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## Kettle Campaign kickoff



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
 The Salvation Army formally began its annual Kettle Campaign fundraiser Friday at Wal Mart. In the photo at left, Dan Keley, left, and Gabe Martinez play Christmas music for shoppers; at right, bell ringer Marco Blackmon mans his station.

## Rollback election: HC sets Q&A dates

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Seven public informational meetings on the upcoming Howard College tax rate rollback election will be held by college officials throughout this next month.  
 "We want to provide the voters with the information they need to make their decision for the rollback election as well as an opportunity for the citizens to provide the college with feedback relative to the needs and focus of the college from their perspectives. It is our responsibility to get out in the community to provide those venues of communication," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College President in a news release from the college.  
 "The information I share will strictly be facts about our budget and funding but people will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback."  
 In August, college trustees approved a 7 cent hike in the tax rate from the previous year which was 2 cents above the roll back rate. That rate of 25.16 cents per \$100 valuation is projected to bring in about \$1 million dollars in new tax revenue.  
 In October, a group of citizens successfully held a petition drive to force the trustees to put the matter in front of the voters. The group was part of a grassroots effort making the rounds of taxing entities during August with the message to hold the line on the tax rate. Many expressed concern to the various entities about the financial impact of more taxes on the average citizen. This



## A heart attack victim's story

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Special to the Herald  
 "Call the ambulance."  
 Those three words, and an unexpected heart attack, led 80-year-old Joel Miller and his wife on a journey he didn't expect to have at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.  
 "My son had a heart attack a few years ago and he had told me what the symptoms were. While it wasn't the classic



arm pain, leg pain and all that I had all the symptoms he had explained — I knew that I was experiencing a heart attack," said Joel, A Chaplain with Emergency Services Chaplain Corps.  
 A heart attack would nev-

**New cardiology service available**  
 Interventional Cardiology is now available in Big Spring. For those who want to find out more about the services provided, Cardiology Specialists of Big Spring will be hosting an open house Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 The open house will take place in the Malone and Hogan Clinic lobby, located at 1501 W. 11th Place. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres provided along with refreshments. Those attending will have the opportunity to see the clinic and meet Dr. Francis Uricchio, board certified interventional cardiologist, and staff.

**A large black bird roosts atop a frozen tree at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.** Freezing rain rolled into the Crossroads area Friday night and was expected to continue through Saturday morning before returning by midnight. Highs for Saturday were expected to reach 35 degrees.



## 3 dead in Planned Parenthood clinic shooting

**By SADIE GURMAN**  
 Associated Press  
 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A gunman burst into a Planned Parenthood clinic and opened fire, launching several gunbattles and an hourslong standoff with police as patients and staff took cover under furniture and inside locked rooms. By the time the shooter surrendered, three people were killed — including a police officer — and nine others were wounded, authorities said.  
 For hours, police had no communication with the shooter other than intermittent gunfire from inside

the Colorado Springs clinic. As the standoff progressed, officers inside the building herded people into one area and evacuated others.

Officers eventually moved in, shouted at the gunman and persuaded him to surrender, police said. About five hours after the attack started, authorities led away a man wearing a white T-shirt.

Police identified him as 57-year-old Robert Lewis



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## Small town girl making it in a material world



The life of a model can be very exciting with all of the fashion shows, walking down runways and photo shoots. However, it is a hard industry to get into and it isn't all glamour and glitz. There is a lot of hard work and mental prowess required to keep going and not give up.

A young lady who was born and raised in Big Spring and is a 2011 Big Spring High School graduate has moved up through the ranks of modeling and has overcome challenges to get where she is.

For the last three years, Belle Feaster, daughter of Melinda Hawes of Big Spring and Stan Feaster has modeled in Los Angeles where she signed with Willamena, New York where she signed with MSA Models, and Dallas where she has signed with Kim Dawson. She has been featured in JC Penny

**"When you come from a small town, you are born with a big, dreaming spirit."**

ads and, just recently, was the cover-girl for Sally's Beauty. Her agent is Diane Dick of Amarillo, Texas.

Though she currently lives in Dallas, her work has taken her many places, and she says there are still many more places she hopes to visit.

"I love traveling and find it all exciting. I am getting ready to travel around again and I am really hoping to go to London sometime," said Belle.

When asked about her hometown of Big Spring she said that for her it was an awesome place to grow up.

"When you come from a small town, you are born with a big, dreaming spirit. It is easy to lose yourself in a big city and the world. I am happy knowing that my small town roots run deep," said Belle. "I think Big Spring is a great place to grow up."

Belle still keeps in touch with some

of her teachers from Big Spring and speaks fondly of many of her old mentors.

"I recently got a hold of Kelly Rawlston and Mrs. Bancroft to ask for advice on some of my writing. I had wonderful teachers and I owe a lot to them. My English teachers pushed me as a writer. They seemed to see talent and they believed in me," said Belle. "I also think the athletic department at Big Spring is awesome and the program has helped me so much. The program shaped how I carry myself and helped my determination." Belle said. "John Sparks, in the athletics program, was like a second dad. He pushed us and taught us so much about life. I learned about mental toughness, perseverance, and that you don't give up."

When Belle was in high school, she was a drum major, played saxophone in the band, and was active in athletics.

She says that a lot of the lessons she learned through athletics allowed her to succeed when others facing the same challenges give in and give up. She was able to handle the rejections and keep trying in an industry that is not easy for plus size models.

"I am a size 12. I am thankful the industry is beginning to embrace 'plus size' or 'curvy' as normal more these days. Modeling is just a dream come true."

When asked if she had any advice for the youth of Big Spring in achieving dreams, she laughed saying she wasn't a mentor, but was happy to share her thoughts on the matter:

"One of the biggest things, don't compare yourself to others. Comparison is the thief of joy. Have tunnel vision, your journey is all your own."



Various pictures of Belle Feaster from her days at Big Spring High School on the volleyball team, as a drum major and spending time with her dog. Courtesy photos



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DEVYN JACKMAN**, 26, of 1212 E 17th St. was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only (two counts); driving while license invalid; defective stop lamp; and a warrant from another agency.
- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 65, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 124, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass — property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- **JAMES LESLIE INGRIM**, 47, of 1100 W. Second St. was arrested on a charge of violation of protective order — goes to or near residence/employment/school.

- **HEATHER LYNN MAY**, 31, of 3629 Oaktree Cr., Fort Worth was arrested on warrants for theft of property, less than \$100 — shoplifting; and failure to appear.
- **PAUL WILLIAM SCHLIPF**, 52, of 3305 E. 11th Place was arrested on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.
- **ANDRES LEE JUAREZ**, 34, of 306 Denton was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- **DAWN TAVIA SHAREYE GHANT**, 24, of 1008 E. 15th St. was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct by fighting.
- **ALVIN JOHN GILLION**, 28, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 35,

was arrested on warrants from other agencies.

- **CELSO VALERIO MARTINEZ**, 38, of 7902 W. CR 46, Knott, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.
- **JESUS EDMUNDO MARTINEZ**, 28, of 4912 S. Highway 87 was arrested on a charge of interfere with emergency request for assistance.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th St.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of Lindsey Road and the 1200 block of E. 16th St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of E. Third St. and the 1800 block of N. Highway 87.

## Take Note

### Food drive for Humane Society

Cub Scout Pack 305 is hosting a food, cloth and adoption drive on Saturday, Dec. 5, for the benefit of the Happy Days Humane Society at Tractor Supply in Big Spring, 1104 W Interstate 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Yellow Rose Animal Rescue will also be out with adoptable animals during the event.

### Tax rollback election info meetings

Howard College will be hosting several “update meetings” throughout Howard County for interested citizens to gather more facts and information about Howard College as they prepare for the tax rate rollback election to be held in January 2016. Those dates are: Monday, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m., Coahoma High School Auditorium, 606 N. Main, Coahoma; Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. St. Thomas Hall, 605 N. Main St., Big Spring (Spanish translation will be provided); 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., Forsan High School Auditorium, Forsan; Monday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane; Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

### Pig showmanship clinic

A pig showmanship camp sponsored by the Howard County Livestock Association will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12 at Howard College. The cost is \$10 and is open to the first 50 exhibitors. Lunch is included in the cost. Topics covered is basics of showmanship, feed and nutrition and daily management. To registrar, e-mail HCJLA01@gmail.com.

### Toy drive

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will be accepting toy donations from Nov. 9 through Dec. 9. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls (ages 2-18) to 215 W. 3rd St. Call 432-263-7641 for more information.

### Volunteer opportunities

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.

The Feast of Sharing is looking for volunteers to help with the community wide meal that will take place Dec. 6 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Looking for Mr. and Mrs Claus, servers, greeters, entertainers, etc. Contact Debra Moreno at 432-816-6018.

Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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.

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

### Silver Wings Ball tickets

The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, Jan. 23, 2016. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any board member. To find out more information or to become a sponsor for the event, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 11/29	Mon 11/30	Tue 12/1	Wed 12/2	Thu 12/3
<b>41/37</b>	<b>59/35</b>	<b>57/35</b>	<b>50/29</b>	<b>54/33</b>
Cloudy with rain and freezing rain early. High 41F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precip 60%.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	34	28	Cloudy	Kingsville	62	48	Cloudy
Amarillo	31	24	Cloudy	Livingston	57	48	Cloudy
Austin	43	38	Cloudy	Longview	48	41	Showers
Beaumont	77	55	Cloudy	Lubbock	35	28	Lgt Frz Rain
Brownsville	77	59	Cloudy	Lufkin	55	46	Showers
Brownwood	36	30	Cloudy	Midland	37	31	Rain
Corpus Christi	65	49	Cloudy	Raymondville	73	57	Cloudy
Corsicana	42	37	Showers	Rosenberg	60	48	Cloudy
Dallas	39	35	Rain	San Antonio	50	43	Cloudy
Del Rio	45	40	Cloudy	San Marcos	45	39	Cloudy
El Paso	55	42	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	42	38	Rain
Fort Stockton	38	32	Cloudy	Sweetwater	34	28	Cloudy
Gainesville	36	32	Cloudy	Tyler	46	38	Rain
Greenville	40	36	Rain	Weatherford	37	32	Cloudy
Houston	64	50	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	36	31	Rain

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	54	M Sunny	Miami	80	70	M Cloudy
Boston	55	34	Rain	Minneapolis	31	20	Sunny
Chicago	42	36	Cloudy	New York	60	45	P Cloudy
Dallas	39	35	Rain	Phoenix	65	41	Clear
Denver	28	15	Cloudy	San Francisco	56	42	Clear
Houston	41	31	Light Rain	Seattle	46	31	Clear
Los Angeles	65	43	Clear	Saint Louis	42	36	Light Rain

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 11/29	Mon 11/30	Tue 12/1	Wed 12/2	Thu 12/3
2	3	3	3	3
Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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# Did you ever wonder: The exodus begins

But, let's get back to the Exodus from slavery in Egypt! The Children of Israel remembered the promises God made to Abraham. God had promised the land of Israel to Abraham and his children, but they were to receive it as their own 400 years later. Therefore Abraham never called himself a citizen of the land; he remained a sojourner in the Land of Promise.

When the 400 years had passed and Israel was still enslaved in Egypt, a group of Israelites decided to leave on their own. They believed in the promise of God, but they did not wait for His timing.

The land of Goshen, where they lived, was near the northern edge of Egypt. The shortest way to the land of Israel was north along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

You may need a map to follow this movement. This route caused them to cross the territory of the Philistines, a strip of land now called Gaza. The Philistines were originally a seafaring people. They were fierce warriors, and for many years they had lived in this small strip of land that they

had conquered.

Now they mistrusted the Israelites and would not allow them to cross their land. The fierce Philistines thoroughly whipped the Israelites. Very few made it back to Egypt to report what had happened.

In God's timing...when the period allowed for the Egyptians to repent and turn to Him, He sent the plagues, making the way for His people to leave.

The morning after the Passover, all the Children of Israel marched out of Egypt uncontested and the Egyptians were happy, or relieved, to see them go. Fear of the One True God had fallen on Egypt...not love for Him. But they were afraid to cross Him again.

The Israelites had no need to sneak away in the darkness. They had no need to hurry. Their pace was slow because they took their families, all their household goods, and their flocks and herds.

A multitude left Egypt that morning. Later in the wilderness, God had them take a census of the men of fighting age, 20 to 60 years old. There were 600,000! Add to this their wives and children and their elderly. Remember that 210 years earlier, when Jacob brought his family to Egypt to be with Joseph, they numbered only 70. During those

years of hard slavery God had blessed them with children and increased their numbers exponentially.

Slaves from other nations saw this as a way to escape slavery in Egypt and they joined themselves to the great Exodus. This was called the mixed-multitude. Scholars estimate that about 3 million people left Egypt that day.

Records had been kept of the Covenant of the Parts when God blessed Abraham and promised the land to him. They knew the date of the Covenant and they knew the date of Isaac's birth.

Remember the promise had been made to Abraham's offspring; Isaac was Abraham's offspring of the promise. And the Israelites left Egypt on Isaac's birthday!

To show that this Exodus was not influenced by Moses or any human logic, God had them go east toward the desert where there was no food or water. They were to be completely dependent on God!

*Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.*



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## Menus

### Big Spring ISD

#### Monday

Breakfast: Trix or Apple Jacks cereal, cheddar cheese stick, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: spaghetti, green beans, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk

#### Tuesday

Breakfast: pancakes on a stick, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: crispy tacos, ranch beans, baby carrots, garden salad, milk and strawberries and bananas

#### Wednesday

Breakfast: sausage breakfast pizza, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, roll, fruity Jell-O, fresh fruit bowl and milk

#### Thursday

Breakfast: blueberry muffin, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: teriyaki sandwich, baked chips, garden salad, broccoli with ranch, grapes and milk.

#### Friday

Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: sloppy Joe sliders, sweet potato tots, cucumber dipper, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl and milk

### Sands CISD

#### Monday

Breakfast: cinnamon pull-a-part and cheese stick; Lunch: lasagna with meat sauce, roll, garden salad, fresh veggie cup and fresh fruit.

#### Tuesday

Breakfast: muffin and yogurt; Lunch: Asian bowl with egg roll, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed

broccoli, chilled pineapple and a cookie.

#### Wednesday

Breakfast: pancake wrap; Lunch: pulled pork sliders, multi grain chips, coleslaw, petite tomato cup and hot cinnamon apples.

#### Thursday

Breakfast: breakfast pizza; Lunch: chicken parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, bread stick and fresh apple slices.

#### Friday

Breakfast: waffle and cheese stick; Lunch: cheeseburger, oven fries, western beans and diced pears.

### Big Spring Senior Center

#### Monday

Chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, avocado salad, tropical fruit and milk.

#### Tuesday

Philly steak with peppers and onions, peas and mushrooms, tossed salad, chocolate cake and milk.

#### Wednesday

Chicken tenders, corn with red and green peppers, oatmeal raisin cookies, peaches and pineapples, roll and milk

#### Thursday

Chili with beans, rice, cheesy zucchini casserole, brownie, cornbread and milk

#### Friday

Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, oven brown potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice krispy bar and milk.

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## Births

### Michael Compton

Born Nov. 17, 2015

Autum Henrichs and Aaron Compton, of Garden City, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Lee Aaron Compton who was born at 10:35 p.m. on Nov. 17, 2015. He weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and was 17 inches in length.

Michael's maternal grandparents are Dana Henrichs and Ronnie Henrichs.

He was welcomed home by older sister Makayla Rael-Rose Compton.

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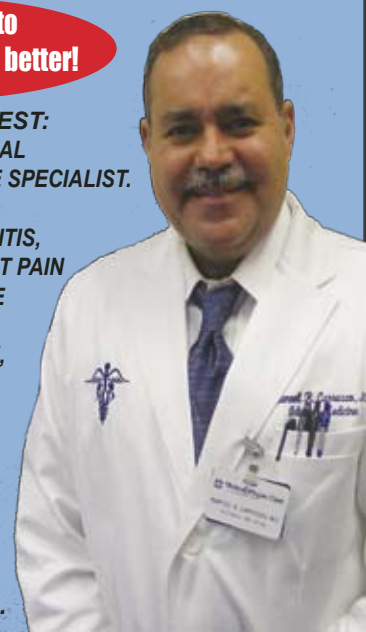
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er happen to him, so Miller thought. After 37 years working for Sid Richardson, 20 years in the ministry and the past 10 years serving as a chaplain for law enforcement, heart issues never crossed his mind. He describes himself as not only an active person, but an overall generally healthy person.

"It came as quite a shock considering nobody in my family has had heart issues. Several members of my family — mom, aunt, sister — battled cancer, but nobody ever had a heart attack," Miller said. "It was a shock two years ago when it happened to my son and really a shock when I went through it."

Thanks to his quick thinking and adequate help from EMS, Miller arrived at Scenic Mountain stable and with no pain. The worst part of the heart attack was over.

Even though his pain was gone, the problem was not.

"While I was in the emergency room I had two doctors — Dr. (Cezary) Kup (Kupri-anowicz) and Dr. (Lalit) Lou (Vadlamani) — come and inform me that I had a heart issue that needed to be taken care of. Dr. Kup was admitting me and he told me, this wasn't something that could wait to be taken care of, this is something that needs to be taken care of now," Miller said.

A few months ago, those words would have

meant that Miller would have been transferred to another healthcare facility in the area, but that wasn't the case since Scenic Mountain now has 24/7 interventional cardiology coverage in the emergency room.

"When I arrived at Scenic Mountain I had no idea that they had an interventional cardiology program and honestly I was ready to go to another facility for my treatment," Miller said. "A few years ago, my wife and I had a bad experience, so I was prepared to have them transfer me, but that wasn't the case for this visit. Things have changed at Scenic Mountain and the experience was completely different than I remembered."

As part of Miller's duties as chaplain, he works with the emergency room staff quite often and says he has noticed the shift taking place since Emma Krabill took the role of CEO. Miller contributes the positive experience and turnaround to Krabill.

"I've noticed a change in everyone's attitude — from the floor, to the emergency room staff to the ICU staff — all of them. There seems to be a 180-degree change that has taken place," Miller said. "The nurses took great care of me while I was recovering in ICU and within 24 hours I was going home. Things were totally different than what I had experienced in the past."

From the emergency room Miller was admitted to the floor and scheduled for an interventional cardiology procedure. Once he was settled in his room, Dr. Lou came in and ex-

plained the process in order to alleviate any concerns Miller and his wife may have.

"Dr. Lou was very explicit about everything. He came in and explained everything that was going to be done in the procedure; not only to me, but to me and my wife. He took his time and answered all of our questions; he wasn't rushed," Miller said.

He continued, "I have known people who have had stents and I knew it wasn't a life-threatening procedure. We didn't know for sure it was going to be a stent placement, but Dr. Lou did say if we find something really serious in there we are going to repair it," Miller said. "I was nervous about it, but I was not scared. After talking to Dr. Lou we were calmed down."

Dr. Lou elected to do a radial incision — entry through the wrist, instead of the usual groin entry — for Miller's procedure. According to Miller, the procedure from beginning to end took place within 45 minutes.

"He said that this type of procedure (radial) was more difficult on the doctor, but it was easier on me as a patient. The recovery time is less and the outcomes are better," Miller said. "Dr. Lou and the entire staff were amazing through the whole thing. They really did a great job putting me at ease; there was never any worry. I was relaxed. The whole staff did their job efficiently and quickly."

After a 24-hour recovery period in SMMC ICU, Miller was able to go home and return

to his daily activities. Three weeks after the procedure, he says he is feeling better than he has in awhile.

"I feel great. I actually feel better than I have in a long time," Miller said. "This has changed my life to the point I'm making healthier choices — cutting back on salt, fried food — but other than that no restrictions." Miller said. "I've been telling everyone about this experience. With Dr. Lou there, I would trust him to do anything that needed to be done."

Miller said since his heart attack, his way of life isn't the only thing that has changed; his perception of Scenic Mountain has changed as well.

"The hospital itself has come a long way and I have no problem telling people about that change I never would have thought this would have happened here. Dr. Lou and his associates are a big plus to this hospital," Miller said.

Q&A

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past year, many home owners especially on the north side of town saw a hike in their property values.

If the rate prevails in the election, Sparks has stated the college budget will only increase \$567,000 of new monies with the rest going to shore up the budget suffering from severe cuts in funding from the state over the last several years and loss in tuition and fee revenue. At the current rate, a property owner with a house valued at \$100,000 will pay approximately \$20 more dollars in taxes than last year, according to figures released by the college.

If voters approve the rollback, the rate will be set at 23.16 cents per \$100 valuation and Howard College will stand to lose \$630,000 in projected new tax revenue.

The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Coahoma High School Auditorium, 606 N. Main St. Meetings will continue through the month at various locations in the county through Jan. 5, 2016.

Early voting will begin Jan. 4-15, at the Howard County Election Office located on the first floor of the County Court House. On Election day, Jan. 19, polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Raymond Dale "Rip" Arthur, 92, died Tuesday. Services were at 10:00 AM this morning at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Dear of North Carolina. Jail booking records indicate Dear is due in court on Monday.

No other details about the suspect were immediately available, including whether he had any connection to Planned Parenthood.

"We don't have any information on this individual's mentality, or his ideas or ideology," Colorado Springs police Lt. Catherine Buckley told reporters.

Planned Parenthood

said all of its staff at the clinic was safe. The organization said it did not know the circumstances

or motives behind the attack or whether the organization was the target.

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The Big Spring High School Band will be hosting several events in December. Please come out and support our music program, band directors including Rocky Harris, Samuel Hale, Emily Andrews and Olivia Caldwell and our students by attending one of the following scheduled events:

- The BSHS Pride Drive will be marching in the Christmas Parade on December 5<sup>th</sup>
- The BSHS Band will be hosting their annual Christmas concert and final performance of this year's marching show featuring Andrew Lloyd Weber's Superstar in surround sound on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, BSHS Auditorium @ 2:30 p.m.
- The BSHS Honor Band will have a Christmas concert at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at noon on December 9<sup>th</sup> featuring "Carol of the Bells" and a world premiere of Fantasy on "In Dulci Jubilo" by Donald Grantham commissioned by the BSHS Band for band and organ and written especially for the St. Mary's organ and Linda Hill, organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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# Cub Scouts hosting Operation Santa Paws

Operation Santa Paws, sponsored by the Cub Scout Pack 305, is an event to assist less fortunate four-legged members of the community.

On Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Tractor Supply, the Cub Scouts will try to accomplish three goals:

- To collect food, toys, and a coat drive for the Humane Society.
- Adoption event for the Humane Society and Yellow Rose Animal Rescue
- Foster recruiting for the YRAR.

"With all of the focus on the hustle and bustle of the season it is often the less fortunate four-legged members of our community that get overlooked," said a news release. "Starting in October right up to Christmas there are food, coat, clothing and fund rais-

ing campaigns for our needy families and children. Our community always seems to respond amazingly. Many of us who have pets of various breeds and kinds, no longer consider them simply animals or even pets, they are members of our families, as dear to us as any other member of our household."

The press release encourages those who can't attend the collection event to bring items to Happy Days Humane Society at 5710 W. Interstate 20. Contact the Humane Society at 432-267-7832.

"Let's join together and find forever homes for our four-legged friends and those that we can't, let's make their temporary one the best that it can be."

- JULIE BASS

# Salvation Army and Wal-Mart united for Christmas season

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

The Salvation Army kicked off the Red Kettle Campaign Friday at noon.

Once again, Wal-Mart is partnering with the Salvation Army to host the non-profit's iconic Red Kettle bell ringing campaign.

The day after Thanksgiving, one of the busiest shopping days of the year known as Black Friday, was just right to start off the fund-raising.

Bell ringers will be stationed outside Wal-Mart with their red kettles everyday until

Christmas Eve.

The donations go to helping the needy, funding the boys and girls

club, and other services provided by Salvation Army year round.

# Paris tourism slumps in wake of attacks

PARIS (AP) The attacks in Paris are having a major impact on tourism, initial figures show, pushing the French prime minister to meet industry officials to come up with a plan to limit the damage and keep visitors coming to the City of Light.

Ten days after the carnage, the deadliest since WWII, museum ticket sales have plummeted. There are none of the usual lines of people waiting to get to the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Though Parisians have put on a brave face since the attacks, which targeted entertainment spots like cafes and a concert hall, tourists are shying away. Those that do come notice a strange, oppressive mood.

"You can really feel how nervous and scared people are," said 40-year-old South African Shaun Bruwer. He was at a train station when the sound of a pigeon getting electrocuted on the tracks "sent people running in all directions."

The Louvre and the Musee d'Orsay museums, two of the most popular spots on the Paris tourist circuit flanking the Seine river, told The Associated Press they've both recorded a 30 percent drop in visitors compared with the week before the Nov. 13 attacks. The Pompidou, the main museum of modern art, says ticket sales have halved.

Business activity in the wider economy was also slowing in November, according to a survey published Monday by financial data company Markit.

The health of the tourism sector is crucial for central Paris, as it employs almost 200,000 people out of a population of just over two million people. More than 22 million people stayed in hotels in 2013, the latest available figures from the government.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls was meeting Monday with representatives from tour operators, travel agencies, hotels, restaurants as well as travel companies such as Air France, to find a short-term plan to boost the industry.

The meeting will also look for ways to tailor the marketing of Paris as a holiday destination for

tourists fearful of a repeat of the attacks that killed 130 people and left hundreds more injured.

Even as airlines operated a normal schedule of flights into and out of Paris, many travelers with plans to visit the French capital have reconsidered their options, a worrisome sign for the travel and tourism industries.

Joe Nardozi, a 31-year-old New York investment banker, and his wife won't be taking the wedding-anniversary trip they planned later this month.

"I have no interest in losing my life over a trip to Paris," he said.

Blake Fleetwood, president of New York-based Cook Travel, said about 10 customers out of the roughly 30 with trips booked to Paris told him they want to cancel.

Tourism to the French capital already took a hit earlier this year after attacks by Islamic extremists in January on a satirical magazine and a Jewish market. The number of hotel stays fell 3.3 percent in the first three months of the year.

Economists say that attacks of this kind tend to have a short-term impact, but that tourism tends to rebound.

It's still too soon to say how big or lasting an impact the November attacks will have.

Marie Jensen, a 22-year old from Denmark, made it a point of following through with her four-day trip, in part as an act of defiance against the attackers.

"I came because I don't want terrorists to control what I do," she said. "Yes, it feels a little strange. But if I hadn't come, they'd have won."

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## DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

# It's time to go to Galveston

If you haven't been to Galveston lately, you should consider a return trip. It may surprise you. It's very clean and the beaches are getting a substantial upgrade.

So many things are happening in the state's favorite playground it's difficult to choose which ones to mention. The year 2007 brought the highest number of tourists to the island before Hurricane Ike hit in 2008. Since then, tourism has surpassed that 2007 number.

“If anything good can come from a hurricane, it at least took away some of the ugly structures,” says Will Wright of the Galveston Historical Foundation. “Now we have either green space or new buildings where there were once eyesores.”

When you get to Galveston, you automatically slow down the pace. We had a relaxing time in the historic Strand area, which features restaurants with sidewalk-dining, hotels, shops and the 1894 Opera House, a real treasure that attracts big name entertainers like Tony Bennett

who performs there Dec. 20.

Dickens on the Strand has become a popular event the first weekend in December. People dress up in Dickens-era clothing (which is for sale in some of the stores on the Strand) and there is a full slate of activities, including strolling carolers.

Mardi Gras in Galveston is the island's biggest event, attracting up to 300,000 people. It's the third largest Mardi Gras celebration in the nation. Pleasure Pier has a midway, roller coaster and swings that propel you over the gulf 70 feet in the air. I could not resist the swing ride. Had to do it. Easy, fun and safe. And you get a great view of the island and the water while spinning around.

Cruise ships have increased, especially since Houston's cruise terminal shut down. Next year, Galveston will become the homeport for Carnival's newest ship, the Carnival Breeze. It will offer seven-day cruises departing every Sunday beginning in May. Royal Caribbean and Disney will also offer departures from Galveston.

All of the attractions are first class. They include 32 miles of beach, Schlitterbahn, Moody Gardens, museums, dolphin tours, fishing, horseback rides

on the beach, Victorian mansions, art galleries, parks, haunted houses, fantastic bird watching, even an off-shore oil drilling display.

A spectacular movie shows the 1900 hurricane that killed thousands of people and caused the building of a seawall and the raising of the entire island. Galveston's history as the second busiest immigration port in the US makes the city of 50,000 residents a melting pot of several nationalities. New restaurants like Boulevard Seafood offer vibrant and exciting meals.

Cities in Galveston County have shown increases in population. League City has passed the 100,000 mark. Texas City, Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Marque and Santa Fe have all had increases this year.

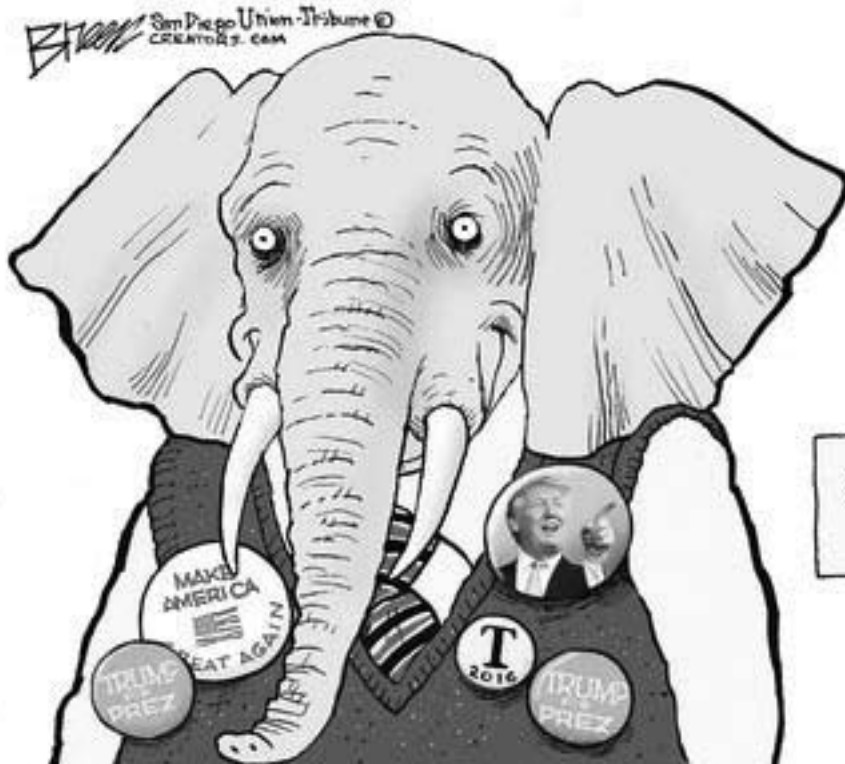
The best time to visit Galveston is spring or fall. The best way to experience the island is to look at the sky, listen to the waves, sit on the beach and think about how lucky you are to be there.

It's the most natural place in the state to be at ease.

*Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and travels the state listening to stories. Contact him at ts@crcom.net*



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



## Signs of the times

A picture's worth equaling a thousand words has long gone unchallenged. Of course, few of us have been threatened by depth-probing questions aimed to determine how deeply we believe in the accuracy of this comparison.

In the great scheme of things—maybe even schemes of modest proportions — it hasn't mattered. The world cares not if we'd go to the mat defending this assertion. It doesn't notice if our body language is interpreted as shrugging. Maybe we actually feel that comparing pictures and words — like apples and oranges — makes for unreliable research.

I've neither seen — nor heard — of picketing groups bent on challenging this axiom. Should this occur, perhaps an attention-grabbing sign might read, “One Word Is Worth One-Thousandth of a Picture.” Considering such a reversal of the claim raises hackles of fear concerning any mathematical reference. I will strive for peaceful co-existence with proponents — both for and against — how pictures stack up with words, and vice versa.

I take this vow of tolerance because a bigger battle looms. General usage of emojis — coupled with their legitimacy heightened recently by the Oxford University Press — threatens to render both pictures and words obsolete.

Consider plights artists — as well as wordsmiths — yet to be born. Better they concentrate on these simple symbols exploding all around us to convey emo-

tions.

Never mind whether the recipient shares the same emotion; the sender is immediately departed, with things to do and people to see.

Back to the Oxford folks, who recently announced their “word of the year.”

For 2015, the “winner” isn't a word; it's an emoji. Specifically, it has a smile, flanked on both sides by big tears falling from big eyes.

The depiction is intended to convey “tears of joy.” Here's hoping recipients notice the mouth to be decidedly upturned, thus propping up joyful tears instead of death from laughing....

I've been a fan of words since the floppity, first-grade books of Dick and Jane, and am ever thankful for my first exposure to “Oh, Oh, Oh's!” and “Look, Look, Look's!”

Like bankrupt bookstores, we face the grim prospect of words failing us. Emojis are like camels with noses under tents. Give them an inch and they'll take a reservation. In the beginning, there was a lone emoji based on a “smiley face” turned out by a French graphic artist in the early 1970s.

Most of us could deal with that, treating them sorta like our complimenting new-born kittens and puppies. They're destined to become “less cute” as they rip upholstery, gnaw favorite house shoes and commit other pet crimes, most of which are dismissed.

Apple — not the one Eve scarfed down in “the garden” — is the shark swimming about. Their techsters — smelling blood in the water — are supplying many emojis, unleashing 150 new ones this fall. (Some linguists say they are the fastest-growing language in history.)

I am saddened by long hours

our forefathers spent searching for the perfect word. Abe Lincoln once apologized to a friend for a long letter because he “didn't have time to write a short one.”

The late Spike Jones — whose irreverent band played the novelty tune “Beetlebomb” — would need a changed ending today. Back then, words would do, augmented by “assorted sounds.”

Certain age folks remember Jones' “music” salvaging the clangs and crushes emitted from the opening of Fibber McGee's closet on radio. Such raucous noises accompanied the harried race announcer's word pictures at the finish line.

“It'll either be a photo finish or an oil painting,” the announcer screamed. Throughout most of the race, he'd described with clever words “Beetlebomb's” bringing-up-the-rear position.

Uh oh. I probably shouldn't have re-visited “Beetlebomb.” Horse race finishes will give Apple brain trusts new ideas for emojis to describe horse race finishes.

Years ago, world class speaker Bob Murphey, a Nacogdoches, TX attorney who spent more time entertaining audiences than trying cases, may have been on to something when he said the introduction of the zip code brought with it some relief.

And maybe it did. “It may have started in our town,” he explained. “We couldn't spell ‘Nacogdoches,’ so government folks thought it would be easier to simply number it.”

Whatever, good luck with your new emoji catalog.

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Courtesy photo

Red Barn Studio is a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

## Giving wisely on #GivingTuesday

The busiest shopping weekend of the year is over, Christmas wish lists are marked off and consumers are wrapping up those sweet bargains and placing them under the tree. The spirit of the holiday season is about giving, and what better way to give than to give back to a local charity?

American charities receive one-third of their annual donations during the holiday season, according to Giving USA, an annual giving statistics study. Because of this, several charities started the National Day of Giving - #GivingTuesday to follow the Thanksgiving shopping weekend. This year, Giving Tuesday falls on December 1.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin urges donors to give wisely and support trustworthy charities in celebration of #GivingTuesday. According to a 2010 study by Hope Consulting, two out of three Americans don't research where their money is going before donating. So before you give, remember to first research charities to avoid ensure your contributions are going to a trustworthy organization.



HEATHER MASSEY

BBB Wise Giving Alliance evaluates charities based on 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. BBB charity reports help donors make informed giving decisions.

Your BBB shares these five tips to help donors make the most out of this holiday season:

- Watch out for name similarities. When charities seek support for the same cause, their names are often similar. Before you give, be sure you have the exact name of the charity to avoid a case of mistaken identity.

- Avoid on-the-spot donation decisions from unfamiliar organizations. The holidays bring a higher frequency of donation requests outside public locations. Don't succumb to pressure to make an immediate giving decision. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow as much as they do today.

- Be wary of emotional appeals. Marketers have been known to exploit the holidays to make emotional pleas to donors. Always research to verify that your selected charity operates ethically.

- Avoid charities that don't disclose. Although participation is voluntary, charities that don't disclose any of the requested information to BBB WGA raise a critical red flag for donors. Visit Give.org to find out if your selected charity is nondisclosure.

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## Permits

Maple Properties, 1001 E. 14th St. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Cross Ell Ranch Corporation, sec 4, block 33. Oil and gas; Val: \$50,000 Fee: \$1,000.

Maple Properties, LLC, 1610 State St. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Ignacio Rodriguez, 403 N.W. 11th St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$4,200 Fee: \$35.

Cindy McGuire, 3 Highland St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$8,000 Fee: \$50.

Harold and Catherine Neagle, 2100 Morrison Dr. Structure; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Lee Harris, 603 Gregg St. Com elec; Val: \$4,000 Fee: \$25.

Tony Allen Meeks, 4206 Muir St. Res Plumb; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.

David Correa, 1110 N. Gregg St. Res gas; Val: \$200 Fee: \$32.

Thelma Morris, 2412 Runnels St. Res gas; Val: \$250 Fee: \$32.

Mulberry Properties, 1324 Harding St., Res gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.

Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St. Com elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.

Quail Run Apartments, 2609 Wasson St. Com elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$10.50.

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## Fed officials revising wary stance on self-starting cars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal transportation officials are rethinking their position on self-driving cars with an eye toward getting the emerging technology into the public's hands.

Just two years ago, the U.S. Department of Transportation struck a cautious tone. Its official policy statement, published in May 2013, says cars should be limited to testing and not "authorized for use by members of the public for general driving purposes."

With the technology's rapid development, federal policy will be updated, agency spokeswoman Suzanne Emmerling said in a written statement.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has ordered his department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to revise the policy "to reflect today's technology and his sense of urgency to bring innovation to our roads that will make them safer," Emmerling wrote late Monday.

It's unclear what the new policy will be, but the tone of the statement signaled that Foxx is interested in endorsing the technology.

For several years, Google and a handful of automakers including Tesla Motors, Nissan and Honda have been testing prototypes equipped with a suite of sensors and cameras on public streets and highways, mostly in California.

Those cars must have someone behind the wheel, ready to take over. Some have gotten into collisions, though in each case the companies

say a person in another car caused the accident.

Google has advocated getting self-driving cars into the public domain as quickly as possible once the tech titan concludes the technology is safe.

While states have taken the lead on regulating self-driving cars, policymakers in Washington hold indirect sway over states' decision-making. California's Department of Motor Vehicles in particular has sought federal guidance as it struggles with how to move the cars safely from small-scale road tests to broader adoption.

Language that the federal government is revisiting specifies that in states where the public can get access to the cars, a licensed driver should be behind the wheel.

Google sees that as unnecessary. It has argued that once cars can drive as safely as humans, it would be better to remove the steering wheel and pedals so that people don't mess up the ride.

A Google spokesman had no comment on word of the federal review.

The California State Transportation Agency has interpreted the 2013 federal guidance as urging caution. The federal update "reaffirms that the topic is evolving and one worthy of continued discussion and public input," spokeswoman Melissa Figueroa said.

She said the Department of Motor Vehicles is working to publish draft regulations by year's end.

See FEDS, Page 5B

## Public Records

### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring

Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., #19, Big Spring

Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring

Josephine (Josie) Balcazar, P.O. Box 1123, Big Spring

Timothy Tod Beck, 910 E. 6th St., Big Spring

Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake

Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanute Dr., Big Spring

Amber Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring

Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring

Susan Cheyanne Cearley, 4104 Muir St., Big Spring

Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood St., Big Spring

Jennifer S. Cook, 2911 N. Hwy 80 Apt. 107, Big Spring

Matilda Cortez, 302 N. Saint Teresa, Stanton

Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble

Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland

Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring

Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7th St., Big Spring

Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring

Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland

Leticia Garcia, 1404 Princeton Ave., Big Spring

Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring

Kimberly Gonzalez, 1903 Peach, Colorado City

Eugene Frank Gulley, 1201 Floydada, P.O. Box 551, Wellington

Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder

Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

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

Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa

Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma

Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa

Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring

John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring

George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring

Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring

Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring

Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring

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

Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring

Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East Davis Rd., Big Spring

Judy Bernice Jewett Scott, 1519 Sycamore, 906 Bell St., Big Spring

Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring

Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring

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

### Filings

Victoria Patterson vs. Ruben Dominguez, divorce

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company vs. Hyphen Constructive Gropu, Inc., Bridge Parners; contract - consumer/commercial/debt

Jefferson Capital System, LLC vs. Jeffrey Leal, contract - consumer/commercial/debt

Jefferson Capital System, LLC vs. Mary Storen, contract - consumer/commercial/debt

Julie Maddux and Louis Morelion, Individually and as heirs of Joe Morelion vs. VCKB Management, LTD doing business as Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, injury/damage - medical malpractice

Shanna Bowen vs. Thomas Dailey, divorce

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Kevin Matthews, contract - consumer/commercial/debt

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Cruz

Serna, contract - consumer/commercial/debt

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. John Millsap, contract - consumer/commercial/debt

### Marriage Licenses

Nathan Kelly Matthews, 35, and Tonya Jos Ashley Roberson, 31, both of Big Spring

Jose A. Sandoval, 22, and Summer Leigh Ann Rainer, 18, both of Big Spring

Jesus Medina, 47, and Marie Teresa Medina, 45, both of Big Spring

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Horace Richie Tubb and Jill Ann Tubb

Grantee: Brian Colter Tubb and Brenda S. Tubb

Property: 20.16 acre tract of land in the Southwest quarter of sec. 41, block 32, T-1-S

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# TxDOT public hearing set in Midland Tuesday

MIDLAND – A public meeting to discuss proposed improvements to a segment of Interstate 20 between West Loop 250 and FM 1788 in Midland County is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, at the Midland County Horseshoe Education Building, 5214 Arena Trail.

The discussion will revolve around access ramps between the north service road and Interstate 20 in the area.

The public meeting is designed to both provide information about the proposed improvements as well as gather input from the public. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. The Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDOT) staff and consultants working on the project will be available to answer questions. The meeting will consist of an

open house from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a brief presentation at 6 p.m. and a question-and-answer session. The proposed improvements are needed to address increased commercial traffic in the area as well as congestion along I-20 at both West Loop 250 and FM 1788.

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are

encouraged to contact the TxDOT Odessa District Public Information Office at 432-498-4746 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate other special needs, as required.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding these improvements are encouraged. Comments may be submitted either at the

public meeting or in writing within 10 days after the public meeting and must be postmarked by Dec. 15, 2015, to be included as part of the official public record.

For information, please contact Gene Powell, TxDOT Odessa District, 3901 E. Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, by telephone at 432-498-4746, or email Gene.Powell@txdot.gov.

# Rain, ice coat parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Heavy rain and icy conditions are likely to stick around through most of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in parts of the central U.S. due to a slow-moving, complex weather system that's being blamed for at least 3 flash-flooding deaths.

"There's a pretty substantial shield of rain extending from parts of Texas across a lot of Oklahoma and into the mid-Mississippi Valley," said John Hart, a meteorologist with the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

The National Weather Service issued ice storm warnings in the Texas Panhandle and central Oklahoma that will remain in effect through noon Saturday, with up to a quarter or half-inch of ice expected to accumulate.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation spokesman Cody Boyd said road crews had been applying salt and sand since Thursday night, noting that roads there were hazardous.

"It is really a weather event with a lot of different aspects," Boyd said Friday. "We definitely

understand that people travel to see family and friends (for Thanksgiving), and have to travel back home. If people have to travel ... plan plenty of extra travel time."

Freezing rain and strong winds have been blamed for several fatal accidents in Kansas and Texas since Thursday. The eastern half of Kansas is under a winter weather advisory until Saturday morning, with freezing rain and sleet expected.

No highways in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains were

closed despite the icy conditions, but about 100 crashes had been reported as of Friday evening, said Trooper Cindy Barkley of the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Amarillo. She advised motorists to slow down, noting that state troop-

ers "see people passing us all the time. It's so frustrating."

Forecasters have issued flash-flood watches and warnings from northeast Texas, eastern Oklahoma, southern Missouri and most of Arkansas.

In North Texas, three

people died after their cars were washed away in rapid floodwaters. At least one other person remained missing early Saturday, as conditions were too dangerous to search for a 70-year-old woman whose car was swept off a bridge in Fort Worth.

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Date: Nov. 6, 2015

Grantor: Robert Louis Stapp and Rosie Lucero Stapp  
Grantee: Marcos Salinas and Sarah Salinas  
Property: Sec 25, block 3, T-1-S  
Date: May 16, 2015

Grantor: Jana Wegner and Dawn Lynn Creswell  
Grantee: Reginald Washington  
Property: Lots 12 - 15, block 38, original town of Forsan  
Date: Nov. 5, 2015

Grantor: Reginald Washington  
Grantee: Benny

Pickett and Kathleen Pickett  
Property: Lots 12 - 15, block 38, original town of Forsan  
Date: Nov. 5, 2015

Grantor: Ruperto J. Ramos  
Grantee: Miguel A. Reyes  
Property: Lot 6, block 37, Cole and Strayhorn addition  
Date: Nov. 4, 2015

Grantor: Jennifer Thomas  
Grantee: Logan C. Pierce and Gloria R. Pierce  
Property: North 20 feet of lot 30, all of lot 31 and the S. 15 feet of lot 32, block 14, Washington Place addition  
Date: Nov. 4, 2015

Grantor: Johnnie Leon Hobbs and Frances Hobbs

Grantee: Johnnie Derek Hobbs and Krystal Hobbs  
Property: Lot 8, blk 13, Fifth filing, Coronado Hills addition  
Date: Oct. 29, 2015

Grantor: Felix Martinez and Antonio T. Martinez  
Grantee: Jacob Garcia  
Property: 100 foot by 140 foot tract out of Southeast quarter of sec. 42, block 32, T-1-N William B. Currie addition  
Date: Oct. 29, 2015

Grantor: Logan T. Long and Ashley A. Long  
Grantee: Chad Hackney and Selena Gonzales  
Property: 2.6 acre tract out of the Northeast quarter of sec. 36, block 32, T-1-S, T&P. RR. Co. Survey  
Date: Oct. 27, 2015

Grantor: Manuel Martinez and Lori Martinez  
Grantee: J. Hopper Homes, INC.  
Property: Lot 1, block 4, Foster addition in Coahoma  
Date: Oct. 30, 2015

Grantor: Michael Fryar and Diane Click Fryar  
Grantee: Kevin Thomas  
Property: Lot 3, block 2, Whipoorwill addition  
Date: Oct. 29, 2015

**Warranty Deed with lien**

Grantor: Karen Maxine Owen and John George Pavovich Jr.  
Grantee: Richard Waters  
Property: Lot 4, block 1 Capeheart addition  
Date: Nov. 4, 2015

**Regulators move on high-speed traders**

NEW YORK (AP) — Regulators are proposing new procedures to monitor high-speed trading more closely in response to wild market swings brought on by a series of technical breakdowns.

More than 70 percent of all trading today is automated, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission said Tuesday as it voted unanimously in favor of new registration standards for high-speed traders on the market.

The systems use algorithms to spot variances in market data, allowing trading firms to deliver buy and sell orders in milliseconds.

That technology has led to a number of high-profile glitches, including one this summer that shut down the

New York Stock Exchange for almost half a day.

The CFTC proposals would require some traders to register with the commission, specifically those "engaged in algorithmic trading through direct electronic access" to major U.S. markets. The new rules are meant to foster greater transparency and they are open for a 90-day public comment period.

They also call for tools to prevent "self-trading," when one firm takes both sides of a trade.

Key elements of the proposal involve market participants, including merchants, setting up risk controls for the trading orders.

They must also submit compliance reports describing those controls.

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The draft was due last Jan. 1, but concerns such as proving that the technology is safe have held up those rules.

The nonprofit group Consumer Watchdog has been advocating restraint. "We commend the

DMV for its thoughtful and thorough approach, and urge that you continue to act in the public's interest, rather than succumbing to corporate pressure," John Simpson of Consumer Watchdog wrote last week in a letter to the Department of Motor Vehicles. "The important thing is getting the regulations right, not rushing them out the door."

**PERMITS**

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Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700, Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.

Ken Pope, 901 Scott Dr. Other; Val: \$14,000 Fee: \$80.

Ruel Lyn Metcalf, 400 Nolan St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.

Merle Ray Haney, 906 Caprock Dr. Structure; Val: \$5,800 Fee: \$40.

Edward Schlegel, 1510 W. 5th St. Res gas; Val: \$250 Fee: \$32.

Melissa Ann Thomas, 1811 Donley St. Res elec; Val: \$1,200 Fee: \$25.

First Church of the Nazarene, 1408 Lancaster St. Demo; Val: \$1 Fee: \$25.

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# Lady Hawks trounce Connors State 48-37

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

WARNER, Okla. — In their first of two games in Okla., the Howard College women's basketball team defeated Connors State 48-37, improving to 9-3 on the season.

Aubrie Elliot led the team in scoring with 11 points, shooting 5-of-7 from the field. Marie Tsoungui added nine points, seven steals, and five rebounds. Tamara York and Dabrona Williams each had seven points.

The first quarter got off to a slow start as each team struggled to find their shot. Howard College entered the second quarter with a 9-3 lead. Connors State exploded for 17 points in the second quarter, and trailed by just two going into halftime.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Lady Hawks put their foot down and squashed any hopes of a Connors State victory. Howard College out-scored Connors State 17-9 in the fourth quarter.

### STATS

#### SCORING LEADERS

Aubrie Elliot- 11, 5-of-7  
Marie Tsoungui- 9, 4-of-13  
Tamara York- 7, 5-of-7  
Dabrona Williams- 7, 2-of-7  
Ashlyn Hoover- 4, 2-of-8

#### REBOUNDING LEADERS

Tamra York- 6 offensive, 2 defensive-8  
Marie Tsoungui- 2 offensive, 3 defensive-5  
Ashlyn Hoover- 1 offensive, 3 defensive-4  
Madison Brown- 2 offensive, 2 defensive-4

#### TEAM STATS

Field Goal percentage- 33.3 (20-60)

3pt Field Goal percentage- 23.1 (3-13)

Free Throw percentage- 50 (5-10)

Rebounds- 34

Assists- 9

Steals- 14

Blocks- 1

Turnovers- 13

The Lady Hawks scored well below their season average of points per game, 58.7, and did not shoot the ball well. Despite a rough night offensively, they played well on the defensive side of the ball and were able to force turnovers that turned into fast break points.

Howard College has won 75 percent of their games. Their three losses to a high-scoring Northern Oklahoma Enid, a two-point loss to Independence the next day, and finally a 14-point loss at Hill College.

These losses came to three opponents with a combined record of 25-5.

Howard College will play their first conference game at Clarendon on Wednesday night. Then the Lady hawks will take almost a month off of competitive games after their Dec. 5. matchup at Cisco.

The month break, though they will still have practices and workouts, can be viewed as a bad thing for a team that has had such a hot start to the season. However, this time off should allow for any nagging injuries to be healed, and for the coaching staff to do a lot of studying on both their conference opponents and themselves.

Contact sports editor Taylor Ellis at sports@bigspringherald.com or 432.263.7331, ext 237



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Sophomore Tamara York (left) takes the foul and puts up a shot.

# Howard College stops skid, 87-46 victory over Northern NM College

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

ROSWELL, NM— After dropping three out of four games, the Howard College men's basketball team got a much needed win in the first round of the NMMI Thanksgiving Classic.

The Hawks dominated Northern NM College in all phases en route to an 87-46 victory. Reggie Oliver had a game-high 20 points on an effective shooting night.

The Hawks shot 50 percent from the field

and 33.3 percent from beyond the arc.

In total five Hawks scored in double digits Friday night.

The Hawks were strong on the boards, out-rebounding Northern New Mexico by 24.

Howard College gobbed up defensive boards limiting their opponents second chance opportunities, while securing 12 offensive rebounds.

The Hawks limited Northern New Mexico to 35.4 percent shooting from the field and an abysmal 12.5 percent

from beyond the arc.

The Hawks went to the charity stripe 31 times, converting 21 of them for a respectable 67.7 free throw percentage, though head coach Scott Raines would like to see that number rise.

A recap of Howard College's second round game from Saturday will be in Monday's edition of the Herald.

Contact sports editor Taylor Ellis at sports@bigspringherald.com or 432.263.7331, ext 237

# Leonard scores 25, Spurs beat Nuggets 91-80

DENVER (AP) — Kawhi Leonard is on quite a roll. The reigning NBA Defensive Player of the Year also is being noticed for his play on the offensive end.

Leonard scored 25 points, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Denver Nuggets 91-80 on Friday night for their fourth win in a row.

Tony Parker added 13 points and Jonathon Simmons had 12 for the Spurs, who were without Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili. The veteran stars got the night

off to rest with San Antonio playing the second of three games in four nights.

Leonard is averaging a career-best 22 points in his fifth NBA season. The 6-foot-7 forward has scored at least 20 points in 10 of his 15 games.

"T.P. has just been doing a good job and my other teammates, but starting with T.P., of getting his rhythm going and when the defense collapses on him, he's just finding us out there

and getting us wide-open shots," Leonard said. "It just gets you in a rhythm."

Leonard is still getting it done on the defensive end, too, creating opportunities for the Spurs with five blocked shots and four steals in addition to six assists, matching a career high.

"He was great," Parker said. "He is playing well and playing under control. He is shooting

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## Scoreboard

<b>NBA</b> <b>Monday's Games</b> Cleveland 117, Orlando 103 Charlotte 127, Sacramento 122, OT Miami 95, New York 78 Minnesota 100, Philadelphia 95 Milwaukee 109, Detroit 88 San Antonio 98, Phoenix 84 Oklahoma City 111, Utah 89	No games scheduled <b>Friday's Games</b> Orlando 114, Milwaukee 90 Cleveland 95, Charlotte 90 Boston 111, Washington 78 Miami 117, Memphis 78 Atlanta 96, New York 101 Oklahoma City 103, Detroit 87 Houston 116, Philadelphia 114 Indiana 104, Chicago 92 San Antonio 91, Denver 80 Golden State 135, Phoenix 116 Minnesota 101, Sacramento 91 L.A. Clippers 111, New Orleans 90	6 p.m. Phoenix at Toronto, 6 p.m. Detroit at Brooklyn, 6 p.m. Boston at Orlando, 6 p.m. Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m. Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.	Montreal 3, New Jersey 2, SO Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO Dallas 3, Vancouver 2, SO Boston 4, N.Y. Rangers 3 Philadelphia 3, Nashville 2, OT Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 1 Chicago 3, Anaheim 2, OT Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2	10:30 p.m. <b>TRANSACTIONS</b> <b>BASEBALL</b> <b>American League</b> TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with LHP J.A. Happ on a three-year contract. <b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>National Basketball Association</b> NBA — Suspended Milwaukee coach Jason Kidd one game for aggressively pursuing and confronting a game official, slapping the ball out of his hands, and not leaving the court in a timely manner upon his ejection during a Nov. 25 game against Sacramento. International Basketball Federation FIBA — Suspended the Mexican basketball federation because of the national government's interference in how the sport is run.	Placed CB Nolan Carroll on injured reserve. WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Dashaun Phillips. Placed CB Chris Culliver on injured reserve. <b>HOCKEY</b> <b>National Hockey League</b> COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F Dennis Everberg to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled LW Andrew Agozzino from San Antonio. MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled G Dustin Tokarski and LW Christian Thomas from St. John's (AHL). Assigned D Jarred Tinordi to St. John's for conditioning purposes. NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Jiri Tlustý on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 20. Signed F Tyler Kennedy to a one-year contract. <b>American Hockey League</b> ALBANY DEVILS — Signed RW Alexandre Carrier to a professional tryout contract. SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Signed Fs Mike Hoeffel and Jon DiSalvatore to professional tryout contracts. Released D Keith Aulie from his professional tryout contract.
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<b>Tuesday's Games</b> Indiana 123, Washington 106 Memphis 110, Dallas 96 Atlanta 121, Boston 97 L.A. Clippers 111, Denver 94 Chicago 93, Portland 88 Golden State 111, L.A. Lakers 77	<b>Saturday's Games</b> Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m. Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m. Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.	<b>NHL</b> <b>Monday's Games</b> Boston 4, Toronto 3, SO St. Louis 2, Buffalo 1 N.Y. Rangers 3, Nashville 0 Philadelphia 3, Carolina 2, OT Washington 1, Edmonton 0 Los Angeles 3, Florida 1 Colorado 4, Winnipeg 1	Buffalo 4, Carolina 1 Columbus 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT Detroit 4, Edmonton 3, OT Arizona 2, Calgary 1, OT <b>Saturday's Games</b> Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 1:30 p.m. Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Montreal, 7 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m. Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Winnipeg at Colorado, 10 p.m. Ottawa at Arizona, 10 p.m. Calgary at San Jose, 10 p.m. Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Football</b> <b>National Football League</b> CINCINNATI BENGALS — Activated OT Cedric Ogbuehi from the reserve/non-football injury list. Placed CB Darqueze Dennard on injured reserve. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB Eric Martin. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed DB Jaylen Watkins from Buffalo's practice squad.	Reading Royals — Announced G Connor Knapp was recalled by Lehigh Valley (AHL) and F Brandon Alderson was assigned to the team from Lehigh Valley. Signed G Brent Troyan.
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<b>Wednesday's Games</b> Orlando 100, New York 91 Charlotte 101, Washington 87 Toronto 103, Cleveland 99 Detroit 104, Miami 81 Boston 84, Philadelphia 80 Minnesota 99, Atlanta 95 Sacramento 129, Milwaukee 118 Memphis 102, Houston 93 Oklahoma City 110, Brooklyn 99 San Antonio 88, Dallas 83 New Orleans 120, Phoenix 114 Utah 102, L.A. Clippers 91	<b>Thursday's Games</b> Philadelphia at Memphis,	<b>Friday's Games</b> No games scheduled <b>Friday's Games</b> Boston 3, Chicago 2 Chicago 5, San Jose 2 <b>Thursday's Games</b> No games scheduled <b>Friday's Games</b>	<b>Friday's Games</b> Florida at Detroit, 2 p.m.,		
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# Seguin scores in shootout and Stars beat Canucks 3-2

DALLAS (AP) — Antti Niemi bounced back Friday night. After his poorest game this season, Niemi stopped all three Vancouver shootout attempts after making 34 saves and the Dallas Stars beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-2. Niemi allowed five goals on 17 shots in a 7-4 loss to Ottawa on Tuesday night. "I just wanted to bounce back from the Ottawa game," he said. He did that with the help of Tyler Seguin's goal on the first shot of the shootout, two power-play goals and a penalty-killing unit that stopped six of Vancouver's seven power plays. Seguin sent the puck be-

tween Vancouver goalie Ryan Miller's legs for the only score on six shots in the shootout. "I thought (Niemi) was excellent," Dallas coach Lindy Ruff said, "and made some big saves." On the Canucks' last shootout attempt by Chris Higgins, Niemi deflected the puck wide left of the net. There wouldn't have been a shootout if Niemi hadn't made a sprawling stop of a shot by Vancouver's Dan Hamhuis after he intercepted a long pass by the goalie. "I didn't panic. I was just hoping for the best," Niemi said. The Stars were 2 for 5 on their power plays, with Jamie Benn tipping in his league-

leading 17th goal in the first period and Jason Spezza beating Miller high in the second. Henrik Sedin tied the game on the power play with 4:10 left. Daniel Sedin, who scored in the second period for the Canucks, assisted with a pass across the goal mouth. "Five-on-five, I thought we deserved another point," Henrik Sedin said. "Special teams, I thought we didn't deserve anything." Benn was upset with himself for drawing the tripping penalty that resulted in the game-tying power play. "We took too many penalties,"

he said. "Myself, I took two, which you can't do against a team like that. They're going to eventually capitalize." The Stars' captain had chances to end the game in overtime. Dallas outshot Vancouver 6-2 in the extra period, but couldn't score a winning goal even on a power play. Miller finished with 23 saves. The Stars won in their first shootout this season. Vancouver is 1-1 in shootouts. Coach Willie Desjardins saw positives for the Canucks, who are 3-6-3 in their last 12 games.

"The power play got the last (goal), penalty kill had a big kill in overtime," Desjardins said. "We finished on a positive note in both those. Maybe we don't get the win in the end, but there's no quit." Patrick Sharp had two assists for Dallas, the only NHL team that hasn't lost two straight games this season. On Dallas' first power play, Seguin's one-timer from above the left faceoff circle went in off Benn's left ankle. Vancouver tied the game

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## SPURS

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the ball well and he is playing at both ends. Both defensively and offensively, he is playing great so far." Danilo Gallinari had 16 points for the Nuggets, who have lost five in a row. Denver also has lost nine straight to San Antonio. "We can't sustain any effort," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "We look great in stretches, great in stretches. And we look really bad in stretches." "We have to be a lot more mentally tough. We have to find a way to play for 48 minutes. It's not a 30-minute game. It's not high school anymore. You have to play for 48, and until we do that we're going to continue to lose." A dunk by J.J. Hickson pulled Denver to 58-

56 with 4:10 remaining in the third quarter. San Antonio then scored 12 of the next 15 points to carry a 70-59 lead into the fourth. Leonard played a key role in the burst, hitting a jumper and a 3-pointer and providing the assist on a fast-break layup for Simmons. The Spurs kept the pressure on in the fourth, starting the period by hitting three consecutive 3-pointers, two by Danny Green. Tied 16-all after the first quarter, Denver moved in front 42-34 on Will Barton's jumper with 3:01 left in the second. But the Spurs closed the period with a 12-0 run. Parker scored nine points during the surge, including a fade-away jumper in the final seconds to give the Spurs a 46-42 halftime lead. TIP-INS Spurs: Coach Gregg Popovich on how he decides on periodic rest days for veterans Dun-

can, Ginobili and Parker: "It's by the seat of my pants. I don't know in advance. It depends on the schedule, what we just did and what is coming up. This is the second of three (games) in four nights so Tim and Manu knew before I even said anything that they would sit tonight." ... Leonard also had seven rebounds. Nuggets: Kenneth Faried missed a third consecutive game with a left ankle sprain. ... Joffrey Lauvergne was active but did not play. He has missed the last 13 games due to a low back strain. ... The Nuggets shot 40.3 percent from the field, falling to 0-9 this season when converting fewer than 45.6 percent of their shots. UP NEXT Spurs: Host Atlanta on Saturday night. Nuggets: Embark on a five-game trip that begins at Dallas on Saturday night.

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# Harden scores 50 as Rockets beat winless 76ers 116-114

HOUSTON (AP) — With Philadelphia desperately for its first win, James Harden took over for the Houston Rockets.

Harden had 50 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and the Rockets beat the lowly 76ers 116-114 on Friday night.

Harden was 14 for 28 from the field and 16 for 20 at the line in his third career game with 50 or more points. He is averaging 36.2 points in his last five games.

"Just in attack mode," he said. "Taking my shots, being aggressive."

Philadelphia moved one loss away from matching the New Jersey Nets' NBA-worst mark of 18 losses to open a season. The Sixers have dropped 27 in a row dating to last season for the longest losing streak in major U.S. professional sports history, passing the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1976 to '77. The previous record was also

matched by the 76ers in 2013-14.

Robert Covington had 28 points and eight steals for Philadelphia, which made a franchise-record 16 3-pointers in 35 attempts. One day removed from a Boston nightclub altercation, rookie Jahlil Okafor had 11 points and six rebounds.

Facing an 11-point deficit to start the fourth quarter, the 76ers opened the period on a 24-8 run to take a five-point lead.

"In past situations this year, we didn't handle those situations well," Rockets coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "There's a growing belief in that locker room that they can do the things needed to win."

Down by two with less than 3 seconds remaining, Covington intentionally missed a free throw that was rebounded by Houston's Dwight Howard.

Harden led the Rockets to one of their best

shooting performances of the season, helping Houston win for just the second time in its last nine games.

The Rockets shot 52 percent from the field, including an 11-for-20 night from beyond the arc. Howard added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Philadelphia scored 100 points for the first time in nearly three weeks and just the fourth time all season. Isaiah Canaan had 23 points, and Jerami Grant scored 18.

"A time's going to come where we finally put everything together and come up with a victory," Covington said.

Sixers coach Brett Brown praised the 6-foot-11 Okafor for selflessly asking him to keep the small lineup in the game as they rallied.

"It wasn't some perfect, pretty offense — it was organized streetball," Brown said. "And it got us back in it. It's a tremendous example for the whole room to



AP photo

**Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) is called for an offensive foul as he elbows Philadelphia 76ers forward Jerami Grant, left, in the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in Houston.**

look around, and you just never know who's going to be there at the end of games to make it happen."

TIP-INS

76ers: C Nerlens Noel was a late scratch with right knee soreness. ... SG Nik Stauskas re-

turned from a one-game absence after suffering a knee contusion in Monday's loss to Minnesota. ... Canaan got his fifth start of the season over regular starter T.J. McConnell. Rockets: Houston improved to 68-68 all-time against Philadelphia. ... The Rockets had a season-high 35 third-quarter points. PG Patrick Beverley received a technical foul in the second quarter after throwing an elbow near the face of Phil Pressey.

UP NEXT

76ers: Visit Memphis on Sunday.

Rockets: Visit New York on Sunday.

OKAFOR'S SITUATION

The 76ers offered no new comment on Okafor's Thursday morning altercation at a Boston nightclub.

"We've heard some things, but in fairness to everybody here, there's not much more we're going to comment on, at this point," Brown said.

Okafor, the third overall pick in the draft, said after the shootaround that he was "embarrassed" by the incident, and he is dealing with the team and league on possible discipline.

PAYING RESPECT

The Rockets observed a pregame moment of silence in honor of college basketball coach Guy V. Lewis, who died on Thursday morning at the age of 93. Lewis was best known for leading the Phi Slama Jama teams of the 1980s at the University of Houston. He was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013.

## STARS

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after Jannik Hansen stole a pass from John Klingberg and passed across the slot to

Daniel Sedin, whose wrist shot beat Niemi.

Dallas regained the lead when Spezza took a pass from Klingberg, skated down into the right circle and lifted a slap shot over Miller to a narrow opening in the upper-

right corner of the net.

"I got to be more assertive on that play," Miller said. "It's my responsibility, the short side."

NOTES: Daniel Sedin's goal was the 15th of his career against Dallas. He and Benn extended their points

streaks to seven games. Benn has seven goals and five assists during that time, and Daniel Sedin has six and six.

... The line of the Sedin twins and Hansen has totaled 39 points in the last nine games.

... Vancouver RW Adam Cracknell played in his 100th NHL game. ... In 10 career

games against the Canucks, Seguin has 15 points (five goals, 10 assists). ... Miller played in his 20th game, tied for the most this season by an NHL goalie. ... The Stars have won nine in a row over Vancouver since Feb. 21, 2013 and are 2-0 this season.

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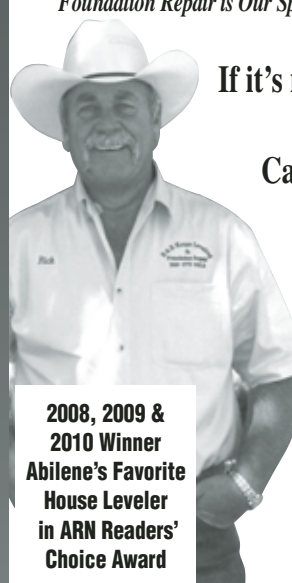
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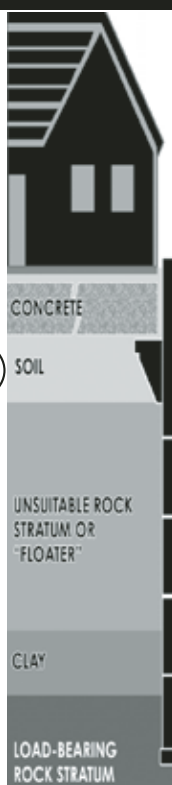
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**Dear Annie:** My co-worker, "Carl," has been at his job for 8 years. I've been here for 10. We've never been friends, but that hasn't really mattered until now.

Recently, Carl and I were put together on a team. It turns out, he is one of the most uncaring, egotistical, self-centered, small-minded individuals with whom I have ever dealt. He makes my job more difficult, and I can see that he does the same for others.

Everything Carl does aggravates me to no end. The boss knows he is a troublemaker, but refuses to deal with the situation. Please don't suggest I look for another job. For financial reasons, I cannot do that at this point in time. Any advice? — *Incredibly Frustrated*

**Dear Frustrated:** Since you cannot leave and your boss will do nothing to alleviate the situation, you have to find a way to deal with Carl. First find out if it's possible to be put on another team or ask to have your assignment changed. That would be the easiest way to avoid Carl. If that isn't an option, try to ignore the things that most irritate you. His egotistical, small-minded personality is not necessarily relevant to getting the job done. Focus on the work and imagine him as a small annoying fly that keeps buzzing around your head. But please don't swat him.

**Dear Annie:** I know you've covered this topic before, but I think my situation is a little different.

I was invited to a family wedding by cousins in another state with whom I am not in close contact. My boyfriend and I have been together for many years, but this segment of the family was unaware of him and so he wasn't included in the invitation. We are as "together" as any husband and wife, but when I RSVP'd and said that we would be coming together, I was told that I couldn't bring him because of limits on the guest list. I would have liked to go to renew family connections, but this meant I could not attend either.

Would it have been better to refer to him as my fiance? Would he then have been automatically included? A fiance implies that you plan to marry and we don't. We need a new vocabulary to cover the many variations people have for coupledness. — *Confused in the South*

**Dear Confused:** It's no one's business whether you intend to marry or not. Established couples that are not engaged — those who are living together or who have been seeing one another exclusively for several months or longer — should be included together in invitations. However, since your cousins didn't know you had a serious boyfriend, it is only natural that they would not have invited him. Instead of

informing them that you planned to bring another person, it would have been more appropriate to explain the situation and ask whether it would be OK to bring him. Then the bridal couple has the choice of including him or not, followed by your choice to attend without him or not.

Nonetheless, it would be nice for you to reacquaint yourself with your cousins and allow them to get to know your boyfriend. We suggest you plan a visit together at another time.

**Dear Annie:** After 21 years of marriage, my husband was enticed by a divorced woman and engaged in an affair. She made it very easy for him and was constantly emailing, texting and calling. This woman knew me and my family, and that we were happy, but it didn't stop the homewrecker from pursuing my husband until he gave in. I realize he is just as guilty as she is, and could have said "no" at any time. But he realized what a huge mistake he made, and we decided to get counseling and salvage our marriage.

The problem is, the mistress rears her evil

head with some drama that she must speak to him about. He has her numbers blocked, but she will call him at work or use another phone with a number that he doesn't recognize. Every time she gets ahold of him, it sets back our progress. She sends him cards and emails, and puts notes on his car because she is so "in love" with him. I have contacted her and told her to butt out of our marriage. She accused me of harassment and said she would call the police.

Our marriage is hanging by a thread, and this woman keeps showing up even though my husband has told her numerous times that it is over. She tore her own family apart a few years ago when she cheated with her fitness trainer and now she wants to do the same to ours. How can I get her to leave us alone? — *Frustrated Wife*

**Dear Wife:** If your husband

truly wants this woman to stop contacting him, he can arrange it. She is the one doing the harassing, not you. Nonetheless, you should not be responding to her at all. Cards from her should be unopened and marked "return to sender." If your husband accidentally picks up one of her phone calls, he should hang up immediately. Her emails should go directly into his spam folder. Notes on his car should be tossed into the garbage unread. He should not engage her in conversation of any kind because she interprets it as encouragement.

If your husband needs an order of protection to keep this obsessive woman away, he should take steps to get one. As long as she thinks he is still susceptible, she will continue to pursue him. And if he refuses to do these things, his commitment to your marriage is not as strong as you believe.



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Sun and Saturn Conject



One reason the human species has changed more than other animals who have shared the Earth with us for the last few hundred thousand years is that humans are perpetually dissatisfied. It's a survival instinct that has kept us striving, solving problems, trying to improve. Sun conjunct Saturn suggests you embrace dissatisfaction.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Remember those teenage emotions you had that were almost too hard to handle? They're coming back around now, but this time you can process them with relative grace.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Keep moving. If you stay in one place too long or focus too much on one thing you'll fall out of balance and the landing will be painful. Approach your life in a circular motion, making sure you tend to the main areas.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Make your lists. Keep your journal. Do some kind of writing -- any kind, really. It will allow you to see and understand more of the project, the relationship, your emotional state, your life ... whatever is on your mind.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Whether or not the wild dreams of the past came to fruition, they look smaller now. The question is: Should you go for it again? Not yet. Keep your eyes open for new inspiration.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll search for meaning even though part of you realizes that there probably isn't any, at least none that you can be certain of; so you may as well make up your own version of what it means.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The find of the day starts as a mystery, shrouded in fog, gleaming below the surface of the water, or half-covered in sand. It's likely more lovely in its partially obscured form.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The reason you should avoid being around overly talkative people is that you really need the mental space

to let your mind wander today. Quietude is all the inspiration your creative mind needs to solve a problem.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What's ordinary seems epic and what's epic seems ordinary. Since you can't tell the difference right now, the best thing to do is take notes for later. You'll be referring back to your records of the day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Yes, your suspicion that there's more to you is absolutely on point. Go forward with your secret plan to mine your personality for dormant talents and scour your soul for hidden potential.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you were very young, waiting to grow up seemed to be a forever-long process. These days the future is never as far away as you think. Another reason to shop ahead as much as possible.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love isn't optional. It's part of your survival, just like breathing. Try to get around whatever is standing in the way of love. Probably all that's needed is a fresh perspective and willingness to reconcile.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who are astute will get a

window into your inner world. You will reveal more than you want to with the way you hold yourself and the story in your eyes.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 29). You're not doing things for your own self-interest this year; you're thinking about future generations and the world at large. This big-picture perspective allows you to move decisively and quickly. You'll finish a huge project next month and go into 2016 with an inspiring goal, which you'll reach in March. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 14, 37 and 9.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Considering the implications of today's solar conjunction of Saturn, it's a relief that this aspect only shows up once this year. We can expect the kind of quietly profound moments that shake and rattle us to the core. This could include extreme self-consciousness -- maybe even embarrassment or shame. It's just part of the lesson and a much more universal feeling than it will seem at the instant of impact. Saturn does this. His lessons are often painful. Otherwise we wouldn't learn so fast and it wouldn't stick with us so long. But

let's look at the bright side. Since this lineup happens in lucky Sagittarius we're in for the kind of intense experience that will force us to become more of who we want to be. Other options will get closed off. Safety nets will get pulled. There will be no choice but to evolve. In a sense, our limitations, though inconvenient, frustrating and painful will later be credited as the best kind of luck. Obstacles keep us from getting soft, spoiled or greedy. Later we'll be glad that the universe encouraged us in this brave new direction.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From house bunny to adorable chipmunk, Sagittarius Anna

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bridge of Spies star
  - 9 Mandates of the '96 Telecommunications Act
  - 15 Kensington Gardens statue
  - 16 Annual short-story award
  - 17 Opts out of
  - 18 Master of the game?
  - 19 Possible result of a pH plunge
  - 20 Poet pal of Hemingway
  - 21 Chute racer
  - 22 Privileged class
  - 27 Club
  - 28 Pays attention
  - 30 Simpsons character whose last name was supposed to be Mechanic
  - 31 Creator of the Met's centennial logo
  - 32 Measure from the Arabic for "bale"
  - 33 Lead role in a 2015 blockbuster film
  - 38 Bit of craft
  - 39 Mideast money
  - 40 Metaphor for the past
  - 41 It goes near the water
  - 46 Series with a Dark Motives video game
  - 47 GMAT scoring staff
  - 48 Mag that goes in for "trendspotting"
  - 49 Is given no way out
- DOWN**
- 1 Outrage
  - 2 Confederacy
  - 3 It's a little over 2
  - 4 Got comfortable
  - 5 Confines
  - 6 Columbia unveiled them in '48
  - 7 Not a big strike
  - 8 All others
  - 9 Resolve
  - 10 "All-American prep" brand
  - 11 A Novel Without a subtitle
  - 12 Draft choice
  - 13 Yoga specialty
  - 14 Set of signs
  - 22 First Daughter's full name
  - 23 Special edition
  - 24 Think positive
  - 25 Chamberlain, at career's end
  - 26 Gum products
  - 29 It first arrived in DC in '76
  - 30 Extraction candidate
  - 33 Vicarious
  - 34 Tort in common law
  - 35 Got some credit, perhaps
  - 36 Wanting for nothing
  - 37 "Everyone needs a little" (cable channel slogan)
  - 42 Towered aloft
  - 43 Febreze scent
  - 44 Nap taken once a year
  - 45 Rambling less
  - 47 What ancient Greeks used crushed mulberries for
  - 50 Mint products
  - 51 Mint product
  - 53 coat
  - 54 Equal standing
  - 55 Repent of
  - 56 Best Actor Oscar role after Truman

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Oh, Those Opening Leads

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ Q 9 7 6 4  
♦ Q 10 8 6 5 3  
♣ —

**WEST**  
♠ A 8 7 4 2  
♥ A K 10 8 3 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ A K J 10 9  
♥ J 5  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ J 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 3  
♥ —  
♦ A 4  
♣ A K Q 10 9 7 6 4 3

The bidding:  
East 1♠ South 5♣ West Dblc North 1♠

Opening lead king of hearts.

This deal occurred in a high-stakes rubber-bridge game. South's leap to five clubs was certainly a good tactical measure. Not only was there a real possibility he could make the contract on its merits, but there was also a good chance that by cramping the bidding, he would make matters extremely difficult for the opponents.

As expected, West had a tough decision to make. He thought five spades was by no means certain to be made (it would probably have gone down one) and felt he simply couldn't pass with the A-K of hearts as

potential tricks, so he doubled. A spade lead would surely have defeated the contract, but West wanted to first "take a look" at dummy and so led the king of hearts. West had his look, but it was short-lived. Declarer ruffed the heart and proceeded to reel off every one of his trumps, on the last of which East had to choose a discard in this position:

North  
♥ Q 9  
♦ Q 10

West  
♠ 8  
♥ A 10  
♦ J

East  
♠ A K  
♥ J  
♦ K 7

If East discarded a heart, South would next lead a spade, compelling East to return a diamond from his king after he cashed his second spade. And if East discarded a diamond, South would cash the ace and queen of diamonds.

If East discarded a spade instead, declarer would simply lead a low spade, establishing his queen as a trick. South would then discard his diamond loser on East's forced heart return and so take the last two tricks.

Once West led a heart, there was simply no way the defenders could prevent declarer from scoring 11 tricks.

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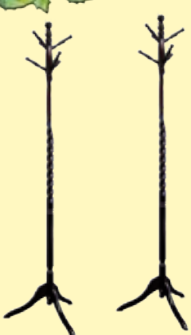
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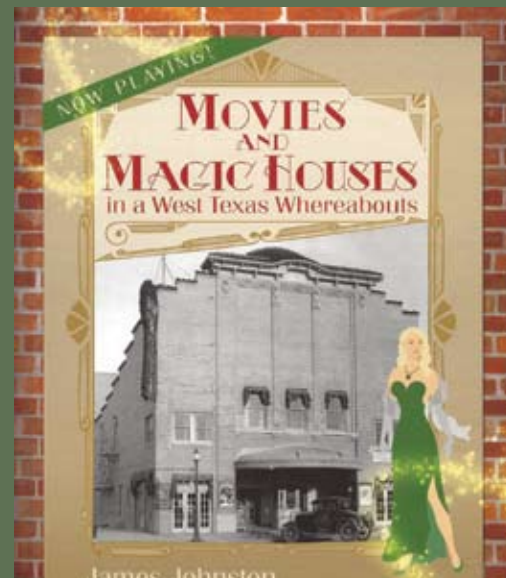


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# HIV now treatable but most states keep laws criminalizing it

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlie Sheen's recent revelation that he's HIV-positive served as a reminder that his home state of California remains among a large group of states with HIV-specific criminal laws that activists consider outdated and that the U.S. Justice Department says should be revised.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 33 states have HIV criminal laws, generally making it a crime to expose others to HIV or fail to disclose HIV-positive status. Sheen, who says his sexual partners knew of his diagnosis, has not been charged, and there's no indication he would face prosecution under California's laws.

The earliest of the laws in Florida, Tennessee and Washington state date back to 1986 when fears about AIDS were intense. Most of the measures were enacted over the next several years, before antiretroviral therapies sharply reduced the risk of transmission and transformed HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, into what is now considered a manageable chronic medical condition.

The laws vary from state to state. According to the CDC, 24 states require people who know they have HIV to disclose their status to

sexual partners and 25 states criminalize one or more behaviors now known to pose a low or negligible risk for HIV transmission such as oral sex, spitting and biting.

In recent years, there's been a growing push by advocacy groups, health experts and others for states to modify or eliminate those laws. Critics have formed task forces in several states including Colorado, Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee to lobby for changes and draft new legislation.

In California, a coalition of 14 groups has drafted a bill that would reform several criminal laws, though they are still seeking a lawmaker to lead the effort to enact it.

The overarching theme would be to remove HIV-specific language in several laws to bring them in line with the current understanding of the virus, said Craig Pulsipher of AIDS Project Los Angeles.

The proposed changes would address five laws on the books in California. One, in place since 1939, makes it a misdemeanor to willfully expose someone to a contagious, infectious or communicable disease. Another, enacted in 1998, makes it a felony punishable by up to eight years in prison to intentionally

try to transmit HIV through consensual unprotected sex.

California also has laws that target HIV-positive prostitutes and people with HIV who donate blood, organs, tissue, semen or breast milk. Another law adds three years to a prison sentence for exposing a victim to HIV through a sex crime. None of the laws currently requires HIV transmission for a conviction.

In general, the proposed reforms would remove HIV from the language so the laws could apply to all serious communicable diseases. The changes would also require transmission of a disease.

"What this does is eliminate these laws that single out HIV from other diseases," Pulsipher said. "We want to make sure we have statutes that take into account things that may come down the line later that aren't on our radar currently."

The misdemeanor law would be revamped to require that someone intentionally transmit a disease, Pulsipher

said. Requiring proof of intent has made prosecution under the felony law a rarity in California, said Ayako Miyashita, a UCLA law professor.

"Intent makes it harder to bring a case," she said. "It's a step above negligence."

The most recent prosecution in California was in a case in which a man falsely claimed to be HIV-negative and urged his boyfriend at the time to have unprotected sex, according to San Diego city prosecutors. The other man later was diagnosed HIV-positive.

Thomas Guerra pleaded no-contest to a misdemeanor health code violation and was sentenced to six months in jail, the maximum.

The judge called the term a "travesty" and said she wished she could give him more prison time.

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## 19 people ill in E. coli linked to Costco chicken salad

SEATTLE (AP) — The strain of E. Coli linked to Costco chicken salad that has sickened 19 people in seven states is more likely to be life-threatening than a recent foodborne illness that led to the closure of some Chipotle restaurants in the Northwest.

People who bought chicken salad at any U.S. Costco store on or before Friday were advised to throw it away, even if no one has gotten sick.

The strain of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli can be life-threatening, but no deaths have been reported in the current outbreak. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said five people have been hospitalized and two have developed a type of kidney failure.

The CDC and state health officials were investigating and have not yet determined what ingredient in the rotisserie chicken salad made and sold in Costco Wholesale stores could be the source of the outbreak.

Six people have become ill in Montana, five in Utah, four in Colorado and one each in California, Missouri, Virginia and Washington state. The CDC said the illness reports began on Oct. 6 and involved people from age 5 to 84.

The outbreak is not related to a recent case involving Chipotle restaurants in which more than 40 people were sickened. That strain was identified as E. coli 026. Chipotle voluntarily closed 43 restaurants in Washington and Oregon after that outbreak. They were reopened after a deep cleaning and the ordering of a fresh supply of ingredients.

The current strain linked to Costco has been identified as E. coli 157, which the CDC said is more likely to be more harmful, especially in young children.

A call to Costco headquarters in Washington state seeking comment was not immediately returned.

Seattle attorney Bill Marler, who is representing people sickened in the previous Chipotle outbreak, said the current problem appears serious since two people have developed kidney failure. People were hospitalized in the Chipotle outbreak, but no one developed kidney failure.

Marler said the new case is a good example of why food safety is so crucial.

"Costco has always been a leader in food safety at retail, it just goes to show you how important controlling your supply chain is," Marler said.

The human intestines contain hundreds of E. coli and similar bacteria strains. Most are harmless, but a few can cause serious problems.

Symptoms of E. coli infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting.

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