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Generator suspected as cause of house fire

United States Census Bureau
Free workshop on using censes data to be held in Big Spring



The remains of a 100-plus-year-old house continued to smolder through most of Friday after an early morning fire completely destroyed the structure.

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 A running generator inside a 100-plus-year-old house in Big Spring is suspected to have caused a fire that completely

destroyed the structure Friday morning, according Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson said. "The preliminary investigation points toward a generator that was inside the home that was running and there was some improperly stored flammable gas is what it looks like," Ferguson said Friday afternoon. "We don't know exactly what precipitated it. Why it caught on fire." The two-story house was a complete loss after the blaze ripped through the structure for several hours.

Firefighters received the call a little after 3 a.m. Friday morning of a structure fire in the 800 block of Main St. Remains continued to smolder throughout the day as firefighters continued to stay on the scene into the early evening dousing water on what was left of the lumber. The house is thought to have been built around 1906 and included both an attic and basement, Ferguson said. "It is an old house and it was a completely wood structure," Ferguson said. "All the lumber fell down into the basement and it is just smoking like

crazy." When firefighters arrived on the scene early Friday morning, the house was completely engulfed in flames. The fire was burning so hot, Ferguson reported, firefighters were forced to back some equipment off as the decals on a few of their fire trucks began to melt. At that point, Ferguson said, the 17-personnel crew began to go into containment mode to make sure the fire didn't spread to the adjacent buildings around the burning structure. See, **FIRE**, Page 3A

Special to the Herald
 The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission in conjunction with the U.S. Census Bureau will be hosting a free workshop in Big Spring on effectively using censes data for research. This workshop is aimed at community planners, educators and individuals who research census information for reporting, grant writing, as well as gathering current research demographic data for geographic and community profiles. See, **WORKSHOP**, Page 3A

It's back ... Howard County Fair set for Thursday

By JULIE BASS
 Staff Writer
 Cotton candy, ferris wheel, games, contests, rides and so much more will brighten the lives of those visiting the Howard County Fair this week. Entries for the traditional county fair contests will be accepted Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the east entrance of the Howard County Fair Barn. See, **FAIR**, Page 3A

Bankhead Highway Historic military vehicles to pass through Big Spring

Special to the Herald
 History is ambling its way to Big Spring. On Oct. 8, 2015 Big Spring will welcome the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Bankhead Highway convoy. The convoy will be passing through with as many as 65 privately owned Historic Military Vehicles (HMVs) including motorcycles, jeeps and large cargo trucks ranging in age from the World War I era to those just released from armed forces inventories. See, **HMVs**, Page 3A

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To reach us:
 Please call 263-7331.
 Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Shannon Clinic — Big Spring is now open

Special to the Herald
 Shannon Clinic's Big Spring location is now open at 2503 Gregg St., Unit C. Clinic hours are Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lawrence DeVold, MD, will provide family practice care daily. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Baylor University, Dr. DeVold earned his medical degree from the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He completed his family practice residency at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, N.M. Dr. DeVold is fluent in Spanish. See, **CLINIC**, Page 3A



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Terry James



Terry James, 57, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born June 23, 1958, in Big Spring to Edna and Jesse James. He worked all of his adult life with his father at S&S Wheel Alignment. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He loved camping, fishing, NASCAR and the Dallas Cowboys.

He is survived by one son, Jake Allen of Leander; father, Jesse James of Big Spring; brother, Curtis James and his wife Serena of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Larry James.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- RONALD STANLEY HASELBY, 64, of 1302 Tucson St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON, 39, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear, expired registration and a warrant from another agency.
- RANDALL KIRK KIRKHAM, 25, of 203 Terry Rd. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- NOEL B. ROSA, 42, of 1808 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia, fail to identify – giving false/fictitious information, prohibited weapons, driving while license invalid, failed to yield the right of way at stop sign/intersection, failed to maintain financial responsibility and failed to maintain financial responsibility - 2nd offense.
- STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 51, of 1000 W. 4th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 17600 block of E. Hwy 350 (Coahoma).
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Birdwell and 25th St. and at the intersection of 17th St. and Scurry.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Hacks Valley Rd, the 1600 block of S. Gregg St. and the 17000 block of Hilltop Rd.

Support Groups

- MONDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 6:06 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
 - Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
 - 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.

Take Note

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Sept. 28-29; Nov. 2-3; Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• 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.

• The Big Spring High School Student Council invites the community of Big Spring to join show Steer Spirit during homecoming which is Friday. Local business owners are encouraged to decorate their business fronts/windows. The theme of homecoming and the parade is Disney, "Once upon a time, in our quaint little town, the legendary Big Spring Steers welcomed the Graham Cinderellas to battle on sacred ground. Dreams will come true when BSHS Steers prevail in a fight to end all fights." Parade entries submissions are due by Tuesday. Please call the high school front office to enter at 264-3641. For more information, contact Haley Lefever at hlefever@bsisd.esc18.net.

• 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.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

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

• 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.

• 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.

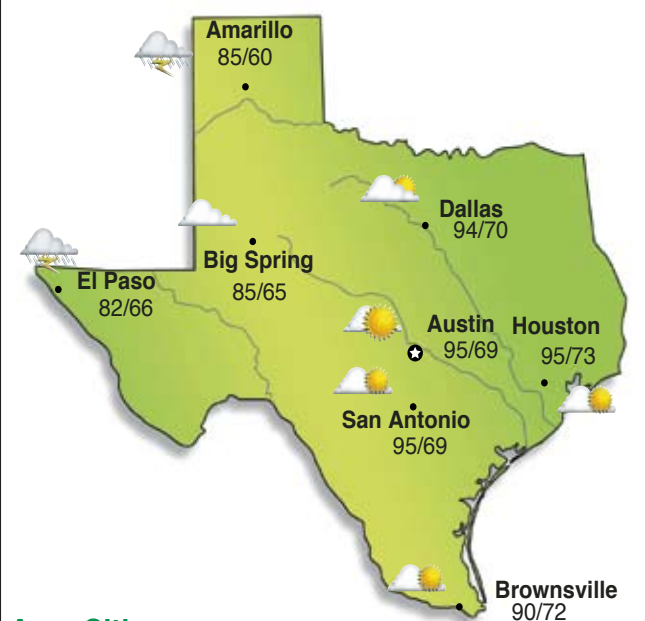
• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 9/20	Mon 9/21	Tue 9/22	Wed 9/23	Thu 9/24
85/65 Cloudy skies. High around 85F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	92/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	91/66 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	91/66 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	90/66 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 7:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:40 PM

Texas At A Glance



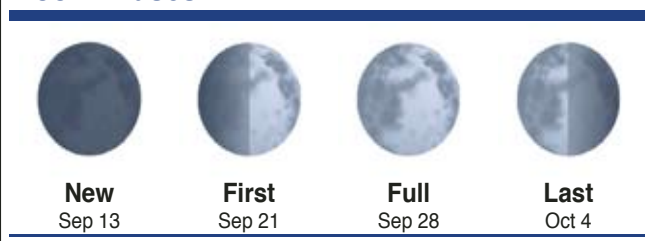
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	90	68	cloudy	Kingsville	94	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	85	60	t-storm	Livingston	96	71	mst sunny
Austin	95	69	mst sunny	Longview	93	67	cloudy
Beaumont	94	71	mst sunny	Lubbock	84	63	cloudy
Brownsville	90	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	95	70	pt sunny
Brownwood	92	68	pt sunny	Midland	88	69	cloudy
Corpus Christi	91	75	t-storm	Raymondville	93	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	95	72	cloudy	Rosenberg	94	70	pt sunny
Dallas	94	70	cloudy	San Antonio	95	69	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	96	69	sunny
El Paso	82	66	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	89	67	cloudy
Fort Stockton	88	69	cloudy	Sweetwater	89	67	cloudy
Gainesville	86	66	t-storm	Tyler	94	71	cloudy
Greenville	88	67	cloudy	Weatherford	91	67	cloudy
Houston	95	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	85	65	t-storm
Los Angeles	90	71	sunny				
Miami	89	76	t-storm				

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	64	pt sunny	Minneapolis	72	57	pt sunny
Boston	70	54	pt sunny	New York	76	58	pt sunny
Chicago	71	51	mst sunny	Phoenix	99	74	mst sunny
Dallas	94	70	cloudy	San Francisco	82	62	sunny
Denver	84	51	sunny	Seattle	70	60	pt sunny
Houston	95	73	pt sunny	St. Louis	77	55	sunny
Los Angeles	90	71	sunny	Washington, DC	78	61	mst sunny
Miami	89	76	t-storm				

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HMVs

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The Military Vehicle Preservation Association will be conducting a 95th Anniversary Convoy that will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route along the historical Bankhead Highway. "The military convoy will be driving down 3rd Street and the public is encouraged to come out and show their support for the convoy with American flags before the convoy stops for their morning break at the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 10 a.m.," said Hayley Lewis, tourism director for the Big Spring Visitors Bureau. "Residents are

invited to the Hangar 25 Air Museum to view the vehicles and see the convoy before they continue along with the rest of their trip."

In 1920, the US Army conducted a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on the newly formed Bankhead Highway. The Army was determined to further their understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army.

The 1920 route began at the White House, in Washington, DC, and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, Calif — some 3,300 miles and 116 days later.

The Bankhead Highway, the nation's first all-weather transcontinental highway, crossed the state of Texas from Texarkana to Garland, Fort Worth; on through Mineral Wells, Strawn, Ranger, Eastland, Cisco, Baird, Abilene, Sweetwater; and finally from Colorado City, Big Spring, and Midland to

Van Horn and El Paso. In Texas, the Bankhead was originally Texas Highway 1, and was the precursor to Highway 80 and Interstate 20.

The Texas Historical Commission has recently completed a historical survey of the entire Bankhead Highway original routes, structures, and communities, providing a rich suite of resources at: www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/bankhead-highway.

The Convoy will have the support of local, county and state law enforcement agencies in many areas along the Convoy route. Follow the Convoy on line with Facebook at www.facebook.com/MVPACConvoy. Amateur (HAM) Radio operators can follow the Convoy at www.CONVOYONTHEAIR.org.

For more information please contact Lewis at 432-263-8235 or Debbie Wegman at 432-264-2516.

FIRE

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Two buildings were evacuated, including an apartment complex. At least three buildings received minor heat damage from the blaze, Ferguson reported

"The guys did an incredible job of protecting these buildings with the amount of heat and fuel that was there, an incredible job," Ferguson said.

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

FAIR

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Categories are: arts and crafts, agriculture produce, canned good, baked goods, photography, creative arts and antique time pieces.

The rest of the activities will begin on Thursday

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., there are scheduled school tours.

At 5:30 p.m. the Fair Queen Contest will take place.

A domino tournament will begin at 6 p.m.

Thursday evening will end with a Gospel Night at the Wells Fargo Entertainment Tent.

On Friday at 1 p.m., there will be an ice cream social.

The evening will end with Scars Entertainment Karaoke in the

Wells Fargo Entertainment Tent.

On Saturday, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will have a dunking booth set up from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m. the Country Kids Kontest will be taking place.

The pet show/contest will be entertaining everyone at noon.

At 1 p.m. there is a cooking demo.

At 1:30 p.m. is the cheerleader battles.

Then beginning at 5 p.m. is the Dazzling Decor's cupcake wars.

At 9:45 p.m., the Fair Quilt Winner will be announced.

At 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. the Country Showdown will take place in the Wells Fargo Entertainment Tent.

On Thursday and Friday, the Fair, Carnival and petting zoo will

open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the exception of Friday when the Carnival is open until midnight. On Saturday, the Fair and Petting Zoo will open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and the Carnival will be from noon until midnight. During the Fair hours, there will be a rock climbing wall, mechanical bull, Dimple the clown, retail shopping, food vendors and family fun for everyone.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and children under 5 years of age will be free.

For any questions go to hcfair.org or visit the Howard County Facebook page.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext. 232 or email life@bigspringherald.com.

WORKSHOP

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What: Censes Data Workshop
When: Monday, Sept. 28
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Horace Garrett Center, Room 209, Howard College campus

A Census Bureau representative will provide instruction for effective navigation techniques and use of improved data resources available on the Census.gov website. Attendance is free to participants,

but registration is required. Computers will be provided and are limited to 26 students. This event is hosted by the PBRPC Regional Services department.

The workshop is set from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28 at Horace Garrett Center, Room 209 located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

To register for this event, got to www.eventbrite.com and searching for "Census Data for Community Analysis". Please notify Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission if you require any special accommodations. For more question, contact Roman Alvarez at 432-563-1061.

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In addition to Dr. DeVold, Interventional Cardiologists Chris Haddad, MD, and Rudy Haddad, MD, will see patients each Monday at the Clinic. For appointments and information about cardiac services, please call 325-481-2281.

David Cummings, MD, Shannon Clinic oncologist and hematologist, will see patients monthly. For appointments and information about oncology services, please call (325) 481-2025.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at Shannon Clinic, Big Spring, please call 325-481-2074.

Pope offers solidarity with Cuba and highlights Hispanics in United States

HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis begins a 10-day trip to Cuba and the United States on Saturday, embarking on his first trip to the one-time Cold War foes after helping to nudge forward their historic rapprochement. He will be offering a show of solidarity with Cubans and making clear that Hispanics in the United States are the bedrock of the American church.

The visit boasts several firsts for history's first Latin American pope: Francis will become the first pope to address the U.S. Congress and he will also proclaim the first saint on U.S. soil by canonizing the controversial (and Hispanic) missionary, Junipero Serra.

Francis though will also be following in the footsteps of his predecessors, becoming the third pontiff to visit Cuba in the past 17 years — a remarkable record for any country much less one with such a tiny Catholic community. And he will join three of

his predecessors in grabbing the world stage at the United Nations to press his agenda on migration, the environment and religious persecution while over 100 world leaders listen in.

It's largely unknown territory for the 78-year-old Argentine Jesuit, who has never visited either country and confessed that the United States was so foreign to him that he would spend the summer reading up on it. His popularity ratings are high in the U.S., but he also has gained detractors, particularly among conservatives over his critiques of the excesses of capitalism.

That has endeared him to Cuban President Raul Castro, who vowed earlier this year that if Francis kept it up, he would return to the Catholic Church.

But Francis has also been on record criticizing Cuba's socialist — and atheist — revolution as denying individuals their "transcendent dignity."

Pope Francis departed

from Rome on a special Alitalia flight Saturday morning. The visit begins in Havana, where he will be greeted as something of a hero to Cubans who rightly credit him with having helped restore diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba. Francis issued a personal appeal to Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro last year to end 50 years of animosity, and later hosted the Cuban and U.S. delegations to finalize the deal.

"This visit is like a breath of hope blowing over Cuba, more than anything because of the role that the pope played in the reestablishment of relations," said Diego Carrera, a 71-year-old retired state worker in Havana.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Charles Smallwood, 66, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Terry James, 57, died Tuesday. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Andrew Price, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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LETTERS

With gratitude

To the editor,

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Trinity Catholic Church would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Integracare Home Health of Big Spring for their donation of food to benefit our food pantry. Integracare chose our organization to receive the donations of canned goods that they collected in a month long food drive. Their generosity will benefit many families in our community.

Thank you, Integracare!

Mary Smylie
Secretary for
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thanks to our boys and girls in blue

To the editor,

Maranatha Baptist Academy just received an amazing visit by two of Big Spring's Finest. I just wanted to thank them and those who work closely with them in protecting our city from crime's unruly woes. I wrote a poem just to let them know we appreciate them. We decorated our school in blue and wore blue T-shirts in their honor.

Our school is going blue today
'Cause we honor those
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From crime's unruly woes.

So join our tribute, Friends,
Honor to whom honor is due
An thank a police man now
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Thanks you for your service,
Dr. Lillian Bohannan,
staff and students.

DAILY PRAYER

May we learn to the wisdom to listen more
than we speak.

Amen

The Store at Dike

Mike and Carol Scott own the store at Dike, a small community near Sulphur Springs.

The place is named for a pioneer family.

“Dike just has a couple of things,” said Mike, “the store and the post office. That’s pretty much it.”

When they bought the store 12 years ago, the shelves were empty. It had been vacant for a while. Mike says the store was just sittin’ there and he thought someone should open it.

“I had bought 600 acres down the road here and moved my cattle from Rockwall. Carol and I ran the feed store in Rockwall for 25 years, up through 2001. Since our cattle were right down the road I didn’t want to run all the way to Sulphur Springs every time I wanted a coke or needed a gallon of gas or something like that, so I just thought

I’d open it back up.”

It’s hard to pass by the store without stopping to look around. It looks like a movie set.

A 1940 panel truck is parked in front that has a surfboard and air horns on it. Antiques are all over the property. Inside the store, customers find a stuffed bear, an elk and all kinds of country stuff.

“Outside on the porch we have horse collars, all types of harness and things that used to lay round the farm. We’ve got some old saddles. One of them is from about 1900 to 1920. That junk has character.”

The store doesn’t just sell groceries and gasoline. Carol prepares meals for some regular customers.

“They walk in and tell Carol they want this, this and this. They sit down and go to talking and all of a sudden Carol sits a bowl of something in front of them and they ask what it is. Carol tells them it’s their breakfast. ‘You ordered sausage, gravy, biscuits and eggs. I just put it in one bowl.’ Now they’ve got to where they understand her and walk in and say, ‘Carol,

fix me some breakfast.’ They never order anything. At lunch-time they’ll walk in and ask, ‘we havin’ hamburgers or barbecue or bologna?’ Carol tells them to sit down. It’s like bein’ at home.”

The store sells the basics: milk, bread, potato chips and cokes. About the gasoline, Mike says he has the cheapest gas in town.

The back of the store has four male dummies sitting around a table like they’re playing cards. Mike’s easy chair is nearby. Customers enter through a screen door that opens with a loud squeak.

It has a bell on it that rings when the door opens. A strong spring on the door causes the door to slam.

“Everybody gets a kick out of my screen door,” says Mike. We got it fixed that way to wake me up when I’m snoozing in my easy chair.”

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



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Blue Monday all week long

When they handed out colors to represent lines of work, kinds of moods, degrees of dangers, and emphases on weather maps, it now seems certain “blue” has been overworked.

Perhaps we need to either back off, giving other colors their places in the sun — or even 15 seconds of fame. Otherwise, perhaps we should introduce several shades of blue.

Maybe it’s something of a “cop-out,” but trotting out 50 shades of blue seems to cheapen a color that should be one greatly honored. Instead, far too often, it is trampled....

As to “cop-outs,” consider our culture — in a serious slide southward in ways considered outlandishly unlikely but a few winks ago. Let’s hone in specifically on law enforcement personnel — men and women in blue. Formerly, they were generally treated with both deep respect and appreciation.

Today, sadly, there’s much deliberation about the feasibility of their continuing to dress in uniforms for their daily shifts. They are thus clearly identified as to who they are. Also under question is whether it is safe for them to drive clearly identified vehicles. It is as though they are enemies, clutching as firmly as they can the values we formerly held to be sacred.

Our national mood calls for “singing the blues” — if we are

to sing at all — when duty shifts begin. Men and women in blue have to wonder whether they’re leaving their homes to promote peace or wage war in a land where domestic tranquility once seemed achievable. While we’re at it, let’s include other emergency responders — including, of course, fire department personnel. Really, now, would anyone be surprised if they, too, need to wear flak jackets? Or hold hoses in one hand and weapons in the other? Should we be shocked to soon see ads for tail gunners on fire trucks?....

Few of us in daily routines expect to participate in law enforcement procedures. I was in such a scene recently, albeit unwittingly. Having concluded popping corn for delivery to friends, I noticed the gas gauge skittering toward “E.”

Outfitted in pull-over shirt, old jean cut-offs and sandals, I wished for a baseball cap to hide run-away gray hair mats devoid of shampoo for 24 hours or so. Some 40-50 yards away, a smiling lady waved vigorously.

Thinking she recognized me and probably wanted a popcorn fix — for herself and for two accompanying children — I felt it seemly to reward them. I wandered slowly over to hand them a bag, as if I knew them. Turns out, I didn’t....

As the bag left my hand, I heard a voice of the law, neither amplified nor ill-spoken. “Please move away from the car.”

Behind the woman’s vehicle, perhaps 40 feet away, was a police car. Inside, the officer was completing details of what I suppose was a speeding violation.

Horrors! I was thrust into pos-

sible interference with the law. So, I offered the officer a bag of popcorn, too. But, he couldn’t accept it. I felt stupid, retreated quickly to my car and drove away....

Proceeding with deliveries, I couldn’t turn off memories of how I’d almost “interfered” with what I’m sure was a routine traffic stop near noontide of the day. I hope the woman and her children enjoyed the popcorn, and I’m sorry — at this time in history, anyway — it isn’t prudent for law enforcement personnel to accept foodstuff from a guy who looked like he should be raking leaves.

I mentally “applauded” to the many demonstrations across our land supporting men and women in blue. Let us applaud their many shades of blue, including postal workers, and yes, even umpires. It is the American way, even if the latter group sometimes must wait for instant replay for exoneration. For many caught up in the jagged edges of life’s realities, there’s no instant replay, no mulligans and quite often, not even casual thanks.

It is worth repeating: The American way is under siege. If we are to be privileged to keep it one nation under God, we must reclaim old resolve to defend what is right and true — for each other, and for the men and women in blue. May God bless them every day....

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Texas Rangers seek information about unidentified deceased woman discovered in Falls County

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a woman whose remains were discovered in 2000 in Falls County. Based on multiple forensic analyses, investigators estimate that she died in the mid-1980s to possibly early 1990s.

On April 9, 2000, fishermen found a skull at the edge of a pond on County Road 451, approximately five miles from Interstate 35 in Falls County, just south of Waco. Additional remains were discovered with clothing and other personal items, and foul play is suspected in the woman's death.

A DPS Texas Rangers forensic artist was able to develop a facial reconstruction from the skull. The above image represents the victim's probable appearance in the mid-1980s. The victim is believed to be of Hispanic and/or Asian descent, age 25 – 45, and between 4 feet, 7 inches and 5 feet, 3 inches tall.

A DNA profile has been developed from the bones recovered; however no matches have been made to any known missing person case. It is possible this woman was never officially reported missing.

Among the items found with the remains was a gold pendant, featuring a fire-breathing dragon on one side and a bird on the other side. According to research done by investigators, the images on the necklace may be a depiction of the dragon and phoenix myth, common in Asian culture.

Anyone with information about any missing person matching her description should contact the Texas Rangers' Offices in Waco at: (254) 754-2303, or the Texas Department of Public Safety, Missing Persons Clearinghouse at (512) 424-5074 or (800) 346-3243.

For more information related to this case or to see additional photos of items found with the remains, visit: www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch/UnidentifieddetailsPrint.asp?id=U0802020&Person=Unidentified.

DPS encourages anyone with a missing relative from any time period to submit a familial reference sample of DNA by contacting the agency that investigated the disappearance. The process is simple and free, usually consisting of a simple cheek-swabbing, but must be done via a law enforcement agency.



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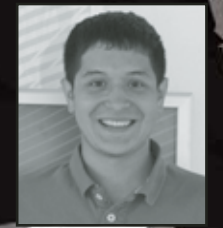
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Big Spring outlasts Hereford 29-19

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

On a windy night in Hereford, Big Spring (3-1) took control of the game early and never looked back.

The Steers took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, as quarterback Garrett Wigington delivered a 12-yard strike to junior wideout Riley Henson. Early in the second, Hereford moved the ball well and drove to the Steers' three-yard line. A stout goal line stand by Big Spring kept the Whitfaces out of the endzone.

On the third play of the following drive, junior running back Preston Alexander ran a stretch play to the right side and took it up the sideline for the 80-yard touchdown.

"I give all credit to my line, they gave me the ability to get out there and a big block as well," Alexander said.

On the following drive, the resourceful Hereford offense methodically moved deep into Big Spring territory. The Steer defense once again kept Hereford out of the endzone and the score was 13-6 with just over a minute remaining in the half.

On second down on the following drive, Alexander ran right similarly to his earlier touchdown, but this time he threw the ball to a wide open Daniel Luna to trick the defense and take a 21-6 lead into halftime. Luna also had an



Photo by Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)
Preston Alexander (right) runs behind senior tight end Nathan Schneider (left) who blocks a Hereford defender out of Alexander's way during their 29-19 victory.

interception during the first quarter.

In the first half Big Spring played a clean game and capitalized on Hereford's mistakes. The Whitefaces ended the game with 14 false starts and missed several opportunities to get in the endzone.

Hereford came out with a lot of fight and pride in the second

half. The mistakes were evident by both teams as temperatures started to dip.

Leading 21-12, Big Spring sealed the game with a 10-play drive that featured eight consecutive runs by Alexander, including the three-yard push to find the endzone.

Leading 29-19 with less than three minutes remain-

ing, Hereford drove into Big Spring territory. Wigington ended any hopes of a miracle comeback with an interception, reading a slant pattern by the slot receiver.

Alexander ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns, and also threw a 63-yard touchdown pass. Defensively Big Spring forced three turnovers and al-

lowed 12 points in three red-zone trips by Hereford.

"I don't care what happens on the field, but we don't let them cross that line," head coach Phillip Ritchey said. "Make everything as hard as we can for them to score and that's just heart, effort and taking pride in making things difficult for them."

Sands Mustangs stampede over Blackwell 70-12 in just two quarters of play

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

Not much went wrong for Sands Friday night as they traveled to face the Blackwell Hornets.

Sands scored 70 points in the first two quarters alone, putting any hopes of a Hornets victory out quickly. Quarterback Dayton Eddleman completed seven of his 11 passing attempts for 129 yards and three touchdowns.

In total the Mustangs threw six passing touchdowns between Eddleman, Deryk Renteria and Nick Garcia. Eddleman also led the team with 83 yards on the

ground with just two carries. Renteria and Garcia also had an interception each.

The game was called after the first half. The Mustangs ran the ball six times for 116 yards and had 248 passing yards on 11 completions.

Blackwell totaled just 134 yards of offense, while controlling time of possession 13:43 to 9:22. Sands also recovered a fumble, winning the turnover battle by plus three.

The game was certainly one of the most lopsided and dominant performances by the Mustangs in recent history.

Valencia's 2 homers lead A's over fading Astros 4-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Danny Valencia has a knack for big hits against the Houston Astros.

His big year against Houston continued Friday night when he homered twice, including a go-ahead two-run shot in the eighth inning, to help the Oakland Athletics to a 4-3 victory that sent the scuffling Astros to their fifth straight loss.

The recent skid has allowed the first-place Texas Rangers to move 2 1-2 games ahead of the Astros in the AL West.

Valencia has six home runs and 13 RBIs in 16 career games against Houston.

"He hits the ball out of the ballpark," manager Bob Melvin said. "There are certain teams that you gain some confidence against and swing the bat well against them and you feel good. But he's done some damage against a lot of teams this year, too."

Oakland trailed by a run with one out and one on in the eighth when Valencia launched a pitch from Pat Neshek (3-6) into the seats in left field to make it 4-3. Valencia had a solo shot in the fourth inning, his second career multihomer game and the first since 2010.

He wouldn't concede that there's anything special about playing against the Astros.

"Maybe fortunate for me to get hitter's counts; maybe I just see the ball better," he said. "The guys out there are really good."

The Astros had a 3-0 lead after three innings thanks to two RBIs from Jed Lowrie and a home run by Chris Carter.

Josh Reddick and Valencia hit

back-to-back homers to start the fourth and cut the lead to 3-2.

Drew Pomeranz (5-5) struck out two in a perfect seventh for the win and Ryan Dull pitched a scoreless ninth for his first career save.

"It's a big confidence booster to go out there and continue to work on my game," Dull said.

Houston starter Mike Fiers allowed two runs and five hits in six innings in his first appearance at Minute Maid Park since his no-hitter on Aug. 21, against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Reddick's homer was the first earned run Fiers allowed in 17 1-3 innings at home since being traded to Houston.

Felix Doubront went six innings for Oakland, yielding five hits and three runs with four strikeouts.

The Astros couldn't do anything after building the early lead. Jake Marisnick singled with two outs in the fourth before Oakland retired the next 15 batters. Colby Rasmus walked with two outs in the ninth, but pinch-hitter Preston Tucker struck out to end the game.

An RBI single by Lowrie gave Houston a 1-0 lead in the first. Carter's 19th homer — and Houston's 200th this season — came in the second inning to make it 2-0.

Jose Altuve singled to start the third and scored on a sacrifice fly by Lowrie to push the lead to 3-0. Altuve got a mouth full of dirt and almost knocked down home plate umpire Toby Basner when his momentum from the slide pushed him through the umpire's legs.

Sam Fuld robbed rookie Carlos Correa of a hit in the third when he made a diving catch in midair for the first out of the inning. Fuld smiled and shook his head after getting up and an incredulous Correa shouted "No way" before heading to the dugout.

Fiers was shaken up in the second when he was struck in the side by a line drive hit by Brett Lawrie. Trainers spoke to him for a minute before he took a few warmup pitches and remained in the game.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Athletics: OF Billy Burns was out of the lineup for the eighth straight game on Friday because of tightness in his right hamstring, but he entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the seventh inning. ... C Stephen Vogt, who hasn't played since Sept. 6 because of a groin injury, is improving and worked out before Friday's game.

Astros: OF Carlos Gomez missed his sixth straight game with intercostal discomfort. Manager A.J. Hinch said he's getting better, but is probably still a few days from returning because he isn't yet able to swing a bat.

UP NEXT

Oakland's Sonny Gray (13-7, 2.56) opposes former Athletic Scott Kazmir (7-10, 2.63) when the series continues Saturday. Gray is 4-2 with a 1.88 ERA in six career starts against the Astros. Kazmir, who was traded to Houston in July, allowed seven hits and four runs in a loss to Oakland on Sept. 8.

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Forsan loses to Reagan Co.

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes (2-2) dropped their second game in a row, this time on the road to Reagan County (3-1).

Forsan succeeded in moving the ball throughout the night, with 30 more plays than the Owls and 14 extra first downs. The Buffaloes also outgained Reagan County by over 100 yards.

Senior quarterback Jesse Cervantes struggled, throwing four in-

terceptions to his one touchdown pass to senior Ian Park.

The Buffaloes rushed for 222 yards, 93 of which were by senior Akkey McVae. Senior running back Walker Park had 65 yards on four carries and a touchdown.

"They blocked and tackled better than we did," head coach Jason Phillips said. "Anytime you lose those two battles you're in for a rough night."

Outside of the redzone, Forsan's offense played well as they were able

to move the ball at will. The trouble came in the redzone.

Forsan had the ball inside the Owl's 25 yard line five times without scoring.

"We moved the ball well, we just need to clean some things up and execute better," Phillips said.

After looking like a high-powered offense that had very little issues executing, the Buffaloes have scored just 32 points in their last eight quarters.

Coahoma wins in impressive fashion over Miles 66-33

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs had their best offensive performance of the season on the road in Miles.

They rushed for 476 yards and had a total of 585 to Miles' 476.

Coahoma went up 20-7 after the first quarter, but in the second Miles made the game close thanks to a lack of pressure by the Bulldog's defense.

"We did a good job containing their offense in the first part of the first half," head coach

Fred Dietz said. "We struggled to get to the quarterback in the second quarter and he made us pay a number of times."

After making adjustments at halftime, the team responded and held Miles to just seven points in the second half.

Running back Kyler Franks ran the ball 28 times for 289 yards and six touchdowns. Quarterback Kody Barber had 187 yards and three rushing touchdowns on 26 carries as Miles had no answer for the Bulldog's running

attack. Barber also had a touchdown pass caught by Britton Heath. Jon Bermea led all Bulldog receivers with 49 yards on two catches.

"I was really proud about how we responded after Miles made their run in the second quarter," Dietz said. "We started to get pressure on him and stopped letting him have his way out there. The offense moved the ball really well and I thought the defense did a pretty good job against a tough quarterback."

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It's Jason Day and everyone else at BMW Championship

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — As Jason Day's long eagle putt at the last hole rolled down the hill and toward the hole, every revolution of the ball only added to the sense of inevitability.

When it disappeared into the cup for an 8-under 63, a PGA Tour record-tying 36-hole score of 18 under and a five-shot lead at the BMW Championship, Day pumped his fist as playing partners Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler broke into widening grins and then applause.

Their expressions said it all about golf's man of the moment: Day is making everything that matters.

"I feel like I should be paying to come watch some of this," said Spieth, tied for fifth at 11 under. "It was special."

Special enough, anyway, that Day's closest pursuers, rookie Daniel Berger and Brendon Todd, shot 64 and 63, respectively, on a rain-softened Conway Farms layout and still couldn't make up any ground. Yet Day's day could have been more special still.

After heavy rain forced a suspension of the opening round, Day returned to Conway Farms early Friday needing to hole a 44-yard wedge shot for an eagle that would have given him a 59 and tied another tour record. Instead, he hit a low pitch that skidded to a stop 10 feet from the hole and

narrowly missed and settled for a 61.

"I came in this morning and obviously didn't shoot 59 and felt like everyone was disappointed in me," Day chuckled.

He was kidding, but just barely. Day has won three times — including his first major, the PGA Championship — and is an aggregate 97 under in tournament play since a narrow miss at the British Open in late July.

"I don't know how else to explain the way I've been playing. I feel very free, like there's no stress. There's obviously stress," Day added a moment later, "but I'm enjoying it."

After shooting 32 on the front nine to start the second round, the Aussie strung together four birdies in a six-hole stretch on the back, then capped it off with an 43-foot putt for eagle at No. 18. But he was far from the only golfer on a roll.

With little wind and receptive greens and fairways, the field averaged 3-under 68 and world No. 1 Rory McIlroy said even that seemed generous.

Citing the conditions, the length of Conway Farms (it played at 6,892 yards Friday) and the number of par-4 holes reachable with a driver, "the par for us out here should be 67 or 66," added McIlroy, who shot 65 and called it only "a decent score."

Berger, too, might have done better if not for a lost ball at No. 14,

which led to his only bogey of the day.

"We had plenty of people definitely helping us look, probably 25 people" Berger said. "At one point, I offered the crowd \$500 if they could find. Seriously, I did."

"We probably found 20 balls," he added ruefully.

Like Day and Spieth and three other players, Todd made eagle at the 556-yard, par-5 18th. Todd holed a wedge from 81 yards, but didn't stick around long to celebrate. His wife flew in earlier in the day, but because Todd forgot to add her name to the reservation, she wound up watching the round in the hotel bar.

"She told me 'good playing,' so I assume she caught a little bit," he said. "They don't like to show me on TV, but I think they probably showed that one on 18."

Day's finish there definitely made it onto the screen. Considering the way he's playing, no one in the golf world dares take their eyes off him.

He said as a youngster he wanted to dominate the game like Tiger Woods and after the second round, the inevitable question followed: "Are you heading in that direction now?"

"I hope so. That would be nice," Day said, but caught himself soon after and added, "But he's won 79 times and I've only won six. But it's something I can shoot for."

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Comanche Warrior Triathlon

The 8th Annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon has come and gone. More than 60 competitors dove into the icy cold Comanche Lake for a 500 meter swim, then biked 30 kilometers and finished the three part event with a 5 kilometer run.

Friends, family members and spectators gather around to watch the swim and then most hung around as they waited for the racers to return on their bikes and take off for the leg race.

Because temperatures were in the 60s early Saturday morning, the athletes were allowed wet suits.

Another change this year was the bicycle route. Due to some traffic concerns, the bike trail was altered slightly. The Sheriff's Department, city workers and others blocked roads and helped to guide the racers through the track. Officials with the Comanche Warrior Triathlon also proudly announced that this year they had more boats/kayaks and life-guards to help ensure the swimmers' safety during the 500 meter swim.

When all was said and done, the results were as follows:

Teams: (Times are in hour: minute: second format)

1. There is no Tri (1:19:50)
2. YMCA Male (1:26:38)
3. YMCA Mixed (1:27:22)
4. Red Raiders (1:47:52)
5. Tres Amigas (1:51:32)
6. Triple Threat (2:07:53)

Womens:

21. Larissa McBride of Brady, Texas (1:41:56)
24. Nadia Chisler of Hobbs, N.M. (1:43:07)
27. Makenzie Schwertner of Brady, Texas (1:46:03)
33. Amy Evans of Midland (1:50:37)
41. Rachel Harvey of Midland (1:55:51)
45. Christie White of San Angelo (1:59:41)
50. Dorothy Langdon of San Angelo (2:31:24)

Mens:

1. Rance Irvin of Hobbs, N.M. (1:12:08)
2. Jeff Dierdorf of Abilene (1:20:03)
3. Camron Stotts of Midland (1:20:28)
4. Brian Lemaster of San Angelo (1:22:20)
5. Ryan Taylor of Midland (1:22:51)
6. Jason Haislip of Midland (1:25:27)
7. Michael King of Lubbock (1:27:49)
8. Robert Heller of Midland (1:28:34)

9. Rio Rubalcaba of Hobbs, N.M. (1:29:22)
10. Jeremy Ochoa of San Angelo (1:29:56)
11. Daniel McBride of Brady, Texas (1:31:35)
12. Blake Linnerud of Midland (1:32:04)
13. Zack Belew of Midland (1:34:58)
14. David Finley of Midland (1:37:46)
15. Brian McPhee of Midland (1:37:56)
16. Dale Eaton of Midland (1:38:12)
17. Ace Neito of Big Spring (1:38:31)
18. Allan Espina of Odessa (1:39:15)
19. Doby Walker of Big Spring (1:41:27)
20. Cody Bacon of Midland (1:41:59)
22. Scott Head of Snyder (1:41:59)
23. James Dopson of Mansfield, Texas (1:42:39)
25. Travis Durham of Midland (1:44:32)
26. Chris Thomas of Big Spring (1:45:00)
28. David Martin of Midland (1:46:25)
29. Tim Edwards of Midland (1:46:35)
30. Dan Zeller of Hobbs, N.M. (1:48:08)
31. Robert Haskell of Midland (1:49:58)
32. Pete Thauwald of Lorena, Texas (1:50:13)
34. Bill Montgomery of San Angelo (1:50:49)
35. Fonz Garcia of Crane, Texas (1:51:15)
36. Cade Walton of Midland (1:51:53)
37. Jeffrey Reist of Odessa (1:54:22)
38. Chase Nobles of Snyder (1:54:59)
39. Stephen Langdon of San Angelo (1:55:10)
40. Jeremy Martin of Odessa (1:55:21)
42. Jacob Pena of Midland (1:56:37)
43. Jimmy Sikes of San Angelo (1:56:38)
44. Mike Greer of Ransom Canyon, Texas (1:58:52)
46. Jesse Paredes of Odessa (2:05:34)
47. Chad Caddel of Lubbock (2:08:57)
48. Josh Lewis of Odessa (2:13:38)
49. Bryan Stromberg of Odessa (2:16:46)
51. Randall Sloan of Cleburne, Texas (2:32:17)



Starting at the top: The participants during the morning meeting. Chad Caddel (#647) shakes hands with Cade Walton (#606) before the start of the triathlon. Swimmers pushed themselves during the 500 meter swim. A member of the Tres Amiga team pushes on while competitor Larissa gets started on the 30 kilometer portion of the race. Michael King begins his time on the bicycle.

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On Thursday, Big Spring High School students and staff wore blue in support of local law enforcement. Friday and Saturday was Paint the Town Blue and Officer Appreciation Day. The community was encouraged to decorate in blue.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Sept. 14 in the Wildlife Room at Howard College. President Lisa Brooks called on Peggy Hopper for the invocation. Peggy will soon leave us and will be sorely missed. We welcomed new member Peggy Skiles. Love our Lakes was a huge success - 57 volunteers and 63 bags of trash were collected. KBSB will host a booth that the County Fair. Come and receive one of our new tote bags

and meet Big Belly the new hi-tech trash can. We expect to complete our Main Street median project by the end of October. We have applied for several grants. Thanks to Donna Wennik and Ben Stewart for tending our garden at the civic center in Aug. Trev Larson and Londa Henry will be tending the garden in Sept. The next meeting is Oct. 5 in the Cactus room at the Howard College.

USBC board meeting


By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer
The board members of the Big Spring United Bowling Association Congress (USBC) met on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama. The board discussed the growth of the men's leagues and began discussing ways to increase the women's and youth leagues. The Monday night Ladies Majors and the Wednesday morning Pin Poppers, both once popular leagues, have dwindled to just a few teams each. Ways to bring more bowlers in and build the leagues back up are

continuously being thought over and planned. The Youth Strikers league has previously been on Saturdays, but due to the youths activities at school and in other sports, the league was moved to Sunday afternoons. This year some new youth bowlers have joined, but there is still space for more kids to join. Dates for a Halloween tournament, the men's city tournament and the women's city tournament were discussed. The board also talked about trying to host a youth city tournament this season and doing fundraisers to set up a Dylan Lance scholarship.

Who's Who

in Howard County

Name: Cathy M. Pate
Where do you work: Howard County Clerk's Office
Where were you born: Windsor, Ontario, Canada
City you live in: Big Spring, Texas
Family: Husband - Terry. Dogs - 11 year old yellow lab and 2 year old black lab.
Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Shopping for Christmas presents at bazaars and trade days and photography
Favorite book: Romance and books about dogs.
Favorite show: NCIS and the Voice
Favorite movie: The Big Chill, Bridesmaids and Peggy Sue got married.
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere: Alaska or Greece



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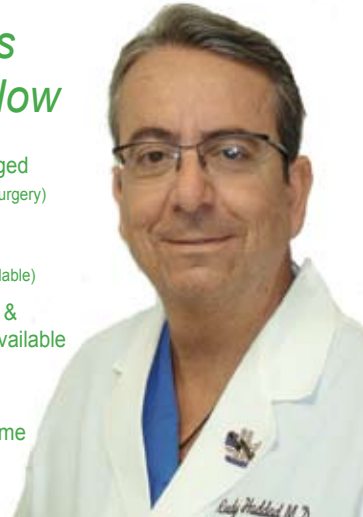
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Census: Income, poverty numbers stay just about the same

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wallets of America's middle class and poorest aren't seeing any extra money, the U.S. Census reported Wednesday, a financial stagnation experts say may be fueling political dissent this campaign season.

The Census Bureau, in its annual look at poverty and income in the United States, said both the country's median income and poverty rate were statistically unchanged in 2014 from the previous year.

Median income — the point where half of the households have income below it and half have income above it — showed no statistically significant change, despite the small drop to \$53,700 in 2014 from 2013's \$54,500. Median income is a broad measure of the economic health of the middle class.

The poverty rate also showed no statistically significant change. In 2014, the poverty rate in the United States was 14.8 percent, which was the same as in 2013. The poverty rate had dropped in 2013 from 15 percent in 2012, the first such drop since 2006.

There were 46.7 million people in poverty, which is also a statistically similar number from the previous four years. In 2014, a family with two adults and two children was categorized as in poverty if their income was less than \$24,008.

Census officials said they weren't surprised by the flat numbers. "It's not unusual for it not to go down two years in a row," said Trudi J. Renwick, chief of the Poverty Statistics Branch in the bureau's Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division.

The White House focused on the fact that some of the numbers increased, though census officials noted the change was not significant. "Real median income for family households rose \$408 in 2014, while real median income for non-family households also rose but overall median household income declined," administration officials said in a news release.

Republicans argued that the stagnating numbers reveal a need for change to the country's welfare programs.

"Our current approach to fighting poverty, though well-intended, is failing too many Americans," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican. "This disappointing data, five years into an economic recovery, underscores the need for a new effort to modernize our country's safety net programs."

The latest numbers will feed into the 2016 political debate, with both parties trying to position themselves as advocates for the middle class.

▶ Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday
Breakfast: assorted cereal, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, strawberries, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: pancakes on a stick, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, baby carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail and milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Asian chicken, brown rice, broccoli, twisted applesauce, fresh fruit bowl, chocolate cookies and milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: cinnamon mini rolls, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chicken enchiladas, spanish rice, ranch beans, garden salad, mandarin oranges and milk.

Friday
Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: pizza dippers, celery sticks, cream cheese, potato rounds, peaches and milk.

Sands CISD

Monday
Breakfast: sausage biscuit; Lunch: cheeseburger, fries, garden salad, baby carrots with ranch and mixed fruit.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Dutch waffle and bacon; Lunch: Thai chicken, eggroll, brown rice, tomato cucumber cup, steamed broccoli and snowball salad.

Wednesday
Breakfast: breakfast boat; Lunch: chicken alfredo, breadstick, garden salad, carrot coins, apple slices and cookie.

Thursday
Breakfast: stuffed bagel and sausage; Lunch: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, roll and apple-pineapple d' lite.

Friday
Breakfast: pancakes and bacon; Lunch: fish strips, Texas toast, coleslaw, pinto beans and orange smiles

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday
Creole chicken over rice, fried okra, California vegetables, peaches and milk.

Tuesday
Beef patty with mushroom gravy, new potatoes, peas and pearl onions, sugar cookies, rolls and milk.

Wednesday
Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, potato chips, fruit salad and milk.

Thursday
Chicken crisps, lettuce/tomato/sour cream, rice, beans, tres leches cake and milk.

Friday
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn on the cob, fruited Jell-O, bread and milk.

Fashion Week: Layers at Proenza Schouler, Riviera at Lauren

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press is all over New York Fashion Week, from the runways to celebrities as eight days of spring previews entered their final day Thursday.

PEELING THE BANANA AT PROENZA SCHOULER

If there was one defining concept for Proenza Schouler's latest collection — and don't call it a theme, because the designers eschew themes — it was the peeling of a banana.

Yes, a banana. "The idea of peeling away layers," Lazaro Hernandez, half of the designing duo, said backstage. "So we were looking at these traditional shirts, and then unbuttoning it, and peeling it over the shoulders, and inserting straps. These clothes were sort of falling off their bodies. Unraveling."

Indeed, many garments did lack shoulders. And they were tied together with ribbons, not buttons. "We got rid of all the buttons," Hernandez said; the designers wanted it to feel like "you pull a ribbon and the whole garment falls to the floor."

Fashionistas left the show positively raving about what they had just seen, and that's hardly surprising: Hernandez and partner Jack McCollough are true darlings of the fashion world, and this time they delivered yet another hit.

Though many saw a clear Spanish influence in the innovative collection, the duo shied away from attaching a clear label. Still, Hernandez, who has Cuban roots, noted that their inspiration came from examining his own personal background.

"We wanted to look at my personal history somehow," he said. "We've never really done that. So we were like looking at pictures of family, and there was a heat and a sensuality, all those cultures that felt sort of right and powerful and emotional."

One obvious Latin accent was a ruffle — not a typical element for these very contemporary designers, famous for introducing new shapes and using cutting-edge technology to create new fabrics.

"A ruffle's kind of weird," said Hernandez. "A ruffle feels so WRONG. We like things that feel wrong, first of all, and (figuring out) how to turn that into something that feels kind of great. So we were like messing with ruffles, and I guess a flamenco reference comes from that."

For these famously inventive designers, in sum, there was less invention this season — on purpose. "Less science, less technology," Hernandez said. "More traditional craft. And then when it's perfect? Breaking it down. Creating something beautiful, and then destroying it."

Jocelyn Noveck

RALPH LAUREN SETS OFF FOR THE FRENCH RIVIERA

In a tan leather double-breasted traveling trouser suit and beachy blue-and-white stripes, the Ralph Lauren Collection served up a trip to the French Riviera.

Lauren wanted to capture the rustic romanticism and the glamorous, sporty spirit of the well-heeled who flock there, he said in a statement after the show. The looks express a "cool insouciance and understated style," he explained.

There was linen and crepe, cashmere and silk, organza and saddle leather for this woman on her way to her favorite vacation playground. She had towering high cork wedges on her feet in navy alligator, chic totes and leather bags, and plenty of loose, flowing jumpsuits and dresses for evening.

Her pop of color included bright red in tops and dresses. And she's prone to ultra-wide trousers navy with white side panels, worn with striped button-down shirts.

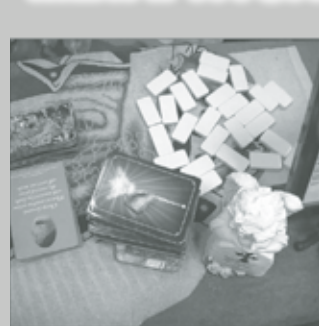
For the fashionista not afraid to make a BIG statement, Lauren spoke at high volume in a geometric print of cobalt, bright yellow, red, white, orange and neon green (you read that right) for a trench coat, strapless evening dress and other pieces. He carried over the pattern in a large traveling luggage bag.

But much of the collection spoke to the label's heart: a classic, elegant belted day dress with short sleeves and a feminine ruffle at the neck, worn with a medium-wide brown belt, for instance. It was a look many kinds of women would enjoy, unlike some voluminous print evening looks loaded down with ruffles, slits and draping below the waist.

Are cutouts below the breast and at the midriff still happening? They are here, in red and navy for evening.

Julianne Moore, Jessica Chastain and Alec Baldwin were among the celebs on Lauren's front row.

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Big Spring High grad earns national teaching award

Michael Schooler, a 1982 Big Spring High School graduate, from the International Community School of Addis Ababa (ICSA), Ethiopia, and Catarina Song Chen from the American School of Belo Horizonte (EABH), Brazil

are award winners for 2015 from the U.S. Department of State-assisted schools.

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) each year sponsors the National Distinguished Principals Award Program. This program honors exceptional elementary and middle school principals (as well as heads of small schools which do not have principals) from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Schools, and American overseas schools assisted by the Office of Overseas Schools, U.S. Department of State.

Michael Schooler is currently in his 19th year as an elementary principal and in his second year as the elementary principal at ICSA, which has an enrollment of 824 students, with 481 students in the elementary school. ICSA offers an American curriculum along with the International Baccalaureate programs.

Prior to coming to Addis Ababa, Michael was the principal of Bennett Elementary School an IB World School, Fort Collins, Colo., Washington Elementary School in Canon City, Colo., and Jones Elementary School, Brackettville, Texas. He served as a special education teacher before he was a principal in Midland, Texas and in San Marcos, Texas.

Michael earned his Master of Education degree from Texas State University and he did his undergraduate work at Angelo State University Texas. Michael attended Big Spring schools from second grade at Kentwood Elementary to Runnels, Goliad and graduated from BSHS in 1982.

He started out working in the oil fields, but with the help and mentoring of some great teachers and principals, he eventually found his "passion" as an educator/consultant, both in the U.S. and abroad. Two key mentors were Mr. Walker (vocational arts teacher) and Coach Tom Koger at BSHS, Michael said. Mr. Walker and Coach Koger instilled values of hard work and honest reflection that continue to influence the way Michael interacts with his teachers and students to this day, he added.

An important event in his career was hearing Sir Kenneth Robinson speak on creativity and schools at a National Association of School Boards meeting in Colorado. Afterwards, he reflected on the fact that some schools "squashed creativity" and so decided that he and the teachers at his school would work on developing a culture that put student creativity first.

By shifting his focus from performance to creativity, he created a better learning environment, while increasing student and teacher performance and overall growth. Michael is an advocate for students with special needs and has worked diligently to acquire funding, as well as develop programs for students with all types of learning needs.

At ICSA he is striving to create not only support for the students, but also to build awareness in a country where children with special needs are not understood.

Michael is married with one daughter. He is involved with a number of service projects in Ethiopia,

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Schooler



Courtesy photo

Highland Animal Hospital is a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

Rattlesnake Wind farm online

Invenergy announces completion of Glasscock County project

Special to the Herald

CHICAGO (Sept. 17, 2015) — Invenergy Wind LLC ("Invenergy") announced today the completion of construction and the start of commercial operation of its 207 MW Rattlesnake Wind Energy Center ("Rattlesnake") in Glasscock County, Texas.

Rattlesnake is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Midland, in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") West Zone. The facility consists of 118 GE 1.7 MW wind turbines. Output feeds into Texas' new Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) infrastructure, which will help enable more consumer access to low-cost energy in the ERCOT region for years to come.

Rattlesnake will benefit its host community by providing an estimated combined economic infusion of \$3.3 million annually via property tax payments, landowner payments and staff salaries.

"We're pleased to celebrate this

milestone for our newest wind energy project in Texas, a state that continues to be a great place to do business and a leader in homegrown power generation for the country," said Jim Shield, Chief Development Officer at Invenergy. "This project is boosting the local economy through job creation and tax revenue, and we thank the Glasscock community for its strong support of the Rattlesnake Wind Energy Center. With an active and growing development pipeline in Texas, Invenergy looks forward to continuing to create new sources of clean energy in the Lone Star State."

Rattlesnake created more than 200 construction jobs, and a full-time staff of 12 will operate and maintain the operating facility. Blattner Energy was the project's general contractor, and System 3 Inc. was the substation and transmission line contractor.

Invenergy's operating project portfolio in Texas includes eight wind farms with a combined capacity of more than 1,300 MW.

The projects provide a combined economic infusion of more than \$20 million annually via property tax payments, landowner payments and staff salaries.

About Invenergy

Invenergy and its affiliated companies develop, own, and operate large-scale renewable and other clean energy generation and storage facilities in North America and Europe. Invenergy is committed to continued innovation in clean power solutions. Invenergy's home office is located in Chicago and it has regional development offices in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, and Europe.

Invenergy and its affiliated companies have developed more than 9,100 MW of projects that are in operation, in construction, or under contract, including 76 wind, solar, and natural gas-fueled power generation projects and energy storage facilities. For more information, please visit www.invenergyllc.com.



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Jess Bravo, 1001 E. 12th St. Res elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.
Robert Oliva, 1014 Runnels St. Res gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.
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Kerr Management, Inc, 2507 Ent Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.
Kerr Management, Inc, 2505 Fairchild Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.
Kerr Management, Inc, 2627 Langley Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.
Jimmy Johnson, 1309 Marijo Ave. Res HVAC; Val: \$3,500 Fee: \$45.

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Judgments

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

Filings

City of Big Spring, Howard County, Big Spring ISD, City of Coahoma, Coahoma ISD, City of Forsan, Forsan ISD, Howard County Water Control and Improvement District, #1 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, Howard County Junior College District vs. Acme Energy Services, LLC., tax case.
Rosa Medina vs. Ingram Concrete, LLC; injury/damage - other.
Tricia Jones vs. Dennis Jones, divorce.
Veronica Ortiz vs. State of Texas, writ of habeas corpus.

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Twila Garza vs. Andrew Garza, divorce.
Jessica Jewett vs. Michael Jewett, divorce.
U.S. Trinity Energy Services, LLC vs. Enlink North Texas Gatherings, LP; contract – consumer/commercial/debt.
Warner Holdings, Inc. vs. Stellar Automation, Inc., Matthew Alexander; contract – consumer/commercial/debt.
Navigator Oil and Minerals Inc., et al vs. Baxsto, LLC, et al; civil case – other.
Stacey Tran vs. Steven Elder, protective order.

Irazema Nieto, 44, both of Big Spring
Jennifer Leigh Wright, 40, and Sandra Ann Ross, 45, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deeds
Grantor: Hubert Taylor Baker, Vernica Faye Anderson and Beverly Ann Anderson
Grantee: Bonnie Faye Anderson
Property: Lot 1, block 3 of the Banks addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2015

Grantor: Brandy C. Williams and Michael S. Williams
Grantee: George A. Galloway
Property: Lot 10, block 29, Monticello addition
Date: Sept. 11, 2015

Grantor: Hoang Le Nguyen
Grantee: Tam Le
Property: Lot 11, block 1, Monticello addition
Date: Sept. 15, 2015

Grantor: Kirk Thomas
Grantee: Blake Coates
Property: Sec 15, block 31, T-1-N, T&P, RR Co.
Date: Aug. 27, 2015

Grantor: Guadalupe Zarate

Grantee: Rayford G. Harrison and Rebecca J. Harrison
Property: Lot 12, block 17, College Park addition; W. half of block 17, Sect 45, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR
Date: Sept. 11, 2015

Grantor: Salvation Army
Grantee: David Higgins and Janet Higgins
Property: Lot 3, block D; Lot 4, block D; Lots 5 and 6, block D; all of Earles addition
Date: Sept. 1, 2015

Grantor: Silverlaf Communities, LLC
Grantee: Blayne Archuleta and Leah Archuleta
Property: Lot 13, block 2, University Gardens
Date: Sept. 11, 2015

Grantor: Stripling Holding, LLC
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
Property: Sec 13, block 33 T-1-S, T&P, RR Co; Sec 24, block 33, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co; S.W. quarter of Sec 1, block 32, block 33 T-2-S, T&P, RR Co
Date: Aug. 31, 2015

Grantor: Kevin D. Rhotan and Melissa Rhotan
Grantee: Chance E. Nichols

Property: 9.74 acre tract out of S.E. quarter of sec 32, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co
Date: Sept. 10, 2015

Grantor: James Fite and Amanda Fite
Grantee: David Chance Pool
Property: Lot 25, block 26, College Park Estates addition
Date: Sept. 9, 2015

Grantor: James Tipton III and Lisa R. Tipton, James D. Chadwell and Kathryn M. Chadwell
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: Lots 23 and 24, block 10, Edward Heights addition
Date: Sept 3, 2015

Grantor: Mika Zant
Grantee: Guy Zant
Property: 1.817 acre tract out of S.W. quarter of Sec 31, block 32, T-3-N T&P, RR Co
Date: Aug. 19, 2015

Grantor: Darrell W. Robinson
Grantee: Mar S. Rodriguez
Property: 1.467 acre tract out of N.W. quarter of Sec 22, block 31, T-1-N T&P Ry Co
Date: Aug. 24, 2015

See, **RECORDS**, Page 6B

Marriage Licenses

Gregorio Perez, Jr., 35 and Jana Beth Mitchell, 26, both of Stanton
Bibian Salgado Jr., 34, and Arali Torres Soto, 36, both of Big Spring
Ricky Lane McCullough 60, and Ruth Lopez Ontiveros, 50, both of Big Spring
Samuel Arturo Hunt, 33, and Kelly Ann Cook, 21, both of Stanton
Eric I. Uranga, 29, and Kristi Michelle Alice Halliday, 29, both of Big Spring
Roberto Carlos Chavez, 34, and

PERMITS

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John Currie, 903 Dallas St. Res gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.
Casey Marshall, 701 Edwards Blvd. Res plumb; Val: \$800 Fee: \$30.
Robert L. Miranda, 4100 Bilger St. Res gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.

180 Dent Cmpny, 3400 E. I-20 South Service Rd Bld 8. Com elec; Val: \$800 Fee: \$25.
Franco Herlinda, 611 Douglas St. Res gas; Val: \$800 Fee: \$32.
Thomas Hilgeman, 2303 Marshall Dr. Res gas; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32.
James G. Griego, 1209 Madison St. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.
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Abstract, 106 W. 3rd St. Res gas; Val: \$300 Fee: \$32.
M. Chavez, 608 N.E. 9th St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$10,000 Fee: \$60.
Megan Denoyah Summers, 3621 Calvin St. Res elec; Val: \$800 Fee: \$25.
Jay Briscoe, 609 E. 18th St. Res elec; Val: \$800 Fee: \$25.

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including programs that feed public school students during the day and provide training to public school educators and leaders in best practices.
He has many interests outside of school including white water rafting (he is a licensed guide in Colorado), hiking, and fishing. He and his wife also love the travel that comes with his position.
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BBB Wise Giving Alliance calls for greater transparency in light of recent national scams

Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance is calling charities that do not disclose requested information to BBB WGA a "critical red flag" for donors.

In May, the Federal Trade Commission and all 50 State Attorneys General filed charges against four cancer charities, one of the largest charity fraud cases in the nation's history. In July, the New York State Attorney General announced a court action to shutter a children's leukemia charity for "touting non-existent and defunct programs."

In these cases, four of the charities did not disclose any of the information that BBB WGA requested. Another charity disclosed the requested information but did not meet several BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. A BBB WGA nondisclosure report is a warning sign for donors to be cautious about donating their hard-earned dollars to charities that might be engaged in bad practices.

"To verify trust, donors seek guidance from third-party expert evaluators at BBB WGA," said Art Taylor, president and CEO of BBB WGA.

"To produce these reports, we ask charities to complete a detailed online questionnaire and provide copies of supporting documents. In our decades monitoring charities, this is the first time we are advising donors to avoid or be extremely cautious when contributing to nondisclosure charities."



HEATHER MASSEY

While not all nondisclosure charities are scamming donors, charities that choose not to participate in the review process could be hiding something. Give.org has reports on national charities, based not only on finances, but also on how well the charity is run, its fundraising ethics and whether it assesses the effectiveness of its programs. BBB WGA also produces a free Wise Giving Guide that summarizes evaluations.

"BBB WGA has long recognized that true disclosure goes beyond simple overhead measures," said Taylor. "While the IRS Form 990 filed annually by charities is available, it is not evaluative and can be cumbersome for the average donor. We require much more from charities than an IRS Form 990 to complete our reports."

About BBB Wise Giving Alliance: BBB Wise Giving Alliance is a standards-based charity evaluator that seeks to verify the trustworthiness of nationally-soliciting charities by completing rigorous evaluations based on 20 holistic standards that address charity governance, results reporting, finances, fundraising, appeal accuracy and other issues. National charity reports are produced by the BBB WGA and local charity reports are produced by local Better Business Bureaus - all reports are available at Give.org.

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



Weather Whys

Q: What are clouds made of?

A: A cloud is a visible mass of condensed water droplets or ice crystals, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "These droplets or crystals are suspended in the Earth's atmosphere," McRoberts explains. "Water vapor forms tiny droplets of water or ice crystals, and when these are surrounded by billions of other droplets or crystals, they become visible as clouds. Clouds form when moist air rises and cools, causing water vapor to condense into liquid droplets. This process is aided by aerosols, which

are particles suspended in the atmosphere that come from both natural and man-made sources. Clouds can also form near warm and cold fronts, near the slopes of mountains or when cool air blows over the surface of warm water."

Q: What are the basic types of clouds?

A: The first person to name different cloud types was a London pharmacist, Luke Howard, back in 1803, McRoberts says. "Howard came up with a classification system based on the shape of the cloud, the layer of the atmosphere in which the cloud existed, and whether or not the cloud

produced rain," McRoberts explains. "The three basic families of clouds are heaps of separated clouds (cumulus), layers of wide clouds (stratus) and wispy clouds (cirrus).

Clouds that produce rain are known as nimbus. To get the exact name of a cloud, the cloud type is combined with a prefix or suffix that defines where the cloud is.

For example, altostratus clouds appear as a single layer of clouds about 7,000 to 18,000 feet in the air. Cirrostratus clouds are thinner and much higher (18,000 feet and higher.) Cumulonimbus and nimbostratus can produce heavy rainfall.

Fog is associated with stratus clouds that have formed at ground level. There can be an immense amount of water in even a small cloud during a thunderstorm, enough to fill up several swimming pools," he adds.

Coca-Cola: IRS says we owe \$3.3 billion in back taxes



NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola was notified by the IRS that it owes \$3.3 billion more in federal taxes, as well as interest, for 2007 to 2009, the company said Friday.

The Atlanta-based company said in a regulatory filing that it believes the assessments from the Internal Revenue Service are without merit and plans to pursue "all administrative and judicial remedies necessary to resolve the

matter."

The maker of Sprite, Dasani, Powerade and other drinks says the disagreement is over how much it should report as taxable income in the U.S., in relation with licensing that allows its foreign affiliates to sell products like soft drink concentrates to bottlers overseas.

It's a tax issue that comes up frequently for multinational companies, said Robert Willens, president of a tax accounting consultancy in New York. He said companies tend to charge their foreign subsidiaries low licensing fees as a way to shift reportable income away from the U.S., where corporate tax rates are higher.

Typically, Willens said, the cases are settled for a fraction of the amount of the assessment.

"They hardly ever get to court, because neither party wants to experience the hazards of litigation," Willens said.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Coca-Cola said it has been following the same methodology for determining its taxable U.S. income for nearly 30 years.

"The IRS now seeks to depart from this long-standing practice in order to increase substantially the amount of tax," the company said in a statement. "We are among hundreds of other companies currently facing these types of adjustments involving payments."

Coca-Cola Co. said it was notified that a recommendation was made to the IRS's chief counsel that the matter be designated for litigation. The company said it plans to start disputing the matter by filing a petition in U.S. Tax Court.

It said the IRS made the determination on owed taxes after a five-year audit.

RECORDS

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Grantor: Michael Nairn and Melissa Nairn

Grantee: MCBW Properties, Ltd
Property: Lot 4, block 12, Washington Place
Date: Aug. 31, 2015

Grantor: Jeanne Lee Paul

Grantee: Robert Rios
Property: E. half of lot 9 and 10, block 1, Stripling addition
Date: Sept. 4, 2015

Grantor: Manuel Carrasco and Rina Carrasco

Grantee: Jame McBurnett and Kami Rundell
Property: Lot 2 and E. half of lot 3, block 1, Highland addition
Date: Sept. 1, 2015

Grantor: Laura Abrego

Grantee: Linda

Rodriguez
Property: N.E. quarter of Sec 45, block 31, T-1-N T&P Ry Co
Date: April 20, 2015

Grantor: Stone Financing, LLC
Grantee: Benjamin E. Bias and Meghan F. Bias
Property: Lot 19, block 2, Edgemere subdivision
Date: Aug. 28, 2015

Warranty Deeds with liens

Grantor: HET, LLC
Grantee: Denver Clinkscales and Mallory Clinkscales
Property: 17.623 acre tract out of N. part of Sec 1, block 32, T-2-S, T&P, RR Co
Date: Aug. 26, 2015

Grantor: Chance Nichols

Grantee: Keith M. Moffett and Erica M. Moffett
Property: 9.6 acre tract

out of S.W. quarter of sec 30, block 32, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co

Date: Sept. 4, 2015

Grantor: Ronald W. Westbrook and Jannette L. Westbrook

Grantee: Allan B. Polunsky
Property: Lot 12, block 4, Replat of Highland S. addition
Date: Sept. 9, 2015

Grantor: Chuck Bagwell and Lina Sue Bagwell

Grantee: MSBag Property Development, LLC
Property: W. 100 feet of lot 8, block 7, College Heights addition
Date: Sept 1, 2015

Grantor: CDR Investments, Inc

Grantee: James Marlow and Brittani Marlow
Property: Lot 4, block 4, Douglas addition
Date: Dec. 9, 2014

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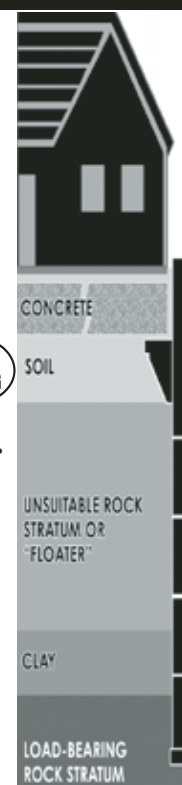
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c/o: **Alan G. Moravcik Attorney at Law**
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DATED the 16th day of September, 2015.

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DATED the 16th day of August, 2015.

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♦ AK 10 9 4
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West North East South
Pass 1♣ 1♠ 2♥
2♠ 3♥ 4♠ 5♥
Pass Pass Dble Pass
Pass Redble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

The best players play well, but they don't play perfectly. Bridge is too tough a game for anyone to play without making mistakes from time to time. That's why the top experts are judged largely by their infrequency of error.

This hand was played in New York in 1955 in the match between Great Britain and the United States. When British star Terence Reese held the North hand, the bidding shown unfolded. His redouble following a highly competitive auction appears bold, but the result proved him right.

The American West led the king of clubs. Declarer, Boris Schapiro, won with the ace and played the king of spades, covered by East with the ace and ruffed. Schapiro then made 11 tricks easily, ruffing three diamonds in dummy and discarding one on the queen of spades. He lost two diamond tricks at the end, but made five hearts redoubled, which in those days came to a score of 1,250 points (including honors).

At the second table, with an American pair sitting North-South, the bidding went:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ 1♠ 2♥
2♠ 3♥ 3♠ 4♣
Pass 5♣ Dble 5♥

At this table, the opening lead was also a club, and again South had no trouble garnering 11 tricks. But the American pair, not having been doubled, scored only 750 points, so the British gained 500 points on the deal.

A good case can be made for a trump lead by West at either table, which would have defeated the contract, but the fact remains that neither West came up with the killing lead.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY
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Sagittarius Moon
Dispels
Myths

The dark side of the moon is a myth. Both sides get sunlight, but because we on Earth think it's all about us, we consider the other side of the moon to be dark. In other words, if we can't see it from where we stand, we assume no one else can, either. Today's Sagittarius moon is on a lucky path, illuminating many different sides of the story.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One of the best things you have in your life right now is a tedious task or burdensome responsibility you wish you didn't have to tend to. This is what's making you great, strong, unique and attractive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It feels like you're going to have to sacrifice your creativity in order to become a team player. The group might accept more wackiness than you think,

though, so don't be too quick to homogenize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your personal unfolding is helped along as you cycle through a pattern. You ask the books, the sages, the stars, and then you ask your own soul. The light of wisdom illuminates, and then you return to the books and start again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Maybe you're not as bound to linear time as you think you are. Through your memory and imagination, you'll leap and linger where you want to and need to go to heal the part of you that's been aching.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). That visceral response you're having is the best adviser out there, so look no further. The animal in you may be more relevant to the situation at hand than the sophisticated intellectual in you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you would prefer it be postponed indefinitely, you're getting prepared for an unpleasant scenario.

Don't worry -- your "just in case" mentality isn't pessimism; it's realism. And it will have the added benefit of helping your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When the pattern gets interrupted, you may lose your emotional footing for a beat, but ultimately you'll get a thrilling feeling of empowerment from this. You're too restless to accept the status quo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've helped people feel more giving just by being your generous self. Now you need to help someone close to you be more selfish and take better care by prioritizing differently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not all about the journey for you. The journey wouldn't even exist if you didn't have a destination. So your focus on results is understandable and will help you be extremely effective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you make efforts toward discretion, privacy and anonymity, you go against the

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mischievous friends are the ones who keep you entertained at a price that's well below the going rate for cable television. One such individual could use a boost today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do your best, and then push yourself a little harder. That way, whatever happens, the future will be regret-free. You'll always be able to look back and say, "I did all I could."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 20). Work will be like a haven for you -- a comfortable place where you feel in control of your surroundings and destiny, a place where you excel and are appreciated. Your friends will be jealous; your family, mystified by your talent. January and June bring opportunities for closeness and self-discovery. Scorpio and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers

are: 8, 21, 14, 37 and 45.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: In crops and in life, the bounty of the harvest isn't a function of a lucky autumn moment; rather, it's the result of good luck, excellent planning and seasons of hard work. This is the message of the fall equinox, the astral event that coincides with the annual passage of the sun into Libra. Mabon is the pagan name for the holiday associated with the fall equinox, a yearly solar passage that has been celebrated by ancient and modern civilizations alike. This is the harvest festival, which should be, if all went well in the previous seasons, a highlight of the year. Much depends on our prior efforts!

At the start of the Libra solar journey, the day and night are of equal length, emphasizing the Libran symbol of balance. As the journey progresses, nights become longer and longer. Many feel as though the events of daytime must be emotionally brighter to keep life's

equilibrium in place. Fall activities tend to be structured, time consuming, intellectually provocative and productive. The past few weeks have been marked by an overall feeling of diligence. Now it's like we hit our stride and start to find the art of the task.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In her eighth decade, Virgo Sophia Loren continues to be a working actress, model and red-carpet poster girl for the timeless beauty of Virgo. The Academy Award-winning actress was born when Mars, the planet of passion and action, was in Leo, the sign of entertainment. This is the natal chart of one who derives great pleasure from the bright warmth of a spotlight.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: When my older sister and I were children, we were sexually abused by our stepfather. We are both now in our 50s. We have three younger half-sisters who did not experience this abuse from their father. They loved and adored him until he died four years ago. Before he died, he apologized to us for the abuse.

My mother was told about the abuse years ago while we were teens, but chose not to do anything about it. She also put the blame on us, saying we dressed provocatively. These days, Mom still says she knows he was wrong, but that we share responsibility because we dressed in shorts and halter tops.

Neither my sister nor I had therapy, and now my sister wants our younger siblings to know the truth. I'm not so sure about this. I love my mother and already have a strained relationship with her. This could completely destroy our family. What should I do? -- Forty Years in Deep Depression

Dear Depression: If Dad were still alive and a potential threat to grandchildren, we would definitely tell you to inform your half-sisters. But doing so now would likely cause an estrangement, and the only benefit would be that

everything is out in the open. It's up to you whether that's worth it. Your real problem is your mother, who has never accepted her own responsibility for the abuse. She brought this man into the home and did not protect you. Worse, she blamed you and still does. It is never too late for counseling. Your sister seems to have a great deal of anger. You both can go for counseling together, and if possible, bring your mother along. She needs to understand and accept her part in this.

Dear Annie: I recently had a job interview for a teaching position. I drove four hours for this interview and was willing to relocate for the position. I was told they would be making their decision within 24 hours. Only two candidates were interviewed.

I waited all day and the next to hear from the school, and didn't hear a peep. I was heartbroken. I would think that a call or an email to say, "We're sorry, but we are hiring someone else," would have been justified.

This is not the first time that I haven't heard back. I interviewed for a different job two weeks earlier and still haven't heard. These interviewers are supposed to be professionals. Please tell your readers that a short note or email

would be greatly appreciated. -- Ohio

Dear Ohio: This is a common complaint and we, too, do not understand why companies that take the time to interview prospective employees won't take a few seconds to say, "Sorry, but the position has been filled." It requires very little for an interviewer to have a couple of standard rejection letters on file. All they then need to do is fill in the person's name and email (or regular address). It doesn't take much effort and it means a great deal to the recipient. And providing constructive feedback with reasons why the person did not get the job would be enormously helpful and greatly appreciated.

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33 Diocletian's Palace, today		31 Two-person flight	
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40 America's Cup et al.			
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Top left: Swimmers attempt to get used to the water before the beginning of the race. Top right: Competitors waiting their turn to dive in and an anxious watching crowd. Left: a competitor races off to begin the bicycle portion of the day. Above: A swimmer emerges from the Comanche Lake to head

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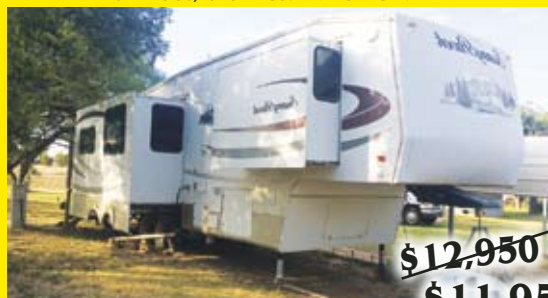
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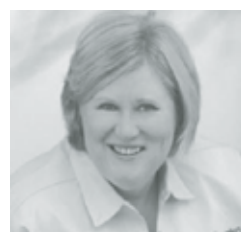
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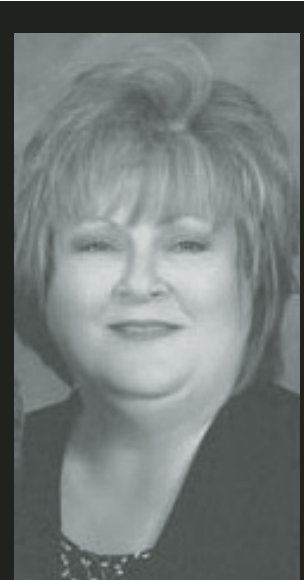
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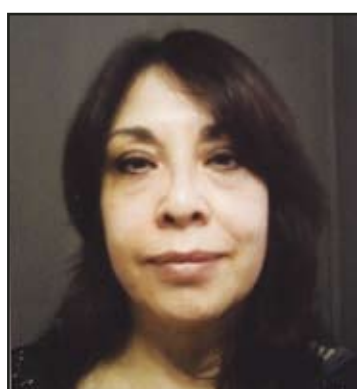
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