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It was standing room only at the 9/11 memorial ceremony Friday night held at Spring Town Plaza to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks and those who have lost their life in the following war on terror. Clockwise from top, a Howard County Volunteer Firefighters honor guard participated in the ceremony including ringing the symbolic bell to honor those lost; military servicemen and veterans helped during the flag unveiling ceremony where flags were removed from the photos of nine men with connections to Howard County who lost their life fighting the war on terror; volunteers raise a giant U.S. flag prior to the ceremony.

Blood drive Monday

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is helping to replenish the area's blood supply by hosting a blood drive Monday.

The United Blood Service (UBS) bloodmobile will be at the hospital's parking lot by the front entrance on Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accept donations of the gift of life.

"Come on out and help save a life by donating blood. There are many ways to play a part in someone's life and make a difference; this is just one of the many needed ways," said Anita Cline, volunteer director at SMMC.

Most blood shortages occur during or after major holidays like the long Labor Day weekend, according to Linda Grace Sr., donor recruitment representative for UBS,

"Only blood donated by volunteer donors can be transfused to save the lives of patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center," Grace

Appointments are being taken now. Walkins will be accepted, Grace said, but those with appointments will have priority. To make an appointment, call the UBS Customer Contact Center at 877-UBS-HERO or 877-827-4376. Tell them you want to donate at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring. Appointments can be made online at www.bloodhero.com,

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County eyes tax rate OK

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to approve the county's tax rate for the coming fiscal year when they meet at at 10 a.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom at the county courthouse.

The tax rate awaiting approval stands at 37.19 cents per \$100 valuation. That rate is 7 cents over the expiring rate, but will bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous 12 months. County Auditor Jackie Olson said the reason for the rate's increase is a significant drop in mineral valuations in Howard

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'Paint the Town Blue' to show support for law enforcement

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A local organization is encouraging the community to show support to law enforcement on Friday and Saturday for Paint the Town Blue and Thank A Police Officer Day.

"Help us support our men and women in blue by painting our Big Spring community in blue," said Amanda Islas of the Big Spring LEO

Wives Club. "You can do this by either wearing blue at home, work or school. We are asking all of you to decorate your businesses, schools and homes with strands of blue lights or changing out your porch light to blue. Blue ribbon also is an idea to put around tree posts and doors."

The LEO Wives club is also

selling "We See You," win-

dow/car decals for \$10, Islas

said. The phrase is taken from a blog post called "Dear Police Officer, I see you,"a tribute to law enforcement written by Elizabeth Shiftwell, which is

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Lupe 'Memo' Calvio
Lupe "Memo" Calvio, 92, of Big Spring, died Friday, September 11, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Iglesia Bautista Central, located at 22nd and Lancaster. Burial will be at the Ackerly Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www. myersandsmith.com

Today's Weather Local 5-Day Forecast

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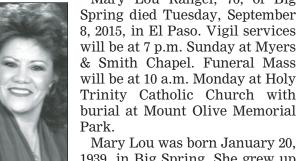
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Obituaries

Mary Lou Rangel, 76, of Big



1939, in Big Spring. She grew up in El Paso and came to Big Spring

in 1967. Mary Lou and Willie Rangel were married on December 28, 1967, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Mary Lou loved music, especially singing and dancing. She also loved cooking, soap operas, family and friends. Mary Lou was a fun-loving person, and was very close to God, and very deep in her faith.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Willie Rangel of Big Spring; three daughters, Diana Alarcon of Big Spring, Debbie Fierro and her husband, Moses, of San Antonio, and Sandra Lou Martinez and her husband, Oswaldo, of Big Spring; one son, Ernest R. Alarcon of Kyle; mother, Herlinda Knight of El Paso; two sisters, Virginia Duran and her husband, Tommy, of El Paso and Mary Frances Hinojosa and her husband, Andy, of El Paso; two brothers, Salvador Knight and his wife, Regina, of El Paso and Jacob Knight Jr. and his wife, Pat, of Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father: Jacob Knight.

Pallbearers will be Michael Martinez, Edward Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Jonathan Jay Rodriguez, Juan Montelongo, Ehomas DiMasc, Mario Hernandez and Tim Rangel.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- RUTH LONGORIA PENA, 19, of 509 N. Price Rocksprings, Texas was arrested on charges of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750. • BREANNA RENEE SERNA,
- 21, of 505 Baja Cr. Denver City, Texas was arrested on charges of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750. • STEPHEN GONZALES, 45, of
- 3606 Parkway Rd. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- RICHARD CHARLES CLAY-

TON, 47, of 634 McEwen was arrested on warrants for interference with emergency request for assistance and assault that causes bodily injury to a family member. • BRANDON CADE MIND-

- LING, 24, of 4210 Hamilton was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces. • CALLIE MARIE FINDLAY,
- 26, of 473 N.E. Brosi Orchard Rd. Winston, Ore. was arrested on charges of assault that causes bodily injury to a family mem-
- · THEFT was reported in the 500 bllock of S. Birdwell Lane, the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, the 1900 block of Morrison Dr. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Westo-• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE
- was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway Dr. and the 7900 block of S. Service Rd.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in he 3300 block of E. 11th Place, the intersection of Settles and 4th St. and the 600 block of E. FM 700.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- · Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 6:06 p.m. to
- · VA Alcoholics Anonvmous support group. 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by

Open meeting at 7

p.m.

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

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and care-

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's contact Jo Disease, Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-

- · VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- · Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- · RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anony-

mous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment op-
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Open meeting at 7

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Coahoma homecoming

At left, Heather Goodger is escorted by her father, Jeff, after being named Coahoma High School Homecoming Queen during halftime festivities in Bulldog Stadium Friday night. Below, an Air Evac helicopter delivers the game ball prior to the Coahoma-Reagan County football

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Mary Lou Rangel, 76,

died Tuesday. Vigil ser-

vices will be at 7:00 PM

Sunday at Myers &

Smith Chapel. Funeral

Mass will be at 10:00 AM

Monday at Holy Trinity

Catholic Church with

burial at Mount Olive



Take note

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of

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making its rounds on

Proceeds from the sale

will go toward local law

enforcement. Those in-

terested should visit

the Facebook page Big

Spring Thank A Police

Officer Day and message

COUNTY

County.

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Although the county is

not taking in any more

tax revenue this coming

fiscal year, some county

property owners will

likely see an increase

in their tax bills next

year. Because of the

pending increase in the

tax rate, any property

owner whose valuation

remained stable or in-

creased from last year can expect to pay more in county taxes, Olson

Other agenda items

commissioners will con-

Discussion

possible action on an

agreement between the county and West Texas

Centers concerning a

mental health deputy

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sider include:

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the internet.

its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The

"We also ask that you share your photos with us that day as you show your support to our men and women," she said. "This is our way to show our appreciation to them as they serve and protect our town. This event is orchestrated by the Big Spring & Howard County LEO Wives club."

• The proposed budget for the Howard County

• A report on refunding of the 2009 jail bond.

Appraisal District.

- Permission to proceed on shoulder widening projects for selected county roads.
 - Personnel matters.
- Public hearings on the county clerk and district clerk technology funds.
- Bids for inmate food
- Budget amendments, purchase requests and

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No

JOB

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.

• Judy Rouse, director of the Life Center in Midland, will be the guest speaker at next meeting of the Howard County Republican Club, set for noon Monday in the Cac-

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Sun.: 2:35 5:10 7:45

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Walking the Red Road:

A way of life

his column is titled Walking the Red Road. I do not believe I have ever explained what it means. Actually it is a way of life. I will try to explain in this article. Chief Black Elk, Lakota Nation, first called the

way of life of the Native American Walking the Red Road. He was telling his people that even though their way of life had been drastically changed , they were still Native Americans. That they should never give up their beliefs and culture. Walking the Red Road is not very complicated.

There are some simple basics of the way of life that is lived.



The first thing is your belief and faith in the Creator. You understand that the Creator made the Earth, sky and the water for his children. That he made all of the creatures and man as well. We are all his children and should live together in harmony. Never forget these things. When we pray we pray directly to

RANDY the Creator. He will hear all of our McKinney words. We also pray for others rather than ourselves. The Creator will be understanding to our needs. If you have a good heart he will be kind to

If your heart is not good your life will be hard. There are times things will be difficult. The Creator will place obstacles in your path to test your faith and strength. If you pass these tests your life will become much easier.

We must always remember is that all creatures are his children. This makes us all brothers and sisters. All creatures are our relatives and should be well treated.

The Creator made the Earth, sky and water. We are all children of the Earth Mother. We come from the Earth and one day shall return. While we are here we should treat her well and care for her.

Walking The Red Road means living your life with a good heart. Be kind to all people and treat them well. In Walking the Red Road you do not lie, cheat or steal. You do more for others than for yourself. Always be willing to help a brother or sister that needs your help.

When you think or react to anything do not use your head. Instead think with your heart. Your mind will play tricks on you. Your heart will always let you know what is right.

This is the true Native American way of living

your life. Not all Native Americans walk the Red Road. Many have learned to think and live as the white man does. However there all still many of us that live the life of Walking the Red Road.

You do not have to be a Native American to live this way of life. Anyone can live their life with a good heart and walk the Red Road. Join with me and walk the Red Road.

Randy A McKinney is a member of the Sun Rise Wind Clan of Two Bear Claw and has been given the title of Life Guide an Spiritual Leader

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Looking for alligator eggs

he blades of the helicopter started with a soft whirr, then became a whomp which dissolved into the usual helicopter clatter as the aircraft headed skyward. The pilot is Dusty Holt of Holt Helicopters

in Uvalde. He is taking two of us over marshes near the Anahuac National Wildlife Preserve. The person with me is Herbert Oreschnigg who is diligently looking for alligator nests. He and Dusty



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have been doing this for 11 years. Dusty's dad did it before he joined the company after college. Herbert hires the Holt company

a week at a time to hunt for the nests in late summer. They are hard to spot. They look like a hunk of hay that has washed up near a small lagoon. "They look a lot like muskrat nests," says Herbert. As we fly low over the marshes, I hear Dusty or Herbert say, "muskrat" when they see a clump of hay. Herbert's partner in the enter-

prise is Clay Dean. "We got the

bright idea of doing this about 25 years ago. We started stumbling thru the marsh together and figuring out how to collect alligator eggs. We locate the nests first. Doing it from the air is best. Alligators don't like to build nests where you can find them easily, so they're located in river bottoms, canal banks, marshes all areas that are difficult to get to.'

After they spot a nest, they'll mark it on a GPS graph which allows then to come back to it later. "We'll have the co-ordinates laid out on a map, which we print, to guide us, then we'll go back on the ground to get to the nests. Sometimes we'll drop a marker from the helicopter when conditions are favorable to do that. We get to the nests the bet way we can, using airboats, ATV's, whatever it takes to get to them."

Herbert says they often carry a basket of hay to the nests. "Sometimes there's not much vegetation and the alligators make nests out of mud and sticks so there's a lot of fire ants. We take the eggs from the nest and put them in the fresh hay. The average number of eggs in a nest is around 30, but I've found as few as 5 and as many

as 60. They're about the size of a grade A chicken egg. The baby alligators are wrapped around the membrane inside the eggshell and they just unwind once they're out. They're about 8 inches long when they hatch."

Once the eggs are collected they are placed in an incubator to hatch. The young gators are then dispatched to farmers who raise them for their hides and meat. Most of those farms are in Louisiana. Herbert and Clay know of only two other alligator egg collectors in Texas. It is a limited fraternity.

Alligator moms don't like the idea of their eggs being taken. They are very protective. "Sometimes we run," says Herbert. "Sometimes we have to keep her away with a pole or rope her and tie her to a tree or ATV, just anything to keep her off of us." Herbert has been bitten twice. Clay says the most dangerous part is the equipment, having problems with the helicopter or airboat. "It gets a little hairy sometimes."

Tumbleweed Smith travels Texas and finds fascinating, fun folks. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



It shouldn't happen to a dog(sitter)

ass and social media topics are awash with man's inhumanity to man. We now screech to stops without first giving pause. No longer do we "tsk/tsk/tsk" at bizarre,

unprecedented violence. Instead, we are stunned, flipping and flopping, fearing what comes next.

What formerly "shouldn't happen to dogs" now is happening to people. Is nothing sacred? We are saddened when peace officers



Dr. Don Newbury

become targets, and likewise reel when Friday night peacekeepers on football fields seem intentionally leveled by "school boys."

When players put "hits" on the refs, it has more impact than man biting dog.

With this in mind, I confess where a "mutt" I'd barely met seemed out to "bite the hand that feeds her." A rescue animal like our "rescues" — Sadie and Sailor — who, by the way, snarl playfully when called "animals" she was not initially made to feel welcome by her "new cous-

Lady, a seven-pound Chihuahua — new best friend and selected by our eight-year-old granddaughter Addison — first visited our home en route to her new quarters. Captivity by authorities was in her rear-view mirror.

Had I known she'd make me the laughing stock of friends — two of whom I'd never met just two days later, I wouldn't have considered a brief "dogsitting" assignment.

If Lady had something to prove, she did it in spades. Never mind she's little more than "cup-sized" who'd have room to stretch out in a water pitcher.

I'm not saying she'd compete well with greyhounds on a dog track, but she's a world-class "skitterer," faster than lightning, greased or unlubricated. As she darted to and fro — from one unfamiliar yard to another

 I was reduced to buffoonery. My mind raced as she darted to a busy boulevard — not once, not twice, but thrice. What could I say to Addison about the misplaced trust? How could this "easy" assignment be so bungled, yes, even mangled? Such prospect loomed, indeed.

May I set the scene? You know I'm going to.

It was around 9 a.m., and I was prepping to pop a few dozen giant bags of popcorn, a treat I've provided for college students, visitors and unsuspecting folks in audiences I've been addressing for a half-century. (Halloween is big at our house, too. Last year, almost 500 trick-or-treaters came by for their annual popcorn fixes.)

Having worn suits and ties daily for almost 50 years, I prize frequent delicious hours in semi-retirement that permit casual — okay, slovenly — dress. Yes, I thumb my nose at memories of being a suited and tied "stuffed shirt."

Sometimes popping corn with my garage-ensconced, theatersize machine, I'm still in my PJs. Usually, though, I respond to my wife's whimpers to "put on a cap to hide the hair you've yet to ever sleep on properly."

This day, however, was a mishmash. I was "boat shoe shod" instead of barefoot, still in PJ

top, with a billowy swim suit for my bottom half. I was "capless." Remember, it was just me and

the dogs. Lady was to remain in her pet carrier, inside our bathroom, with the door closed.

Sadie and Sailor had the run of the house. It seemed unfair, so they were loosed in the backyard, so why shouldn't Lady enjoy such freedom for an hour

or so? Or, she could bound through a door I thought to be shut for a run of the neighborhood.

I gave chase, speaking alternately in soft tones and threatlaced screams, sometimes within six feet of my prey.

Joining the chase were David, a Sunday school friend out on his morning walk, and two additional pursuers I'd never met -Todd and Whitney, new friends

whether they want to be or not. Whitney was out for a run and Todd watched the repeated scene which more than once reached his front yard. Twenty minutes down with 20 to go, we finally "herded" Lady between two houses. Whitney's voice, dripping with honey, lured Lady. My

day was saved. It will be a while, though, before I think of her as a "lady."

For the "umpteenth" time, thanks Whitney, Todd and David. Because of you grand people, they can't say "there went the neighborhood." Finally, from a purely personal standpoint, this heart patient got his exercise for September.

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Perry exits GOP race

ST. LOUIS (AP) -Rick Perry's political career ended with a whimper, a remarkable if predictable fall for the longest-serving governor in Texas history and a leader many considered the Republican Party's savior just four years ago.

History may judge it an end sealed back in 2011, when Perry froze on a debate stage and tried to recover with an embarrassed "oops." Others may remember the former governor with the movie-star looks and resume to match as Donald Trump's first political victim.

Perry all but declared war on the billionaire businessman in July, calling Trump "a cancer on conservatism" who could destroy the Republican Party. On Friday night, Trump's campaign was soaring while Perry was pulling out of the race for the White House.

More than a dozen major Republican candidates remain in the 2016 field, yet Trump's dominance is suffocating his rivals. In still-early polls, the real-estate mogul and realty TV star has more support that the once-top-tier trio of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio combined.

In second, by the way, is another political rookie: retired surgeon Ben Carson.

"There is no play in the playbook for where we are right now," said John Jordan, a California winery owner and major Republican fundknow what to think. Nobody saw the Trump phenomenon coming. Probably a lot of Jeb donors wish they had their money back."

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul put it a different way on Twitter after Perry's exit: "What does it say about GOP when a 3 & half term Gov w/a successful record of creating jobs bows out as a reality star leads in the polls?"

Perry was more gracious as he surprised a gathering of social conservatives in St. Louis by announcing his departure.

"We have a tremendous field of candidates — probably the greatest group of men and women," Perry said. "I step aside knowing our party is in good hands, as long as we listen to the grassroots, listen to that cause of conservatism. If we do that, then our party will be in good hands."

Perry also made several sly references to Trump, offering a last warning of sorts to a GOP experiencing its most serious identity crisis in a generation. Trump may favor tax increases on the rich, once supported abortion rights, given money to Hillary Rodham Clinton and said kind things about government-run health care in other countries, but he's become the GOP's unquestioned presidential front-runner.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who took the stage in St. Louis after Perry, said Trump's ability to com-

raiser. "Donors don't mand media attention puts other candidates at a distinct disadvantage.

> "I think in many ways it doesn't change the big picture," Huckabee said of Perry's exit, "but it does show that with this many candidates on the stage, it's very, very difficult to get noticed."

Added Huckabee, "The rules right now are not really favoring the challenger candidates."

That included Perry, who had stopped paying most of his campaign staff in recent weeks because he couldn't raise the money.

While his allies at three super PACs are sitting on a small fortune devoted to his White House bid, they couldn't share that money with his campaign — or coordinate their activities with it.

Austin Barbour, leader of the pro-Perry super PACs, said the groups have as much as \$13 million in the bank. He planned to talk Saturday morning with lawyers to "see what the law says we can do with this money."

After that, and following consultation with the donors, he said, "we will see if we want the super PAC to move in another direction, or if we give it back."

Perry was quickly praised by his Republican competitors, who publicly and privately began courting his political network. In a statement, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's campaign called Perry "a proud veteran who bravely served our nation" and "an extraordinary governor of

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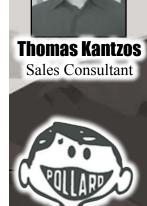
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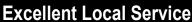
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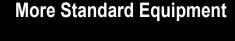


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News in brief

AP Exclusive: EPA suspends new work at 10 mine sites across US to avoid repeat of huge spill

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Site investigations and some cleanup work at 10 polluted mining complexes in four states were suspended because of conditions similar to those that led to a massive wastewater blowout from an inactive Colorado gold mine, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said.

The sites include three in California, four in Colorado, two in Montana and one in Missouri, according to details obtained by The Associated Press following repeated requests for the information.

They have the potential for contaminated water to build up inside mine workings, EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus said. That would set the stage for a possible spill such as last month's near Silverton, Colorado, where an EPA team triggered a 3 million gallon blowout of toxic

The accident fouled rivers in three states and attracted harsh criticism of the EPA for not being prepared despite prior warnings that such a spill could happen.

sludge while doing excavation work

on the inactive Gold King Mine.

"We want to take extra caution before we initiate any work," Stanislaus said of the work suspensions. Some the mines were abandoned decades ago and have grown more unstable over time, raising the risk of an accident.

Saudi official: Strong winds caused construction crane to smash into Mecca mosque, killing 107

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The head of Saudi Arabia's civil defense directorate says high winds caused a massive crane to topple over and smash into Mecca's Grand Mosque, killing at least 107 people ahead of the start of the annual hajj pilgrimage.

Director General Suleiman bin Abdullah al-Amro told satellite broadcaster Al-Arabiya on Saturday that unusually powerful winds in the area also tore down trees and signs as a storm whipped through the area.

He denied reports that lightning brought down the red-and-white crane or that some of those killed died in a stampede.

The civil defense directorate says 238 people were injured in the accident late Friday afternoon at the mosque, which houses the cube-shaped Kaaba and is ringed by several cranes engaged in ongoing construction work to expand the site.

Police swarm convenience store, question man in string of shootings that have rattled Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — Police have detained a man who they believe may have ties to a string of freeway shootings that have rattled Phoenix over the past two weeks.

It's not clear whether the man detained Friday after he was arrested at a convenience store near Interstate 10 is the only person of interest. The shooting scenarios have varied, said a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety. Some shootings involved bullets fired at random cars, others involved projectiles — possibly BBs or pellets — and one was apparently road rage, spokesman Bart Graves said.

Phoenix drivers have been unnerved since the shootings began Aug. 29, mostly along Interstate 10, a major route through the city. Many drivers have avoided freeways since then. Eight of the cars were hit with bullets and three with projectiles that could have been BBs or pellets. One girl's ear was cut by glass as a bullet shattered her window.

In a press release, the Department of Public Safety identified the man detained on Friday a 19-year-old from a Phoenix suburb. The department would not provide more information linking him to the shootings other than to say he was being questioned and that he had been booked into jail on an unrelated possession of marijuana charge.

New procedure triggers spike in people losing health law coverage due to immigration issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — A change in government procedures has led to

a big jump in people losing coverage under the Obama health care law because of immigration and citizenship issues.

More than 400,000 had their insurance canceled, nearly four times as many as last year.

The Obama administration says it is following the letter of the law, and this year that means a shorter time frame for resolving immigration and citizenship issues. But advocates say the administration's system for verifying eligibility is seriously flawed, and consumers who are legally entitled to benefits are paying the price.

"Some dear different celler" said

"Same dog, different collar," said Jane Delgado, president of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, evoking an old Spanish saying about situations that do not seem to change. "The bottom line is people got taken off health insurance when they applied in good faith."

The National Immigration Law Center says it believes the overwhelming majority of the 423,000 people whose coverage was terminated are legal U.S. residents and citizens snared in a complicated, inefficient system for checking documents.

Hollywood pilot working on Tom Cruise movies killed in air crash

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A small plane assigned to the crew of a movie starring Tom Cruise crashed in the Colombian Andes on Friday, killing two people, including a Los Angelesbased film pilot, and seriously injuring a third, the country's civilian aviation authority said.

An official with the aviation agency, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter, said Cruise was not on the aircraft.

The official said an American, Alan Purwin, was killed along with the Colombian Carlos Berl. A third person aboard, Jimmy Lee Garland, a pilot from Georgia, was rushed to a hospital in Medellin, where he was in intensive care.

The official said the twin-engine plane ran into bad weather late Friday afternoon after taking off from the colonial town of Santa Fe de Antioquia for a short flight to Medellin. No emergency was reported to air traffic controllers.

The Piper Aerostar-600, with tail number N164HH, appears to be the same aircraft that Cruise, a trained pilot, was photographed exiting the cockpit from upon his arrival in Medellin on Aug. 20 to start work on his new film.

Dogged by critics, Baltimore mayor drops re-election bid, saying she'll focus on governing

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is abandoning her re-election bid, dogged by critics who questioned whether she was fit to lead a city still reeling from a black man's mysterious death from injuries received while in police custody.

The mayor of this majority black city, still 15 months away from election day, said at a news conference Friday that she wanted to focus on governing, not campaigning. Rawlings-Blake said she wanted to guide the city through a difficult time and pointed to her achievements: ethics reforms to combat fraud, reducing the city's \$100 million budget deficit by half, adding 12,000 jobs and demolishing more than 3,000 vacant structures.

Her five years in office have been marred in the months since Freddie Gray's death, however. In April, the day of Gray's funeral, rioters smashed windows, set fires and caused millions of dollars in damage. In the aftermath, the head of an already troubled police department was fired, with one of his deputies tapped to restore trust in the community.

Systemic issues, including racial inequality and economic disparity, became all the more stark after festering for decades. And now, after reaching a \$6.4 million settlement with Gray's family, the prosecution of six officers charged in his death must continue.

"Many important decisions lie ahead, both from recovering from April's unrest and managing our city through the multiple trials we have coming up," said Rawlings-Blake, referring to the prosecution of the six officers charged in Gray's death.

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Coahoma runs away with homecoming wi

Sports Editor

Coahoma made their way at a crawling pace, but quickly exploded into a full sprint.

The Bulldogs (2-1) defeated rival Reagan County 33-14, outscoring the Owls 27-8 in the second half.

In the first half the Bulldogs struggled to establish rhythm on offense. The offensive line struggled and junior quarterback Kody Barber was innacurate at times. Barber threw his only interception of the game less then three minutes into the game, which was returned for a touchdown. As the first half wore on, Coahoma

seemed desperate for some offense. With 4:00 minutes remaining, senior running back Kyler Franks returned a Reagan County punt to the Owls 37 yard line. Barber found Franks for a 34 yard pass on the sideline to the three yard line. Barber punched it in to tie the game.

It looked like Coahoma would score

two more times before the half ended. After recovering an onside kick, Coahoma was faced with a fourth and one on the Owls 28 yard line. Barber appeared to get the first down, but the officials disagreed.

On the following drive, Coahoma ripped the ball out and recovered the fumble on the Owls 49 yard line. Coahoma would drive the ball to the three yard line, but mass confusion by the referees, in part, kept Coahoma out of the endzone.

Coahoma carried that momentum into the second half, driving 82 yards in 5 plays

in less than two minutes. Barber took a 10-yard sweep play into the endzone



Photo by Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Senior running back Kyler Franks busts through the line for his first touchdown of the

for his second score of the night.

The running game was a huge part of the Bulldog's second half success. Franks had 97 of his 122 rushing

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Area games:

Stanton edges Forsan

STANTON — The Stanton Buffalos used a hardnosed running game to gain control, then held off the Forsan Buffaloes late to take a 21-20 victory in non-district football action here Friday night.

Stanton used a punishing 15-play, 80-yard drive almost all of it via the running game — capped off by a Tristan Graves to Austin Fryar touchdown pass with 8:14 remaining to take a 21-14 lead with 8:14 remaining in the contest.

Forsan responded, however, with a touchdown drive of its own and, with 2:54 left in the game, quarterback Jesse Cervantes scored from 47 yards out to cut the deficit to a single point. Forsan elected to go for the two-point conversion attempt, but Cervantes was stopped on a keeper play.

defense Forsan's forced a punt on the ensuing Stanton drive, but fumbled the kick, which was recovered by Fryar, 7 allowing Stanton to escape with the win.

Cervantes led Forsan with 200 rushing yards, while Stanton's Estavan Chavez and Adrian Roriguez rushed for 66 and 64 yards, respectively.

Forsan (2-1) returns to action Friday at Reagan County, while Stanton (2-1) travels to Abernathy. Both games begin gelo Lake View 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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Grandview 57, FW Southwest Christian 17 Gunter 41, Whitesboro 10 Hallettsville 49, Taylor 42 Hardin 24, New Waverly 8 Hemphill 24, Saratoga West

Henrietta 30, Bowie 26 Hooks 14, Mount Vernon 0 Howe 40, Lindsay 14 Idalou 28, Littlefield 20 Ingram Moore 32, Harper 26 Jacksboro 26, Paradise 25 Jarrell 24, Hico 23 Jewett Leon 26, Riesel 0 Karnes City 21, Universal City Randolph 20

Kemp 40, Hillsboro 34, OT Kirbyville 60, Deweyville 0 Lago Vista 12, Austin St. Stephen 7 Leonard 47, Alvord 12

Lexington 28, Little River Academy 14 Lubbock Roosevelt 73, Lub-

Malakoff 62, Kerens 10 Marion 55, Fischer Canyon Lake 50 Marlin 20, Centerville 14

bock Trinity 21

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yards in the second half thanks to unrelenting determination to stay up and the big five in front of him.

"Our offensive line played much better in the second half," head coach Fred Dietz said. "We made some adjustments, but it was more so their attitude and the way we went about our buisness. They bowed up and got off the ball

Franks also found the endzone three times in the scond half, lining up at quarterback, running back and even wide reciever.

"I'll line up wherever coach tells me to. I just wanna help our team and make plays," Franks said.

With the offensive line playing with more attitude, this offense looked like a well oiled machine. Barber and Franks always threaten to run the ball and run it well, but the passing game was also utilized throughout the second half. The offense continues to take another step each week, increasing their point total every week.

"It's a hard offense to get good at, but we're doing a good job picking it up," Franks said.

Along with being the team's top two rushers, Barber and Franks are also cruical elements of the Bulldogs defense, which only allowed the Owls into the endzone once Friday night. Both had an interception, and in total the defense had five turnovers, six if you include the onside kick recovery.

"They are great football players. We feel like we are a whole different defense when they play and they're both difference makers," Dietz said.

Early on in the season, it seems that the team will go as far as

Winnsboro 48, Quitman 6

Abernathy 23, Sundown 6

Alto 33, Bullard Brook Hill 20

Albany 41, Roby 0

Axtell 50, Frost 19

Anthony 35, Tornillo 0

Beckville 42, Timpson 13

Ben Bolt 28, Benavides 0

Big Sandy 48, Como-Pickton

Blue Ridge 52, Honey Grove

Bogata Rivercrest 16, Detroit

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Franks and Barber can take them, which at this rate of improvement may be a playoff berth.

"We knew the beginning from of the season we (Barber and Franks) would all the time.'

coming have to lead this team," Franks said. "We just try to give 110 percent



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Mathis 60, Poteet 38 Mineola 45, Lone Oak 14 Muleshoe 39. Seagraves 36 New London West Rusk 44, Gladewater Sabine 0

Odem 41, George West 28 Omaha Pewitt 30, Jefferson 14 Palestine Westwood 43. Buffalo 34

Pattonville Prairiland 28, Clarks-Pilot Point 44, Aubrey 27 Ponder 20. Nocona 12

Post 28, Denver City 7 Poth 26, Brackett 8 Pottsboro 54, Boyd 14 Red Oak Life 14, Maypearl 6

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no lead is safe in six-

man football, the Sands

Mustangs raced to a 77-

52 fourth-quarter lead,

then had to hang on for

dear life as New Home

mounted a furious late

rally which fell just

The two teams took

different routes to their

respective offensive bo-

AREA

short.

Redwater 29, Queen City 8 Rio Vista 26, Dublin 7 Rockdale 53, Salado 7 SA Cole 44, Charlotte 12 San Angelo Grape Creek 48, Hamilton 28

San Diego 42, Freer 8 Scurry-Rosser 35, Dallas First Baptist 0

Spearman 29, Panhandle 12 Stanton 21, Forsan 20 Sunnyvale 70, Nevada Community 38

Teague 35, Groesbeck 8 Trinity 43, Corrigan-Camden 32 Troy 47, Rogers 20 Tuscola Jim Ned 35, Anson 14 Van Alstyne 39, Anna 7 Wall 48. Sonora 20 Waskom 58, Hughes Springs

West 49, Venus 13 White Oak 48, Longview Spring

nanzas — the Mustangs

did most of their dam-

age through the air,

completing 24 passes for

387 yards and five touch-

downs, while New Home

collected 304 yards on 37

The Mustangs didn't

ignore the ground game,

however. Dayton Eddle-

man passed the century

mark rushing with 114

yards on 14 carries, but

he was sterling in the

air, completing 32 of 20

passes for five TDs and

rushing attempts.

no interceptions.

Bovina 37, Ralls 15

Bruni 25, Bishop 7

Bremond 53, Hubbard 8

Canadian 44, Perryton 0

Center Point 27, Leakey 6

Collinsville 55, Whitewright 40

Celeste 37, Trenton 30

Two Mustangs collected more than 100 yards receiving — Dyllan Tyndol gained 140 yard and scored three times, while Juan Diaz caught nine passes for 119 yards and a touchdown.

New Home held a slight 569 to 503 edge in total yardage.

The Mustangs return to action Friday at Blackwell. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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Do you have an interesting item or story idea for Life!? Call 263-7331; E-mail editor@bigspringherald.com.

Story and Pictures by: Lyndel Moody

It was a weekend meant for to give four U.S. Veterans who suffered combat injuries time away from their daily lives, time to share some fellowship with fellow warriors, time to heal those unseen wounds and a moment for a community to honor and lift up four men as heros.

A community dinner held at Moss Creek Ranch Saturday, Sept. 5 capped off a weekend dove hunting trip for Wainright, Donovan Darrell Butt, Adam and Matt McCarty, Davis. The four men left the dinner that night with an arm-full of gifts from the community and sore arms from shaking hands with the nearly 200 people who wanted to stay thank you.

"I would like to say thank you to the community," U.S. Navy veteran Butt said to the crowd. "I've been living in this community since 2007. I've worked here the whole time. It's a wonderful community. Lots of support for our veterans and active duty. Thank very much for coming tonight."

This is the second Dove Hunt sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47. Mike Tarpley organized the weekend after participating in a similar hunting event for Purple Heart veterans. As a Vietnam Veteran who continues to live with disabling physical and time in combat, Tarpley said he knew personally the healing power such an event can have on one who has seen war.

After his last Purple Heart hunt, Tarpley said he came back to Howard County with conviction that this community

could create something special for veterans. And he went about doing just

This year, the men honored include a U.S. Navy Corpsman who received four Bronze Stars during his time in the service, two men who were seriously injured in combat and a Big Spring High School graduate who served tours in both the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts and is also a Bronze Star recipient. The Bronze Star Medal is award to members of United States Armed forces for heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone.

The weekend started Thursday night as each veteran came into Howard County to spend a few days at the ranch. This first night was a time to meet each other and a time of bonding. Most of Friday and Saturday were spent in hunting. Various churches and civic groups provided breakfast and lunch for the men during their stay.

On Saturday, Lisa Brooks, representative of U.S. Congressman Neugebauer, Randy presented each veteran with an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on Sept. 11, 2014.

"There is a precious

baby out in the audi-

ence whose name in Noah I overheard," mental wounds from his an emotional Brooks said. "When I saw him I couldn't help by think of that poor unfortunate baby on that beach this week of the refugees leaving Syria. (Brooks referred to two-yearold Aylan Kurdi, whose body washed ashore in

Turkey. He, his brother

and his mother died in a journey across the Mediterranean Sea to escape the violence in Syria. A photo of Aylan's body lying in the shore made world news.) I am so honored to be in the presence of men who stepped up, saw something horrible that happened in our world and came forward without regard for their own safety and put on the uniform. I am humbled and honored to be in your presence."

Brooks was just one of a number of speakers to

present gifts to the four men.

"My brother was a Devil Dog Vietnam veteran," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief. "My heart is with you and what you do. He came back from Vietnam with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and as his nine-year-old brother, I was his counselor. I understand what you are going through and we've got your back brothers.

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Staff Sgt. **Adam McCarty** Born: Fort Hood, Texas Graduated: Big Spring High School 1997 Military Service

entrance date: May 1999 - U.S. Army Duty Stations: Ger-

many, Fort Hood, Fort Carson, Colo. Combat tours: Iraq,

2003-2004; 2005-2006, 2007-2008 — served as a Calvary Scout, Afghanistan, 2010-2011 — Calvary Scout.

Awards:

2 U.S. Army Achievement Medals

4 U.S. Army Commendation Medals

Army Commendation with Valor Device

4 Good Conduct Medals

Bronze Star Combat Action Badge Air Assault Badge Induction into the Order of Saint George for leadership contributions to the Calvary

U.S. Army Service Rib-

Overseas Ribbon x 5 Non Article 5 NATO Medal

Global War on Terror-

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Iraq Campaign Medal with 3 Stars

Afghanistan Campaign Medal 1 Star

After leaving active duty, McCarty served three years in the Michigan National Guard.



Hospital Corpsman 2nd **Class FMS Darrell Butt** Born: San Angelo,

Texas Military Service entrance date: March 12,

1990 — U.S. Navy Duty Station: Operation Shield/Desert Storm/ January 1991 — Camp

Pendleton, Calif. Navy Reserve: March 30, 2003, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, 4th Marine divi-

Combat tours: Al Anbar Province, Iraq, 2004-2005 with 1st Battalion 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Division, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, 2005-2006 with 6th Civil Affairs Fallujah,

(served with all four current Marine Divisions in the United States Marine Corps.)

Awards: Navy Achievement

Medal Combat Action Ribbon Navy Unit Commenda-

Coast Guard Unit Com-

mendation w/Operations Device

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

Good Conduct Medal Navel Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Fleet Marine Force Ribbon Navel Expeditionary

Medal National Defense Medal

w/Bronze Star Iraq Campaign Medal

w/Eagle Globe and Anchor Device w/Bronze Star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal w/Eagle Globe and Anchor Device Global War on Terror-

ism Service Medal Sea Service Deployment

Medal w/2 Bronze Stars

Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/"M" Device Navy Rifle Expert Medal

Navy Pistol Expert Medal

Navy Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist Bade.



Lance Cpl. Matt Davis for about a year. Born: Dallas, Texas Military Service entrance date: Feb. 14,

Combat Tour: Matt was deployed to Iraq and was taken out of the fight on May 1 2006. He suffered multiple injures and was

Awards Purple Heart Rifle Sharp Shooter

Iraq Combat Action Ribbon

Iraq Campaign Medal Global War on Terrorism Ribbon



Left to right: Adam McCarty, Darrell Butt, Donavan Wainright and Matt Davis received shotguns from the Holcomb family on behalf of the late E.D. "Wimp" Holcomb.

Pictures by Lyndel Moody



St. Donavan Wainwright

Born: Amarillo, Texas Graduated: Caprock High School — 2003 Military Service

entrance date: June 2003 U.S. Army

 ${\rm Combat\ Tour-2004-}$ 2005, 2006-2008, 2009-2010,

Iraq Campaign Medal

Awards

with five Campaign Stars **Army Commendation** Medal, 5 awards Army Achievement Medal, 8 awards National Defense Service Medal Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Army Service Medal Over Seas Service Ribbon, 3 awards Combat Action Bade



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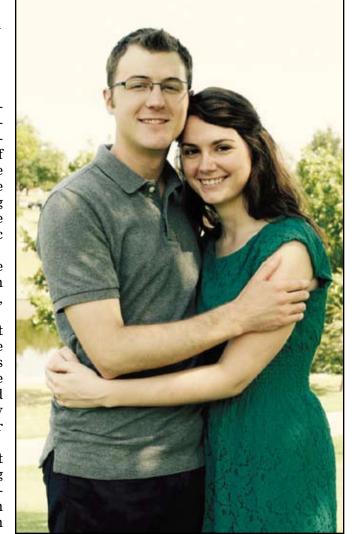
DiBello - Welch to Wed Oct. 3, 2015

Gary and the late Valerie DiBello of Sherman, Texas and Phillip and Nancy Welch of Big Spring, Texas are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their children Jamie Nicole DiBello and Eric Lee Welch.

The wedding will take place at the Chapel on the Hill, in Abilene, Texas on Oct. 3, 2015.

Jamie is pharmacist at Leonard' Pharmacy. She is a graduate of Paris High School and the University of Dallas and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy.

Eric is an engineer at Alon USA, Big Spring Refinery. He is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University.



Eric Welch and Jamie DiBello

McClendon -Kelso to wed Nov. 14, 2015

Laurence and Donna McClendon announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Jamison McClendon to Brendon Taylor Kelso both of Denton. The bride to be is the granddaughter of Helen Abercrombie and the late Don Abercrombie of Denton, Texas, and the late Dr. and Mrs. Harry McClendon of Denton, Texas.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelso of Big Spring, Texas and the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Barnes of Duncan, Okla. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelso of Garden City,

The bride-to-be is a 2008 graduate of Denton High School and the University of North Texas where she received a bachelor's' degree in social work.



Brendon Kelso and Alyssa McClendon

She is pursuing a masters degree in Christian counseling at Dallas Baptist University.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Jacksboro High School. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where he received a bachelor's degree in Bible and a

masters in kinesiology, sport and recreation. The groom is a track and field coach at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Brendon and Alyssa will be joined in Christ on Nov. 14, 2015 with the Rev. Brad Cockrell officiating.

VETS

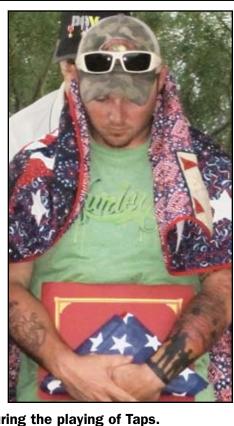
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"You need us, call us and we are there," Sullivian continued and then announced that each man was inducted as an honorary member of the HCVFD.

Each veteran received a a specialized license plate saying DAV for life created in the workshop of Tarpley and then the four were draped with a quilt from the Quilt of Valor Foundation, an organization whose mission is cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

"Though we will never know the depth of your sacrifice to protect and defend the United States of America it is a gesture of gratitude from a grateful nation we award you this quilt of valor,"

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Upper Left: The four Veterans salute during the playing of Taps.

Upper right: Donovan Wainright and the other three received a quilt of valor, a flag, and other gifts during the DAV Chapter 47 Dove Hunt.

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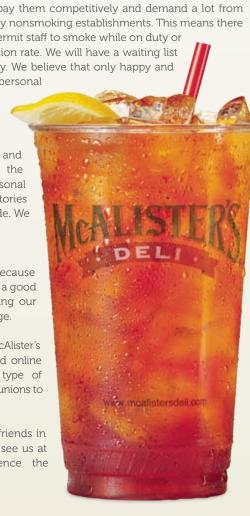
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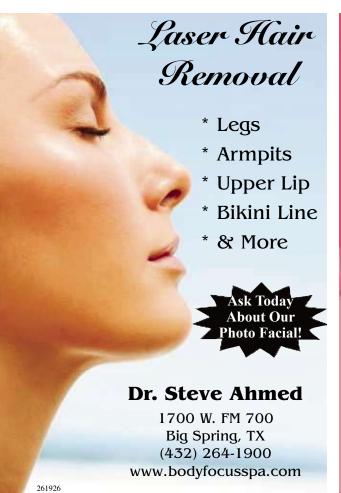
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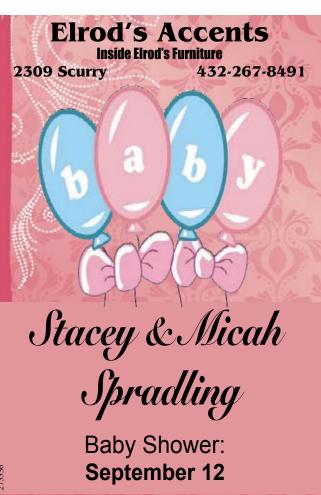
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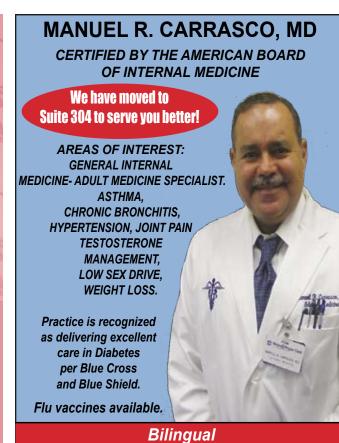
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Tarpley read the dedication card from the foundation.

At the end of the evening, all four veterans received their own shotgun provided by the estate of E.D. "Wimp" Holcomb as a token of the weekend.

"Wimp came to me when I was thinking of having a dove hunt and he said 'No Mike we are having a dove hunt," Tarpley told the crowd. "Wimp donated shotguns and donated money to the

DAV to make this happen. We lost him two weeks before we had the first dove hunt last year, so we didn't know what was going to happen after that. His wife Evelyn stepped up and she said 'As long as there is a dove hunt, the Holcomb family will be giving the shotguns.' It doesn't get any better than that. Good ol' West Texas"

At the end of the dinner, the public was encouraged to touch the quilts and shake hands with all four veterans, a gesture to let them know that their service is not forgotten.

"The general public, they are used to seeing physical injuries. But when it comes to injuries above and beyond that, for instances traumatic brain injury and PTSD and others, the general public isn't usually aware of that," said Ed Meiser, DAV Chapter 47 commander. "This weekend was a special weekend. It gives the veterans time to get out and share camaraderie and share experiences of the past and just go out and enjoy the weekend. It is more therapy than going through a PTSD program."

LIFE

HERALD Photos/Lyndel Moody

Left: Ed Meiser. DAV Chapter 47 commander eats barbecue provided by the Howard **County Volunteer Fire** Department.

Right: Adam McCarty is wrapped in his Quilt of Valor during the presentation.





Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday

Breakfast: assorted cereal, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chili dog, pinto beans, broccoli with ranch, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: maple pancakes, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: meaty queso, garden salad, strawberries and bananas, baby carrots and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: sausage roll, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: rib patty sandwich, potato rounds, peas, fruity Jell-O, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: meaty macaroni, green beans, garden salad, grapes, animal crackers and milk.

Breakfast: french toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: taco calzone, sweet potato tots, tomato/cucumber, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Sands CISD

Breakfast: waffles and sausage; Lunch: breaded pork chop, gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, roll, strawberries and banan-

Tuesday

Breakfast: biscuit and scrambled eggs; Lunch: pizza, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, sliced peaches and pudding.

Wednesday

Breakfast: cinnamon roll and bacon; Lunch: Mexican combo plate, spanish rice, seasoned corn, charro beans, salsa and cinnamon applesauce. **Thursday**

Breakfast: sausage, egg and cheese pretzel

sandwich; Lunch: chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad and orange smiles. **Friday**

Breakfast: breakfast burrito; Lunch: popcorn chicken, roll, sweet potato, waffle fries cucumber dippers, fresh fruit and cookie.

Big Spring Senior Center

Crispy beef tacos, lettuce/tomato/cheese, spanish rice, beans, fruit Ambrosia and milk.

Onion burger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, french

fries, pineapple chunks and milk. Wednesday

Pinto beans and ham, broccoli rice casserole, spinach, orange Jell-O cake, cornbread and milk.

Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, melon, bread and milk.

Friday

Catfish with tarter sauce corn casserole french fries, coleslaw, mixed fruit and milk.

Life! forms can be found at www.bigspringherald.com

Who's Who in Howard County

Name: Margarita Padron Where do you work: M & M Resale Shop

Where were you born: Jourdanton,

Lopez, Catalina Trevino, Lisa Padron. Son: Andy Rodriguez. Four grandkids

Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Cro-

Family: Husband: Mike. Daughters: Rose

chetting, fishing, painting and reading Favorite book: The Shack

City you live in: Big Spring, Texas

Favorite show: History channel's Alone Favorite movie: Saturday Night Fever and

Where would you visit if you could go anywhere: Hawaii



Marriage fraud scheme aimed to help Chinese get US residency

An American man was told he could make \$18,000 for marrying a Chinese woman who needed a green card, so he agreed to get hitched at a California wedding studio and then took an all-expenses-paid trip to Las Vegas where he posed in photos with his new wife.

But the man was gay and vacationing with his boyfriend, while the woman already had a husband. Until he revealed his sexual orientation to an immigration officer during a green card interview, both couples had been caught up in an elaborate marriage fraud scheme that has netted organizers \$3.5 million since 2006, authorities

Federal authorities on Wednesday arrested Jason Shiao, a 65-yearold Southern California man they say posed as an attorney, and his 43-year-old daughter, Lynn Leung, on charges of conspiring to commit visa fraud by arranging phony marriages between Chinese citizens seeking legal residency American spouses.

Authorities also charged Shannon Mendoza, 48, with recruiting Americans the scheme. Immigration Customs Enforcement agents were still search-

LOS ANGELES (AP) – ing for Mendoza on ness filed more than 70 Wednesday afternoon.

Shiao and Leung's Pasadena-based busi-

fraudulent immigration petitions since October 2006, authorities said.

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Air Evac Life Team earns base of the year honors

The Big Spring, Texas, Air Evac Lifeteam base was recently honored as the Region 5 Base of the Year. Region 5 consists of 21 bases in Texas. The Regional Base of the Year award is presented to the base in the Air Evac Lifeteam system that best exemplifies the company's mission, including community service, education, and scene work.

Pete Wolf, regional director of base operations for Region 5, said the Big Spring base sits in a sparsely populated area.

"The first three to four years were a struggle for the base," he

said. "Just getting their foot in the door was a huge accomplishment, but the team came together, recommitting themselves to making the base successful."

Growth in outreach education, a never-say-die attitude and tremendous family culture is now paying off, and Big Spring is exceeding expectations.

"I am proud to award the Region 5 Base of the Year to Big Spring!"

Debra Wallace, program director for the Big Spring Air Evac base, said it is an honor to accept the Region 5 Base of the Year award on behalf of the entire crew.

"This honor would not be possible without the ongoing support we receive from the agencies we work with each and every day," she said. "The communities we serve have embraced Air Evac 54 and our mission."

About Air Evac Lifeteam

Air Evac Lifeteam, an air medical service, provides rapid access to definitive health care for those who live in medically underserved areas. Flight crews, con

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Find, report a scam on BBB Scam Tracker

In February, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin unveiled Scam Tracker, an interactive tool consumers throughout the U.S. and Canada can use to find and report scams and fraud.

BBB's Scam Tracker website enables BBB to collect and track that information in a meaningful way.

With BBB Scam Tracker, consumers can find scams in an area near them, by state and city. Scam reports can also be sorted to reveal trends by date or the type of scam. So far this year, over 300 scams have been reported in Texas.

BBB launched Scam Tracker as another way to promote a more ethical marketplace and help shed light on schemes and fraud. Although BBB has extensive data on substandard

nies, Scam Tracker is unique because it compiles comprehensive data on illegal schemes or individual scams. Scam Tracker is supported by a grant from Target Corporation. BBB works as a third-party intermediary to re-

marketplace behavior among legitimate compa-

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solve almost one million marketplace disputes involving known businesses each year.

Rather than a disagreement involving a product or service, scam reports allege attempted or actual dishonest schemes or fraud. Also unlike complaints, scam reports are not addressed individually, but serve as a means to warn others and get the word out to the public about scams.

In the future, scam reports will be shared with the National Cyber Forensics and Training Alliance for analysis and collaboration with law enforcement to help stop the most flagrant scammers through prosecution and other legal means.

The release of Scam Tracker to every BBB across the U.S., including Canada, is expected to be complete by November 2015. If BBB Scam Tracker is not yet available on your local BBB's website, you can still research and report scams in your area here.

For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at 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.

Permits

Angel Villa, 503 San Jacinto St. Res elec; Val: \$0

\$742 Fee: \$39. Res Sewer tap; Val: \$346 Fee: \$346. Fee: \$357.

\$3,500 Fee: \$30.

\$1,800 Fee: \$25.

505 Scurry St. Com HVAC; Val: \$8,500 Fee: \$45.

Beverly Bishop Johnson, 4212 Muir St. Structure other; Val: \$1,500 Fee:

Forrest Adrian Randle, Res Re-roof; Val: \$3,800

Jimmy Johnson, 1309

\$0 Fee: \$25.

tion; Val: \$1,100 Fee: \$25. Olivia's Salon, 600 N., Gregg. Res water tap; Val: \$512 Fee: \$512.

Eladio Loopez Zubiate, 509 N. Goliad St. Res gas;

Central Dr. Res gas; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32.

2612 Central Dr. Structure; Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.

Royal Elridge Brawley. 901 N.W. 2nd St. Res gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.

Fee: \$25. Guadalupe Vallejo, 1313 Wright St. Res plumb; Val:

Res Water tap; Val: \$357 Jerry Cannon, 1203 E. 16th St. Res Re-Roof; Val:

Robert Craig Bronaugh, 1106 Mulberry Ave. Res Re-roof; Val: \$2,200 Fee:

James Flite, 3224 Drexel Ave. Res Re-roof; Val: Sherri L. Hill, 2200 Ala-

bama St. Res HVAC; Val: \$3,800 Fee: \$45. The Blue Ribbon Cafe,

\$25.

Fee: \$30. Marijo Ave. Res elec; Val:

Brenda Joy Conner, 1307 E. 19th St. Res addi-

Val: \$500 Fee: \$32. Eric Harlan Walker, 2508

Reynaldo S. Carrasco,

Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble See **PERMITS**, Page 5B



Big Spring Area Chember of Commerce representatives joined Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff for a ribbon-cutting to denote the opening of the hospital's new chapel.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St.

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St., Big Spring

Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir St., Big Spring

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Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland Brittany Vanessa Escanuela,

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Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta

Eugene Frank Gulley, 1201 Floydada, P.O. Box 551, Welling-

Gutierrez, Christina Nichole 2809 25th St., Snyder Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th

Place, Big Spring Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo

Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O.

Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa

Camilo Martin Nieto, 1 Country Pl. # 108, 2507 Cindy Lane, Big John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old

Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring

Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring Juan Romero, 2504 March Cir-

cle, Big Spring Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring

Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City

Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring Caleston Nasier Sanders, 700

N. Valley St. Anaheim, Calif., 1203 Runnels, Big Spring Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East

Davis Rd., Big Spring Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538

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Spring

Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson

Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Corey Preston Hoffpauir, criminal mischief. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Patricia Ann Bacon, theft of property. \$100, court costs and 90 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Mark Anthony Lopez, possession of marijuana. \$10 fine, court costs and 60 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Joe Lo-

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RECORDS

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mas, criminal trespass. \$100

The State of Texas vs. Richard Earl Luckey, possession of marijuana. \$100 fine, court costs

The State of Texas vs. Johnny Joe Rodriguez, evading arrest/ detention. \$1,500 fine, court costs, 24 months probation.

The State of Texas vs. Carlitos R. Gutierrez, theft. \$500 fine, court costs, 12 months proba-

Red Neck Water Pit, LLC. vs. Roberto Bustamante, contract consumer/commercial/debt. Red Neck Water Pit. LLC. vs.

A & A1 Trucking, LLC., Junior Guevara; contract - consumer/ commercial/debt.

Jana Gardner vs. Richard Gardner, divorce.

Joshua Ybarra vs. Andrea Ybarra, divorce. Big Spring Cat Construction

vs. Permian Basin H2O, LLC

(doing business as West Texas

H2O, contract - consumer/com-

mercial/debt. Big Spring Cat Construction vs. Crossfire LLC, contract consumer/commercial/debt.

Big Spring Cat Construction vs. Crossfire, LLC., contract consumer/commercial/debt.

Big Spring Cat Construction vs. Manhattan Petroleum. INC. contract - consumer/commer-

cial/debt. Big Spring Cat Construction vs. Hayward Brown Construction. contract - consumer/commercial/debt

Big Spring Cat Construction vs. Colorado Minerals, contract consumer/commercial/debt.

Big Spring Cat Construction vs. Universal Well Services LLC, contract consumer/commer-

Big Spring Cat Construction vs. A&P Support, Inc., contract consumer/commercial/debt.

Marriage Licenses

Julian Ramirez, 23, and April Solis, 23, both of Big Spring. Jeremy Joe Brooks, 32, and Nichole Michelle Patrick, 27,

both of Big Spring. Charles Gary Hanson, 71, and Kayla Denise Horton, 52, both of

Christopher Kyle Bishop, 29, and Vickie Rae Cortez, 28, both

of Big Spring. Ricardo Antonio Arguello, 31, and Stephanie Ortiz, 30, both of

Seminole. Rogelio Rodriguez Torres, 22, and Odalis Edith Perez, 20, both of Big Spring.

Florencio Anthony Carillo III, 25 and Cayla Jasmine Rodriguez, 21, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Robert J. Amirr Grantee: Stone Financing.

Property: Lot 8, and 5.5 feet of lot 9, block 18, McDowell Heights addition.

Date: July 6, 2015

Grantor: Victor R. Coots Grantee: Lana Coots Property: Part of sec #32, in block 32, T-1-N T&P Ry Co. Sur-

Date: Sept. 3, 2015

Grantor: Navigator Energy Services, LLC

Grantee: Sharyland Distribution and Transmission Services,

Property: One acre tract out of sec 25, block 34, T-3-N T&P

Date: Aug. 31, 2015

Grantor: Robert Todd Bennett and Beth Bennett Grantee: Davie Matthew

Property: .15 acre tract of land out of E. half of sec. 2, block 33, T-1-S T&P Ry Co.

Date: Aug. 28, 2015

Grantor: Belinda Koehler Grantee: Clayton McKinnon Property: N.W. quarter and S.E. quarter of sec 29, block 3, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Date: Aug. 26, 2015

Grantor: Jan Stockton Grantee: Marcellous Weaver Property: Lots 5 & 6, block 30, original town of Big Spring. Date: Aug. 31, 2015

Grantor: Stevie J. Bodine and Brenda J. Bodine Grantee: Michael B. Smith and Magnum M. Smith

Property: West 20 feet of lot 6, all of lots 7 & 8, N. 14.3 feet of lot 9, in block 8, Edwards Heights addition.

Date: Aug. 31, 2015

Grantor: Jack Hunt Grantee: Marcellous Weaver Property: 20.6 acre tract in sec 18, block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co.

Date: Aug. 26, 2015 Grantor: Larry Pick Grantee: Ronnie Gail Epley Property: Lot 16, block 22,

Monticello addition

Date: Aug. 31, 2015

Warranty Deeds with liens

Grantor: Stone Financing,

Grantee: Kevin Poffenberger Property: S. 60 feet of lot 5 and N. 2 feet of lot 6, block 6, Amended plat of Muir Heights. Date: Aug. 27, 2015

Grantor: HET, LLC Grantee: Seth Johnson and

Paige Johnson Property: 5 acre tract out of S.E. quarter of sec. 44, block 32, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co.

Date: \$Aug. 24, 2015

PERMITS

Christopher Way Mason, 1409 E. 19th St. Res ZBA;

Christopher Way Mason, 706 E. 15th St .Res water tap; Val: \$512Fee: \$512. Ramon Guadalupe Bazaldua, 4101 Dixon St.

Fee: \$25.

City of Big Spring, 6400 Perimeter Rd. A. Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$0 City of Big Spring, 6400

Perimeter Rd. B. Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$0

Perimeter Rd. C. Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$0 Sharla Mcclendon, 1604 E. 3rd St. Com elec; Val:

Big Spring Collision Cen-

ter, 207 Goliad St. Com Re-roof; Val: \$122,608 Fee: \$529. Joyce Lightner, 800 W.

\$8,562.11 Fee: \$55. Jeremy Daniel Hart, 2207 Morrison Dr. Res

15th St. Res Re-roof; Val:

HVAC; Val: \$4,800 Fee:

Romedall LLC, 1003 E. 16th St. Res HVAC; Val: \$4,600 Fee: \$45.

Manuel S. Hinojos, 2506 Cindy Lane. Structure; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.

Gary Gene Kirkland, 2606 Ann Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$7,000 Fee: \$45. Juan Aguilar, 808 N.

Gregg St. Res elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25. Marissa Zavala, 108

N.W. 4th St. Res Re-roof;

Val: \$2,700 Fee: \$25. Jamie Dawn Williams, 2403 Cheyenne Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$5,500 Fee:

Cynthia Almeda Hernandez, 1800 Donley St. Res gas; Val: \$1,450.

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Val: \$50 Fee: \$50.

Structure; Val: \$1,000

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WASHINGTON (AP) American consumers - The prices charged by U.S. manufacturers, farmers and other producers were unchanged in August, the latest evidence that inflation is

The Labor Department said Friday the producer price index, which measures price changes before they reach the consumer, was flat after a 0.2 percent increase in July. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core prices rose 0.3 percent last

In the past year, wholesale prices have actually fallen 0.8 percent, the seventh straight 12-month decline. Core prices have risen just 0.9 percent during that

With oil and gas prices falling and most other little changed, are enjoying mild inflation. The dollar has risen about 15 percent in value in the past year, which makes imports cheaper.

Yet tepid price increases pose a dilemma for the Federal Reserve. It wants to see inflation closer to its 2 percent target before raising interest rates, potentially as soon as its meeting next week.

The Fed targets 2 percent inflation as a cushion against falling prices, or deflation, which can drag down wages and is hard to counter-

Wholesale gas prices fell 7.7 percent in August, the government said, the biggest drop since January. Home heating oil prices fell 11 percent. The cost of airline tickets and pickup

trucks also fell.

A gallon of gas cost an average \$2.37 on Thursday, 22 cents cheaper than a month earlier and down by \$1.06 in the past year.

But there are also some signs of rising costs. In the past three months core prices have increased at a 3.4 percent annual rate, compared with a 1.8 percent decline in the preceding three months. Much of that increase has been driven by rising profit margins at retailers and wholesalers.

Greg Daco, an economist at Oxford Economics, said wholesale prices should move up later this year as oil prices stabilize and the economy continues to grow.

Food costs rose 0.3 percent, driven higher by a 23.2 percent jump in egg



Stock market wavers between gains, losses

NEW YORK (AP) -Major stock indexes flipped between slight losses and gains on Friday as traders turned their attention to a longawaited meeting of the Federal Reserve next week. Oil and gas companies dropped as the price of oil took another fall.

U.S. crude sank after Goldman Sachs said that the global glut of oil could push prices as low as \$20 a barrel. Drilling companies had some of the biggest losses, with rig operator Transocean sliding 5 percent.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 was down two points, less than 0.1 percent, to 1,949 as of 1:25 p.m. Eastern time.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,343, and the Nasdaq edged down four points, a sliver of a percent, to 4,792.

Traders observed a moment of silence on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange before the opening bell to observe the 14th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

REACTION:

early drop on Friday looked like the natural response to the day's news, said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors, the money-management firm. A reading on consumer confidence this month sank to its lowest

The

level since September of

last year. "Reading through the

report, it seems people are focused on the market's volatility and the potential impact of a slowing China," Orlando said. "I understand why folks are nervous. I think eventually things will settle down."

NEXT UP: Wall Street is divided over whether the Fed will raise its benchmark lending rate next week for the first time in nine years. The Fed slashed its key rate to near zero during the financial crisis, supporting the stock market's seven-year run. Uncertainty over the Fed's next steps have kept investors on edge.

CRUDE: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 79 cents to \$45.13 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, an international benchmark, fell 38 cents to \$48.51 a barrel in London. That drove oil and gas companies to losses. Energy shares in the S&P 500 sank 1.4 per-

ZIG-ZAG-ZIG: Major indexes are on track to finish the week solidly higher following deep losses last week. News about China's slowing economy and other concerns have knocked the market down 6 percent over the past month. It has been a staggered fall, with sharp drops one week followed by slight gains the next.



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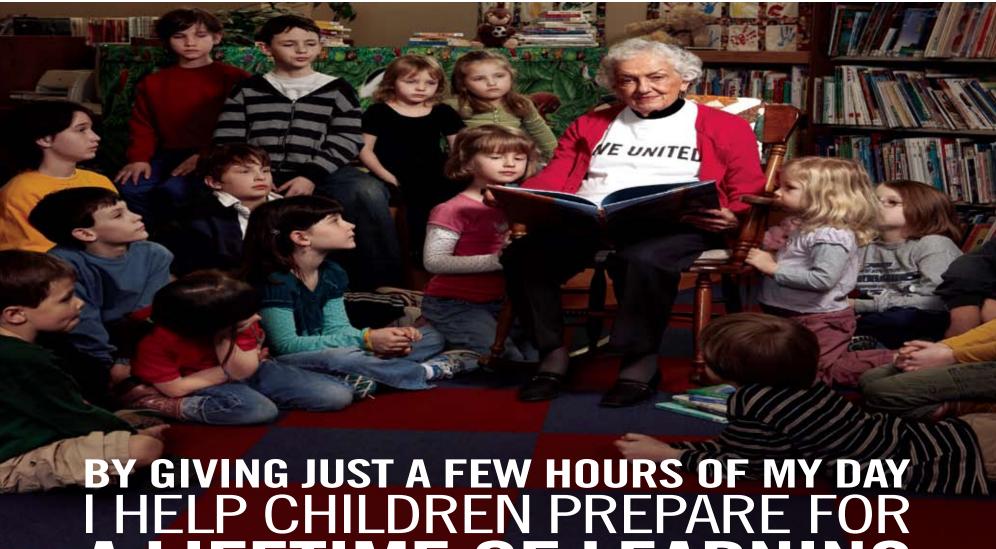
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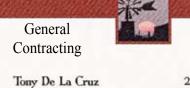
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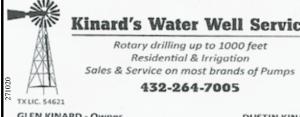
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Moon, Future,

HOLIDAY Usually, Mathis the new moon in Virgo is all about nurturing hope and looking to the future, but this partial solar eclipse puts a twist on it, suggesting a journey into the past first. After all, prediction is based on the past. Without reconstructing your perceptions of the past, how can you find the

future? **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're equal parts practical and frivolous today. A Chinese proverb suggests that when you only have two pennies left in the world, you should use one to buy bread and the other for a lily.

pattern that will help

you know about the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone wants a happy ending, but stories don't wrap up neatly, if they wrap up at all. Today you'll have to shut the book where you shut it and make up your own ever after. **GEMINI** (May

21-June 21). If you're going to fail (and everyone is at some point), then fail forward by trying something new, doing something daring. singing your own song.

CANCER (June

22-July 22). A forthright response is what's needed. Your assertiveness will make the difference. Where do your needs meet their needs? It may help you to picture the Venn diagram of it all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your complaints will be heard and respected. Yes, things need to change. It is recommended that you create a real haven or an emotional one -- something to shield you from the harsh realities of the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your journey will bring you into the sunlight. You will be wiser today than you were yesterday. Talking to one person will change everything. Which person? You already know. Trust your instincts.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Maternal relationships are always touched with complexity -- that's the beauty. The maternal influence will be pronounced today, and hopefully you'll be able to embrace it, even when it's not that easy to understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It might seem improbable, but you can believe it. There are more than 7 billion people in the world, and yet there are still things that you and only you can do.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every once in a while, in the middle of an ordinary life, a fairytale drops in to take over the plot. What would your fairytale sound like? It's a day to get in touch with what you want.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll teach the hard lessons, do the right thing, be the one they look up to. Because you see the wonder in the world, they will bring more imagination to it, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If it were easy, everyone would do it. Everyone is not doing it. It is not easy. That doesn't mean it's not worthwhile, though -- it is extremely worthwhile. In fact, you'll start getting rewarded this very evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Chronic tension -- who needs it? You'll handle the day-to-day things that are taking a toll on your mind and body with the help of an encouraging earth sign (Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn).

TODAY'S BIRTH-

DAY (Sept. 13). This is your new moon birthday! And with the partial solar eclipse also happening on the day you were born, the theme is reinvention -- not that you need it. It's just that lately your potential has been calling to you, wanting your embrace. Finances get the first makeover before 2016 starts. Your love life is next. Leo and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 24, 30, 38, 12

FORECAST

and 49.

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The realm of Virgo favors practical thought, communication and action. So at the start of the week, when the moon is invisible to us -- and for a moment the sun partially, too -- all the practicalities we took for granted come into question. Are the practical matters as important as we were making them? Does the meaning really matter, and does the matter really even exist? Our identity gets a similar shakeup with a different set of questions along the lines of: If I'm not my body (or my clothes or my belongings or my family or my personality or...), then who am I? Don't expect to come up with answers. Do expect that you'll be different on the other side of the questioning.

These themes carry through with a Jupiter-Neptune opposition and a Mercury retrograde. You can't look forward without looking back. You can't look back with-



By Steve Becker

Resist That Impulse

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **♦**952 ♥72 ♦7653 **♣**A Q 8 2 WEST **EAST** ♠Q 10 8 4 3 **♠**J6 **♥**Ĵ96 ♥K10853 ♦ K 9 8 4 **♦** 10 2 **♣**K 7 4 SOUTH

♦ A K 7 **♥** A Q 4 **♣**J 10 9 3 The bidding: South West North East 2 NT Pass

3 NT five of hearts. Opening lead — Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads a heart. You

win East's jack with the queen, and the question is how to continue. There is a strong temptation to try a club finesse at this point, hoping to find West with the king. If he has

it, you're sure to wind up with at But since the contract is certain to make whenever West has the king of clubs, you should start thinking in

terms of what you can do if East has In that case, if you lost an early club finesse, you could duck East's heart return, but a third heart would then drive out your ace. Since you would have only eight sure tricks at that point, you would eventually have to try a diamond finesse. If it lost and West started with five hearts as in the actual deal - you'd go down one. For this reason, the correct play

strange as it may seem - is to lead the diamond jack at trick two! This ensures the contract against any distribution of the adverse cards (assuming West started with at least four hearts)

If the jack holds, you next try the club finesse, guaranteeing nine tricks even if the finesse fails. If the diamond jack loses, you duck the heart

return before taking the ace and then attempt the club finesse. If the finesse wins, you have at least 10 tricks. If it loses and East has no more hearts, you're also home.

And if East has a heart, which means the suit was originally divided 4-4, nine tricks are again assured. The recommended approach to the play defuses the lone danger to the contract — the possibility that

West has a long heart suit and a side entry. Since that entry can only be the king of diamonds, you must deprive him of that card before it can be used to defeat you.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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out wishing, longing, cringing, resolving to do it differently and returning to the bliss of going forward. All this interplay of time travel, dreams, resolution and impractical practicalities isn't designed to confuse or confound. It's all part of the growing-up process (applicable to any age), and regardless of age, it hurts.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: One Direction's Niall Horan has a broad range of musical tastes, and he's a fan of Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble, Oasis and Bon Jovi. For a Virgo, it's more about style and quality than genre. Horan was born when the moon and Venus were in Leo, indicating that his emotional landscape sparkles and his love life thrives as long as he's seizing the chance to be creative and entertain others.

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Study backs more aggressive treatment of high blood pressure

 Aiming lower saves more lives when it comes to controlling high blood pressure, says a major new study that could spur doctors to more aggressively treat patients over 50.

Patients who got their blood pressure well below today's usually recommended level significantly cut their risk of heart disease and death, the National Institutes of Health announced Friday. The benefit was strong enough that NIH stopped the study about a year

"This study provides potentially life-saving information," declared Dr. Gary Gibbons, director of NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Doctors have long debated how low bloodpressure patients need to go, especially as they get older. Friday's results are preliminary, and researchers stressed that they shouldn't alter patient care just yet. But if the full results pan out, they eventually could influence treatment guidelines.

"This study certainly supports that lower is better," said Dr. Mark Creager, president of the American Heart Association, who wasn't involved with the new study. He called the research a possible roadmap to treatment strategies "that will save a significant amount of lives."

About 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. has high blood pressure, raising the risk of heart attacks, stroke, kidney failure and other health problems.

Normal blood pressure

is less than a measurement of 120 over 80. High blood pressure is diagnosed once that measurement reaches, or passes, 140 over 90. Only about half of diagnosed

patients have their blood

pressure under control. Today's treatment guidelines are mixed but generally recommend getting that top number — called the systolic pressure down to about 140 in generally healthy adults and to 130 in patients who also have kidney

disease or diabetes. The institute sponsored a nationwide study to test if that's the best goal, or if aiming

WASHINGTON (AP) lower would either help or harm. Starting in 2010, more than 9,300 high blood pressure patients were enrolled in the SPRINT study, Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial. Half received an average of about two medications with the goal of lowering their systolic pressure below 140. The other half received an average of three medications with the goal of getting below

> The more aggressively treated patients saw their risk of death drop by almost 25 percent compared to the less controlled patients, researchers said. And rates of cardiovascular problems dropped by almost 30 percent in the better-controlled group.

> Researchers wouldn't give precise numbers. or information about side effects, data that's expected when the full study is published in a scientific journal by year's end.

> But preliminary results suggest treatment was "extremely well tolerated," said SPRINT investigator Dr. Jackson Wright of Case Western Reserve University.

> One question is whether older patients need to get their blood pressure as low as middle-aged patients do, or if doing so increases the seniors' risk of side effects including falls. Last year, an expert panel sparked debate by recommending that the treatment target for patients over 60 be a systolic pressure of 150.

> The average age of SPRINT participants was 68, and a quarter of them were over 75. The heart association's Creager said doctors will examine closely how those older patients

> Researchers also will continue tracking SPRINT participants to see if kidney disease, brain function and dementia were affected more aggressive care.

> Meanwhile, what's the advice for patients now struggling to control their blood pressure?

> "The important public health message is to speak with their health care providers," said NHLBI heart specialist Dr. George Mensah.

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