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Honoring a brother in Blue



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Local law enforcement and emergency personnel escort the family of Weldon Jones, a retired DPS officer, to Trooper Jones' funeral Saturday morning held at First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring. Jones died in an accidental drowning in Lake Allen Henry. He served as a DPS officer in the Big Spring area for 25 years.

Groundbreaking, activities to highlight Deaf Awareness Week

Special to the Herald

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony and deaf history presentation in recognition of Deaf Awareness Week (DAW) this coming week.



The groundbreaking for SWCID Village will be held at 4 p.m. Monday on the SWCID campus, adjacent to the career and technical trades building. SWCID Village is a student housing project completely funded by private donations and will be constructed specifically for deaf and hard of hearing students.

Following the groundbreaking activities, participants will move to the Maddux Student Center to hear presentations about Deaf culture and history. The public is invited to this free event and refreshments will be served.

DAW is an annual event held across the country. During this week, many deaf organizations hold activities to celebrate and conduct public information campaigns to educate people about deafness.

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Caution for Drivers Road Work Ahead

Work on north Highway 87 to begin Monday

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

More construction work is scheduled on U.S. Highway 87, this time north of Big Spring. The Texas Department of Transportation announced contractors will begin work Monday on a 14-mile stretch of the highway in Howard County to the Martin County Line. "The \$12.3M project, awarded in May 2015 to Price Construction of Big Spring, will consist of planing the existing travel lanes, applying underseal, asphalt concrete pavement, and metal beam guard fence installation," stated Mary Belle Turner, TxDOT public information officer in a written release. "Work is expected to be completed by May 2016." Drivers heading north on Highway 87 can expect daytime lane closures and lanes restricted to 12 feet throughout the project,

the release said. Drivers are asked to remain watchful and cautious for crew members and work vehicles while traveling in the work zone, Tuner said. Roadway construction woes are not new to Howard County residents in the past few years. South of Big Spring on Highway 87, traffic has been diverted to the outside north and southbound frontage roads for a two miles stretch while crews build a bridge by Rural Road 33. When complete, the bridge will send traffic heading on Highway 87 west of the city instead of downtown through Gregg St. The construction is part of the Highway 87 reliever route which will connect the highway to Interstate 20 near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport/Industrial Park. As part of the project, parts of the main Interstate 20 roadway is closed to help with the construction of an interchange bridge. Traffic has been shunted to the north service roadway just outside of the city limits west of Big Spring.



2016 Pops in Park planning underway

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Although its half-a-year away, it's never too early to start planning for a grand celebration. The Pops in the Park committee is already hard at work making plans for the 2016 Fourth of July Celebration held at the Comanche Trial Park amphitheater. The annual celebration, which includes vendors, pre-show entertainment, a concert by the Big Spring Symphony and a large fireworks display,

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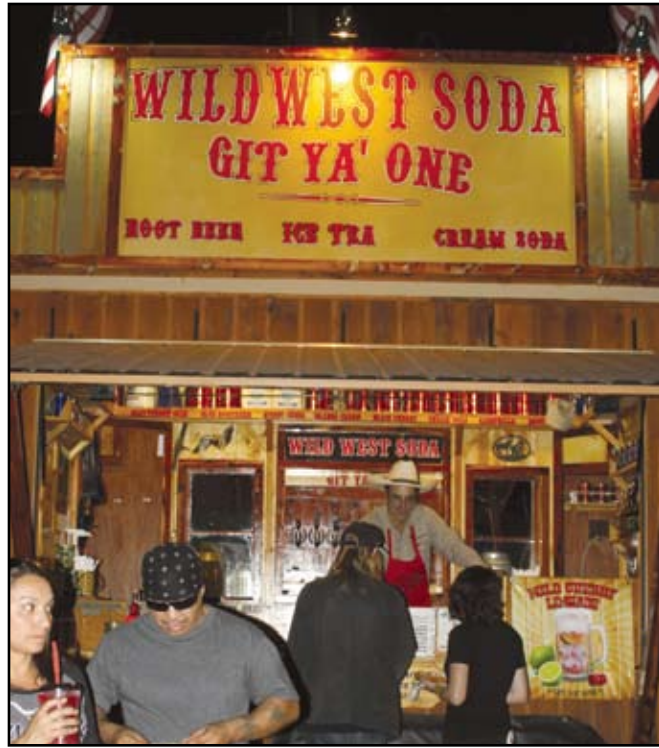
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Fun Times at the Howard County Fair

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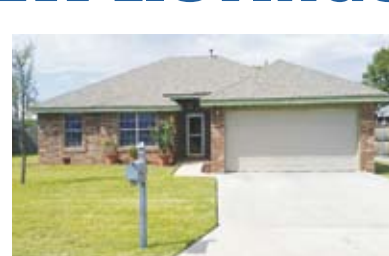
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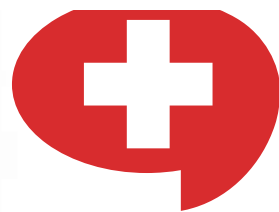
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Obituaries

James (Jim) Begley



TSGT James (Jim) Begley, 76, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 01, 2015. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

He was born March 19, 1939 in Owsley County, Ky. to Bula and Clayton Begley. He married Barbara Morris, Oct. 22, 1957, in Underwood, Ind. They first came to Big Spring in 1959 and later returned in 1978. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force, serving 20 years. He was a jet engine mechanic. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked as a diesel mechanic for Price Construction and Rip Griffin Truck Stop.

He loved motorcycles, playing poker, going to auctions, baseball and car racing.

He is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Eckert and her husband Fred, and Sheila Ward and her husband Billy, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Jeanie Raney of Dallas, Pauline Lamaster of Kentucky, and Gail; one brother, Jack Begley; ten grandchildren, Melanie Horton, Wade Eckert, Rachel Carico, Kyle Eckert, Jared Strauman, Justin Strauman, Megan Best, Ryan Ward, Allison Green and Derek Ward; and eleven great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Harden; two brothers: Tom Begley and Bill Begley; and two sisters, Geraldine Brock and Irene Moore.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P. O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908

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

Paid obituary

Martha G. Arispe

Martha G. Arispe of Sand Springs died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born in Coahoma, Texas to Delfina and Leon Gonzales. She married Alonso Arispe on Aug. 15, 1947 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1991. She was a homemaker but also worked as a housekeeper at the Coahoma Motel, and as a cook at Waterhole #3 in Coahoma. She sold burritos until age 80. She was a member of Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and a life time resident of Howard County.

She loved cooking and making burritos.

She is survived by one son, Andy Arispe of Sand Springs; one brother, Fermin Gonzales and his wife Eloisa of Coahoma; one sister, Mary Rodriguez and her husband Cruz of Big Spring; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

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

Paid obituary

Patty Prater

Patty Prater, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOSE ALFREDO JIMENEZ, 35, of 1406 Stadium was arrested on charges for expired registration, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, disregard stop sign, fail to drive in single lane and failure to obtain Texas drivers license within 90 days.
- THADDEUS ONTARIO STRAUGHTER, 25, of 1101 N. Goliad St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- SERGIO JACOB CERVANTES, 20, of 1006 Wood St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of Young St., the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 200 block of N. Gregg St.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of E. 20th St.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700 and the 2600 block of Alamesa.
- 911 HANG UP was reported in the 600 block of Tubb Loop 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.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 10/4	Mon 10/5	Tue 10/6	Wed 10/7	Thu 10/8
82/61 Cloudy. High 82F. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.	74/59 Cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	83/61 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	82/59 A few thunderstorms possible.	76/57 Scattered thunderstorms possible.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:21 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	61	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	64	mst sunny
Amarillo	68	52	rain	Livingston	81	59	sunny
Austin	88	63	mst sunny	Longview	81	58	pt sunny
Beaumont	79	59	sunny	Lubbock	77	57	cloudy
Brownsville	87	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	58	sunny
Brownwood	84	59	mst sunny	Midland	85	63	cloudy
Corpus Christi	88	67	sunny	Raymondville	90	66	mst sunny
Corsicana	83	59	sunny	Rosenberg	85	64	sunny
Dallas	83	61	sunny	San Antonio	90	65	mst sunny
Del Rio	88	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	89	63	mst sunny
El Paso	79	63	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	81	57	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	83	63	cloudy	Sweetwater	83	61	pt sunny
Gainesville	80	55	mst sunny	Tyler	82	59	mst sunny
Greenville	82	56	mst sunny	Weatherford	84	58	sunny
Houston	85	65	sunny	Wichita Falls	81	55	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	60	rain	Minneapolis	62	48	pt sunny
Boston	54	47	cloudy	New York	61	51	cloudy
Chicago	58	55	cloudy	Phoenix	91	65	sunny

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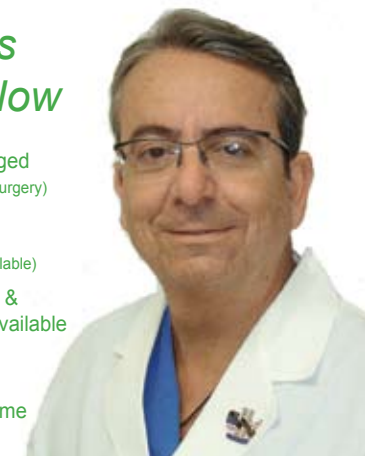
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Births



Keaton Lee Boubek

September 24, 2015

Kurt and Tiffany Boubek of Big Spring, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son, Keaton Lee Boubek, born at 1:48 p.m. on Sept. 24, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center weighing six pounds, 14 ounces and 20 ½ inches long.

Keaton was welcomed home by siblings Aubrey Boubek, Kurt Boubek III and Kagen Boubek.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

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

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

Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: sack lunch and milk (early release: noon)

Thursday
Breakfast: cinnamon mini rolls, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: meaty macaroni, green beans, garden salad, grapes, animal crackers and milk.

Friday
Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: taco calzone, sweet potato tots, Texas fresh apple, Texas cucumbers, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Sands CISD

Monday
Breakfast: cinnamon pull-a-parts and cheese sticks; Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll and strawberry cup.

Tuesday

Breakfast: blueberry muffin and yogurt; Lunch: meat and cheese tostadas, Spanish rice, salsa, garden salad, refried beans and applesauce.

Wednesday
Breakfast: pancake wrap; Lunch: pizza, garden salad, vegetable medley and apple slices.

Thursday
Breakfast: breakfast pizza; Lunch: Frito pie, baby carrots, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles and cookie.

Friday
Breakfast: waffle and cheese stick; Lunch: chicken strips, Texas toast, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries and sliced peaches.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday
Cornflake chicken, herb roasted potatoes, parsley carrots, peaches, bread and milk.

Tuesday
Smothered beef burrito, rice, chips and salsa, cherry cobbler and milk.

Wednesday
Barbecue beef brisket, pork and beans, yellow squash, pears and milk.

Thursday
Baked ham, hash brown potatoes, spinach, tapioca pudding, cornbread, V8 juice and milk.

Friday
Fish nuggets, oven potatoes, diced beats, fruit, jalapeno cornbread and milk.

Trendy cereal cafe targeted by protesters

LONDON (AP) – One of London's fastest-changing neighborhoods is echoing with the snap, crackle and pop of conflict.

An East End cafe that serves 120 varieties of breakfast cereal (along with 30 kinds of milk) has become a surprising flashpoint for protest in a city increasingly polarized between rich and poor.

The Cereal Killer Cafe has drawn both derision and big crowds since it opened nine months ago, offering a cornucopia of flakes, pops and puffs from about 3 pounds (\$4.50) a bowl. On the weekend, it attracted the ire of anti-gentrification protesters, who surrounded the business with flaming torches and scrawled "scum" on its windows as customers sheltered in the basement.

"It is a bit weird," said Gary Keery, who runs the cafe with his brother, Alan. "I don't see us as hateful people but a lot of people seem to."

Fashionably bearded 33-year-old twins from Belfast, Northern Ireland, the Keery brothers are among the latest wave of migrants to this diverse part of east London. Over the decades European Jews, Bangladeshi Muslims and hipsters from around the world have brought bagel shops and curry restaurants, espresso bars and independent fashion boutiques to Brick Lane and nearby Shoreditch. It's that diversity that

made the Keery brothers choose the area for their breakfast business.

"There's a lot of creative things happening," said Gary Keery. "A cat cafe just opened up around the corner. We just knew that if it was going to work, it would work in Brick Lane."

That hunch was correct, judging by the crowds of students, tourists and families lining up for a bowl of milk-soaked comfort food in the quirky cafe, where shelves are lined with brightly colored cereal boxes and a portrait of Hannibal Lecter made from Cheerios hangs on one wall.

"It takes people back to their childhood, when cereal was fun," Gary Keery said.

But not everyone is a fan. On Saturday, anti-poverty protesters targeted the cafe as a symbol of all that's wrong with London's development. Footage filmed from inside showed a group, some in pig masks and carrying torches, shouting outside as staff told customers to go downstairs.

Police say one officer was injured by a flying bottle during the protest, organized by militant anarchist group Class War.

Tony Travers, an expert on Britain's capital city at the London School of Economics, says the cereal storm is "a war by proxy about something much, much bigger": the squeeze on

space in a booming city whose population, already 8.6 million, is growing by 120,000 people a year.

Developers are building just 20,000 to 25,000 new homes each year, so rents and property prices climb ever higher.

In the East End, a long-established working-class population has been joined — and sometimes displaced — by thousands of affluent young professionals in renovated buildings and shiny new developments. The result is an area where organic food shops sit alongside everything-for-a-pound stores.

Who's Who

in Howard County

Name: Donna Wright
Where do you work: County Clerk's Office

Where were you born: Big Spring, Texas

City you live in: Big Spring, Texas

Family: Husband: Alan, Sons: Dustin and Brent

Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Rotary, United Way, Texas Tech Alumni, County and District Clerks Association of Texas, love to paint, hunt and spend time with family.

Favorite book: Curious George

Favorite show: The Voice

Favorite movie: Sabrina (Remake with Harrison Ford and Julia Osmond)

Where would you visit if you could go anywhere: Swiss Alps



A Critical Ear: alive and well – for now

BY RICK HAMBY

The Big Spring Symphony is back for another season.

On Saturday my wife and I and good friends went to the opening concert of the season. The venue was courtesy of the First Baptist Church. The acoustics in a Baptist Church are always good, conducive to a symphony in full throat as well as Bible thumping. We thank them for their generosity.

The program itself was well chosen as an appetizer to two subsequent concerts. There was the essential Beethoven: one of his better overtures, the one to "Egmont." This was followed by the highly popular "Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. Concertmaster John Madura was tireless in his indefatigable play of that piece. The last selection was Mendelssohn. I confess I hate Mendelssohn only a little less than I hate Mahler, but I exclude the "Italian Symphony" and the "E minor violin Concerto" from that generalization. Keith Graumann selected the "Italian." It was great.

But enough about the satisfying first concert. Let's take a pledge break.

Perhaps you've noticed that this season is abbreviated by one concert. Why? Money! The Symphony is still alive and bringing life to those who choose to support it, but it needs a broader base of support than from those loyal faces I see every time I go, and you don't have to go to know the Symphony is a nice thing for this community. You don't have to earn a merit badge to believe the Boy Scouts are worthy of a donation.

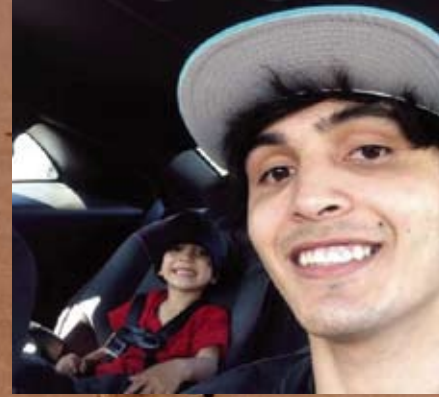
So is the Symphony.

The next two concerts should prove that. The ever popular "Nutcracker Ballet" is coming in December, followed in April by more of a country theme. No it's not Bach Owens or Porter "Vagner" It's our own Jody Nix, playing with the full Symphony.

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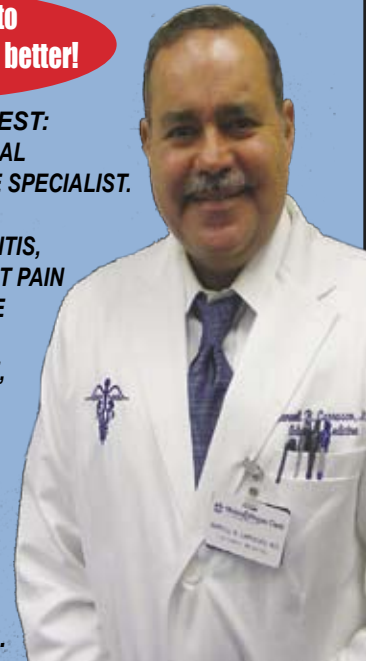
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Special to the Herald

Free, confidential depression screenings will be offered Thursday in Big Spring to anyone who may feel overwhelmed by sudden or longer bouts of sadness or depression on National Depression Screening Day.

West Texas Centers and Big Spring State Hospital will celebrate National Depression Screening Day Thursday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by inviting the public to visit with mental health professionals.

Attendees will answer a short questionnaire, followed with a visit with mental health experts from Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers who will review the answers to the questions prepared by the National Depression Screening Day organization.

Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers began offering the screenings in 2000 to the Howard County community. Scenic Mountain Medical Center in 2007 began their partnership with the two agencies to provide screenings in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The screenings will be held on the fourth floor of SMMC, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Screenings are free and are open to people of any age, said Lorie

When: Thursday
Where: SMMC, Fourth Floor
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dunnam, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent.

"We have partnered with West Texas Centers since 2000 on National Depression Screening Day and have screened hundreds of people who have been suffering from depression who needed treatment," Dunnam said.

"The free depression screenings have been very beneficial to people who suspect they may be living with depression but who can't afford to go to a doctor," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said. "We are out in the community in a setting that is very low-key."

"They come in, fill out a questionnaire, we review it and then sit and talk to them about their answers. We can see if they are just living with a momentary bout of sadness or if it would be advisable for them to be referred for treatment."

A list of providers and social service agencies that minister to depression will be available to attendees, Smith said.

West Texas Centers is the local mental health authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas and Big Spring State

Hospital serves people with mental illness in 58 counties in an area ranging from Lubbock to Abilene to San Angelo to near El Paso.

The mental health professionals will not diagnose depression or refer an attendee to a physician, Dunnam said. But following the screening and interview, the mental health experts may suggest avenues participants can pursue.

The screening tool can be helpful in determining whether attendees need to be seen as an outpatient or an inpatient or they may just need reassurance that they are just going through a dark period in their lives, Dunnam said.

Depression affects more than 15 million Americans each year, according to the National Mental Health Association. Clinical depression is treatable through a variety of methods, including medications and psy-

chotherapy or a combination of the two.

Other people may be living with periods of sadness or have experienced a difficult

time and are feeling that they will never be happy again.

"Many of the people we see every year are those who are just not sure if they are clinically depressed or if they just need to work through a particular issue that they may be experiencing," Smith said.

Each attendee is given educational literature and the names and phone numbers of community resources.

Screenings are free and confidential, Smith said. They are offered at more than 1,500 locations across the United States.

West Texas Centers also operates a 24-hour mental health crisis hotline, 1-800-375-4357.

The line is available for those who are in a crisis or need mental health services, Smith said.

For more information on National Depression Screening Day, call Valerie Avery at (432) 816-9257.

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POPS

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draws thousands to the park each year bringing it to its capacity as residents enjoy celebrating Independence Day from picnicking to tail-gating.

The 2016 Pops in the Park will fall on a Sunday and committee member Debbye ValVerde said the group is working hard to make this Pops even more spectacular.

"We are able to hold this great celebration only through contributions from the public," ValVerde said. "All money contributed to the event goes solely to support Pops. We are a volunteer-based committee. Any money left

over from last year's event will be earmarked to put deposits for the show's entertainment and fireworks."

An estimated 10,000 to 12,000 people packed the Comanche Trail Park for the 2015 event which included a bus load of 60 plus traveler from Dallas who drove in to enjoy the celebration.

The night included pre-show entertainment by Donny Green the Los GREENgos who energized the crowd with their 90-minute set of 70s rock songs and blues, a fly over by the Commemorative Air Force and a video presentation honoring local active military personnel.

The main event was kicked off by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus led by Keith

Graumann, symphony conductor and director, which played a number of patriotic pieces. The highlight of the evening was the fireworks display with musical accompaniment from the symphony.

Besides funding, the committee is also requesting volunteers. For more information, call ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

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God Bless you all, The Family of Audie Baker

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SWCID

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"We are excited to be able to participate in Deaf Awareness Week and do our part to help educate our community about the many issues deaf people face each and every day," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President. "We do this not only to help educate but also to celebrate the history and culture of people who are deaf and hard of hearing."

All events will be held on the SWCID campus, 3200 Avenue C, Big Spring, Tx.

For more information on SWCID and Deaf Awareness Week, please visit www.howardcollege.edu/swcid

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The Howard College Associate Degree Nursing Program wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its ADN program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 4:00 pm, October 20, 2015 in the Hall Center for the Arts auditorium.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer
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All written comments should be received by ACEN by October 12, 2015.

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Kiwanis induction banquet

Thursday night was the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring induction banquet. This time of year, the club says thank you to those who have served the previous year in office or as a board member and welcome the officers and board members that will lead them into the coming year.

Mark Bunck, Kiwanis Trustee, led the recognition of former officers and the induction of the new.

Steve Reagan, outgoing president, handed the gavel over to the new president, Joe Johnson, wishing him well in his future term.

As Floyd Green left as vice president, the spot was entrusted to Julie Bass.

Bill Schaffner will remain as the secretary/treasurer for another term.

The Board members for the coming year will be Floyd Green, Melinda Hernandez, Don Green, Bruce Griffith and Wayne Bristow.

The Kiwanis Club meets in the Cactus room of the Howard College on Thursdays from Noon to 1 p.m.

Left to right: Joe Johnson, Julie Bass and Bill Schaffner.

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Patsy Garza (left) was the winner of the Family Fun Pack given away during the Howard County Fair by the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring. Jayson (middle left) accepted the gift certificate from Julie Bass of Kiwanis and John Dodd, owner of the Bowl-A-Rama

Fair Results: Kountry Kids and canned goods

Howard County Kountry Kids results:

Overall Winers

1st - Brittanie DeAnda
2nd - Makinze Blair

0 - 6 Month Category

1st - Brynlee Coates

7 - 12 Month Category

1st - Gavin Dancer

1 Year Category

1st - Londyn Powell
2nd - Peighton Metcalf
3rd - Ryan Young

2 Year Category

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2nd - Dylan Kilgore
3rd - Journey McKinnon

3 Year Category

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4 Year Category

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2nd - Karen Barrientos

5 Year Category

1st - James DeLeon

Howard County Fair Results Canned Goods 2015

Class 1 Canned Fruit:

Voncille Hardy Cox

Class 2 Canned Vegetables:

Donna Menges (Grand Champion) 1st
Donna Menges (Reserve Champion), 2nd
Donna Menges, 3rd;

Class 3 Pickles and Relishes:

Donna Menges
Terry Fryar
Voncille Hardy Cox tied for 1st
Terry Fryar, 2nd.

Class 4 Jams, Jellies, Preserves:

Jennifer Cox
Christy Archer, tied for 1st.

NYC celebrates 150th anniversary of 'Alice in Wonderland'

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City is marking the 150th anniversary of "Alice in Wonderland" with an array of events celebrating the adventures and characters in the beloved children's tale.

There's no shortage of wonderful offerings to reintroduce fans of Lewis Carroll's 1865 book to the White Rabbit, the Caterpillar, Queen of Hearts, Mad Hatter and Cheshire Cat from an exhibition at the Morgan Library & Museum to a walking tour of two Alice statues in Central Park.

The events are coordinated by the Lewis Carroll Society's Alice150 Week celebration, which also includes

readings and conferences.

Through Nov. 21, the Grolier Club, a society for book lovers, looks at how the many translations of the book have been able to interpret Carroll's wordplay, puns, nonsense and cultural references. ("Curiouser and curiouser!")

A Columbia University exhibition, open through Jan. 29, features memorabilia from its 1932 centennial celebration, when an honorary degree was awarded to Alice Liddell Hargreaves, on whom the fictional character was based.

The school is also presenting "Through the Looking Glass Darkly,"

a one-man show starring Andrew Sellon on Oct. 6-7 that depicts a private meeting with the book's author.

Bobst Library at New York University has an assortment of Alice ephemera in an exhibit called "Go Ask Alice: Alice, Wonderland and Popular Culture" through Dec. 11.

The New York Public Library is showcasing its Alice archive of dance, theater and music materials and will hold screenings of Alice films through Jan. 16.

On Oct. 10, visitors to the Sony Wonder Technology Lab can create their own animated wonderland using Alice illustrations

and characters. It will also screen two "Alice in Wonderland" films, the 1951 Walt Disney version and the 2010 Tim Burton adaptation.

An "Alice in Wonderland" musical by the off-Broadway Players Theatre brings to life the quirky book.

Cindy Crawford talks selfies, models today and daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — Score one for the selfie stick: Cindy Crawford believes those photos of you by you can help boost self-image.

"It's empowering for kids to take their own image in their own hands in a way," she said in a recent interview. "It's a form of self-expression."

But she cautions that they can be both good and bad.

"I certainly think a little guidance is good because when we're young we kind of forget that things might come back to haunt us, she said. "I tell my kids, 'If you have any doubts at all just check with me first.'"

Crawford credits selfies with teaching the masses the secrets to looking good in photographs.

"Every 14-year-old girl these days is a model in their own life because so much of their social media and just their interaction are through selfies. Kids are so much

more sophisticated of like their angle and how they want to portray themselves than I ever was."

Crawford's latest endeavor is "Becoming by Cindy Crawford," it's a coffee table book with 150 photographs and anecdotes from her career as she prepares to turn 50 next year.



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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

A train ride to Chicago

We've taken a few train trips and loved them all. We rode the rails from Los Angeles to Oakland, from Savannah to Charleston, from Dallas to Texarkana. We've taken some excursion trains in Texas and Colorado. We've taken the Chihuahua al Pacifico railroad in Mexico and the Chunnel train beneath the English Channel. Train travel is wonderful. It is the refined way to go someplace.

My wife Susan and I took Amtrak's Texas Eagle from Dallas to Chicago recently. It left the cavernous Union Station just before 4 p.m. and within an hour we were sitting in the observation car sipping margarita cocktails. Life is sweet on a train.

We bought round-trip tickets and had a compartment, which we thought was pretty upscale. It has comfortable seating for two. The seats face each other. We spent a good portion of the trip in our compartment, watch-

ing the view from our picture window. We found out later that there is a deluxe room that has a bathroom, shower and a bed that can sleep two. If I'm going to spend another night on a train, I'm going to make sure I get a deluxe room. But they are hard to get. We kept trying to upgrade, but they were all sold out. In fact, the whole train was sold out coming and going. Our compartment has a bunk bed that has about a foot of space between the mattress and the ceiling. I had the upper. Susan had the lower, made from the two chairs. Each mattress is 28 inches wide. Didn't sleep much.

The cost of our round trip ticket was around \$750, total for both of us. That includes meals. Going, we had dinner, breakfast and lunch. Coming back, we had dinner and breakfast. The food was excellent. People riding in regular seats usually bring their own food. Apparently you can bring anything on the train. There is no x-ray, no examination of luggage. We passed thru Longview, Marshall, Texarkana, Little Rock, Saint Louis and some smaller cities.

The return trip got interesting. Since we had a compartment, we

could wait for the train in Chicago's first class waiting room. It's just like an airline club, with free snacks and drinks. Not anything at all like the train station in Dallas. We were escorted to the train and shown to our compartment. We made ourselves comfortable and settled in for the trip home. We had supper and called it a day. This time we decided not to use the upper bunk but to sleep together on the lower bed. Forget it. No sleep at all.

At 4 a.m. the train stopped for a long time at the Little Rock station. We were told that two Union Pacific engines had collided head-on just west of Texarkana and the tracks were damaged. No trains could pass over them. We had breakfast at 6 a.m. and finally got on a bus just before 8 a.m. We got back to Dallas about 4 hours late.

Train travel is not only fun, it's exciting. Next time, we'll take the train one way and fly back (only if we can get a deluxe room).

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Thanks to

our friends

To the Editor:

We would like to thank our family and our friends for being with us during our time of loss. We thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

A special thanks to all the nurses at Compass Hospice who took such good care of our loved one.

We also would like to thank Apache for being such great caring and loving friends; also, for taking time to visit him on his last days. It let us know that he was so close to your hearts.

The Gaitan family

Anita, Sylvia, Trini, Junior and Richard

Thanks, Randy!

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Representative Randy Neugebauer for his years of service for the 19th Congressional District. I met Rep. Neugebauer several times at town hall meetings but never really got to know the man until I was fortunate enough to be the art instructor for two

different students who won the Congressional Art Competition held each spring.

The winning students received free flight tickets to Washington D.C. and a tour of the Capitol. Rep. Neugebauer and his staff were gracious hosts and made us feel blest to be a part of this great country. They treated us like we were part of his family.

His local office staffed by the awesome Lisa Brooks has always supported the visual arts and I appreciate all her hard work each year in gathering the entries. Being a fellow cancer survivor I wish Rep. Neugebauer good health and long life. Enjoy time with your granddaughter and relaxing while fly-fishing. God bless you and Dana.

Judy Tereletsky
Big Spring

Farewell

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Big Spring for being my home for the past three years. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with some of the fin-

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3 cheers for the post office gang

A youngster asked the riddle without expecting an animated response. "What do the post office and the 8-ball have in common?" Answer: Both are typically linked to the word "behind."

Still, most postal employees are friendly, knowledgeable and helpful, somehow managing smiles at a time in history when both they and their patrons are harried and hurried.

The other day, a postal friend — call him Ray — said he and his associates often face situations not covered by manuals, directives or even the counsel of authorities higher up on the civil service food chain.

Ray contributes what he can to reduce tensions. A veteran at the counter, he provides "by the book" postal services, accompanied by quips such as, "Here's a receipt to remember your money by," or numerous other smile-makers, like "Just get it out of here" quips when patrons don't want to spend any money for extra services.

Some happenings are long remembered in a joking manner even if anything but funny at the time. One route carrier — Marvin was his name — was alert for dogs lying in wait at certain addresses. He wasn't ready for a cat springing from behind a shrub, locking claws of all four feet into his leg. The animal was finally dislodged, one claw at a time.

Another carrier named "Jo" didn't know what to do when a turkey — wings flapping wildly

— "attacked," seemingly at war with the postal vehicle's windshield. She managed to make the mail delivery, but a sub driving the route later was chased back to her vehicle by a turkey—presumably the same one. Turns out the wild turkey, somewhat domesticated, didn't take to postal folks.

"What kind of stamps do y'all have?" This is a common question, particularly around Christmas time. Despite having an inventory often including every possible stamp, if one is missing, that's the very one the inquirer wants.

Fever pitch at the post office is reached during the final five minutes or so before closing time. That's when folks arrive with mailings that "must get out." Phone calls are commonly received, callers asking if they can "still make it," oftentimes failing to indicate where they are calling from. Answers are much more accurate when it is known whether the caller is a block away or some distance from town.

If patrons have a toenail inside the door at the final second of the closing hour's final minute, they are served, even at high noon on Saturday, some with pillowcase marks imprinted on their cheeks.

Postal folks persevere in an era when losses mount, despite cutbacks in processing centers and personnel. Mail formerly arriving in 2-3 days sometimes now takes considerably longer.

Automation speeds things up in general, but it can be fouled up, too, particularly when wrong numbers are entered.

Situations are mindful of the guy who owned a computer capable of making 24 million mistakes per second.

Other awkward situations produce predictable requests, most of them bobbing up in the churning sea of human error. "I forgot to put a stamp on an envelope I dropped in the drive-through box" is a boo-boo commonly heard.

Sometimes, patrons say they forget to affix stamps—or even to address envelopes. Some aren't sealed. A key to reducing many foul-ups is making certain to provide return addresses. When mail arrives at what is called the "dead letter office" in Atlanta, personnel duly search for return addresses, hopeful to get things back on track ASAP.

Of course, postal folks do what they can locally to "untangle" mistakes whenever possible, even if excessive time is required.

The old line about Ginger Rogers doing everything Fred Astaire did — "backwards and in high heels" — is akin to ever-changing expectations of postal personnel.

Each year, it seems, they are doing more with fewer employees, with most maintaining smiles.

We can help by arriving earlier and smiling more. I grin in recollection of the old door signs: "No dogs allowed — except seeing eye dogs."

People without eyesight don't see signs — and dogs can't read. I reserve the right to be wrong. There may even be an "app" for that, or at least a postal regulation.

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Courtesy photo

Baymont Inn and Suites staff were joined by Chamber of Commerce representatives at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the hotel's grand opening.

Firms should install EMV chip card readers

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises all retail businesses to get new EMV chip card readers installed this month. By the end of 2015, 70 percent of credit cards and 40 percent of debit cards in the U.S. will have embedded security chips called EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa). EMV cards will eventually replace magnetic stripe cards completely. In fact, many banks and credit unions are already issuing EMV cards to current account holders.

The EMV cards allow consumers to use their cards globally and makes in-store transactions more secure. They also help reduce credit card fraud and identity theft. The chip generates a unique, one-time code that is difficult to counterfeit but is needed for each transaction to be approved.

October 1, 2015, is an important deadline for American businesses — it is when a “liability shift” occurred that moved the responsibility for covering losses to the business where a fraudulent charge occurs. If a business does not have the new EMV reader, they are liable for the cost of any purchases made with a counterfeit card. In other words, the card issuer will no longer absorb the loss.

Businesses need to replace the old magnetic swipe machines as soon as possible. Most large retailers have already made the change, but many small and independent businesses have not. EMV readers cost around \$25 (for a basic device that plugs into a smart phone), and go up to about \$300 for a countertop model with all the “bells and whistles.” They are available from major electronics retailers and online. A business’s credit card processor may be able to provide additional information or recommendations.

Many consumers have already received new credit and debit cards with the EMV chips (it is the small metallic square located on the front of the card). The only other noticeable change for consumers will be when they shop at retail stores with EMV technology. Instead of “swiping” their card, consumers will “dip” the card into a slot in the terminal — or in some cases — “tap” the card on a flat reader. It may take a few moments longer than the old swipe card, but the transaction will be more secure.

For more business information about EMV cards, go to EMV Connection or GoChipCard for more consumer information.

For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews or to file a complaint, visit your local Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org/central-texas.

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HEATHER MASSEY

Wind Show in Sweetwater Wednesday

Special to the Herald

Wind Show returns to the heart of the USA wind energy operations region on Tuesday-Wednesday, October 6-7, in Sweetwater at the Nolan County Coliseum complex on FM 419 (Elm Street) in north Sweetwater.

Texas Wind Energy Clearinghouse and Tower Climbing Grease Monkeys have announced a strategic alliance as co-hosts of Wind Show 2015, a major wind energy industry trade show and expo. Wind Show 2015 will feature seminars, trade show displays, heavy equipment expo, business networking, and other activities geared for the wind energy industry in Texas and neighboring states. Attendance at Wind Show 2015 is free for industry with business cards or logo gear.

Speakers will discuss operations & maintenance, new technologies, status of wind energy in Texas and New Mexico, and wind project development case studies. Special equipment demonstrations will showcase UAVs/drones, a 315-foot high aerial lift,

and E.on’s new Liftra turbine platform system.

Roughly 30 sponsors and exhibitors are coming to Wind Show from several states. Major sponsors include Strat Aero, Abilene High Lift Aerial, E.on Energy Services, EMA Electro Mechanics, TXU Energy, Dow AgroSciences, Border States, Lapp USA, Hydratech Industries, Western Marketing, Roscoe, Time Manufacturing, Bachmann, New Mexico regional development corporations, and several more.

A limited number of booths are still available for businesses, industry, and institutions for \$750 for an indoor booth or outdoor equipment. Premium sponsorships are also available at various levels.

Wind Show takes place at the Nolan County Coliseum complex in north Sweetwater. More information about Wind Show is available at 325-236-9499 and online at www.wind-show.com.

Tower Climbing Grease Monkeys (www.TowerClimbing-GreaseMonkeys.com) was created in 2012 and unites several thousand wind turbine techni-

cians and similar industrial tower experts across the USA and internationally. Based in Utah but connecting across the globe, TCGM is a forum for tower techs to come together via social media to share photos, troubleshooting tips, industry news, and other information. TCGM also offers tech clothing and recruiting services.

Texas Wind Energy Clearinghouse (www.TexasWindClearinghouse.us) is a private sector action group in the world’s most intensive wind energy operations region composed of techs, wind companies, harbors, ranchers, field businesses, equipment manufacturers, wind communities, and other interests across the Lone Star State and adjacent wind regions.

TWEC hosts energy and infrastructure conferences and expos, and is active in wind energy outreach initiatives throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and beyond. TWEC is based in Sweetwater, Texas, in the heart of the West Texas wind energy and infrastructure region.

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Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
Caleston Nasier Sanders, 700 N. Valley St. Anaheim, Calif., 1203 Runnels, Big Spring
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East Davis Rd., Big Spring
Judy Bernice Jewett Scott, 1519 Sycamore, 906 Bell St., Big Spring
Clete Matthew Stone, 602 Linda Lane, Big Spring
Kendra D. Tatum, 412

S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring
Autumn Vaughn, 632 Tulsa, Big Spring
RickyLynnWaltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring
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Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring
Cody K. Witt, 902 Scurry, Big Spring
Brian David Wright, 412 Edwards St., Big Spring

Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Genaro Lopez Castillo III, revocation of probation and imposition of sentence — resist arrest, search or transport. \$750 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail.

Sabrah Clark vs. Randal Clark, divorce
Charlotte Carrillo vs. Ismael Carrillo, divorce
Tina Smith vs. Terry Smith, divorce

Candi Garza vs. Jessie Cuellar, protective order
American Express Bank FSB vs. Israel Vela, contract — consumer/commercial/debt
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Marriage Licenses

Stephen Joseph Grant, 33, and Marie Elizabeth Shue, 31, both of Lamesa.
Raul Morales, 40, and Martha Alejandra Martinez, 35, both of Coahoma.
Marcus Steven Luna, 52, and Tammy Annette Brown, 44, both of Big Spring.
Jonathan Logan Pettit, 41, and Haley Robin Morris, 33, both of Big Spring.
Clint Rankin Elliott, 52, and Joie Jean Bayes, 52, both of Big Spring.
Austin Mize, 19, and Crystal Lugo, 20, both of Big Spring.
Daniel Ryan Hull, 29, and Ginger Ann Richter, 28, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Richard P. Jenkins
Grantee: Wendi K. Jen-

kins
Property: Lot 9, block 18, College Park Estates
Date: Sept. 21, 2015
Grantor: Stellar Automation
Grantee: CDR Investments
Property: .22 acre tract of land in the N.E. part of block 3, Amended Porter addition
Date: Sept. 24, 2015
Grantor: R.L. and Bobby Powell Ranch, Ltd.
Grantee: Christin N. Powell
Property: .319 acre tract out of N.W. quarter of sec. 4, block 31, T-1-S T&P RR
Date: Sept. 30, 2015
Grantor: Prentice Gamble
Grantee: Jose Brito and Teresa Brito
Property: Lot 14, block 4, Settles Heights addition
Date: Spet. 30, 2015
Grantor: Dennis Woody and Yvette Woody
Grantee: Steven C. Honea
Property: Lots 11 and 12, block 19, Replat of
See **RECORDS**, Page 5B

**Chamber
Man/Woman
applications**



Twenty years of service



Howard College trustees John E. Freeman, left, and Michael L. Flores, far right, received their twenty-year award for serving on the Board of Trustees. Also pictured is Maxwell Barr, board vice chairman, who presented the awards on Monday, Sept. 28. during the board's monthly meeting. Freeman serves as the board president. (photos by Lyndel Moody)

Criteria for selection is as follows:

- The nominator must be a Chamber member but the nominee does not have to be.
 - Nominations must be in writing and should be based on a record of accomplishments rather than a single contribution or an achievement although it will not be ruled out if that contribution is of sufficient importance. The committee will base its chose on information provided in the written nomination and not on personal knowledge of the nominee.
 - Nominators must submit their name, address and phone number on the form for contact purposes of the committee.
 - Nominees can not currently hold a political office.
- Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 1.
For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641.

LETTERS

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est people in the world right here in Big Spring and have had opportunities to volunteer and serve in several capacities.

The first group I became involved with was Keep Big Spring Beautiful. This group of hard working people have accomplished a lot in the three years I have been a part of this organization. We have picked up countless bags of trash, loved our lake clean yearly and cleaned up after Pops in the Park each 4th of July celebration. We have recycled electronics and tires. Projects have included a native and adaptive garden at the Dora Roberts Center and new landscaping and sign at the YMCA. None of this would have happened without the hard work and

dedication of the members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the donations of funds, skills and equipment from citizens in Big Spring. Thank you for all the sweat, time and talent that has been provided to try to make Big Spring a cleaner place to live.

I was able to serve on the Big Spring Planning and Zoning Board working with other citizens and city employees to make Big Spring a better place to live. With the help of the city employees we have been able to streamline some of the city procedures which has made getting things done in Big Spring a little less cumbersome. I appreciate all with whom I served and the thoughtfulness that went into the decisions that were made.

Food 2 Kids has become one of the most important volunteering opportunities I have had while here in Big Spring. Food 2 Kids started as an idea

from a group of people at First United Methodist Church and has grown to include people from all over Big Spring. From the first \$5 donation to the thousands of dollars Food 2 Kids has received, no one has declined to help feed the children. This has also included the donation of time to sack the food, providing brooms and cleaning supplies, building a ramp and putting in a driveway at our new location. I have seen this program grow from one elementary school, Goliad, to now include Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. There are people young and old who come out to sack or just do whatever needs to be done to make this program happen. Each school has embraced the additional work that goes along with having this program in their school. I do not have the words to express how amazing this program is and the people who

make it possible.

The final organization where I was able to volunteer is the newly formed HOPE Education Foundation. As a retired teacher who came from a district that had an education foundation I am thrilled a group has come together to form a foundation here. This foundation will provide the funds to help teachers do additional innovative things with their students. My hope is that this foundation will continue to grow and help the students of Big Spring flourish.

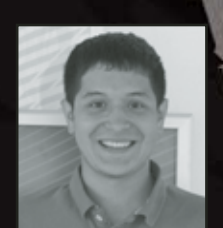
So as I tell my friends here in Big Spring goodbye I am richer for having lived, worked and volunteered here. Please know that I am sincere in saying I will miss Big Spring but I will miss the people who make it great the most.

**Peggy Hopper
Big Spring**

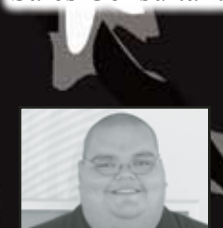
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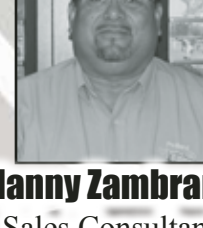
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Weak jobs report sends dollar lower

NEW YORK (AP) — A weak report on the U.S. jobs market pushed bond prices up and the dollar lower on Friday. After an initial dive, the stock market turned higher in the afternoon, as traders anticipated that the slowdown in hiring would keep the Federal Reserve from raising a key interest rate off a record low.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,935, as of 2:40 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 83 points, or 0.5 percent, to 16,356, while the Nasdaq composite gained 38 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,666.

WAY OFF: The government reported that employers added 142,000 workers last month, much lower than the 200,000 anticipated on Wall Street, and hired fewer people in July and August than previously thought. The unemployment rate stayed at 5.1 percent, but only because many Americans have stopped looking for work so no longer counted as unemployed.

NO SPIN: "There's just no positive spin you can put on it," said Russ Koesterich, BlackRock's global chief investment strategist. "Combined with other reports, it really raises questions about the strength of the recovery."

FED: The report raised doubts that the Fed will start raising interest rates before the end of the year. The Fed has only two meetings left: one later this month.



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Heath Hughes Certified Public Accountant was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

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RECORDS

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Grantor: Saunders addition in Coahoma
Date: Sept. 30, 2015

Grantor: Guadalupe Ybarra and Lucy Ybarra
Grantee: Jessica Lynn Ybarra
Property: Lot 12, block 6, Hall addition
Date: Aug. 19, 2015

Grantor: Linda Branham Earls and Stetson Earls
Grantee: Jake Moore
Property: Lot 12, block 28, College Park Estates
Date: Sept. 25, 2015

Grantor: Marvin E. Patterson
Grantee: Blaine Henderson

Property: 2 acre tract of land out of the S. E. quarter of sec. 43, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
Date: Sept. 25, 2015

Grantor: Bobby Klug
Grantee: Steven Nichols
Property: .054 acre. West 50 feet and South 47 feet of lot 7, block 2, Wrights second addition
Date: Sept. 23, 2015

Grantor: HSBC Bank USA
Grantee: Godwin Dah
Property: Lot 8, block 24, College Park Estates
Date: Sept. 15, 2015

Grantor: Michael Weaver and Linda Weaver
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: Lot 12, block 3, Original town of Big

Spring
Date: Aug. 26, 2015

Grantor: Connie Strickland
Grantee: Amber Reid and Bobby Reid
Property: 10 acre tract in the N. half of sec 42, block 32, T-1-S, T&P, RR, Co.
Date: Sept. 23, 2015

Grantor: Donny J. Jones and Paula S. Jones
Grantee: Lummie L. Gould and Michael S. Baker
Property: 1 acre tract in the S. W. quarter of sec 44, block 31, T-1-N, T&P, RR. Co.
Date: Sept. 18, 2015

Grantor: Mary G. Perez
Grantee: Ivory Gamboa
Property: Lot 3, block 3, College Heights addition
Date: Sept. 23, 2015

Grantor: Robert H. Moore III and Holly R. Moore
Grantee: City of Big Spring
Property: Lots 1 and 2, block 12, Original town of Big Spring
Date: Sept. 4, 2015

Grantor: City of Big Spring
Grantee: Turnkey Properties
Property: Lot 9, block 60, Original town of Big Spring
Date: Sept. 15, 2015

Grantor: Cole Walker and Katie Walker
Grantee: Jason Roberts
Property: Lot 4, block 2, College Park Estates
Date: Sept. 21, 2015

Grantor: Grant Perdew

Grantee: Alvin Baker Jr.
Property: .13 acre tract out of lot 2, block 24, Saunders addition
Date: Sept. 21, 2015

Deeds with liens

Grantor: Stone Financing, LLC.
Grantee: Lori Phinney Henry and Gregory Wayne Henry
Property: Lot 3, block 6, Highland South addition number 2
Date: Sept. 22, 2015

Grantor: Gary Stovall and Charlotte Stovall
Grantee: Seth Stovall and Meagan Marie Stovall
Property: .77 acre tract out of S.W. quarter of sec. 43, block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
Date: Sept. 24, 2015

Grantor: Dulce Dog Family, LP
Grantee: Jacob Porter and Krystal Porter
Property: Lot 37, tract 4, Foster Subdivision out of sec. 47, block 31, T-1-N, T&P, RR. Co.
Date: Aug., 27, 2015

Grantor: The Hupei Trust
Grantee: Alan Lackey
Property: Lot 6, block 7, McDowell Heights addition
Date: Sept. 24, 2015

Grantor: Tim Cain and Mary Cain
Grantee: William E. Glenn III and Ledawna J. Glenn
Property: Lot 2, block 2, Coronado Hills addition
Date: Sept. 21, 2015

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Big Spring blunders hurt, Andrews wins by big margin

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

Against a capable Andrews offense, Big Spring simply gave them too many chances. Big Spring did not lose the game with their offense or defense, but with their special teams.

Running back Preston Alexander took the opening kickoff 86 yards to the end zone, but was called back due to a holding penalty. Big Spring did not score on that drive.

Later in the game a snap sailed over quarterback Garrett Wigington's hands on a punt attempt that ended in a loss of 16 yards, and great field position for the Mustangs.

In the second half, after tying the game at 27-27, Big Spring allowed an 80-yard kickoff touchdown return. Andrews proceeded to recover three kickoffs in a row, a feat that neither head coach said they had ever seen before. Andrews scored on each of the three extra possessions,

putting the game out of reach for the Steers in just the third quarter.

Coming into Friday night's game, head coach Phillip Ritchey believed the game would be a battle of establishing different styles of play, Andrews' hurry up offense and Big Spring's ground and pound. The game was anything but ground and pound.

In the first half of the game the Steers' passing game showed strides of improvement. Wigington completed 7-of-15 pass attempts for 111 yards and two touchdown passes to wide receiver Daniel Luna.

"We took advantage of single coverage and were able to move the ball through the air effectively," Ritchey said.

Luna caught three balls in the first half for 96 yards, and added an interception on the defensive end.



Photo by Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Preston Alexander walks into the end zone Friday night against Andrews.

After Luna's pick Big Spring had the ball with just over four minutes to play in the half and a 19-14 lead with the chance to add on more. Big Spring went three-and-out, and punted the ball down to the Andrews 5-yard line, but a penalty on the Steers caused a re-punt. That is when the snap sailed over Wigington's outstretched arms, and the Mustangs took over at the Big Spring 22-yard line.

Andrews got the ball back with less than a minute remaining, but were able to

score on a 57-yard touchdown pass with just 26 seconds left in the half.

Big Spring hurt themselves throughout the game with dropped balls, untimely penalties and the special team's catastrophic play.

"We had some dropped balls and missed some guys who were open. Overall we just beat ourselves in both halves. I told the guys at half-time we were playing better than Andrews we just made too many mistakes. You can't give a team like that so many

extra possessions and expect to win," Ritchey said.

Despite the miscues Ritchey has seen these past two losses to Andrews and Graham the week before, he is excited for this team to prove themselves as district play begins.

"We've got a good football team, we just made too many mistakes tonight," Ritchey said.

Big Spring begins district play against Snyder at home this Friday as the push for the postseason truly begins.

Sands falls to Klondike in offensive showcase 61-38

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor

The Sands Mustangs were defeated at home Friday night at the hands of the Klondike Cougars 61-38.

Klondike jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, and took a 27-16 lead into the locker room at half.

The Mustangs were simply no match for the Cougar's offense that were clicking on all cylinders.

Klondike out gained Sands by 180 yards on offense.

Sands struggled to convert on third down, posting a 33 percent rate of success, compared to the Cougar's 57 percent. The Mustangs went for it on fourth down 10 times, but managed just four successful conversions. The Mustangs led time of possession, but could not find the end zone as quick and easily as the Cougars could.

Quarterback Chris Arismendez

completed 15 of 19 passing attempts for 279 yards and a touchdown. Arismendez also found the end zone three times on the ground, rushing for 123 yards on just 10 carries. He also picked off the opposing quarterback once.

Aaron Skiles led all receivers with 114 yards on six catches, and hauled in one touchdown catch.

Michael Key caught just three balls for 92 yards, but two were for touch-

downs. Sands will look to add to their win column when they face Loop high school at home to kickoff district play.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
x-Toronto	93	67	.581 —
y-New York	87	72	.547 5½
Baltimore	78	81	.491 14½
Boston	78	82	.488 15
Tampa Bay	78	82	.488 15
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
x-Kansas City	93	67	.581 —
Minnesota	83	77	.519 10
Cleveland	79	80	.497 13½
Chicago	75	85	.469 18
Detroit	73	86	.459 19½
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
z-Texas	87	73	.544 —
Houston	85	75	.531 2
Los Angeles	84	76	.525 3
Seattle	75	85	.469 12
Oakland	67	93	.419 20

at Minnesota (Milone 9-5), 1:05 p.m.	
L.A. Angels (Santiago 9-9) at Texas (Lewis 17-9), 1:05 p.m.	
Toronto (Estrada 13-8) at Tampa Bay (Archer 12-13), 6:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (L. Severino 5-3) at Baltimore (U. Jimenez 12-10), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game	
Boston (Breslow 0-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 8-16), 7:10 p.m.	
Detroit (Verlander 5-8) at Chicago White Sox (E. Johnson 3-1), 7:10 p.m.	
Houston (McHugh 18-7) at Arizona (Hellickson 9-11), 8:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Nolin 1-2) at Seattle (Elias 5-8), 9:10 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
L.A. Angels (Tropeano 3-2) at Texas (Hamels 6-1), 3:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 12-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 10-11), 3:05 p.m.	
Boston (Porcello 9-14) at Cleveland (Salazar 13-10), 3:10 p.m.	
Detroit (Da. Norris 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Montas 0-1), 3:10 p.m.	
Houston (McCullers 6-7) at Arizona (Ray 5-12), 3:10 p.m.	
Kansas City (Cueto 3-7) at Minnesota (Undecided), 3:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Doubont 3-3) at Seattle (Nuno 1-4), 3:10 p.m.	
Toronto (Undecided) at Tampa Bay (M. Moore 2-4), 3:10 p.m.	
End of Regular Season	

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
x-St. Louis	100	60	.625 —
y-Pittsburgh	97	63	.606 3
y-Chicago	95	65	.594 5
Milwaukee	68	92	.425 32
Cincinnati	63	97	.394 37
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
x-Los Angeles	90	70	.563 —
San Francisco	83	77	.519 7
Arizona	78	82	.488 12
San Diego	74	86	.463 16
Colorado	67	93	.419 23

Philadelphia (Harang 6-15), 4:05 p.m., 1st game	
Cincinnati (Finnegan 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 9-6), 7:05 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 7-7) at Milwaukee (Wagner 0-1), 7:10 p.m.	
St. Louis (Lickey 13-9) at Atlanta (S. Miller 5-17), 7:10 p.m.	
Washington (Scherzer 13-12) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 13-7), 7:10 p.m., 2nd game	
Miami (Nicolino 4-4) at Philadelphia (Anderson 0-5), 7:35 p.m., 2nd game	
Houston (McHugh 18-7) at Arizona (Hellickson 9-11), 8:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Erlin 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 18-3), 9:10 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
Cincinnati (Jos. Smith 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Happ 6-2), 3:05 p.m.	
Colorado (Bergman 3-1) at San Francisco (Y. Petit 1-1), 3:05 p.m.	
Miami (Conley 4-1) at Philadelphia (D. Buchanan 2-9), 3:05 p.m.	
St. Louis (Lynn 12-10) at Atlanta (Wisler 7-8), 3:05 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Haren 10-9) at Milwaukee (Jo. Lopez 1-0), 3:10 p.m.	
Houston (McCullers 6-7) at Arizona (Ray 5-12), 3:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Undecided) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 16-7), 3:10 p.m.	
Washington (Roark 4-7) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 14-8), 3:10 p.m.	
End of Regular Season	

National League			
	W	L	Pct GB
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Reinstated 3B Maikel Franco from the 15-day DL.			
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
LINCOLN SALTDogs — Traded OF Tucker White to Joplin for RHP Sam Agnew-Wieland.			
BASKETBALL			
National Basketball Association			
NBA — Reinstated retired General Martin E. Dempsey special adviser to the commissioner, effective Jan. 1.			
FOOTBALL			
National Football League			
BUFFALO BILLS — Released DT Andre Fluellen. Signed RB Cierre Wood from the practice squad.			
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived-injured CB Sheldon Price. Waived DE Earl Okine. Signed RB Zurlon Tipton from the practice squad.			
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Waived-injured G Ryan Groy.			
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Terminated QB Brad Sorensen from the practice squad. Signed DB Carrington Byndom from the practice squad.			
HOCKEY			
National Hockey League			
CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned C Garnet Hathaway and D Kenney Morrison, Jakub Nakladal, Patrick Sieloff and Tyler Wotherpoon to Stockton (AHL). Waived C Drew Shore.			

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Reassigned D Erik Gustafsson and D Erik Gustafsson and Ryan Hartman, Vincent Hinostroza, Brandon Mashinter, Dennis Rasmussen and Garret Ross to Rockford (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Loaned Cs Jason Dickinson and Radek Faksa and LW Remi Elie to Texas (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned D Troy Donnan and Samuel Noreau from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned F Jordan Caron and G Pheonix Copley to Chicago (AHL).
American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Released Fs Domenic Alberga, Scott Fleming, Brad McGowan and Paul Rodrigues; D Tyler Elbrecht, Sean Escobedo and Daviv Vandane; and G Alex Vazzano, and sent them to Greenville (ECHL). Released Fs Luke Curadi and Stefano Momesso.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Agreed to terms with D Adam Will and Fs Steve Hinek, Jordan Dance and Corey Fowler.
COLLEGE
HOLY CROSS — Named Jason Falcon assistant baseball coach.
MINNESOTA STATE — Named P.J. McIntee assistant baseball coach.
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Forsan blanks Wink 28-0 on the road

By Taylor Ellis
Sports Editor
Forsan's defense had their best game of the season Friday night as they traveled over 100 miles to face the Wink Wildcats (4-2).

The Buffaloes (4-2) held Wink scoreless for the first time all season, and it was also Forsan's first shutout of the year.

Forsan dominated time of possession by almost 11 minutes, limiting the Wildcats to just 11 first downs.

Quarterback Jesse Cervantes (Sr.) turned in one of his most balanced performances of his career. He threw for 178 yards and two touchdowns, while completing 13 of 19 passing attempts. There were also two interceptions, but he had a quarterback rating of 93.6.

Cervantes also showed off what he can do with his legs per usual, leading the team in rushing attempts and yards with 127 yards on 19 carries. He also found the end zone twice, making him responsible for all of Forsan's points Friday night.

Junior wide receiver Blaze Yeater had five catches for 82 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore Austin Dard-ed got more action on the field than usual and took advantage, catching two passes for 22 yards and a touchdown.

The Buffaloes came into the game injured and had to call upon more sophomores and juniors to play significant minutes for them. Running back Walker Park, who had four touchdowns on just seven touches last week, did not play due to a thigh bruise that has kept him limited in practice.

Despite the injuries and new faces, Forsan turned in a great performance on the road at a critical time of the year.

Forsan now turns their attention to Anthony, their first district game of the year. They will travel to face their rival next Friday as head coach Jason Phillips looks to return to the post season, after falling just short last season.

Rangers 2-1 loss to Angels keeps them from clinching AL West

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Elvis Andrus and the Texas Rangers didn't even wait around to see if they would clinch the AL West title Friday night. The champagne was put away for another day.

After a 2-1 loss to the wild card-chasing Los Angeles Angels, when Mike Trout had a leadoff triple in the ninth and scored on Albert Pujols' tiebreaking single, the Rangers needed a later loss by Houston for the division title.

"Turn the page, come back tomorrow and be aggressive," Andrus said before leaving the clubhouse. "(Saturday) is a great day to do it."

By time the scheduled postgame fireworks

show was over, after most of the Rangers players had already left the ballpark, Houston already led 7-2 in the sixth inning at Arizona. The Astros went on to win 21-5 and moved within two games of Texas.

"We've got two games left and we're going to continue to play hard," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "These guys have done a tremendous job of responding to situations like this."

Already assured a playoff spot, Texas could have also clinched the division Friday night with a win over the Angels.

Los Angeles remained a game behind Houston in the race for the second AL wild card.

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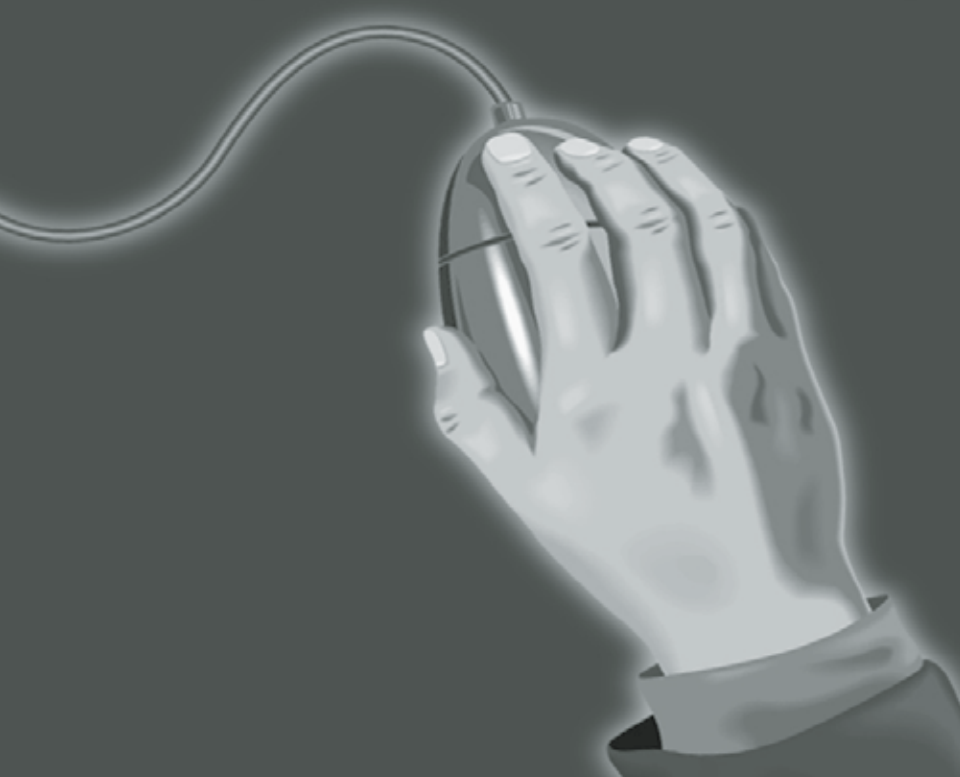
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Mercury Still Retrograde

It is said that Van Gogh rarely painted with more

than six colors on his palette. Chances are that your favorite pop song has no more than six chords. Mercury, in the final six days of his last retrograde of the year, reiterates the message of the design principle known as KISS: Keep It Simple, Stupid.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is no correlation between creativity and owning things. While it may help to have certain tools, who knows? It may hinder, too. Often artistry is defined by its limitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Assume you won't be rewarded for anything you do today. This probably won't turn out to be true, but you're better off coming from that very low expectation. It will help you experience the inherent value in your action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's something you want to sell. Today is about promotion. This part is daunting. You won't feel like you know what you're doing. It may take a few tries before you strike on an effective pitch.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In a few weeks, you'll get support beyond your hopes. Right now, you're going through an endurance test of sorts. Instead of waiting for their approval, go ahead and approve of yourself. They'll catch up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The same words could come from a teacher, a world leader, a child, a criminal or your mom -- the source does not change the truth of the words. As for how many will believe, that's a different story.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The more generous a person is the more strong boundaries are necessary. When you clearly know what you're willing and not willing to do, it's easier to give with a joyful heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You accurately assess the strengths of others and assign tasks accordingly. If you're not in a position to assign tasks, you could always just ask people to help. There are a number of people who owe you that.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In most of today's cases, if you handle what comes up as soon as it does, you'll be ahead of the game and have time to spare when you need it most. Bonus: You'll feel like the big, capable, effective winner you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are those who are utterly dissatisfied no matter what kind of good fortune happens to land on their lot. Avoid them. They make horrible bosses, customers and friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know some of what you're good at. You also have talents that are so close to you, you don't see them. Let your crew fill you in about what you're missing. To

capitalize on your talents, you have to know what they are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Commit to making consistent efforts toward a certain end for several months, if not an entire year. You need the longer timeframe because there will be down cycles that are worth weathering to get to the big win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a day to strip away the unnecessary items so you better understand and appreciate what it is you really need to do your work. One essential is inspiration. Support is helpful, but optional.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 4). You'll find your special place in the world. Even when you know the answers, you'll still benefit from asking for more input, if only because it will teach you how unique your own perspective really is. Pisces and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 2, 27 and 11.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

The thing you longed for in the past and didn't receive will circle back to inform you this week. No, it won't haunt you, bother you, or incite you to seek revenge, pity or remuneration, but it will merely, plainly and simply inform you. With an unemotional, scientific, nearly robotic strategy, it is possible to make a new plan to get what is really necessary. It turns out that what you wanted way back, well, maybe you didn't need it so desperately after all. You made it this far, and you're better for it, and now it's time to move on.

Tuesday brings an opposition of Mars and Neptune to motivate us with the fear of missing out. As with most cases like this, the tendency is to imagine that everyone doing something different from what we're doing is having a better time. Of course, that's not true. Think of how you were feeling when you took some of those smiling pics for all to see. Sometimes you were lit up

from the inside; other times you were bored or just trying to prove a point along the lines of, "I was here."

On Friday, Mercury ends the last retrograde of the year, which should come as something of a relief.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: On his Facebook page, hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons says, "Every day set the simple goal of trying to be more awake and less distracted." A proponent of meditation, Simmons has written a book about success through stillness. His natal Aquarius moon is the sign of a busy and highly creative mind. His Mercury in Virgo provides grounding for the intellectual air sign.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 24 years, and it feels like we are roommates with kids. We are opposites and always have been, but it seems as if we have fallen out of sync completely.

He has never been outgoing, whereas I am a social butterfly. Our kids have never seen us kiss, hold hands or show any other form of affection and that really bothers me. It's not that we hide it from them -- it's that we don't do it at all.

I know I am to blame for many of our problems as I brought a lot of baggage with me. I have apologized to my husband numerous times, but he has only once taken responsibility for his part of it. For the past 12 years, any so-called downtime he has is spent on the computer. When I try to talk to him, he stares at me and doesn't offer any input. Every conversation is about superficial, common interests, but when it comes to deeper, more meaningful talks, he goes mute. A couple of times, I have tried to have a discussion and instead of replying, he texted me snide comments. It is so incredibly frustrating

that I am starting to resent everything about him.

I have mentioned divorce, but he ignores me. I feel I am suffocating a slow, painful demise and I don't know what to do. I want to laugh again. I want him to be happy as well. He is the father of our children and I am grateful, but at what point is it enough? Is it selfish to want to put myself first for a change? I had hoped we could part as friends, but now we're beginning to hate each other and he doesn't seem to care. The stress is eating at me. -- Hopeless and Confused

Dear Hopeless: Whatever baggage you brought into the marriage matters less than the current lack of communication. While there are still some men who are reluctant to discuss their feelings (and some women who are too demanding on that score), your husband's dismissive and snarky attitude is what hurts. We understand that you are ready to throw in the towel, but please first see whether the marriage is worth saving, not only for your sake, but also for your children. Ask your doctor to refer you to a counselor and then ask your

husband to go with you for at least one session. As always, if he refuses, go without him.

Dear Annie: Could I please use your column to clarify the difference between a transgender person and a cross-dresser? Most cross-dressers are neither gay nor transgender. They have no desire to become women. They just like to wear women's clothing.

I am a 65-year-old grandfather and a cross-dresser. I have been wearing lingerie and pantyhose in private for 40 years. Only my wife and a few sales clerks know. I have occasionally gone to the grocery wearing pantyhose with shorts.

It has not caused any undo attention. -- A Cross-Dressing Grandfather in Denver

Dear Denver: A transgender person is one whose gender identity does not match the one he or she was born with biologically. A cross-dresser is someone who prefers to dress in clothing of the opposite gender. Many cross-dressers are heterosexual and happily married.

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 ♣ Q J 9

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 ♥ A K Q 10 8 3
 ♦ 10 7 3
 ♣ 10 8 6

EAST
 ♠ K 6
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ J 9 6 5 4 2
 ♣ K 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 10 8 2
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ A K
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 West North East South
 2♥* Pass Pass 2♠
 Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠
 * weak two-bid

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The elimination play can save many a contract. Its purpose is to force a defender, most commonly near the end of play, to make a play disadvantageous to his side.

Here is a simple illustration. South is in four spades, and West starts out with three high hearts, declarer ruffing the third.

South now leads the queen of spades, on which West plays the five. It would be wrong to finesse the spade in view of West's weak two-bid, a bid he would scarcely make if

he had the guarded king of spades as well as the A-K-Q of hearts.

So South goes up with the ace of spades, hoping to catch the singleton king, and also planning to develop an endplay against East if the king does not fall.

When the king does not appear, South proceeds with his second plan. He cashes the A-K of diamonds, eliminating that suit from dummy's hand and his own, and then throws East on lead with a spade.

East cannot afford to lead a diamond, which would allow South to ruff while discarding a club from dummy, so he returns a club. Declarer wins the club in dummy (with the nine or jack, depending on what West plays) and then takes another club finesse to make the contract.

Note that if South takes the spade finesse, he goes down. East would be able to exit with a spade or a diamond, and East-West would later win a club trick with proper defense.

Oddly enough, the contract can be defeated by an unusual play. If East foresees the impending endplay, he can forestall it. All he has to do is trump the third heart lead with the king of spades — even though he is trumping his partner's high heart — and then return anything but a club. Against this defense, declarer is helpless.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Coral Bleaching is found to harm the coral

HONOLULU (AP) – Warmer-than-normal ocean temperatures around Hawaii this year will likely lead to the worst coral bleaching the islands have ever seen, scientists said Friday.

Many corals are only just recovering from last year's bleaching, which occurs when warm waters prompt coral to expel the algae they rely on for food, said Ruth Gates, the director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

The phenomenon is called bleaching because coral lose their color when they push out algae.

The island chain experienced a mass bleaching event in 1996, and another one last year. This year, ocean temperatures around Hawaii are about 3 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than normal, said Chris Brenchley, meteorologist for the

National Weather Service in Honolulu.

Bleaching makes coral more susceptible to disease and increases the risk they will die. This is a troubling for fish and other species that spawn and live in coral reefs. It's also a concern for Hawaii's tourism-dependent economy because many travelers come to the islands to enjoy marine life.

Gates compared dead coral reef to a city laid to rubble.

"You go from a vibrant, three-dimensional structure teeming with life, teeming with color, to a flat pavement that's covered with brown or green algae," said Gates. "That is a really doom-and-gloom outcome but that is the reality that we face with extremely severe bleaching events."

Gates said 30 to 40 percent of the world's reefs have died from bleach-

ing events over the years. Hawaii's reefs generally have been spared such large scale die-offs until now. Most corals bleached last year bounced back, for example. But Gates said it will be harder for these corals to tolerate the warmer temperatures two years in a row.

"You can't stress an individual, an organism, once and then hit it again very, very quickly and hope they will recover as quickly," she said.

Scientists have reports of bleaching in Kaneohe Bay and Waimanalo on Oahu and Olowalu on Maui. For the Big Island, reports of bleaching have come in from Kawaihae to South Kona on the leeward side and Kapoho in the southeast.

Scientists on an expedition to the remote, mostly uninhabited islands in the far northwestern end of the island chain reported some coral died

after last year's bleaching event. Courtney Couch, a researcher at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, said a mile and a half of reef on the eastern side of Lisianski Island was essentially dead. Coral further out from the atoll handled the warm temperatures better, she said.

Brian Neilson, an aquatic biologist with the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, said people could help by not adding to the coral's problems.

That means avoiding fertilizing lawns and washing cars with soap so contaminants don't flow into the ocean.

People should avoid walking on coral and boaters should make sure they don't drop anchor on coral. Fishermen should fish responsibly, he said.

Acting education secretary says teachers saved him

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Education Department's incoming secretary, John King Jr., recognizes that education can be the difference between life and death. After all, he said Friday, it was for him.

King grew up in Brooklyn, but lost his mom at age 8 and his father four years later. He moved between family members and schools during those years. Teachers, he said, saved him and drove him to succeed. He went on to graduate from Harvard, get his law degree from Yale and a doctorate from Columbia. Now, he's on the verge of running the nation's Education Department, serving as acting secretary once Arne Duncan steps down in December.

"Teachers, New York City public school teachers, are the reason that I am alive," King said dur-

ing a White House press conference announcing the changes. "They are the reason that I became a teacher. They are the reason I'm standing here today."

King has been serving as an acting deputy secre-

tary at the department since January. The department's biography of his career says he oversees all preschool-through-12th-grade education policies, and the operations of the department, which has more than 4,000 employees.

US finds Kuwait airline discriminates against Israelis

WASHINGTON (AP) – In a challenge to boycotts of Israel, the U.S. government has found that Kuwait Airways unlawfully discriminated against a passenger traveling on an Israeli passport by refusing to sell him a ticket for a New York to London flight.

Eldad Gatt, an Israeli citizen, complained to the Department of Transportation that in 2013 he was unable to buy a ticket from John F. Kennedy Airport to London Heathrow Airport through Kuwait Airways because the airline's online booking system prevented him from selecting Israel as his passport-issuing country.

The department investigated and initially rejected Gatt's discrimination complaint, according to a statement and letter provided by transportation officials. But when Gatt appealed the department's decision, the case was reopened and the department ultimately concluded that the airline had violated a different federal law than the one initially cited by Gatt.

"We considered Mr. Gatt's claim upon an alternative ground ... which holds that an 'air carrier or foreign air carrier may not subject a person, place, port, or type of traffic in foreign air transportation to unreasonable discrimination,'" Blane Workie, DOT's assistant general counsel for enforcement said in a letter to the airline.

By refusing to transport Israeli citizens to and from the U.S. and a third country that accepts Israeli citizens, in this case the United Kingdom, the airline is in violation of the law, the letter said. "We expect (Kuwait Airways) to sell tickets to and transport Israeli citizens between the U.S. and any third country where they are allowed to disembark based on the laws of that country," Workie said.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said the case is a warning that "any airline that wishes to operate in the U.S. should know that we will not tolerate discrimination of any kind in our skies."

The airline explained that it's against the law in Kuwait to do business with any Israeli citizen or company, and that punishment for a violation could result in imprisonment and hard labor, according to the department.

"We do not find the interest of Kuwait in the enforcement of its laws in this case to be greater than the interest of the United States in the enforcement of its laws," the letter said. "It is our view that the U.S. interest in providing nondiscriminatory access to air transportation to an individual traveling from the U.S. to a third country that allows that individual's entry is greater than Kuwait's interest in applying its economic boycott of Israel."

The department said it is aware of another, similar complaint.

The department has given the airline 15 days to respond. A range of enforcement actions are possible, beginning with civil penalties. Kuwait Airways officials didn't immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

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