missing section, why do students at other SAT administrations have to spend the additional time answering questions that the test-makers now say are unnecessary?"

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in Howard County

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Where do you work: Big Spring Herald
Where were you born: Texarkana, Texas
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Family: Husband: Tommy Cobos; Daughters: Brianna and Amaya; Son: Mattox
Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. I don't have many hobbies, but my kids do so I am busy running their places and supporting them. in their activities.
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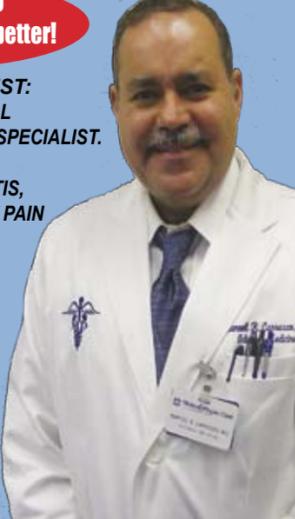
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Report: Immigrant quotas benefit for-profit prisons

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Minimum occupancy quotas at immigrant detention facilities nationwide benefit for-profit prison operators by guaranteeing the government pays for thousands of detainees, regardless of whether those spots are filled, according to a new report by a group that monitors immigrant detention.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had to pay for 3,255 immigrants daily at five detention facilities in Texas, the most of any state, said the report by the Detention Watch Network. Texas has seen a large wave of immigrants from Central America illegally crossing the state's border with Mexico the past few years.

"Texas is ground zero," said Silky Shah, co-director of the Washington, D.C.-based Detention Watch Network, which examined contracts and other documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. "It's sort of like an epidemic of detention there."

The Texas detention facilities that had guaranteed-

minimum provisions in their contracts at the time the report research was done were in Houston, El Paso, Pearsall and Karnes City and near Port Isabel.

A snapshot of ICE statistics show that it did not pay for empty beds in Texas. The Houston facility exceeded the minimum population of 750, averaging about 900 people the last three years.

During the same time period, the Port Isabel Detention Center averaged about 1,000 people, well above its minimum of 800.

And the South Texas Detention Complex in Pearsall more than doubled its guaranteed-minimum population of 725, averaging about 1,700 people.

The Karnes City facility was retrofitted to house families last summer, and the report says there is no evidence that it still has a guaranteed minimum of 480. The El Paso facility has a guaranteed minimum of 500 people.

At least 10 other detention facilities in New York, California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, Arizona

and Washington state had guaranteed-minimum populations written into their contracts, bringing the total nationwide to about 8,500, according to the report released Thursday.

U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch, a Florida Democrat, criticized the practice, saying it encourages detention. He said he is looking to end the practice through legislation he plans to introduce next week. It would prohibit ICE from signing contracts containing guaranteed-minimum provisions.

"Because anyone who signs a contract and is guaranteed a minimum number every single night is going to fight to keep those numbers in place," Deutch said. "And it only perpetuates a terrible, wasteful, inhumane policy."

ICE spokeswoman Jennifer Elzea said guaranteed minimums are common and "allow the agency to procure beds at a reduced rate while giving the contractor the ability to predict the number of detainees held on a regular basis."

The guaranteed-minimum

quotas are found in the series of contracts with state and local governments and for-profit private prison contractors that manage facilities for ICE.

Even detention facilities owned and operated by ICE have guaranteed minimums in contracts, with private companies providing security, food and other services, according to the report.

These local quotas exist in addition to the so-called "bed mandate," which requires that the Department of Homeland

Security maintain at least 34,000 beds available for the detention of immigrants. ICE was criticized in the past for having been quick to fill the mandate, which began in 2009. But more recently, the agency has seen its average daily population numbers fall below quota.

In the first eight months of the fiscal year beginning in October, ICE's immigrant detention facilities have had an average daily population of 26,898, ICE officials said. Still, it must maintain those beds available, which is mandated

by Congress.

"In order to meet that mandate and use our limited resources in the most efficient way, we have developed agreements with certain facilities to make available certain numbers of beds to ICE at all times," Elzea said.

Deutch said ICE spends nearly \$2 billion annually on detention and that guaranteed-minimum population quotas show how the bed mandate is "being felt at the local level." He advocated for more cost-effective ways of monitoring immigrants in lieu of detention, such as electronic ankle bracelets and supervised release.

Last October, the U.S. Government Accountability Office criticized ICE for inefficiency when it did not prioritize detention facilities with guaranteed minimums. The office said in a report that ICE paid for beds that it did not use and recommended the agency "develop an oversight mechanism" to ensure that field offices place detainees in facilities with guaranteed minimums "whenever possible."

Take note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Healthy YOU! program is partnering up with the Big Spring YMCA to bring a free, two-day work out session. The work out session will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 25 with Occupational Therapist Becky Carter. To find out more information, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident this past weekend.

• The Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star will hold a Grand Installation Ceremony at 7 p.m. June 19 to install Samantha Ruth as Worthy Matron Elect and Randy Ruth as Worthy Patron Elect. The installation is open to the public. A meal will be held at 6 p.m. before the ceremony. The Masonic Temple is located at 219 Main St. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street. For this Tuesday only, the directors meet at 5 p.m.

• Big Spring High School Student Council still has several #StandwithBriana t-shirts available for purchase at the high school main office for \$20. Sizes are youth large to 4X. Wristbands for \$3 in youth and adult sizes are also available. They can be purchased at high school main office during the month of June.

• 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 271-2176.

• 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.

• 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, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

RODEO

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The rodeo also features musical entertainment Friday and Satur-

day — Jake Hooker and the Outsiders will perform at 9:30 p.m. Friday (tickets are \$10 apiece), while Charlie Robinson, along with local opening act A.C. and the Heat-

ers, take the stage at 9:30 p.m. Saturday (tickets are \$20 per person).

The Quail Dobbs Memorial Rodeo Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the downtown

area (the exact route will be announced later this week).

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235.

GAZE

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about 10:27 p.m. Viewers will need to be quick though as the two man-made space objects are only expected to stay in sight for about five minutes.

"A fun thing to see that night is the Hubble Telescope and the International Space Station flying over us," Alton said. "Basically, it will look like a streak of light, a bit like a comet going by."

In the eastern sky, participants should be able to view Saturn, M13 the Hercules Globular Star Cluster and Albireo, a double star known as the cub scout double, Alton said.

"We may be able to look at a few objects at the center of our Milky Way galaxy in the constellations of Scorpius and Sagittarius," he said.

The Big Spring State Park is located off of FM 700 near the Wasson Road intersection and is a 382-acre park created by the Civilian Conser-

vation Corp and run by the Texas Parks and Wildlife. The Star Gazing Party will be held at the top of the park.

Lyndel Moody can be contacted at 263-7331,

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Laban Joseph Guidry "Heavy", 62, died June 3, 2015. The family will receive visitors from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Saturday at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 N Birdwell Lane. The celebration of life services will follow at 6:00 PM.

Ted Diaz, 47, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Teddy Dietz, 67, died Wednesday. Graveside services were at 3:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Harold Bentley, 79, died Wednesday. Funeral services were at 3:00 PM Saturday at Alive In Christ Lutheran Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Paulo R. Abundez, 84, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Parents going viral with ugly hair cut videos shaming

NEW YORK (AP) – Russell Fredrick's middle son was 12 when he wouldn't quit playing around in class and ignoring his homework, so the barber did what he does best. He picked up his clippers and cut off his fade.

But it wasn't just any cut. It was a complete shave intended as a form of discipline when other tactics like taking away gadgets failed to work.

"After I shaved him bald, I told him that if things continued I would get

more creative with each cut," said Fredrick, co-owner of A-1 Kutz in Snellville, Georgia. "But I never had to because he straightened up his act."

Fredrick and his son — one of three — are success stories in a social media trend: parents taking electric razors to the heads of their misbehaving tweens and teens to create ugly cuts as a form of punishment, then publicly posting the handiwork on YouTube, Facebook and elsewhere.

After Fredrick put a photo on Instagram of his son's shave late last year, parents began to approach him for embarrassing, old-man cuts dubbed Benjamin Button specials or the George Jefferson, named for their baldness up top and fringe left on the sides and around the base like the movie and TV characters they're named for.

He's done more than 20 since February, free of charge.

"Whenever people come in and ask

for it we do it," said the 35-year-old Russell. "You've got to reach these kids before law enforcement has to do the punishing."

The spate of ugly-cut videos over the last six months or so has lit up debate over public shaming as discipline and fits into a broader trend of parents using social media video to humiliate their kids online, from yelling and screaming to smashing their computers or phones.



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Kiwanis club president, Steve Reagan, presented three scholarships at the weekly meeting Thursday. Ashley Lugo is the daughter of Luis and Karla Lugo and a 2015 Big Spring High School graduate. Tyler Nairn is the son of Michael and Melissa Nairn and a 2015 Big Spring High School graduate. Danie Ortega is the daughter of Jason and Monica Hull and a 2015 home school graduate.

Pictured from left to right in the front row is Danie Ortega, Ashley Lugo and Tyler Nairn. Back row is Steve Reagan and Mike Ritchey, principal of the Big Spring High School.

Big Spring TEXAS CITY BULLETIN

The Big Spring Fire Department has added a new recruit by the name of "Song". Song is a 2 year old black lab that joined the department about a month ago. She is a rescue dog that is trained to detect ignitable liquids such as gasoline.



Reminders:
Friday, July 3, 2015. All City offices will be closed for Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume July 6.

Pops in the Park, July 3rd Independence Day celebration.
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Big Spring ISD

- Monday**
Breakfast: assorted cereal, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: pepperoni pizza, garden salad, strawberries, fresh fruit bowl and milk.
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: meaty queso, tortilla chips, pineapple chunks, refried beans, fresh fruit bowl and milk.
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: pancake on a stick, peach cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chicken patty, baby carrots, fruity Jell-O, fresh fruit bowl and milk.
- Thursday**
Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Steers chicken bowl, corn, roll, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

- Monday**
Boneless pork chop, au gratin potatoes, black-eyed peas, fresh fruit, cornbread and milk.
- Tuesday**
Chicken and dressing with gravy, california vegetables, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, rolls and milk.
- Wednesday**
Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, chips and salsa, chocolate cake and milk.
- Thursday**
Patty melt with onions, tator tots, lettuce and tomato, vanilla pudding and milk.
- Friday**
Chicken salad, cherry tomatoes, fruit salad, lemon bars, crackers and milk.

Note - Reservations for the Big Spring Senior Center may be made 24 hours in advance by calling 432-267-1628 by 3 p.m.

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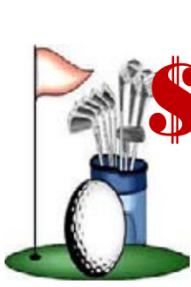
According to the Texas Department of Public Safety's website, www.dps.texas.gov, the Texas law for child passenger safety is all children younger than 8 years of age, unless taller than 4'9", are required to be in the appropriate child safety seat system wherever they ride in a passenger vehicle. The safety seat system MUST be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. However, the best safety practice is: If the child is not yet 4'9", they are better protected if they continue to use the appropriate child seat system until they can properly fit in the adult

safety belt. If you are unable to afford the proper safety seat for your child you can contact the Department of State Health Services, Safe Riders Program, for more information 1-800-252-8255

If you have more questions or concerns contact the Texas Department of Public Safety at 512-424-2000 or through the internet at www.dps.texas.gov and click on the link for Child Passenger Safety.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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Walking the Red Road:

The way of the wolf

Are you afraid of the big, bad wolf? If so, and you have a family dog, you might should be afraid of it. All dogs today, all breeds, are descendants of the wolf.

I am sure you have heard the term “a pack of wolves.” I feel this term is highly inappropriate. A better term would be a family of wolves. Wolves live in a family group.

A family of wolves is a very close unit of family members. When wolves have pups, the entire family cares for them. When the parents are away hunting, the other brothers and sisters will watch over the pups.

As the pups are growing, the older brothers and sisters will play with them, teaching the pups how to fight, preparing the pups for the time they become old enough to join the hunt. Raising pups is a family matter.

A wolf family has a tighter bond than many, or most, human families do. People could learn much from wolves. Also, in the way of the wolf

there are no orphans. If something happens to the parents, another wolf family will adopt the pups. Here again, humans fall a little short on this aspect of wolf culture.

Wolves are a valuable part of the eco-system. They prey mainly on the old and the weak. This leaves the stronger, healthier animals to propagate the species. Wolves help maintain a proper balance in nature.

Before wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park, there was a big problem with the herds being overpopulated. This was resulting in an extreme over-foraging of the plant life. The over-oraging resulted in a serious erosion problem within the park.

After wolves were placed back into the park, herd populations began to decline. Over-foraging ended and the erosion problem ceased to exist. Wolves proved to be an important part in maintaining the natural balance in nature.

Most people do not understand what a valuable part wolves play in the ecosystem. Ranchers outside the park will shoot a wolf on sight, if they are preying on livestock or not. Wolves are not protected outside park boundary.

In Alaska, wolves are hunted from a helicopter. They will fly over a family of wolves and kill them from the air. These kind of actions need to be stopped. After wolves were removed from the threatened species, list they became free game, unless they are in a national park.

In Native American culture, wolves are considered to be a sacred animal. Most Native Americans have a deep respect for wolves. My chief was given the name Watching Wolf. He was given this name because, as in the way of the wolf, he looks over the people in our tribe of mixed heritages.

There are many stories in Native culture about wolves. There was a time long ago that people and wolves could speak with each other. I will share some of these stories with you in part two of this article.

If we people had the same dedication to each other that wolves do this world would be a much better place.

Randy A McKinney is a member of the Sunrise Wind Clan of Two Bear Claws and has been given the title of Life Guide and Spiritual Leader

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“License Plate Jesse”

Most people call Jesse Perez of San Antonio “License Plate Jesse” because he has thousands of them.

“It just seems like license plates are something that a lot of people like and they want to buy them from me,” says Jesse. “So I started selling my license plates. I get them from collectors, garage sales, flea markets, and individuals. I hear about some being for sale and I go buy them. Matter of fact I bought some today.

“I have all the years for Texas and I have all the states. We have them from rusty to brand new. Some are still in the boxes, never been used.”

Some people use the license plates as materials to create art.

“Arts and crafts people cut them up to make things like stars, the state of Texas, flowers, just all kinds of things. Some

people buy my plates then come back and show me what they’ve made from them. Some are real pretty.”

The license plates have different prices.

“I might buy a plate for a dollar and if someone offers me \$1.50 for it, I’ll probably sell it for that. I just buy them for re-sale. I buy some just because I like them. I keep them in my garage. Except I have so many the garage won’t hold them any more so I have all kinds of canopies and portable buildings full of junk. I also collect bottles, toys, magazines, oil cans, anything. To get in the garage, you’ve got to take stuff out.”

Some people look for plates from a certain year.

“For example, someone might have a 1930 Model A and wants a pair of 1930 license plates to register. Somebody might tell me they were born in 1940 and want a 1940 license plate from every state. I’ve helped a lot of people complete what they call their birth year run.”

Jesse doesn’t have a website or a store. He sells at swap meats or

over the phone.

“People call me all the time. Every day the wife gets mad at me because so many people call me. I would estimate we get from five to 25 phone calls a day. Every day people call me for license plates or they want information. Somebody called with a 1968 license plate and asked me what it was worth. I help everybody.”

At swap meets, Jesse takes his Big Chevy Suburban, which is completely covered with little one-inch by two-inch license plate stickers. Even the insides of the door wells have them.

“I buy those, too. One time a guy sold me 350,000 of them. I’ve started to cover another SUV with them now.

“It’s funny. If I’m at a swap meet and start putting them on my vehicle people join me and we can completely cover a car in a couple of hours. Kids love to put them on.”

Tumbleweed Smith is a historian, folklorist, and humorist who loves Texas and Texans. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



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When shoelaces come untied

We are broken — or at least badly bent — by breaking news.

It raises our blood pressure, confounds our minds and reduces us to hand-wringing, often at the beginning of TV newscasts. Brows furrow, even though we know that much news content is a true reflection of the people we’ve become — and what we condone.

Confidence is shaken in governments and institutions, as well as in ourselves. We don’t feel equal to whatever comes next — and “next” shows up fast. We are rightfully afraid — quivering, quaking and hunkering down. Eye-closing doesn’t help; rage abounds — on the road and otherwise. The crowd maddens; life is cheapened.

So, when unscripted scenes suggest some good remains in the world, we want it shared — through broadcast and social media, newspapers and over back fences. Wake the town and tell the people. Sometimes the simplest and kindest gestures make us smile, make us pause and make us grateful.

They occur at unexpected times, often in unlikely places. A friend in San Angelo beheld one recently. She brought her car to a complete stop — as instructed. So did drivers from all four directions — when the crossing guard held up his stop sign near Fannin Elementary School.

Before escorting a kindergarten across the street, he lowered himself to one knee, and

helped the lad re-tie his shoe. Here’s what makes the vignette even more special. Not one driver honked, there were no threatening gestures, and no peeling of rubber occurred when traffic resumed. For that brief moment, motorists were transfixed by the loving act of an elderly crossing guard, one long since retired from full-time employment.

Raul Morales, who has hovered over youngsters at “his” intersection for a total of two hours and 45 minutes twice daily for 14 years, is proud of his safety record. No one — not even one — has been injured during his watch. He loves children, understands his role and is doggedly determined to arrive early and stay late, always looking out for the children — and to his 15th year of crossing duty come August.

A survivor of the Depression, Raul grew up on Runnels and Tom Green County farms and ranches. He embraced the work ethic early. High school attendance was out of the question, but he learned to read and write during spasmodic elementary school attendance in Knickerbocker. Days were never long enough to tend livestock, pick cotton and handle dozens of other chores. Going into town — usually Ballinger, Miles, Veribest or Knickerbocker — was rare.

His English is only “pretty good,” but it’s better than my Spanish. His kindness, love and patriotic bent, however, are unmistakable.

Morales’ patient, caring spirit is evident; he calls it “all in a day’s work.” He’s employed by the city of San Angelo, and is part of a team — both in law enforcement and education — to

help children. True, many such folks often harshly criticized. And yet, they persevere. I’m so glad they do.

My friend, Candace Cooksey Fulton, took careful note of this “shoe-tying scene.” Thankfully, she shared it.

Understandably, some of the motorists may have been late to appointments. To their credit, they patiently waited, honoring the moment. Safety came first. Pulses slowed, and all else could wait. Rarely is a setting so perfect for us to remember there are times — as biblically admonished — to be still and that that He is God.

The day Raul and I had a phone conversation, he was on his way to mow a neighbor’s yard. The friend is no longer able to mow, but Raul is.

He’s been a widower for 28 years. His crossing duties give him reasons to get up each day.

“I love kids,” he said. “I’ll tie their shoes, help them button coats and pick up their books when they drop. Sometimes, the traffic just has to stop, because the children’s safety is always the most important thing.”

Someone said we shouldn’t be able to tell where school boundaries end and the community begins. This is true in San Angelo because of folks like Mr. Morales. He’s a weekly churchgoer — serving his fellow man along the way — including World War II US Army service. Confidence in him is not misplaced. He’s a keeper....

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COWBOYS

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**Harry Middleton
(1928-2014)**

Harry Middleton was a lifelong Big Spring resident. Born in 1928 to Robert and Louise Middleton, Harry graduated from Big Spring High School and was one of the first students to attend Howard County Junior College from 1945-46.

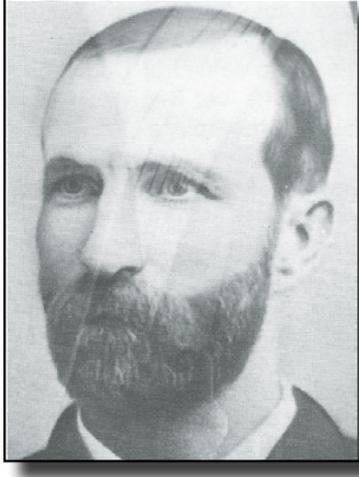
He graduated from Texas Tech in 1954 and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. While stationed in California, Harry came home and picked up his horse, trailer and car so he could continue on the rodeo circuit. But it was on his land, farming and ranching, for more than 60 years, where Harry was always most at home.

He fell in love with the life of a cowboy as a young man. His father trained Harry at an early age, to get up early and head out on horseback riding fence and working in roundups.

During World War II, Harry's mother (Louise) would drive him and his sister Vivien, to the ranch every evening to feed. Vivien said "We had to do it because all of the ranch hands had all went to serve in the war and

Harry and I were not old enough to drive."

He was a long time member and officer of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and rodeo and he served as president as well until his wife Janet made him quit. She said "Too many of the past presidents were dying and I didn't want Harry to be next." Harry rarely missed a Big Spring rodeo and was always a firm supporter.



**Lorin Sloan McDowell Sr.
(1851-1943)**

Lorin Sloan McDowell, Sr. arrived in Howard/Glasscock County in the fall of 1883. He settled on the present site of the McDowell Ranch. McDowell established his ranch by first homesteading, then leasing a few sections at a time and then buying them.

When McDowell first arrived in the county, he said grass was so tall, it brushed his legs in the saddle. Perfect for grazing. He raised sheep and horses for several years before going into the cattle business.

Sadly, the drought took away the thick grass and McDowell had to take his herd out of state and at times had to sell off a good number. McDowell Sr. made many long cattle drives in his lifetime.

Life was seldom easy on the range. In the early 1900s McDowell Sr. and Jr. traveled to King and Kent counties to check on the herd. They were caught in a terrible blizzard. The cattle all perished in the blizzard leaving Sr. and Jr. with their wagon and horses. They came across a family that had all frozen to death in their wagon so they decided to loosely hobble the horses, crawl under the wagon and make do until the storm passed. Their horses survived and the men carried on with their journey.

In the 1880s, McDowell switched from the longhorn to the shorthorn cattle. He was so successful that other

ranchers quickly switched to this breed. Along the early 1900s, McDowell begun to switch to Herefords, eventually cross breeding. With continued careful and selective breeding, he developed one of the finest herds in the Southwest.



**Lorin Sloan McDowell Jr.
(1891-1964)**

Lorin Sloan MxDOWELL Jr. (1891-1964) joined his father in partnership in 1916. The L.S. McDowell and Son Ranch included ranchland in Glasscock, Howard and Borden Counties.

McDowell Jr. spent the first few years of his life living on the ranch and learned to "ride the range" with his father. The family moved into Big Spring to allow Jr. to attend school. Even during his school years his heart was back on the ranch. He had an innate love for cattle and the ranch. One of the proudest moments of his life occurred when, at the age of ten, his father sent him alone on horseback to carry a message to the foreman on the ranch a distance of 20 miles.

During his teen years, Lorin Jr. spent all available time he could, working as a hand on the ranch. He eventually graduated from Western Military Academy in Alton, Ill., before returning to the love of his life, ranching.

Lorin Jr. knew from experience the intricacies of the cattle business. His father depended upon him heavily in the operation of the ranch in Glasscock, Howard and Borden Counties.

A commercial herd of fine Hereford cows and registered Hereford bulls grazed the land until Lorin Jr., inaugurated the introduction of registered Brahma bulls into his herd in 1948. He then embarked upon a program of cross-breeding with Herefords until he had established some of the best cattle in the country.

For a time he was prominent in the American Breeders' Association. He also kept intact the well-bred line of Herefords established by his father. He was a member of the American Cattlemen's Association and an early member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

His ambition to raise the finest cattle was more than justified. He represented the highest type of a successful rancher in West Texas who was devoted heart and soul to the improvement of the cattle-raising industry. It was often said that "Lorin Jr., was known as a cattleman's cattleman."

times was fighting the screwworm epidemic in 1961-62. Day after day was spent doctoring cattle. Finally, a task force came up with sterile male flies that were dropped from planes helping with the eradication."

Today, another major obstacle is the mesquite. This land was wide open grass land and it now has been overtaken by the mesquite.

Lorin III attended Texas A&M University and then Texas Tech University. He returned to Howard County to manage the ranch once he graduated from Tech.

Through years of experience, Lorin III realized how important it was not to overgraze the land, to always provide plenty of water for stock and to use cattle that is suited for the environment. He said the Cowboy way of life has changed over the years, with the use of modern technology however, the love of ranching and the "cowboy way" will never change.

Lorin III values the stewardship he has over the ranch and hopes to pass this stewardship on to the next generation of McDowells.



**Quail Dobbs
(1941-2014)**

Quail Dobbs found his true calling in 1962 at a Minnesota rodeo when the stock contractor was short a barrelman. Dobbs volunteered and a star was born. Ten years later, Dobbs made his acting debut in the 1972 movie, J.W. Coop.

His career in rodeo began by riding bulls and bareback horses until his debut as barrelman. During his career he was named PRCA Clown of the Year twice in 1978 and 88 and the Coors Man in the Can four times in 1985, 1986, 1990 and 1993. He is only one of three men to work as both a



bullfighter and barrelman at the National Finals Rodeo and has also worked 28 times at the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming.

He is a member of the West of the Pecos Rodeo Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2002. He was also inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2011 he was honored on the Fort Worth Heritage Trail. He was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City in 2013.

Quail said "I'm a rodeo bullfighting clown. We're the ones that slap the bull on the nose to distract him from the cowboy. And that makes the bull reeal mad."

Dobbs had scars from his rodeo days, including one on his cheek. Quail said "You don't have anywhere to hide in a barrel; there are no corners." During this "show" a bull managed to get a hook inside the barrel and into Dobb's cheek, twirling the barrel with Dobbs inside like a Hula Hoop in the air.

Life as a Rodeo Clown was not easy and Quail suffered many bruises, gashes and even a broken leg in 1973 when a bull ran over him.

Always the performer, Quail had an entertaining act involving an old 1910 model T that had a 1927 engine. He had purchased the car in 1966, sight unseen over the telephone, Quail said "It looked like a pile of junk." He worked with it and it was a part of his act until he retired.

Quail was one of the "good ole boys." When asked how he was doing he would quickly reply "Don't know 'come here' from 'sic 'em.'"

Quail served on the Big Spring Rodeo Board for a number of years.



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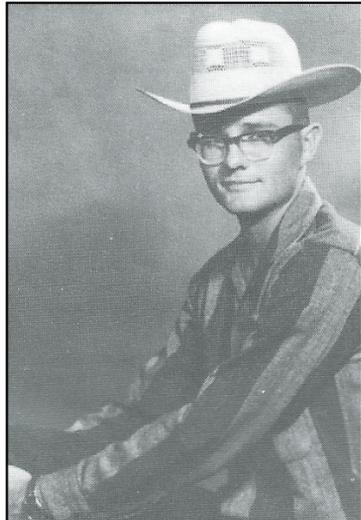
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Lorin Sloan McDowell III

Lorin Sloan McDowell III learned to ride his horse with the cowboys and his Dad before he was old enough to start school. They would often leave at sun up and young Lorin would trail behind his Dad for the entire day. Lorin III said "Every once in a while, I would be knocked off under the mesquite branches and someone would have to trail back and get me going again."

Jr. and Lorin III fed cattle, cotton seed cubes out of a horse or mule drawn wagon before finally getting a truck for the job in 1950.

Lorin said "besides the droughts that was one of the most stressful

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News in brief

Gunfire at Odessa clinic leaves doctor, associate dead

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Police are trying to determine what prompted gunfire at a West Texas medical clinic that left a doctor and a patient dead in an apparent murder-suicide.

Odessa police Cpl. Steve LeSueur (uh-SWEER') on Friday declined to release a possible motive for the killings at the Healthy Heart Center.

Police on Thursday afternoon responded to reports of shots fired inside the clinic. Officers found the bodies of 53-year-old Dr. Suresh Gadasalli (suh-RESH' gah-duh-S AHL'-ee) and 60-year-old patient Ayyasamy Thangam (eye-SAH'-mee THANG'-uhm).

LeSueur says the men were business associates and also close friends.

Witnesses told police that Thangam shot the cardiologist multiple times, then closed the door to a room he was in and another shot rang out. LeSueur had no information on why Thangam was being treated.

Autopsies have been ordered.

Abbott heads to gun range to sign open, campus carry bills

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott is heading to a shooting range to formally enact laws allowing Texans to carry concealed handguns on college campuses and openly carry them virtually everywhere else.

The Republican made expanding gun rights a top priority of his first legislative session as governor. He's signing the bills into law Saturday at a gun range in Pflugerville, outside Austin.

Despite its wild west reputation, Texas is one of the few states that doesn't already allow licensed residents to wear handguns holstered, or otherwise in plain sight.

The "campus carry" bill, meanwhile, has long been a pet issue for top conservatives.

It passed despite staunch opposition from leaders of the state's top universities — but includes a major concession allowing schools to carve out "gun-free zones."

2 teens get 30 years in prison each for classmate's death

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Two Dallas-area teens have been sentenced to 30 years in prison each for the strangulation murder of a 17-year-old classmate in an apparent dispute over a girl.

A state district judge in McKinney sentenced 18-year-old Brenden Frank Bridges and 17-year-old Adam Blake Staup on Friday. Both had pleaded guilty on June 9 to murder in the March 2014 death of 17-year-old Ivan Mejia (meh-HEE'-yah). Bridges and Staup were both 16 at the time of the killing.

All three teens attended Wylie East High School,

and prosecutors say Bridges wanted to date the victim's girlfriend. Mejia's body was found in a stream near a Garland mall.

Both could have been sentenced to life in prison. Defense attorneys sought sentences of no more than 20 years for their clients.

Protesters, supporters rally over officer's pool fracas

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of demonstrators rallied in front of a North Texas police headquarters, some to protest and others to support a police officer's actions at a suburban Dallas swimming pool.

About 200 demonstrators chanted in front of the McKinney Police Department on Friday evening — but the group was about evenly divided between protesters who chanted "No justice, no peace!" and those who chanted "Back the blue! Back the blue!"

Separating the groups were security officers retained by the protest demonstration organizers, who are demanding criminal charges against former McKinney police officer David Eric Casebolt.

Casebolt resigned in the face of criticism over his actions June 5, when cellphone video showed him forcing 15-year-old Dajerria Becton to the ground and pulling a gun on other teens.

Abbott signs 'judicial bypass' abortion restrictions

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott has signed into law tighter rules for Texas teenagers who wish to undergo abortions but can't get the required parental consent because of extreme circumstances.

Abbott endorsed the law with little fanfare Friday but scheduled a July 8 ceremony to tout the signing.

Texas' "judicial bypass" system allows teens judge-ordered abortions if seeking parental consent could have unwanted consequences, including physical abuse.

Advocates say the process already worked well. But, since Texas has some of America's toughest abortion restrictions, limiting judicial bypass was one of the few victories left on the issue for the Republican-controlled Legislature to claim.

A strict 2013 law means just 19 abortion clinics now operate statewide. A federal court ruling this week will see that number fall to eight after July 1.

Texas prosecutor of ex-death row inmate loses law license

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Texas prosecutor has been stripped of his law license after a panel of the State Bar of Texas determined he withheld evidence and used false testimony to win a capital murder conviction against a now-exonerated death row inmate.

A three-member evidentiary panel of the legal agency ordered Thursday the disbarment of Charles Sebesta, who spent 25 years as district attorney in Burleson and Washington counties, after finding he committed professional misconduct in his prosecution of accused murderer Anthony Graves.

Graves was convicted and sent to Texas death row for the 1992 slayings of six people. A federal appeals court reversed his conviction in 2006.

He was released from prison four years later, after a serving a dozen years on death row, when a special prosecutor determined he should be freed and declared innocent.

"It takes great courage to say a prosecutor was so clearly acting against the rules of fair play that he should be stripped of his law license," Graves said Friday in a statement released by his lawyers. "But the panel did just that, and I appreciate it."

"I have waited 20-plus years for complete justice and freedom. ... No one who makes it a goal to send a man to death row without evidence — and worse, while hiding evidence of my innocence — deserves to be a lawyer in Texas."

Sebesta left office in 2000 after 25 years as prosecutor in the two counties about 100 miles northwest of Houston. He did not immediately respond to telephone messages Friday from The Associated Press.

Houston highway reopens after freight train derailment

HOUSTON (AP) — Freight cars that derailed from an overhead bridge have been moved away from a Houston highway to allow what's known as Old Katy Road to reopen.

A Kansas City Southern Railway Company statement says the highway and adjoining railroad track had been cleared of derailed freight cars and other debris and reopened Friday afternoon. Three freight cars will remain on railroad right-of-way until they can be off-loaded and removed.

Nobody was hurt Thursday morning when one locomotive and nine cars derailed, including two that fell from the bridge. One freight car ended up across the highway, forcing traffic to be rerouted.

No hazardous materials were involved. Company officials say the cause of the derailment remains under investigation.

Abbott signs law creating depository for state gold

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott has signed a law creating a Texas Bullion Depository where the state — and even ordinary residents — can store gold.

The Republican said Friday that the measure will "repatriate \$1 billion of gold bullion from the Federal Reserve in New York to Texas." The state's gold reserves are controlled by various agencies, including investment funds tied to its public universities.



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Toots Mansfield (1914-1998)

Toots Mansfield started to rodeo to make money during the depression. During his best year, 1948, Mansfield won the then-impressive amount of \$21,369 and was second for the all-around rodeo cowboy title. He also did steer roping, winning \$14,500 in a 1947 winner-take-all event in Clovis, N.M.

Toots Mansfield grew up on the family ranch in Bandera, Texas where he honed the techniques that made him a champion. He credited Juan and Tony Salinas of Encinal, Texas with teaching him the subtleties of calf roping that took him to the seven world championships.

Mansfield went on to accumulate more awards, honors, saddles and buckles than any other professional tie-down calf roper. His signature "loop of victory" and the distinctive way he threw up his hands to signal a

tie-down are synonymous with his skill and celebrity.

Widely acknowledged as the best roper who ever lived, Toots responded, "Its' not hard. You just throw up your hands and go down and get your money." In addition to the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, Mansfield also was a member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. In 1995, he became the first rodeo cowboy in the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. He served as president of the Rodeo Cowboys of America and established the first successful rodeo school for aspiring young ropers in the mid 1950s.

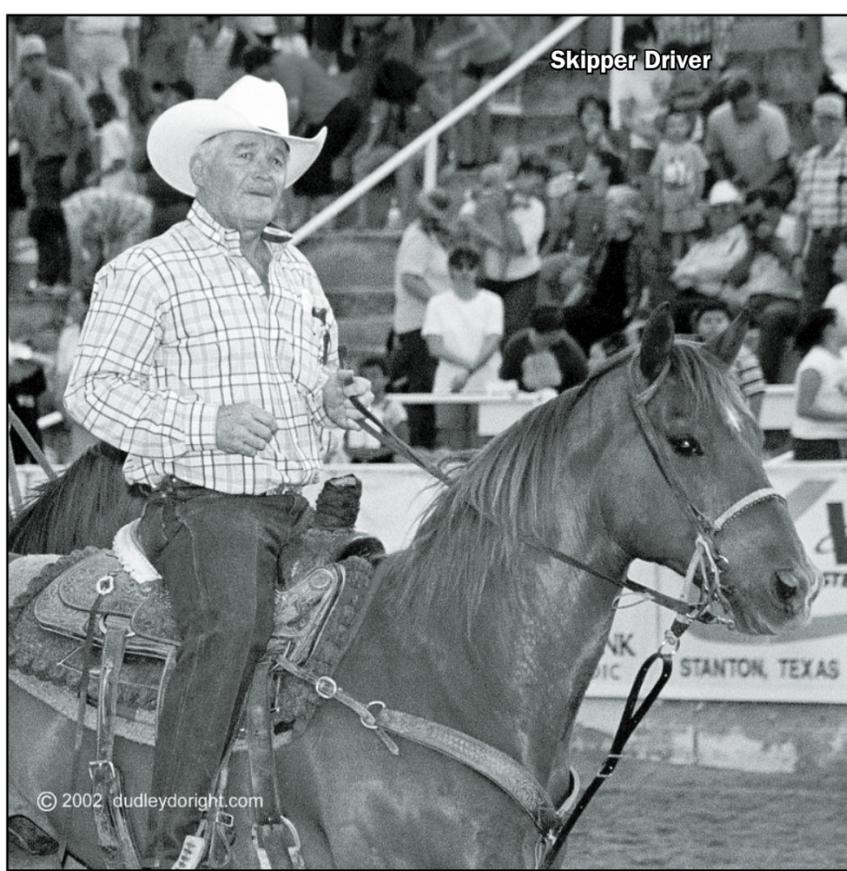
From 1939-50, Texas roper Toots Mansfield won seven tie-down roping world championships, a record that lasted for 19 years. Riding Juan Salina's black gelding Honey Boy, Mansfield was recognized as the man to beat whenever he competed.

From 1945-51, Mansfield served as president of the Rodeo Cowboys Association. He had seven World championships: (1939-1941, 1943, 1945, 1948, and 1950). He served as PRCA President from 1945 to 1951.

It was said by many that Toots Mansfield was the personification of a gentleman.

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Chief: Multiple suspects open fire on officers outside Dallas police HQ

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say multiple suspects using automatic weapons opened fire on officers outside Dallas Police headquarters, before one man fled the scene in what witnesses described as an armored van.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown says the shootout began about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, when the suspects pulled up to the building located south of downtown and began firing. He says at least one of the suspects fled the scene in a van that rammed a police cruiser before leading police on a chase that ended at parking lot in Hutchins.

Brown says negotiations with that suspect are ongoing. No injuries were reported.

Brown says as many as four suspects may have been involved, including some possibly located at elevated positions. Police also found four bags, including one holding a pipe bomb.

New York prison worker accused of helping 2 killers escape; pleads not guilty at arraignment

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — A worker at an upstate New York maximum-security prison charged with helping two convicted killers escape last weekend brought the men hacksaw blades, chisels, a punch and a screwdriver bit, according to criminal complaints.

Prison tailor shop instructor Joyce Mitchell, 51, was arraigned late Friday night on the felony charge of promoting prison contraband and misdemeanor count of criminal facilitation. Her lawyer, Keith Bruno, entered a not guilty plea on her behalf.

Mitchell is accused of befriending inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora and giving them contraband. The inmates used power tools to cut through their cell walls and a steam pipe and escaped through a manhole a week ago.

Wearing a green short-sleeved top and jeans, Mitchell entered the courtroom with her hands cuffed in front of her. She looked scared and did not speak. She was ordered held in jail on \$100,000 cash bail or \$200,000 bond on felony count and is due back in court Monday morning.

District Attorney Andrew Wylie said earlier the contraband didn't include power tools used by the men as they cut holes in their cell walls and a steam pipe to escape through a manhole last weekend.

Mental illness, substance use, arrests: Officials say hackers gained deeply personal data

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deeply personal information submitted by U.S. intelligence and military personnel for security clearances — mental illnesses, drug and alcohol use, past arrests, bankruptcies and more — is in the hands of hackers linked to China, officials say.

In describing a cyberbreach of federal records dramatically worse than first acknowledged, authorities point to Standard Form 86, which applicants are required to complete. Applicants also must list contacts and relatives, potentially exposing any foreign relatives of U.S. intelligence employees to coercion. Both the applicant's Social Security number and that of his or her cohabitant are required.

In a statement, the White House said that on June 8, investigators concluded there was "a high degree of confidence that ... systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former and prospective federal government employees, and those for whom a federal background investigation was conducted, may have been exfiltrated."

"This tells the Chinese the identities of almost everybody who has got a United States security clearance," said Joel Brenner, a former top U.S. counterintelligence official. "That makes it very hard for any of those people to function as an intelligence officer. The database also tells the Chinese an enormous amount of information about almost everyone with a security clearance. That's a gold mine. It helps you approach and recruit spies."

Wounded trade vote marks an inauspicious start to a month full challenges for Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — This was hardly the promising start the White House wanted for one of the most challenging months in President Barack Obama's second term.

After two last-minute, high-profile appeals to rescue his global trade agenda, Obama was knocked off stride Friday, rebuffed by lawmakers from his own party. The defeat in the House seriously damaged his chances of capping his presidency with a groundbreaking economic pact with 11 Pacific rim countries.

For Obama, it was an ominous first in a June full of trials that could determine his standing for the remaining year-and-a-half of his presidency.

Besides the prospects for an international trade deal, Obama is also awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court that could upend his health care law, and he faces a June 30 deadline to conclude an accord that aims to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions.

6 Yemenis transferred from Guantanamo Bay to Oman in first move out of prison in 5 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six men long held at Guantanamo Bay arrived Saturday in Oman, the

first movement of detainees out of the U.S. prison for terrorism suspects in five months as Congress considers new restrictions on transfers.

The six detainees — all from Oman's war-torn Mideast neighbor Yemen — boarded a flight from the U.S. prison in Cuba on Friday, bringing Guantanamo's population down to 116. The move means President Barack Obama has now transferred more than half of the 242 detainees who were at Guantanamo when he was sworn into office after campaigning to close it.

Yet Obama remains far from achieving his closure goal, with just a year and a half left in office, final transfer approvals coming slowly from the Pentagon and lawmakers threatening to make movement out even harder. The transfers to Oman are the first to be given final approval by Defense Secretary Ash Carter, who has been on the job four months.

The six new transfers include Emad Abdullah Hassan, who has been on hunger strikes since 2007 in protest of his confinement without charge since 2002. In court filings protesting force-feeding practices, Hassan said detainees have been force-fed up to a gallon (3.75 liters) at a time of nutrients and water. The U.S. accuses him of being one of many bodyguards to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and of being part of a group planning to attack NATO and American troops after the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan.

Clinton calling for new era of shared economic prosperity

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton is calling for a new era of shared prosperity, arguing that American workers can trust her to fight for them in a speech billed as her formal 2016 presidential campaign debut.

At an outdoor rally Saturday on New York City's Roosevelt Island, Clinton will portray herself as a fierce advocate for those left behind in the post-recession economy, detailing a lifetime of work on behalf of struggling families. She says her mother's difficult childhood inspired what she considers a calling.

Her campaign says that "tenacious fighter" message will be the foundation of her presidential bid, even as she takes pains to stay silent on political divisive issues, including two billed by Republicans as key to economic growth: a proposed trade deal with Pacific Rim nations and the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Long one of the most divisive figures in American politics, Clinton seeks to use the speech to present herself on her own terms and turn her politicized history into a strength. She lost her 2008 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination to then-Sen. Barack Obama.

Experts expect more MERS cases, downplay chance of pandemic, as South Korea records 14th death

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Experts from the World Health Organization and South Korea on Saturday downplayed concerns about the MERS virus spreading further within the country, which recorded its 14th death and a dozen new infections, but said it was premature to declare the outbreak over.

After a weeklong review of the outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome, the panel of experts told a news conference that there was no evidence to suggest the virus is spreading in the community. The outbreak in South Korea has so far been occurring only in hospitals, among patients, family members who visited them and medical staff treating them.

The virus has spread at a pattern similar to previous outbreaks in the Middle East, said WHO Assistant Director Keiji Fukuda.

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Joyce Jacobs, 2600 Carletone Drive. Structure- Other; Val: \$2,800,

Fee: \$25.
Silverleaf Communities, 725 Bucknell. Single Family Housing; \$246, 861 Fee: \$1,041. Res Elec; Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$85.60. Res Plumb; Val: \$8,750 Fee: \$64.
Silverleaf Communities, 734 Baylor. Single Family Housing; Val: \$225,582 Fee: \$978. Res Elec; Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$86.
Desert Flower Art Gallery, 123 S. Main A. Com Elec; Val: \$100, Fee: \$25.
Carlos Gonzales, 1302 Birdwell Lane. Res Elec; Val: \$500, Fee: \$25.
Jerry S. Grimes, 1604 Osage Road. Res Gas; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$32.
Gerald Clark, 1408 E. 11th Place. Structure - other; Val: \$1,200 Fee: \$25.
Tyra Lendermon, 1008 E. 12th St. Other nonres; Val: \$3,600, Fee: \$30.
Maria De La Cruz, 711 Anna St. Res add on; Val: \$5,000 Fee: \$35.
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N. Scurry. Other structure; Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.
James Beck, 3302 Auburn Ave. Res Plumb; Val: \$300 Fee: \$25.
Chris Ruiz Jr., 1506 State St. Structures; Val: \$50, Fee: \$25.
Eric Daniel Gonzales, 2513 Chanute Dr. Res Gas; Val: \$500, Fee: \$32.
Martin F. Mata, 1414 Stadium Ave. Res HVAC; Val: \$3,500 Fee: \$45.
Don Arroyo, 2500 Carol Dr. Res Re-Roof; Val: \$9,000 Fee: \$55.
Richard Lee Knocke, 720 Colgate Ave. Res addition; Val: \$130,000 Fee: \$550.
Lee Harris, 218 W. 3rd St. Demo; Val: \$40,000 Fee: \$50.
Wal-Mart, 201 W. Marcy. Com Alt.; \$185,000 Fee: \$715.
Judith Ann Via, 1901 Choctaw Dr. Res Gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.
Nell McCrary, 708 W. 15th St. Res Re-Roof; Val:

\$19,026.37 Fee: \$110.
Edna Perez, 1800 State St. Rear. Other; Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.
Sara Merritt, 607 Linda Lane. Other; Val: \$2,000 Fee: \$25.
Romedal LLC., 710 Willia St. Res Gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.
Ronnie H. Gainey, 2906 Hunters Gln. Structure; Val: \$3,812.05 Fee: \$30.
Paul Hagland, 1300 W. 3rd St. Com Elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.
Kara Smith, 3621 Dixon St. Addition; Val: \$40,000 Fee: \$210.
Virginia Ramirez, 601 N. Lamesa Hwy. Com Elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.
Maria Christina Flores, 1310 Nolan St. Res Add; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25.
First Church of the Nazarine, 1400 S. Lancaster St. Com HVAC; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$35.

Tips on hiring pool contractors

Looking for a way to cool off this summer? Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin has you covered.

Here in Texas, school is officially out for summer, temperatures are heating up and residents are filling their pools back up. A home pool can be a nice addition to your home and not to mention a lot of fun – but it also requires time, a good bit of money and the right contractor. If you're looking to purchase and install a pool this summer, BBB has a list of accredited pool service businesses and contractors you can trust.



HEATHER MASSEY

Most consumer complaints BBB receives regard swimming pool service or pool construction. Most consumers complain of billing issues, delivery issues, pool repairs and installations that were never completed. Other consumers alleged pool chemicals were not delivered or dispersed correctly, resulting in a pool that was unusable during prime summer months.

For consumers wishing to splash around in their own swimming pool this summer, BBB offers these tips for hiring a trustworthy pool contractor:

- Determine the reason you are purchasing a pool. Before buying, prospective pool owners should consider these questions: Why do you want a pool? What is it for? The reasons for wanting a pool can be many: personal recreation, family recreation, exercise, physical therapy, entertaining, water safety instruction, etc. Once you have decided the "why," then you can decide what type of pool you want.

- Compare costs. Obtain at least three bids from prospective contractors based upon the same materials, labor and time needed to complete the project. BBB's free Request a Quote service allows consumers to receive estimates via e-mail from BBB Accredited Businesses. Keep in mind cost differences may include issues such as quality of materials, craftsmanship and subcontracting for specialized labor.

- Find out who will be doing the actual work. Will it be the contractor's employees or subcontractors? If the company uses subcontractors for some of their work (such as a tile company), you will need to research both the tile company's reputation as well as the contractor's. If possible, get references and visit and inspect completed projects.

- Verify licensing and insurance. Make sure the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage and personal liability in case of accidents. Further, some contractors must meet licensing and bonding requirements set by the state, county or city housing authority. Confirm these details before the contractor begins work.

- Read the contract carefully. Make sure contract is in writing. The contract should include details of all work to be completed and the specific cost of all materials to be used. Consumers should verify the work has been completed and that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid before making the final payment.

- Don't pay large upfront fees. One of the most common complaints BBB receives against contractors is paying a substantial portion of the total cost upfront and not having the work completed. Work with the contractor ahead of time to agree upon a timeframe to make payments that coincide with the progress of the project.

- When paying for your pool, never pay in cash. Use your credit card, check or money order.

For consumers looking for pool services, services vary depending on company and type of pool. Standard agreements typically include balancing water chemistry, cleaning filters as needed and checking equipment for efficiency. Consumers should match the service to their pool.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at www.bbb.org/central-texas.

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



Courtesy photo

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

President makes personal appeal on trade before key House vote

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite a last-minute appeal, President Barack Obama's top-priority trade legislation teetered in the House on Friday as Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi joined rebels inside her party and announced her opposition.

"Slow down the fast track to get a better deal for the America people," the California lawmaker said in a speech on the House floor moments before a pair of showdown votes.

Republicans command a majority in the House, and Speaker John Boehner and the GOP leadership have worked with Obama to pass the legislation. But there were enough defections among Republican lawmakers that Obama needed the support of two dozen or so Democrats to prevail.

Pelosi spoke a few hours after escorting Obama into a closed-door meeting of the party rank and file where he urged fellow Democrats not to torpedo legislation that would let him complete

global trade deals that Congress can approve or reject, but not change. The measure is commonly known as "fast-track" for the powers it bestows on the president.

Cheers greeted him as he strode into the room, but as he left, not even he claimed he had been successful. Asked on his way back to the White House if he had nailed down the support he needed, Obama replied, "I don't think you ever nail anything down around here. It's always moving."

With two scheduled votes approaching, several Democrats quoted the president as urging lawmakers to "play it straight" on the first of them. That was an appeal to support retraining assistance for workers who lose their jobs as a result of foreign trade — even if that support leads to ultimate passage of the entire trade bill, which many of them strongly oppose.

Ironically, as the showdown neared, gaining a majority for the retraining funds, normally a Democratic priority, emerged as even tougher than for the trade

negotiating authority itself.

Failure to pass either of the two would leave the overall legislation in limbo, neither passed nor defeated. "Stuck in the station," Pelosi said in her remarks.

"Basically the president tried to both guilt people and then impugn their integrity," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., one of the most outspoken opponents of the legislation.

Another Democrat, Rep. Steve Cohen of Tennessee, said Obama had told Democrats that "his whole philosophy, life, everything he's done has been to help people. And he thinks he's doing that with this trade agreement."

Cohen added he remains on the fence after hearing Obama make his pitch. He noted that FedEx, a major employer in his district, supports the bill, while longtime political allies in organized labor oppose it.

Business groups generally favor the measure. But strong opposition by organized labor carries at least an implicit threat to

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U.S. wholesale prices jump in May, led by eggs, gasoline

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Prices at the wholesale level rose at the fastest pace in nearly 3 years in May, pushed higher by a

sharp jump in the cost of gasoline and a record increase in the price eggs related to an outbreak of avian influenza. But outside of increases in volatile food and energy costs, core inflation remained

moderate. The producer price index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach consumers, spiked 0.5 percent in May, the Labor Department reported Friday. It

was the biggest one-month increase since September 2012. The increase followed a 0.4 percent drop in wholesale prices in April. The May increase reflected a 17 percent rise in gasoline prices, the

biggest hike since August 2009, and a record 56.4 percent surge in egg prices.

Core prices, which exclude energy and food, rose just 0.1

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Local sports

Rodeo tickets on sale now

Tickets for the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo went on sale this week.

Ticket locations are: The Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau, The Hotel Settles, Lonestar State Bank, HEB, State National Bank, Citizens FCU, Wells Fargo Bank, Compass Bank, Western Bank, Ward's Boot and Saddle and The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Advance ticket prices are \$12 each for adults and \$6 each for children.

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

Volleyball skills camps scheduled

Two volleyball skills camps will be held July 27-28 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 EN-CANA 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.

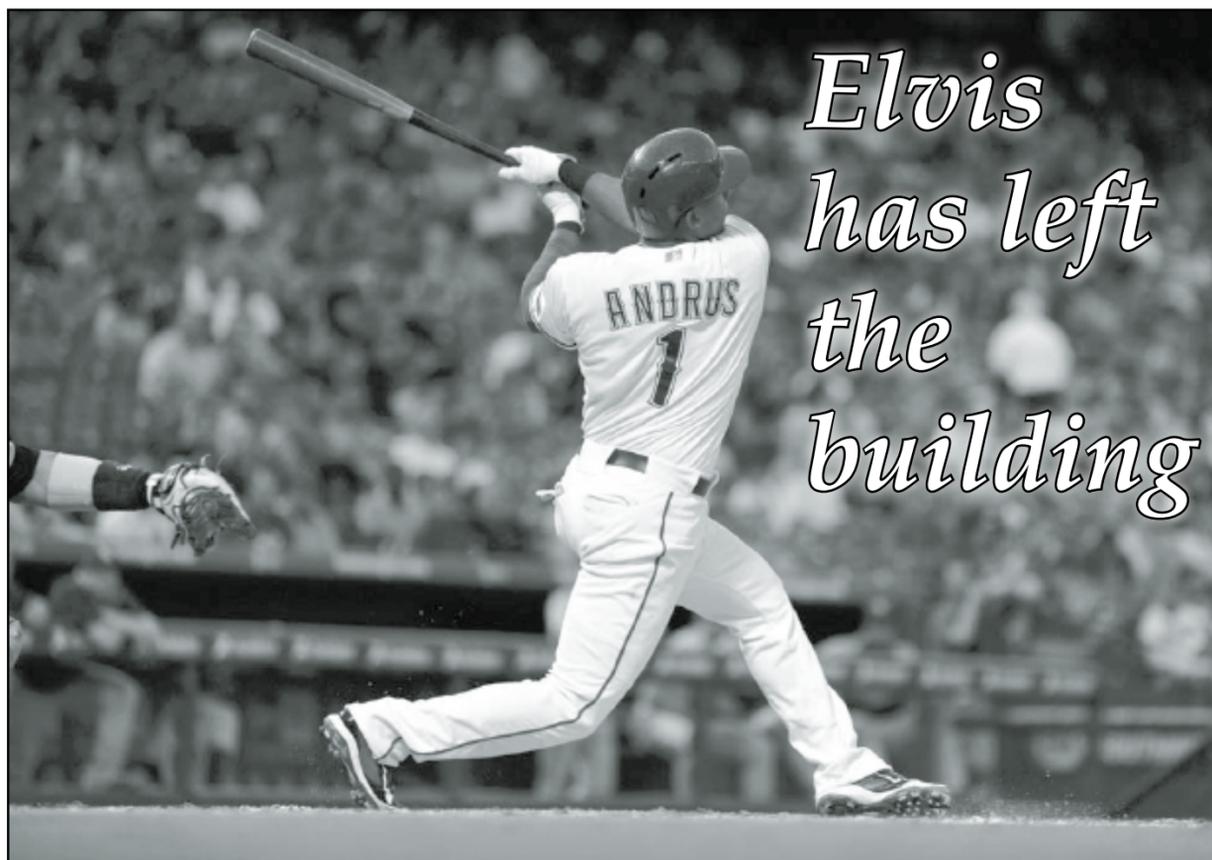
The format will be a two-man scramble, with pre-flighting done by the tournament committee and local golf pro. Prizes in cash and/or merchandise are offered.

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

ACES basketball camp June 26-28

Big Spring native Roy Green has partnered with ACES Nation to host its fifth annual basketball camp in Big Spring June 26-28. The camp will be held at Howard College and Big Spring Jr High School. The on-court schedule will be 3 days of intense basketball skills development and basketball IQ events.

Cost of the camp is \$75. For more information and to register, go to: <https://aces-rewards.launchtrack.events/register/aces-hidden-gems-of-west-texas-2015>.



Elvis has left the building

Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus had a home run and four RBI to lead the Rangers past Minnesota, 6-2, Friday night in Arlington.

Andrus powers Texas to win

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Waiting in the on-deck circle, Elvis Andrus started trying to blow the ball Mitch Moreland had just hit to center field.

Maybe it wasn't the extra air but something worked to give the Texas Rangers a 6-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night.

Andrus had a career-high four RBIs, but it was Moreland's two-out fly ball to center in the eighth inning that went off Aaron Hicks' glove for a tiebreaking two-base, two-run error.

"That's the longest hit error I've ever seen. I'm shaking my head on that," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

Hicks was drifting back and reached up, but the ball flicked off his glove and rolled to the wall, breaking a 2-all tie in Minnesota's fourth consecutive loss.

"It was just a low-liner that was hit hard, and for me, that's a ball I catch all the time. I just happened to miss it and that's it," Hicks said. "Ridiculous. I don't understand how I missed the ball and it's like I said, I know I make that play every time."

After standout per-

formances by both left-handed starters, Wandy Rodriguez for the Rangers and Tommy Milone for the Twins, neither got a decision.

Minnesota, which used four pitchers in the eighth inning, had intentionally walked AL batting leader Prince Fielder to load the bases. Moreland hit the first pitch from Brian Duensing, and Andrus added a two-run single after another pitching change.

Andrus' two-run homer in the seventh off Milone ended a 20-inning scoreless streak for the Rangers and put them up 2-1.

His third homer of the

season came in the next at-bat after he slammed his bat down in frustration after striking out to end the fourth.

"I was starting to get mad, I was swinging at too many pitches," Andrus said. "In that at-bat, I was just trying to look for my pitch, really happy to get that homer, and we got back in the game."

Leadoff hitter Brian Dozier scored both runs for Minnesota. Dozier walked to start the game, and his 12th homer of the season leading off the eighth off reliever Tanner Scheppers (3-0) made

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LeBron's 'slight headache' a big deal

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James called it a "slight" headache, though nothing involving the game's best player is ever minor.

So when James got a cut on his head after falling into a TV camera during Game 4 of the NBA Finals, it led to questions about everything from how the NBA treats head injuries to whether someone taking pictures should be close enough to cause one.

The league tried to deal with both issues long before Thursday night.

Baseline photography and TV positions were already reduced last summer, and a concussion protocol was previously in place. But according to the league's policy, a cut on the head alone is not a trigger for it.

The protocol requires concussion evaluation when a player is suspected of having a concussion or exhibits signs or symptoms of one. Based on the player's response, teams make the clinical judgment call whether to evaluate.

James was bleeding but not showing concussion symptoms. He was thinking clearly, saying he was aware he needed to stay in the game to shoot his free throws after being fouled by Andrew Bogut, or he wouldn't have been able to re-enter, according to league rules.

"I had a slight headache, which I think every last one of you guys would probably have if you ran into a camera."

LeBron James

"No, I didn't have to go through any concussion protocol. I had a slight headache, which I think every last one of you guys would probably have if you ran into a camera. You might have a little bit more than that," James said during his postgame news conference.

"But I didn't go through any protocol. I'm fine. Like I said, I got a few stitches and I got a little slight headache right now, but I'll be fine with that."

The Warriors dealt with the concussion questions in their last series. Both Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson suffered head injuries in the Western Conference finals, with Thompson diagnosed with a concussion following their Game 5 victory over Houston and having to be cleared to play in the NBA Finals.

Commissioner Adam Silver said

last week during his finals news conference that he was confident in the league's protocol and in the way it was followed with the Warriors.

"Right now we talked to the other leagues. We've talked to medical advisers everywhere about the best way to solve this," he said. "As I said, we think the best way we're approaching it now is best in class in terms of medical and science information that's available to us. But we'll continue to look at it."

The league had already been looking at player safety behind the baselines over the previous five years.

New rules last summer mandated an extra foot of open space on both sides of the basket stanchion. The "escape lanes," the unoccupied area on either side of the stanchion to the closest photographer spot, increased from 3 to 4 feet, and only 20 camera positions, 10 on each baseline, remained, down from 24 in 2013-14 and 40 during the 2010-11 regular season.

Social media was already flooded with cries to move the photographers and TV cameramen further even before James' bleeding had stopped. But at least one person seems to believe enough space had already been created.

Bogut, adding insult to injury, indicated James' actions after the foul caused the injury.

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IRS taking steps to prevent identity theft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is joining with states and private industry to combat identity theft by sharing more data about how tax returns are filed, officials announced Thursday. The effort is aimed at stemming a problem that has victimized thousands of taxpayers and cost the government billions of dollars from fraudulent returns.

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said the new procedures will be in place by the time taxpayers file their 2015 returns next year.

"We all understood that no single organization can go it alone," Koskinen told reporters in a conference call that included officials from states

and tax software, tax preparation and other companies. "None of us has a silver bullet to defeat this enemy."

The steps were announced two weeks after the IRS acknowledged that criminals had stolen personal information about 104,000 taxpayers from an agency website.

At the time, Koskinen said the lawbreakers had already used the data to claim up to \$50 million in fraudulent tax refunds. Two officials told The Associated Press that the IRS thinks the criminals were based in Russia.

Overall, the IRS has estimated it paid \$5.8 billion worth of fraudulent refunds to identity thieves in 2013.

Koskinen said existing procedures identified 3 million suspicious tax returns this year before they were processed, 700,000 more than last year.

Officials also recently revealed that the government faces a far broader problem. Hackers in China have broken into the federal government's personnel agency, the Office of Personnel Management, and stolen identification information of at least 4 million federal workers.

An official of a federal employees' union said Thursday that the problem was even worse than officials have described and that the hackers have stolen Social Security numbers and other personnel

data for every federal worker.

Koskinen said government and industry officials have agreed to share new information aimed at stopping identity theft as fraudulent returns are filed. This would include reviewing information about the Internet addresses used by filers and matching information about computers and the returns they generate.

He said government and industry would also share more fraud leads and set up formal systems for doing that.

"We have come to realize we are now dealing with a much more sophisticated enemy than in the past," Koskinen said. He added, "We are

dealing more and more with organized crime syndicates here and around the world."

He said once all the new protections are in place, taxpayers won't notice much difference. The biggest changes will be "everything that goes on behind the scenes," he said.

Koskinen said the IRS website that was hacked, "Get Transcript," wouldn't be reopened for public use until officials are convinced that security measures they are adding "will protect taxpayer information adequately."

Taxpayers used "Get Transcript" to retrieve tax returns and other tax filings from previous years.

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percent in May. Over the past 12 months, wholesale prices are down 1.1 percent, reflecting big declines in energy prices over the past year. Core inflation is up a modest 0.6 percent over the same 12-month period.

Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc., said that inflation pressures should re-

main modest in coming months, given weakness in the global economy and a stronger dollar, which lowers the price of imports for Americans.

The government will report on consumer prices next week. Over the 12 months ending in April, consumer prices fell 0.2 percent, reflecting the big decline in energy costs. Excluding food and energy, consumer prices have risen 2.6 percent for the 12 months ending in April.

For May, wholesale energy prices rose a record 5.9 percent with the cost of gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel and home heating oil all posting big gains.

Food costs rose 0.8 percent in May, the biggest one-month gain since a 1.8 percent rise in April.

Economists had expected the increases given that gas prices, which had been falling sharply, have begun to tick higher. The nationwide average for a gal-

lon of regular gas is now up to \$2.76, compared to \$2.66 a month ago.

Federal Reserve officials are monitoring measures of inflation as they weigh whether to raise a key short-term interest rate. They have kept it at a record low near zero for more than six years. Fed officials have said they want to be "reasonably confident" that inflation is headed toward their 2 percent target, which would signal a stronger economy.

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the re-election of any Democrat who votes in the bill's favor.

The debate and vote are certain to reverberate in next year's presidential election as well. Most Republican contenders favor the trade bill. Among Democrats, Hillary Clinton is uncommitted, despite calls from presidential rival Vermont Sen. Bernard Sanders, an opponent of the measure, to take a position.

The president's hastily arranged visit to Capitol Hill marked a bid to stave off a humili-

ating defeat at the hands of his own party.

His visit relegated much of the debate on the House floor to the status of a sideshow.

"Is America going to shape the global economy, or is it going to shape us?" said Rep. Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin Republican who is head of the House Ways and Means Committee and a GOP pointman on an issue that scrambled the normal party alignment in divided government.

But Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., countered that the legislation heading toward a showdown vote included "no meaningful protections what-

ever against currency manipulation" by some of America's trading partners, whose actions he said have "ruined millions of middle class jobs."

Democratic Rep. Barbara Lee of California, an opponent of the legislation, said Obama's appeal "didn't convince me. It may have convinced other members."

Other presidents have had the authority Obama seeks. The White House wants the legislation as it works to wrap up a round of talks with 11 Pacific Area countries.

The same measure included a renewal of assistance for workers who lose their jobs as a

result of global trade. Normally, that is a Democratic priority, but in this case, Levin and other opponents of the measure mounted an effort to kill the aid package, as a way of toppling the entire bill.

The move caught the GOP off-guard. House Republicans, already in the awkward position of allying themselves with Obama, found themselves being asked by their leaders to vote for a worker retraining program that most have long opposed as wasteful.

Many were reluctant to do so, leaving the fate of the entire package up in the air.

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Timothy Ontiveros
Fredrick Rubio
Braxton Sizenbach
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11 Year Olds

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Kobe Cervantes
Aaron Escamilla
Derek Howard
Ky Kemper
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Gage Miller
Joshua Miramontes
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Sawyer Stallings
Major Stockton
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Shawn Cerda
Brayden Cruz
Javarious Ford
Brenner Gartman
Dillan Guzman
Gaige Hill
Alex Leuschner
Kaegen Mitchell
Michael Munoz
Anthony Sarmiento
Kyler Seymore
Gage Speck

Manager: Tony Sarmiento
Will play at Midland Mid City
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13 Year Olds

Jordan Enriquez
J C Escovedo
Brendon Garcia
Brant Gartman
Ryan Highsmith
Christopher Ibanez
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Jason Lopez
Jarred Marquez
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Jack Everett
Jeremy Gonzales
Kobe Gutierrez
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Look for brackets and coverage of the tournaments in the Big Spring Herald as they become available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Earnhardt doesn't miss pressure

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Just over halfway through the Sprint Cup regular season, Dale Earnhardt Jr. can be about as carefree as he wants on the race-track.

"We could run terrible," he said. "We could have accidents every week and still make the Chase."

That's certainly an extreme way of putting it, but Earnhardt is one of several drivers who can rest easy, having already won a race to put themselves in almost certain position to make NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup. So those racers can relax — and maybe drive a bit more aggressively for the win, because it probably doesn't matter if a move backfires.

"Once you have a win and you're in the Chase you can really kind of let it hang out and have a little more fun," said Carl Edwards, who won at Charlotte three races ago. "It takes a little bit of the anxiety away and little bit of the pressure, and everybody is just a little bit more loose."

Nobody has mathematically clinched a spot yet in the Chase — drivers have to be in the top 30 in points to make it. But the 10 drivers with victories have little reason to worry about their post-season chances.

That's not to say they'll be mailing in these next few weeks. Earnhardt added a pair of third-place finishes after his victory at Talladega in May. He's been out

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Dale Earnhardt Jr.

of the top 10 the last two races, but that's a risk he's willing to accept, especially if it's a by-product of trying to finish first.

"Winning races is so important. ... Only the winners get the acknowledgement and are relevant, so for our sponsors, partners, for network, for awareness, everything comes down to winning. People don't remember this great run you had, that you finished fifth," Earnhardt said. "Since we've got the win, we're locked in. We can calm down and not be nervous and worried about our points in that situation, and we just go race. Second, fifth, it's really about the same thing."

It's a simplistic way of looking at each race, one Earnhardt says he enjoys.

"It's not like we're just kicking our feet up," he said. "You're really racing and enjoying it in its purest form, like you did when you started."

Edwards, in his first season

after joining Joe Gibbs Racing, can use this relatively calm period in the season to build toward the Chase.

"My teammates are so good," he said. "We go to these meetings and I feel like I'm in school. I'm learning from these guys. I'm so excited to apply that and have the opportunity to race in a low-stress environment."

Earnhardt won at Michigan in 2008 and 2012, snapping long losing streaks both times. After this weekend's race, the Sprint Cup schedule has a break that will allow him to head to Germany for about a week to research some family history. Earnhardt has German ancestors who were there in the early 1700s.

The auto industry is big in Germany, of course, but Earnhardt says this is a vacation — not a work-related tour.

"I just want to be anonymous," Earnhardt said. "I just kind of want to go over and disappear for a while."

He sounds a bit like a baseball player about to enjoy the All-Star break. The difference is that in baseball, you can't wrap up a playoff berth in July.

"The pressure to be in the Chase, the pressure from everybody watching and the networks and the broadcasts and the partnerships, all that stuff sort of makes racing a lot harder to enjoy, because there's just so much pressure on success," Earnhardt said. "It's not like that when you first start out."

Astros crush King Felix, M's

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros cast aside their recent offensive woes with an unlikely outburst against one of the game's best pitchers Friday night to snap a season-high, seven-game skid.

Luis Valbuena and Jason Castro homered as the Astros chased Felix Hernandez during an eight-run first inning on the way to a 10-0 win over the Seattle Mariners.

The Astros had managed more than two runs just once during their losing streak before jumping on Hernandez for more runs than they'd scored in the last three games combined.

"Probably one of our best innings of the year," manager A.J. Hinch said. "It had been built up over the last week or so. Very unpredictable to do that against a guy like Felix, but much needed."

Carlos Correa and Chris Carter also went deep for the Astros, but All-Star second baseman Jose Altuve left early with discomfort in his

right hamstring. Hinch said the team doesn't think the injury is serious, but Altuve will be out of the lineup on Saturday.

Hernandez (9-3), who had allowed just seven runs on the road all season, was tagged for five hits and eight runs with two walks. He got only one out, tying the shortest start of his career.

"I don't know what happened," a stone-faced Hernandez said. "To be honest, I don't really know."

Brett Oberholtzer (1-1) allowed three hits in eight sharp innings and Joe Thatcher completed the four-hitter. It was Oberholtzer's fourth start of the season after missing much of the year because of two stints on the disabled list.

Seattle became the first team since the Montreal Expos in April 2004 to score three runs or fewer 15 times in a 16-game span.

"It certainly isn't ideal," Kyle Seager said. "You'd like to score nine runs every night, but ... we'll be all right."

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hit 2-2.

Aaron Thompson (1-2) took over to start the eighth and allowed a walk and a fielder's choice before Minnesota made three more pitching changes in the inning.

Milone struck out eight and limited the Rangers to three hits over seven innings, retiring 12 straight in one stretch. He had allowed only one hit before Fielder's lead-off single in the seventh and Andrus' homer.

After the first, Rodriguez retired 18 straight batters.

LOT OF PITCHES

Rodriguez threw 122 pitches, the last coming

on a 10-pitch walk by Eduardo Escobar that loaded the bases in the seventh. Rodriguez struck out six and walked three while throwing the most pitches by a Texas pitcher since Yu Darvish's 126 in a near no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox on May 9, 2014.

PLOUFFE, IT'S GONE
Twins cleanup hitter Trevor Plouffe, whose sacrifice fly made it 1-0 in the first, ended Rodriguez's streak of 18 batters straight retired with a leadoff single in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: Slugger Josh Hamilton is doing a "brisk jog" on a treadmill, but still has not swung a bat since straining his left hamstring May 31.

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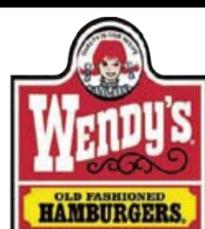
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Star players hope to provide edge in Stanley Cup Final

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The tightest Stanley Cup Final in 47 years is coming down to the wire.

The Chicago Blackhawks and Tampa Bay Lightning both feel confident about their ability to win two of a possible three games remaining in the best-of-7 matchup that resumes Saturday night.

The series is tied 2-2 following four consecutive one-goal games, and there's no reason to believe one team or the other is poised to run away from the other.

"It's one of the hardest things to do in pro sports, finish off a series and beat another team to win a Stanley Cup, especially a team that's been there a couple times and knows what it takes," Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos said. "We have our work cut out for us, but this group has belief in each other."

The Blackhawks have won two of the past five NHL championships, and they have stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane to lean on in situations like this.

Tampa Bay is on the league's biggest stage for the first since 2004, when the Lightning won its only Stanley Cup title.

Experience would seem to favor the Blackhawks, however Tampa Bay's youthful roster has been extremely resilient, too, in getting to this point.

Looking for a difference-maker?

The Blackhawks usually can count on Toews or Kane, who's both struggled to score in this series, to lead the way.

The Lightning expect direction from Stamkos, who also had difficulty hitting the back of the net, although Tyler Johnson, Nikita Kucherov and Alex Killorn also have been crucial to the team's strong playoff run.

"I think for either team to win, it comes down to your best players being at their best and making the difference.

So myself as an individual, I expect that out of myself," Toews said.

"I'm not the only one in that room that thinks that way, or thinks as an

individual or a player, you need to raise your game to make a difference," the Chicago captain added. "We all think that way. I think that's a huge reason why we've made it this far."

The Lightning appeared loose in practice Friday, which coach Jon Cooper said reflects the personality on his team.

"You have to embrace where we are. It's the middle of June and we're still playing hockey. The Stanley Cup is up for grabs in the best two-out-of-three. I don't think we should be afraid of that. I don't think we should walk around being tense and looking at the magnitude of where we are, being afraid of the moment," Cooper said.

"It's two teams left playing in June. If we're not having fun doing this, then why are we doing this? It's been such a phenomenal experience to go through this," Cooper added. "I remember on the plane ride home (Thursday) thinking, in six days, it's going to be over. How much

fun, how we've grown together, you just don't want the experience to end."

Some things watch for in Game 5:

TRUTHIS: Cooper said Friday he didn't know if goalie Ben Bishop will return Saturday night after missing Game 4 with an undisclosed

injury. He said Bishop is improving each day, and that the decision to not play him Wednesday night in Chicago was made, in part, to give the injured goaltender three days off before determining his availability for Game 5.

When Cooper was told that Golden State War-

riors coach Steve Kerr admitted that he didn't tell truth about a lineup change he intended to make against the Cleveland Cavaliers before his team evened the NBA Finals 2-2, Cooper replied: "Are you asking if I've lied? Is my nose growing?" before cracking a smile.

U.S Soccer defends Solo actions

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — The head of U.S. Soccer defended the federation's handling of goalkeeper Hope Solo's domestic assault case in a letter to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal on Friday night.

Solo was charged with two misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree domestic violence assault stemming from an altercation last June with her sister and 17-year-old nephew at a family gathering in Kirkland, Washington. A judge dismissed the charges earlier this year.

Blumenthal (D-Conn.) wrote to U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati on Thursday regarding Solo, calling domestic violence "unacceptable, particularly for an athlete representing the United States of America on the global stage."

Solo is currently starting for the U.S. women's national team at the World Cup in Canada. The U.S. played to a 0-0 draw with Sweden in a group-stage match on Friday night. She did not speak to reporters following the match.

Gulati's response said U.S. Soccer investigated the matter as thoroughly as it could at the time,

but its approach was guided by limited access to information and contradictory accounts of the incident, as well as legal concerns.

"The federation has been a long-standing leader in the pursuit of gender equity in sport — a role of which we are quite proud," Gulati wrote. "Accordingly, rest assured that the federation considered domestic and family violence a very serious matter. The federation understands its role and obligation as the national governing body for the sport of soccer and will continue to investigate and address such issues as they arise."

Blumenthal's letter came in the wake of an ESPN report that brought new information about Solo's arrest to light, including allegations that the goalkeeper was combative with police officers. Solo pleaded innocent to the charges.

ESPN said the report was based on police records, two sworn depositions obtained by the network program "Outside the Lines," other documents and interviews with one of Solo's alleged victims. It said Solo had been drinking

when she arrived at the home of her half-sister, Teresa Obert, and was the aggressor in the altercation, including slamming the teenager's head into the floor.

Solo's lawyer, in response to a question from ESPN about the reports, responded with a statement saying: "Police reports and other court documents clearly demonstrate that the alleged victims radically changed their stories on multiple occasions and twice refused to answer questions under oath, despite court orders. Had the case proceeded to trial and the witnesses been cross-examined under oath subject to the penalty of perjury, the defense would have proven that Teresa's son, not Hope, was the true aggressor, and that Hope suffered a concussion as a result of her nephew's unlawful conduct."

Gulati said U.S. Soccer did not suspend Solo because statements made by her half-sister and nephew were inconsistent, but he acknowledges that the federation never spoke to the relatives. U.S. Soccer, relying on the advice of counsel, decided to let the case play out.

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These positions must have a Bachelors degree with a major in Social work or a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. All Employees must live within 70 miles of the duty site. Employees will be required to have a personal vehicle available with WTC reimbursement provided. Travel requirements depend upon the position. Extensive training is provided. Flexible Schedules. \$19.79 hr \$1583.08 bi weekly \$41,160 annually.

Peer Provider Engagement Specialist: Use their life experience in mental health recovery to assist other adults in their mental health recovery. Responsibilities include activities with clients or collateral in order to develop treatment alliance and rapport with the clients and includes activities such as enhancing the individual's motivation, providing an explanation of service recommended, education on service value, education on adherence and its importance in recovery. GED or High School Diploma \$10.59 hr \$87.38 bi weekly \$22,032 annually.

MH Peer Provider: Uses their life experience in mental health recovery to assist other adults in their mental health recovery. Performs direct services that engage clients in activities designed to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities that result from their diagnosed mental illness and to increase the ability of the individual to live and work within their community. Requires flexible hours, involves completing paperwork. Travel and the use of a personal vehicle are required. Must have a valid Texas driver's license. Must have High School diploma or GED \$10.59 hr (\$847.38 bi weekly \$22,032 annually).

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MH Regional Program Manager Supervises clinic staff including service coordination, casework assistant, intake specialist, clerical and other clinic support services staff. Responsible for making case assignments to service coordination staff and for monitoring the completion of services to meet performance contract standards. Utilizes service provider profiles to monitor staff time utilization and responsible for record reviews to maintain quality assurance. Completes other administrative functions such as budget management and maintaining office supplies and functions as additional duty safety officer, as assigned. Responsible for activities directed at community development and community relations, including clinic marketing efforts. Functions as a resource for collateral training and support. Functions as a back-up to vacant service coordination and intake staff, as needed. Participates in on-call crisis rotation to provide 24 hours crisis coverage to community. Duties of the position will require frequent interactions with individuals served, their families, and other service providers. Requires flexible hours, involves extensive paperwork, and will require self-directed performance. Travel and the use of a personal vehicle are required. Must have a valid Texas driver's license and a driving record that is acceptable for insurability through the Center's insurance carrier. Bachelor's degree in Human Services with at least two years management or supervisor experience or a Masters with one year of management and supervisor experience \$23.34 hr \$1867.39 by weekly \$48,552 annually.

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Mental Health Director is responsible for establishing and executing the major goals and objectives of the Mental Health Division, with general direction from the Chief Operating Officer. Is responsible for contract compliance, while ensuring revenues meet or exceed targets and expenditures remain within budget. Interprets/Implements agency policies, provides leadership/guidance and direction in meeting divisional activities. Serves as change agent for the MH Division. Master's Degree and clinical licensure is highly desired. Minimum five years of experience in management within behavioral health or related field, experience in employee coaching/development, basic knowledge of HR, IT, and finance are also required. Strong leadership skills, interpersonal skills and verbal/written communication skills are essential. Prefer prior experience working in a behavior health and/or managed care environment. \$80,000-\$90,000 Depending on Experience.

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Position 332: Provider Service Part Time positions. This position provides services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services are provided in the home, the community and in a vocational setting. Schedules are flexible. Hrly \$12.90.

IDD Residential Support Tech: Provides Residential Services to IDD individuals in a residential 4 bed home. Services will be provided within the community and in the person's home. Responsibilities include providing training, supervision, and/or support in the areas of: self-help, independent living, community participation and involvement, social and peer development, financial management, and health maintenance. Staff may share responsibilities with other staff or may work independently of other staff to provide daily supervision, care and training of individuals in their care. Required to work flexible hours and may be required to work rotating shifts. High school diploma or GED \$12.90 hr (1032.00 by weekly \$26,832 annually).

IDD Area Supervisor: Provides supervision to staff that assist individuals in gaining access to necessary medical, social, vocational/educational and other needed services. Performs assessments, coordinate service planning activities, develop service authorization, evaluate progress and provide advocacy. Will have frequent contact with consumers, their family members and community service providers. Self directed work ethic; manage paper work, and periodic flexible hrs. Maybe required to use personal vehicle. \$18.53 per hr (\$1482.46 bi weekly \$38,533 annually). Graduation from an accredited four year college or university is preferred but not required. **Must live in Howard County.**

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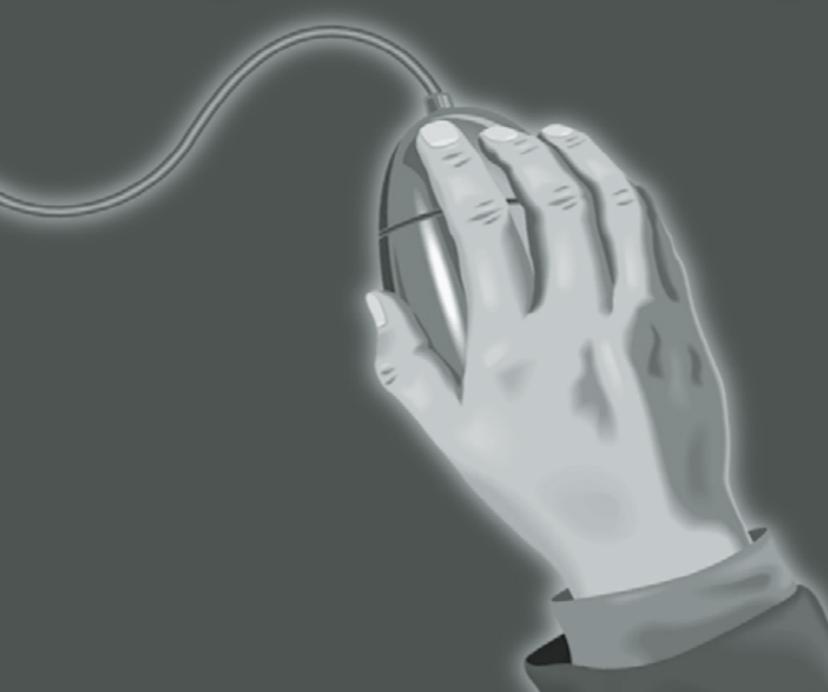
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CAUSE NO 6769 In the 118th District Court of Martin County, Texas

To: Carlos Lorenzo Salgado Respondent, GREETING: NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorneys do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 AM on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of the citation being Monday July 27, 2015 before the Honorable District Court of Martin County, at the Courthouse in said County in Stanton, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 17 day of September, 2014.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Original Petition for Divorce as more fully shown by Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Stanton, Texas this the 8 day of June, 2015.

County and District Clerk Martin County, Texas #8752 June 14, 21, & 28, 2015

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Monday, July 20, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

RFP # 15-017 Financial Advisor Services Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities. #8753 June 14, 21, & 28, 2015

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: Hanson 2 wells 1, 2, 3 & 5 (RRC

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
A Little Bit of Luck

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 7 6 3
♥ A K Q 9 8
♦ Q 9 5
♣ Q 3

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ 4
♣ J 10 9 8 6 4

EAST
♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ 6
♦ 7 6 3
♣ A K 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 4
♥ J 10 3
♦ A K J 10 8 2
♣ 7 5

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

There is a lot of luck in duplicate bridge, even though the same deal is played at different tables. For example, consider this hand played in a match between Brazil and Venezuela for the South American championship.

When Gabriel Chagas and Pedro Paulo Assumpcao were North-South for Brazil, they "luckily" got to three notrump on the sequence shown.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Lease # 44332) & Hanson 2C wells 4, 6, 7 & 8 (RRC Lease # 45622). All leases are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Glasscock County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the application being filed. #8745 June 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JOHNSON MANTOOTH Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elizabeth Johnson Mantooth, Deceased, were issued on June 10, 2015, in Cause No. P-14416, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Doris Jeanne Mantooth Coffman, known as Jeanne Coffman.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JOHNSON MANTOOTH c/o Jean Coffman P.O. Box 6271 Springdale, Arkansas 72766 DATED the 10th of June, 2015.

THE LAW OFFICES OF R. SHANE SEATON R. SHANE SEATON State Bar No. 24060918 SHONDA KAY FOLSOM State Bar No. 24066591 P.O. Box 2211 Big Spring, Texas 79721 Telephone: (432) 264-1800 Facsimile: (432) 264-0785 Attorney for Jean Coffman

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Daily Horoscope



Some say nothing can be created, but only perceived. In other words,

HOLIDAY MATHIS everything exists already, and we only

have to experience it to make it real. Today's meet-up of the sun and Mars in the trendy, exciting realm of Gemini will give us so much to experience that life will feel like a fantastic blur. Reach in and freeze a frame.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Jane Goodall carries the peace of the forest inside her. What is your source of peace? It may be a place or a person or an idea. Carry it with you today as a touchstone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The reason you belong to the group is that you know the group's main purpose, and you take that purpose as a verb. It's not just something you believe in; it's something you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Theories and opinions are easy enough to come by, but they won't help. At this point, you need some practical solutions to real-life problems, and nothing else will do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today you're a kind of artist striving to achieve your piece de resistance. You won't get there in a day, but still there's something very special about the progress you'll make in the next 24 hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The way to

happiness is deciding to improve in a small way and following through. The more specific you get about what can be done to create the desired result the more effective you'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It would be lovely if life did not give you inconveniences to deal with. But when they happen, you see them as stimulating challenges or, at the worst, hassles -- but definitely not tragedies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be excited by the prospect of creating something beautiful that has the potential to make another person happy. Because you can never tell how others are going to react, start with delighting yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes learning is fun. But often it's frustrating and tedious. Half of learning is getting used to frustration and not accepting it as a legitimate reason to give up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In times of fear, the human tendency is to overestimate the risk. Often the risk isn't as severe as one might think. Don't let the alarm bells rattle you. Stay cool.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Travel light. This principle will help you in all ways. What do you really need anyway? Take that and only that. There is so much to be gained when you have little to lose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though life is chock-full of second chances, they seldom happen the same way twice.

When today's opportunity arises, grab it and hang on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A memory is not a story. It needs to be recalled and then molded and edited and told and retold before it becomes a worthy part of your background. Often, history is more feeling than fact.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14). In romance, well done is always better than well said, and that's exactly why your love life is so wonderful this year. You make the effort, and the other person will, too. Pursue new systems to manage work and life in July. You'll be ready for an August advancement. Your family will grow in October. Investments pay off in May. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 22, 14 and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It's out with the old and in with the new and the newer and the newest. The week starts with a conjunction of the sun and Mars in the intellectual and highly communicative sign of Gemini. Gemini energy favors the early adopters and assists us in understanding and integrating new trends. This is more about lifestyle than relationships, though any changes we make to how we live will naturally affect the others we live with and relate to every day.

Saturn backs into Scorpio during the powerful sun-Mars conjunction, giving a twist to the plot. It's likely that a stinging bit

of honesty or a secret truth will come out and change the dynamics. Usually, when we adjust to the truth, however hard it is in the beginning, it will make life easier and better in the long run. Saturn in Scorpio also wants to remind us that there is always a balance in life. With everything we add, something will be lost.

In keeping with the Gemini theme, the new moon in Gemini on Tuesday, June 16, starts an invigorating cycle. It all begins with a thought. Thinking differently leads to a different reality.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kevin McHale broke Hollywood stereotypes with his characterization of the wheelchair-bound Artie Abrams in the hit television series "Glee." Rumor has it the Gemini actor may star in the feature film "They Might Be Kennedys," a comedy based on the true life events of two young Kennedy impostors seeking a summer of fun. McHale's sun, moon, Mercury and Venus are all in Gemini.

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Dylan Edward Lance

**FRIENDS, BEST FRIENDS FOREVER.
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GOOD NIGHT SON,
I'LL TALK TO YOU IN THE MORNING.**

-Dad

The memories of Dylan that stick out to me are his Smile, his Hugs to family & friends. He Loved his family so much and at Baseball games I always noticed after the game he would make sure to hug and kiss his family and thank them for coming to watch him play. He had such a big heart. He loved to make you laugh, smile and just being himself. Acting goofy by making funny faces or jokes. I've know him since he was born and as the kid grew up he became an outstanding athlete. As a baseball player he played with passion. He always gave it his best. Just a few games ago we were getting beat pretty bad and hadn't scored yet in the late part of the game. Dylan would always tell me as I was in the dugout this year in Pony league "I'm going to hit a dinger!" Well, he never hit a 'dinger' but that game he got on base and stole 2nd & 3rd and kept working the pitch to throw to 3rd hoping he would get him to over throw the base and score. Well Dylan kept working at it and guess what? He scored sliding into Home eating a mouth full of dirt and scoring the only run for his team. As he walked into the dugout I high-fived him and told him i liked his determination to score. His response was "I wasn't going to let them shut us out I was scoring one way or another." That's the kind of kid he was. Wasn't about himself, it was about his team and what he could do to help contribute to it. Going to miss all the smack talking me and him gave each other while playing league. He's the only kid I knew that got hot dogs delivered from his Nana during a game to eat because "he was hungry". I would give him heck about it but it didn't stop him from eating. Dylan was like one of my own. I enjoyed being around him. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. Thanks for all the memories you gave me and so many others in your young but very short life. Love and miss you so much. Until we meet again, keep watch over us all. Fly High #13, Fly High.

-Michael Sizenbach



Dylan,
We are gonna miss your big smile that was contagious and your hugs. You were a shining star here on earth and I know you are shining bright in Heaven. You will be missed but never forgotten.

-Love, Jeremy & Honey Joy and Girls

Hey Bub!
It's Uncle Red! I just wanted to tell you how much you meant in my life. You had such a pleasant & enjoyable spirit. You were loved by so many. I thank God for the time we did have together. I know that I wasn't always there in your time of needs but I know one thing that you were there in mine! Dylan I know God is going to give us a glimpse of heaven through you as you look over us. I love you & see you soon.

-Uncle Red

Son,
You are a shining star with a heart of gold. You will be deeply missed. Play some ball up there with Little D! You're always in my heart. Love you, Uncle Richie

Bubba,
You will never know how much you meant to me. I love you more than you will ever know. I was your biggest fan in everything you did. I will truly miss you and I will see you again some day. Always in my heart. I love you, Aunt Mandi

Bubba, I love you more than you will know. We will miss you so much. I always loved watching you play baseball and football when you played. I always loved when you would run & jump on our bed when we were in it. I always looked up to you & watched what you would do in baseball. just in general. So you will always be in my heart forever. You were my everything. I love you, Bubba.

-Madison

Dylan,
I watched you grow into the awesome young man. I loved to watch you play baseball. I love you & will miss you, but I promise you I will see you again soon. Love you! Mean Jean

You will truly be loved and missed by family and friends, and by future people you would have met would have loved and missed you.

-Uncle Bill

We will miss you!
-Aunt Charl & Uncle Larry

Dylan,
Gonna miss your big smile and big heart. We love you and miss you so much! You will forever be in our hearts.

-Allen, Marca, Zach & Alanna Taylor

Dylan,
I remember how I got my name. Not Grandma, or Nana. You named me Noodle. You're gonna be missed, Dylan! Love you!

-Noodle

Miss you!
-Uncle Pepper

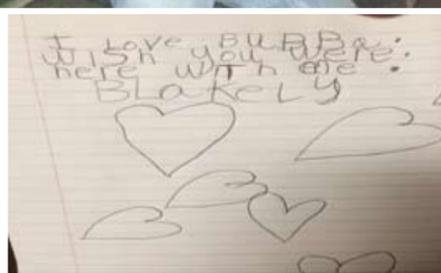
Dylan,
There are no words to express how I feel about this. But after tonight I know that you made such an impact on so many people and I am so proud of you. That brings me so much peace that you were loved by so many. Most people can't accomplish that in their whole lives and you did in a short 16. My boy misses you, help him through this, ok? Help him remember all of the great memories you have had since yall were 5. I am gonna miss all the ornery things you would do to me and then say "but mom I love you!" You would flash your smile at me and melt my heart and I couldn't help but say "I love you too, Dylan." Fly high, Dylan. Love you - "mom" Anna

What a great kid! I will always remember Dylan's sweet smile. He was always quick with a smile and a hug. He will be missed.

-Judy & George West

Dear Dill,
I will never forget the countless days of swimming and going on late night McDonald's runs. You were a great friend and I'm going to miss that sense of humor you had. You will truly be missed buddy!

-Peyton Seaton



What's up Dill Pickle?
Hope everything up there is fine and warm unlike that cold water in Peyton's pool! BTW it wasn't even cold most of the time. Well have fun there and I'll see you later bud! From, Cas :)

Well buddy there are no words that can express how much you mean to me. I have been blessed to have been able to be apart of your life. It has been awesome watching you grow from a little boy into an inspiring young man. Thanks for being the son that i never had, as well as a big brother to my girls. Blakely told me that you and her have already talked since you have left, and i can't tell you how proud it makes me to know that their big brother will still be watching out for them. You are already missed but I know that God has called you up to the Big League's already for a reason so i expect that you play hard, keep your head down, and your eye on the ball, and hit a couple homers for me while you are there. Save me a front row seat so when my time comes i can cheer you on. I love you more than you will ever know.

Love, Uncle Brandon

I will always remember you Dylan because you were mine and my brother's best friend. I will miss you. Love Kennedy



Dylan,
I don't know where to start. You have held a huge piece of my heart since the first day we met. Such a sweet, silly little guy who grew up to be a handsome, well-mannered young man. And then you became my son. The day of the wedding before I ever walked in the door, you came up and hugged me, and it absolutely melted my heart. You accepted me when you didn't have to. You welcomed your little sister into this world with loving arms, and adored her as much as she adored you. Pace'Lei says "Bubba's sleeping. Bubba's happy." And even though that is true, and as much as we still want and need you here on earth, we know you're shining down on us all now. We love you, Bubba, and you will forever hold that special place in our hearts. Love always, Kitty & Pace'Lei

Dylan,
I love you man. We have way too many memories to even have a favorite one. I will never forget my best friend. I can't wait till i get to see you again.

-Isaiah Ontiveros

Dylan,
You always made me & Isaiah laugh no matter what! I'm going to miss your infectious smile that would always brighten my day. You were truly a blessing. I'm going to miss you lots bud!

-Sterling Freeman

D-Man!
There's too many memories to name, but our drives to Stanton will forever make me smile. I cherish our bickering, sibling love, and I'll never forget you! I'm sad we won't be able to play college ball together, but I'll see you again! Can't wait to see you! I love you and miss you already!

Love, Katie Wash

Dylan,
I don't even know where to begin, from riding the four-wheeler and just being dumb to getting into fights like siblings. We have so many memories together, another and another come to mind the more I think about you. I will always remember you and miss you.

Love, Your Brother - Holder

I love you so much bubba. I'm going to miss you more than you will ever know. You were the best cousin ever. You were like a brother to me. I love you to the moon and back. Love, Brynna

I LOVE YOU BUBBA!

Dylan was such a great and funny guy! He always knew how to make everyone around him smile and laugh. I'll always have the fond memories of us swimming, laying out by the pool, going to his baseball games even though we were always late, watching movies all day, eating breakfast at Estella's, and hanging out at Peyton's house for the majority of the time. He was a great friend and was always there for us (squad) when we needed him. Dylan will always hold a special place in our hearts and will be dearly missed! We love you Dyl!

-Braylee Cantu

"Touch the ceiling. Dylan!"
Love, Emzie

Hey Dylan, I hope you're having a great time up there and watching down on all of us! I'll never forget the crazy & Funny memories we've had together. You were always in such a happy mood and made everyone around you happy. My favorite thing you said was "Would ya look at it?" It made us laugh every time! You dancing wherever we went & to whatever song was always great too! you'll be greatly missed, I love you Dyl! Love, Braylee Cantu

Hey Dylan, I know we were never super close but I miss you, along with everyone else. Your laugh was so contagious and your smile was so bright. You were always judging the warmth of the water at Peyton's for me & making Braylee smile. I know there's a reason God called you home so early but I'm still selfishly struggling to understand it. We miss you so much Dylan & there will always be a spot for you in our hearts. Now that I've seen your room, I'm not sure if you're up there playing baseball or bowling... either way I hope you're loving it. Cant wait to see you again.

-Riley K.

What's up Dill Pickle?
Hope everything up there is fine and warm unlike that cold water in Peyton's pool! BTW it wasn't even cold most of the time. Well have fun there and I'll see you later bud! From, Cas :)

Hey bubba. I miss you so much. I have been just thinking about all the things we have done together from the first day we met to the first day of kindergarten to the time we were playing hide and seek at Possum Kingdom to the time we dared Austin to run around the house naked. We have had so many good times together and i'm really gonna miss you. I wish you were here. I love you Dylan.

-Tyler Sparks

I love Bubba. I will miss you.

-Blakely

Six private Harper Lee letters fail to sell at auction

BY ULA ILNYTZKY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Six letters by “To Kill a Mockingbird” author Harper Lee to one of her close friends failed to sell at auction Friday.

The archive had been expected to bring as much as \$250,000 at Christie’s, which said the bidding did not reach the reserve price.

Four of the letters date from before “Mockingbird” while Lee was caring for her ailing father, Amasa Coleman Lee, the model for her protagonist Atticus Finch.

The signed and typed letters were written to Lee’s friend, New York architect Harold Caufield, between 1956 and 1961, according to Christie’s, which is selling them on Friday.

In one, she writes about her “stunned” reaction to the huge success of the book, published in 1960 and made into a movie starring Gregory Peck two years later.

“We were surprised, stunned & dazed by the Princeton review,” she wrote. “The procurator of Judea is breathing heavily down my neck — all that lovely, lovely money is going straight to the Bureau of Internal Revenue tomorrow.”

In another letter she tells Caufield: “Daddy is sitting beside me at the kitchen table. ... I found myself staring at his handsome old face, and

a sudden wave of panic flashed through me, which I think was an echo of the fear and desolation that filled me when he was nearly dead. It has been years since I have lived with

in the marketplace. Only three other letters of hers have come up at auction within the last 35 years.”

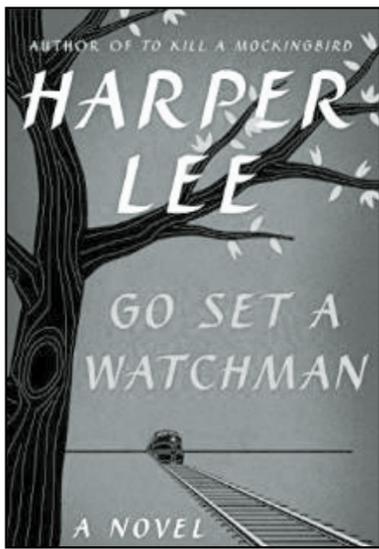
Christie’s said the seller, who wished to remain anonymous,

ment. In a 1961 letter Lee wrote that Esquire magazine turned down her “pastiche” about “some white people who were segregationists & at the same time loathed & hated the K.K.K. This is an axiomatic impossibility, according to Esquire!”

The letters, totaling eight pages, are signed as “Nelle,” “N.H.” or with comic pseudonyms including “The prisoner of Zenda,” a reference to an 1894 novel about a king who is

drugged and kidnapped on the eve of his coronation.

The letters present “an interesting bracket of before and after of a monumental moment in American letters where you have the time leading up to while she’s writing her book and then you get a glimpse into her reaction to the reaction,” said Lecky. “You see how the book was received and how she received those reviews.”



him on a day-to-day basis.”

The sale comes as Lee’s second book, “Go Set a Watchman,” is set to be released in July. It was written before the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Mockingbird” but takes place 20 years later. Lee’s agreement to release the book stunned the literary world. “Watchman” has been ranked No. 1 in new releases of classic literature and fiction on Amazon.com for weeks.

“She’s arguably one of the most important American novelists of the post-war period who has not published a great deal,” said Tom Lecky, Christie’s head of books and manuscripts. “She’s remained a private figure so the appearance of an archive like this is a very important moment

acquired the letters on the open market. The auctioneer intentionally has blurred the contents in its catalog and online to protect the author’s privacy.

The 89-year-old Lee, who is in declining health and lives in an assisted-living home in Monroeville, Alabama, could not be reached for comment about the sale. Her attorney, Tonja Brooks Carter, did not return an email and phone request for com-



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