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Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny shoots during the Lady Steers' loss at Sweetwater Friday. See related story and photos, Page 1B.

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One dead in shooting

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring police are considering whether murder charges should be filed against a local man involved in a fatal shooting Friday morning.

Paul Justin Kuhn, 47, of 600 Linda Lane, was killed by a single gunshot wound to the chest Friday, according to a news release from the Big Spring Police Department.

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Arrington sets meet-and-greet Monday at State National Bank

BY AMANDA ELSTON
Managing Editor

Congressional hopeful and conservative Republican Jodey Arrington will be holding a meet and greet on Monday, Jan. 25 at the State National Bank at 3p.m.

Arrington's history includes serving alongside Texas Governor and President George W. Bush, becoming Vice Chancellor at Texas



Arrington

Tech University, and is currently the president of a healthcare innovation company.

"With my deep West Texas roots, unique experiences, and a record of converting conservative values into conservative results, I know I will be a strong leader and an effective advocate for the peo-

ple of our region," said Arrington in a campaign brochure.

Arrington joins nine other Republican candidates who have filed to run for Texas' 19th congressional district seat. Other candidates include Glen Robertson, Greg Garrett, Dr. Donald May, Michael Bob Starr, Derenda Warren, Don Parrish, Jason Cor-

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Commissioners convene Monday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Possible action on a request for a temporary water line at the county airport will highlight a routine meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Court Monday afternoon.

What: Howard County Commissioner meeting.

Where: Third floor, county courthouse.

When: 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Commissioners will convene their meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Road and Bridge Administrator Brian Klinksiek said an oil company has requested permission to install a temporary line which will run through the west side of the airport. Once complete, the line will run from

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Good chili, good cause

Cook-off to benefit Young Marines, WTC fund



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

The Crossroads Young Marines, along with West Texas Centers' Children in Need Fund, are beneficiaries of the 14th annual Fraternal Order of the Eagles Chili Cook-off, set for Jan. 30.

By JULIE BASS
Staff Writer

You can help area young people and put a tingle in your taste buds at the same time.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, the local Fraternal Order of the Eagles edge will host its 14th Annual Chili Cook-off.

"This event is open to everyone to enter as a cook or just come down and enjoy some chili," said David Pope with the Eagles Lodge.

Proceeds from the event go to the Crossroads Young Marines and West Texas Center's Children in Need Fund.

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Cruz offers his vision of Clinton showdown

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

HOLLIS, N.H. — Even before the first primary votes are cast, Republican presidential hopeful Ted Cruz is dreaming of a face-off with Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

He warns his supporters about what he thinks America will look like under a Hillary Clinton administration, predicting a nuclear-armed Iran, amnesty for millions of people in America illegally and the continuation of President Barack Obama's health care law.

"That's how we win with a clear contrast," Cruz told voters at a Wednesday town hall in Exeter, New Hampshire.

He calls it "telling the truth with a



Cruz

smile."

For Cruz, Clinton's biggest Democratic rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, is an afterthought, even as Sanders gains in the polls. Cruz wants to take on Clinton — and he paints a picture for what a Cruz-Clinton contest would look like whenever he speaks with voters.

When a nominee begins "running to the middle," Cruz says, it hurts the Republican Party's chances of securing conservative votes in the general election. But Cruz voters in New Hampshire said this week that they would like to see him moderate his message to broaden his appeal — something Cruz says goes against what he stands for.

"How do we win?" Cruz asked voters. "Washington consultants ... always say 'the way you win is you run to the middle.'"

See **CRUZ**, Page 3A

HC trustees to canvass vote totals

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Canvassing the votes from the Jan 19 tax rollback election looks to top the next Howard College Board of Trustees meeting set for Wednesday afternoon.

Last Tuesday, voters rejected the rollback election in a 40/60 split. In August, college trustees approved a tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 valuation which is two cents above the tax rollback cutoff figure. A group of citizens were successful in a petition drive to force the issue to the ballot box.

At the current rate, the college expects to bring in about \$1 million dollars of new tax revenue. Most of the money will go to help mitigate, but not completely erase, funding losses over the years from deep state funding cuts coupled with losses of tuition and fees

See **COLLEGE**, Page 3A



Obituaries

Darrell Smith

Darrell E. Smith, 89, long-time Midland resident and independent oil operator, passed away Jan. 21, 2016.

He was a US Navy veteran, serving near the end of WWII.

He was born May 16, 1926, in Twin Falls, Idaho to Heber D. and Hazel Hale Smith.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Donna N. Smith; and his two brothers, Donald H.

Smith and Stan G. Smith.

He is survived by his brother, Edward F. (Ted) Smith of Salt Lake City, Utah; his four children, D. Craig Smith, Kirk E. Smith and wife, Debbie Smith, Shelley F. Smith and husband, Russell Erwin, and Christine H. Vest and husband, Steve Vest; grand-

children, Ann Marie Smith, D. Bryan Smith, James G. Smith, Michael K. Smith, G. Ryan Peckham, S. Keith Vest and D. Nicole Simpson; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial and graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Yolanda V. Jimenez for her many years of loving care and service to Darrell and his family.

In lieu of flowers, Darrell requested that that donations be made to "Hoops, Dreams, and Goals," in care of West Texas Centers, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, TX 79720.






Online condolences may be offered at www.ellis-funerals.com.

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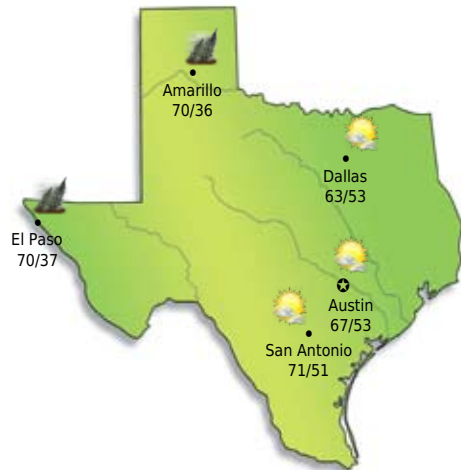
Elbert Strickland

Elbert Strickland, 85, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, in Odessa. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crema-

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 1/24	Mon 1/25	Tue 1/26	Wed 1/27	Thu 1/28
 71/39	 60/34	 48/28	 54/31	 63/34
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 71F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Showers ending by midday. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	60	40	Sunny	Kingsville	64	41	Sunny
Amarillo	65	36	Sunny	Livingston	54	34	Sunny
Austin	57	37	Sunny	Longview	49	31	Sunny
Beaumont	56	36	Sunny	Lubbock	64	32	P Cloudy
Brownsville	64	48	Sunny	Lufkin	52	31	Sunny
Brownwood	59	33	Sunny	Midland	66	40	Sunny
Corpus Christi	60	46	Sunny	Raymondville	68	47	Sunny
Corsicana	50	35	Sunny	Rosenberg	57	37	Sunny
Dallas	50	36	Cloudy	San Antonio	62	36	Sunny

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **THOMAS WILLIAM-SCOTT MURPHY**, 36, of 1217 E. 17th St. was arrested on charges of criminal mischief, more than \$100 but less than \$750 and burglary of a building; and a warrant from another agency.
- **STEPHEN FORREST OYLER**, 68, of 600 Linda Lane was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapon.
- **QUANTAL ALEX BROWN**, 21, of 1500 Sycamore St. B was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, three counts of fail to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 18, of 1425 E. 7th St. 118 was arrested on warrants for heft of property, less than \$100 and fail to appear.
- **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 30, of 604 S. Goliad St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3000 block of N. Hwy 87.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 1200 block of Settles St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Rd.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane and the 1800 block of E. FM 700.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 10th and Main St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 900 block of S. Gregg St. and the intersection of Goliad and FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium Ave. and the 1800 block of Donley St.

Support Groups

- MONDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
 - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
 - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Little League sign-ups

• Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6 at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Monday – Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$90 per child, ages 4 – 16 and you must provide a birth certificate.

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry St.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Come dancing

The Mitchell County Senior Dance will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City. Live music by Travis and Kevin. Snacks to share are welcome. No drinking and smoking allowed.

4-H Clothing and Textile kick off.

The Howard County Clothing and Textile kick off will be held at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The program is for students in grade three through high school interested in the fashion industry. For more information, contact Melissa Deeter, Howard County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Science, at

COLLEGE

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from falling enrollment and a drop in taxable values, college officials said.

Following the announcement of official results Tuesday night, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the college plans to move forward with some needed maintenance projects and upgrades in the college's software programs.

Trustees will meet at 11 a.m. in the college's Tumbleweed Room located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, and head into executive session for the annual presi-

dent's evaluation. The board is expected to break for lunch before reconvening in open session for the rest of the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

In other business, trustees will:

- Hear preliminary enrollment and contact hour reports. Both these numbers have a strong impact on the funding the college receives from the state.

- Order the trustee election which will occur in May.

- Consider personnel and financial matters.

- Hear construction updates.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 432-263-7331, ext. 234, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

CRUZ

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"You run to the mushy middle, you blur the distinctions," he continued, calling it the "Democrat-lite" approach. "Every time we do that, we lose."

By contrast, Clinton tends to view the entire presidential Republican field as her foe, warning fellow Democrats of what could happen if the GOP wins the White House. But her campaign has identified either Cruz or billionaire businessman Donald Trump as their likely opponent in a general election, assuming she will clench the nomination.

One of her latest ads in Iowa shows images of Trump at one of his rallies and a gun-toting Cruz, vowing to prevent Republicans from "ripping all of our progress away."

She also attacked Cruz on his approach to fighting the Islamic State, turning his political newcomer status against him.

"Promising to carpet bomb until the desert glows doesn't make you sound strong, it makes you sound like you are in over your head," she added, referencing recent comments by Cruz to demonstrate his aggressive stance against the militant group.

Cruz still faces an uphill battle in his effort to defeat Trump, widely

seen as the national GOP front-runner. Cruz's political career has thus far been based on support from the most conservative tea party wing of the Republican Party, heralding his bouts both with Democrats and GOP leadership and billing himself as a "consistent conservative."

He cherishes his image as an outsider, railing against the "Washington cartel" and joking that voters should run and hide from any candidate who is liked by those in power.

When laying out how he sees a Cruz vs. Clinton general election playing out, Cruz uses the failed White House bids of Republicans Bob Dole, John McCain and Mitt Romney to demon-

strate why his approach is what is needed to ensure a Republican win.

"What they did didn't work," Cruz said. "We've got to do something different."

On Wednesday, he told reporters he believed establishment Republicans had rejected Sen. Marco Rubio and were coalescing behind Trump, a move he used to rally conservatives, who may view Trump as too liberal, to get behind him.

Cruz's message has resonated with voters in New Hampshire and Iowa.

"I don't like the Republican establishment," said Dean Behrendsen, a 67-year-old farmer who saw Cruz speak earlier this month.

CHILI

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Teams of 1-3 people will cook onsite at the Eagles' Lodge and need to prepare a minimum of 5 pounds of chili, or-

ganizers said.

Registration is at 8 a.m., cook meeting at 9 a.m. and turn-in time will be 11:30 a.m.

From 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., the community is invited to come enjoy the different varieties of chili made by the cooks.

"It is \$10 per person, but it is all you can eat," said Pope.

The Young Marines will be at the chili cook-off to perform the opening ceremony and help with the event. Anyone with children interested in the Young Marines

program is encouraged to stop by and visit with them about the program.

The opening ceremony will take place around 12:45 p.m. with awards around 1 p.m. There will be plaques for the top three cook teams,

recognition for the top 10 cook teams and all cooks will eat for free.

A chance for door prizes, a 40-inch flat screen TV and other activities are scheduled for between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in

being a judge for the contest is invited to contact Pope at 432-816-8462.

The Eagles Lodge is located at 703 W. Third St.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 432-263-7331, ext. 232.

COUNTY

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a water station on Highway 350 to the oil company's drilling site.

Also Monday, commissioners are expected

to honor the Wade Choate family for their donation of property to the county.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said the family is donating three acres of land adjacent to South Moss Lake Road.

On the property is a Texas historical marker honoring Bud Roberts, one of the first settlers of Howard County.

In other business, commissioners will consider:

- Possible revisions to the county's commercial driveway policy.

- Personnel matters, invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.

- Action on overdrive/digital books and fire

protection at the county library.

- Future meeting times.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

MEET

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ley and John Key.

Last summer, U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer of the 19th Congressional District announced he would not be seeking

re-election in November.

Parking for the meet and greet will be on the upper level of the State National Bank parking garage and attendees are asked to use the second floor entrance.

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DEAD

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Police had responded to Kuhn's residence shortly before 8 a.m.

"Investigators learned that there had been a domestic disturbance that led to the shooting," the BSPD release stated. "Kuhn and his girlfriend live with the girlfriend's parents at this home. At this time, it appears that Kuhn and his girlfriend were involved in a heated argument when her father entered the room armed with a weapon."

The father, Stephen Forrest Oyler, 68, fired

his weapon — a sawed-off shotgun — striking Kuhn in the chest, police said.

Kuhn was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons, who ordered an autopsy which is scheduled to be performed Monday in Lubbock.

Due to the length of the barrel, the sawed-off shotgun is prohibited by law, police noted.

"At this time, Oyler has been arrested and charged with possession of a prohibited weapon," the release stated. "The investigation will determine if murder charges will be filed."

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DAILY PRAYER

May our heart and mind be with you, Lord.
Amen

Writing while walking

Patrick Dearen of Midland has written a shelf full of books. One of his recent ones, *The Big Drift* won a Spur award from the Western Writers of America Association. The award is presented annually to the author of what the judges consider to be the best western traditional novel. The book is about cattle drifting south during a blizzard of 1884 and 1885. He has an unconventional way of putting words on paper.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

“On my last three novels,” he says, “including my Spur award for *The Big Drift*, I did these on my daily walks. I walk four and a half miles every day and I literally wrote them, start to finish, while I’m walking along.”

On his walks, usually to a park and back, he will take three or four sheets of typing paper, fold them to give him a good writing surface and he goes along writing.

“I think better when I’m on

the move. On *The Big Drift* I put in eighteen hundred and fifty miles. I developed a new method for writers: WPM words per mile. I average about 35 words per mile, WPM.”

He doesn’t just jot down notes. He writes complete sentences. The first part of his walk he’ll write. The last part he’ll make corrections. He says usually there aren’t many things to correct.

“I measure my progress in terms of miles. Someone will ask me how long it’ll be before I finish a project. And I’ll tell them, ‘o, about six hundred miles.’ I work every day when I’m on a project. I wrote on *The Big Drift* three hundred ninety-five days straight.”

Sometimes he gets so absorbed in his writing he forgets where he is. He has been lost a few times when he is in unfamiliar places doing research.

“The real trick is when I cross a busy street. I have to drag myself out of the period I’m writing about, say the eighteen hundreds, where there were no cars, long enough for me to get across the street and not get run over. That’s one of the hazards you

have to look out for when you’re writing while walking.”

He started writing while walking to honor a fellow writer, Elmer Kelton.

“On the way home from his funeral services, I asked myself how could I best honor this special man. I decided to write a novel set in the country we both have loved, and dedicate it to him. The trouble was I was in the middle of a massive research project and I had no time to write. But every day I made an hour and twenty minute walk. So two days after I got home I got my paper and pen and headed out. When I came back from my walk I had wordage. I realized it works.”

Patrick says he tried to win a Spur award for thirty-four years and finally won it after he started writing while walking. *The Big Drift* has won other awards as well.

Tumbleweed Smith has traveled nearly 2 million miles on Texas highways finding all kinds of folks with all kinds of stories. Contact: ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Howard College Rollback election

To the Editor:

I want to thank the voters of Howard County, 1,800 of them, for voting in this very important election. The voters rejected the Howard College tax recall in a 40/60 split. As most of you recall, last August the college trustees approved a tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 valuation which is two cents above the tax rollback cutoff figure. A small group decided to pursue a petition drive to force the issue to be a matter on which to be voted. An election is costly to the county and in this case, a reflection on how our community views our future for our city and county. With education such a main factor in all of our political issues these days, aren’t the people of Big Spring proud to say we have Howard College — a community college with sites in San Angelo, Lamesa, and six sites at area correctional institutions?

As you know, I have been in Big Spring forever, and will recall when Howard College was being built. So many things had gone to other areas — Midland was a big city — we were just Big Spring — but we decided we needed an educational facility in our vicinity to educate our Big Spring students. We should be so proud of our Howard College and how it has grown. Of our three children, Karen Patterson, went to the nursing program at Howard and fulfilled a nursing career of being a registered nurse in many hospitals and then attained the status of administrative supervisory duties before she retired. Now you know how we feel about Howard College. Thank you again for your vote and for wanting the best for Big Spring and Howard County

Joyce Crooker
Big Spring

Mort on current matters

Uncle Mort, staring down the barrel at his 104th birthday on July 4, lives in utter fascination of the moment — whatever he’s doing, wherever he is. Aunt Maude says he can entertain himself for a good four hours in an empty room with a fly swatter. “Add a fly to the mix, and his day is made,” she laughs.

He gabs about tiniest shreds of minutia. One of his domino buddies claims Mort’s verbal discourses have been timed at 250 words per minute, with gusts to 300.

Mort’s arrival at the general store on a Saturday morning typically means domino-shuffling is soon to commence. Recently, though, the table was turned — so to speak — because of distraction resulting from a casual glance at the newspaper rack. The stark headline foretold numerous Walmart closings. This was “big news,” begging for dissection. Clearly, the domino game would have to wait.

“The closings will complicate many lives, way beyond mere inconvenience,” he commented. “Think of the thousands of husbands who had signed off on their funeral plans and now must make critical changes.”

Gripped by the puzzlement, his friends couldn’t imagine what Walmart has to do with husbands’ earthly exits.

Mort clarified: “I know several guys who’d planned on cremation, with their ashes spread at Walmart, thus guaranteeing

spousal visits at least twice a week.”

“Some of my best spontaneous conversations have been at Walmart with other husbands resorting to idle conversation while wives shop,” another guy mentioned. “It’s either talk or watch the greater welcoming customers.”

One fellow told about a recent Walmart session. A “new friend” dominated the conversation immediately, describing what he called “two minefields in life” that get him “off the subject at best and off the track at worst.”

The minefields? “Neon and nylons,” the guy laughed.

Another member of Mort’s foursome spoke of a second “mart” in the news.

asked if they knew the toughest job on the planet.

He claimed it has nothing to do with world peace, terrorism, immigration or any other topic covered in TV debates by presidential hopefuls.

Mort feels maybe the toughest sell of all might be TV guys trying to convince advertisers that 30-second Super Bowl spots are worth \$5 million a pop.

At morning’s end, they started analyzing NFL play-off games. Talk wasn’t as much about play on the field as the bizarre sideline incident neither players nor officials had ever experienced. It was a “goof” prior to the overtime session of the Arizona Cardinals-Green Bay Packers game. Team captains and officials gathered for the all-important coin flip to determine first possession. (The blunder assures there’ll be additional “coin toss training” before the Super Bowl.)

You remember the moment — when the coin failed to flip. The official tried again, this time successfully. In the future, maybe instant replay will be called into play, thus giving the networks opportunities to wedge in even more commercials.

What constitutes a flip? Must the coin turn a given number of times? Whatever, it should be a slam dunk. Someone said striped shirts failing to execute successful flips should be “flagged, benched or banished.”

Reflection on the botched coin flip overwhelmed the four old guys. The session ended, though, when the clock struck 12, the “gongs” almost drowned out by a quartet of stomach growls.

The geezers were hungrier for food than for conversation or dominoes.

So they went home.

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“Kmart says shoppers with firearms need only abide by state law without checking ‘em at the door.”

He claims, “Saturday night specials are compatible with blue light specials.”

They were all agog about Los Angeles’ re-entry into the National Football League, as well as excited about LA’s proposed new \$2 billion sports palace purported to make Jerry Jones’ AT&T Stadium look, uh, “so yesterday.”

Soon the subject turned to the upcoming Super Bowl. Mort



DR. DON NEWBURY

Parent's Corner

Time to grieve, time to live again

We recently lost one of our teachers who has been with us for several years. She was one of us; we respected her, we admired her, and we loved her. Now we must move on without her, but this will not be easy.

I once read that we will never 'get over' the loss of a loved one, but we will learn to live with that loss. We will heal and rebuild around the loss we have suffered. We will be whole again, but will never be the same, nor should we, nor should we want to be.

Since I recently lost my daughter, this current loss, and the grief it carries with it, hit me pretty hard, so I thought I'd look into the area of grief to try to understand what I am facing, and will be facing in the future. I know there are those around me who are also grieving, so maybe this will also be of assistance to them.

I am aware that grief is an individual thing, but we all go through most of the same phases. From what I have read I understand this involves five phases: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance, and this knowledge helps us to frame and identify what we may be feeling, but not everyone goes through them in a prescribed order, and grief is as unique as each individual.

Denial is the first of the five phases of grief. We are in shock and go numb. We wonder how we can go on, and if we can go on, why we should we? We try to find a way to simply get through each day. It helps

us to cope, it makes survival possible, and helps us to pace our feelings of grief. It's nature's way of letting in only as much as we can handle.

As we accept the reality of the loss, we begin the healing process, and the denial begins to fade, but then the next phase begins, which is anger, just another indication of the intensity of our love. We should be willing to feel our anger, for the more we truly feel it, the more it will begin to dissipate and the more we will heal.

Then we begin a phase known as bargaining, which is usually trying to make a deal with God. We want life returned to what it was; we want our loved one restored. We want to stop what happened, to go back in time. We will do anything not to feel the pain of this loss, so we try to negotiate our way out of the hurt. The next phase is to realize the truth of the situation and grief enters our lives on a deeper level, deeper than we ever imagined, and the depressive phase moves in, and feels as though it will last forever. It's the appropriate response to a great loss. To not experience depression after a loved one dies would be unnatural, and depression is one of the many necessary steps in the healing process.

The final phase is acceptance, which is not to be confused with being satisfied with what has happened. This is not the case. Most people don't ever feel OK or alright about the loss of a loved one. This stage is about accepting the reality that our loved one is physically gone and recognizing that this new reality is something permanent. We will never like it, but eventually we accept it. We learn to live with it. We must adjust our world to a world where our loved one is missing.

As we begin to live again and enjoy our life, we often feel that in doing so, we are betraying our loved one, but this is not the case. We can never replace what has been lost, but instead of denying our feelings, we should listen to our needs, we should move, change, grow, and evolve. We should invest in our friendships and in our relationship with ourselves. We will begin to live again, but we cannot do so until we have given grief its time.

Darrell Ryan is the BSISD director of school safety.

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DARRELL RYAN

5th grader raises funds for late teacher's family

A'Kalie Berry, a fifth grader at Big Spring Intermediate School and a student of the late Ms. Mona Green, held a bake sale and another fundraiser to honor her beloved teacher.

All items were donated by the Berrys. Mrs. Shelby Berry is a cake decorator and offered her time to make all the baked goods sold at the bake sale. A'Kalie raised \$543.07.

"A'Kalie wanted to do something special in memory of her teacher and took the initiative to organize this fundraiser," said BSI Principal Patsy Sanchez. "Thank you for being such a true inspiration."

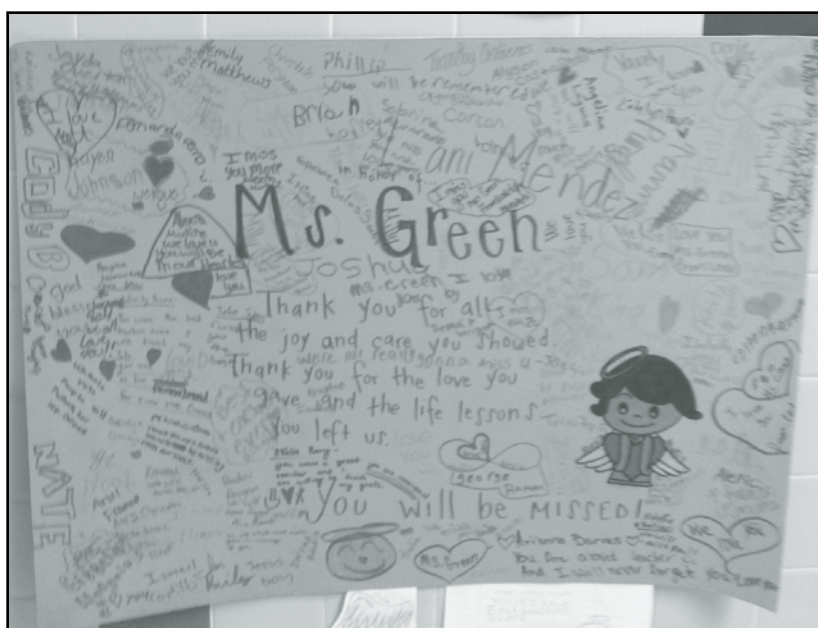
The funds were placed in a trust for Ms. Green's son, Vaughn. Mona Green died earlier this month. She was a long-time employee at Big Spring ISD.

— Lyndel Moody



Courtesy photo

Picture here, A'Kalie Berry with her family presents the money to Melissa Miller, left, a friend of Ms. Green, who will place the funds in a trust fund for Ms. Green's son, Vaughn.



Courtesy photo

The halls of Big Spring Intermediate School were lined with memory notes in honor of Mona Green, a teacher who died earlier this month. All Big Spring ISD counselors were available to Ms. Green's students as needed.

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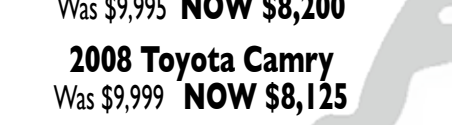
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Was 20,125 **NOW \$18,900**



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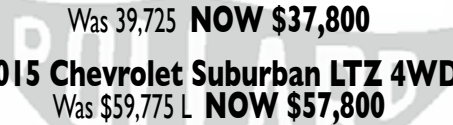
2015 Chevrolet Tahoe LT
Was 39,725 **NOW \$37,800**



2015 Chevrolet Suburban LTZ 4WD
Was \$59,775 L **NOW \$57,800**



2013 Cadillac SRX Premium Edition
Was 32,350 **NOW \$30,350**



2012 Cadillac Escalade ESV Luxury Edition
Was 37,500 **NOW \$35,823**



2011 Chevrolet Silverado LT
Was 23,950 **NOW \$22,187**



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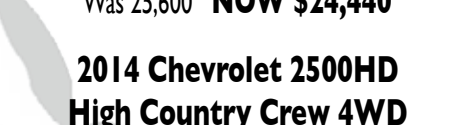
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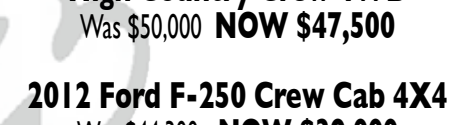
2012 Ford F-250 Crew Cab 4X4
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2015 Ram 1500 Lone Star Crew 4WD Hemi
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Glasscock County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. #614A Spraberry Driver Unit, drill, EI: NA, API #42-173-32753
P.O. Box 3178
Midland, TX 79702-0000
Phone #: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.50 miles northeast of Midkiff
A-1004, Section 8, Block 36, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8540 feet
11,534' FNL, 20,427' FEL of 61,256-acre lease
942' FNL, 756' FWL of the survey

Cinnabar Operating, LLC #39J Andrew, drill, EI: NA
4800 Bryant Irvin Court
Fort Worth, TX 76107-0000
Will Cook Agent
(682) 990-9141
Jailhouse (Fusselman) Field
10.80 miles northwest of Garden City
Section 39, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,500 feet
3569' FNL, 3618' FEL of 1,950.59-acre lease
1710' FSL, 1663' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Cinnabar Operating, LLC #3P Quahadi "B", drill, EI: NA, API #42-173-36798
4800 Bryant Irvin Court
Fort Worth, TX 76107-0000
Will Cook Agent
(682) 990-9141
Jailhouse (Fusselman) Field
13.30 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-196, Section 3, Block 34, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,800 feet
467' FSL, 5780' FWL of 2,554.02-acre lease
467' FSL, 467' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Petroplex Energy, Inc. #1 Garden City "5", re-completion, EI: NA, API #42-173-34706
P.O. Box 3082
Midland, TX 79702-0000
Tammy Adair, Production Analyst
(432) 687-2222
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.83 miles west of Garden City
A-243, Section 5, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
2075' FNL, 444' FWL of 160-acre lease
2075' FNL, 444' FWL of the survey

Energen Resources Corporation #101H Pecos "SN 43-31 01", drill horizontal, EI: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B
Midland, TX 79701-0000
Vonda Freeman, Regulatory Analyst
(432) 684-3693
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37281
13.87 miles southeast of Garden City
A-190, Section 43, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
200' FNL, 660' FWL of 771.14-acre lease
200' FNL, 660' FWL of the survey

Howard County

JPM EOC Operating, Inc. #11WA Papagiorgio "40-33 A", drill horizontal, EI: NA
2 Houston Center, Suite 1350
909 Fannin Street
Houston, TX 77010-0000
Leah Moon Becton, Operations Tech
(832) 701-1776, Ext. 125
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
2.30 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-1589, Section 40, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
254' FSL, 1016' FWL of 641.8-acre lease
254' FSL, 1695' FWL of the survey

New Oil Completions:

Glasscock County

XTO Energy, Inc. #3803 Zant, API #42-173-36495
500 W. Illinois, Suite 100
Midland, TX 79701-0000
(432) 682-8873
Spraberry (Trend Area), new well, EI: 2620' GR
6 miles east of Spraberry
A-921, Section 38, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
454' FEL, 2164' FNL of the survey
Total Depth: 10,765 feet. PBTD: 10,745 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray
Daily Potential: 138 Bbls 42.7 gravity oil w/ 394 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 394
Spud: 11-11-14. Completed: 6-07-15. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4645 feet w/ 1,120 sx.
5-1/2" @ 10,765 feet w/ 965 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 9420 feet
Perfs: 7806-10,716

Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 7887'
Yates 2143'
Seven Rivers 2468'
Queen 3032'
Grayburg 3509'
San Andres 3670'
Glorieta 4614'
Clear fork 5497'
Spraberry 6795'

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Zoo preschool to expand later this year

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — While some preschoolers can only imagine storybook animals like Curious George and Lyle the Crocodile coming to life in their classrooms, kids at the San Antonio Zoo's preschool get to see real monkeys and reptiles every day.

The preschool, which opened in 2004, has plans to expand with the purchase of a more than 27,000-square-foot building.

The San Antonio Express-News reports it's unclear whether the expansion will reinforce the zoo's case in its decision not to allow visitors to openly carry weapons — guns are prohibited in most educational institutions — and zoo officials didn't comment on it Thursday. This month, CEO Tim Morrow simply stated that open carry wasn't appropriate at the zoo.

"We don't have any issue with the law," Morrow said Jan. 8. "We don't think it's a good fit for us."

The San Antonio Zoo's new preschool building, which is scheduled to open in the fall, would allow the accredited program to gradually expand from the 49 students who currently attend either two, three or five days per week to about 200 students in five years.

At full capacity, it will be one of the largest nature-based preschools in the United States and the largest in Texas, said Stacy McReynolds, the zoo's vice president of education.

Schools that empha-

size outdoor learning are popping up all over the United States, from California to New York and Minnesota to Virginia, says the Natural Start Alliance, a group that aims to connect children to nature.

Advocates say spending time outdoors supports children's development, reduces attention deficit disorder symptoms and increases physical activity, among other benefits.

The new school building, located near the zoo at 103 Tuleta Drive, currently is home to KIPP Esperanza Dual Language Academy, a charter school that is moving to a new campus. The school building previously housed the Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children.

The cost to purchase the building and get it ready for preschoolers will be about \$5 million.

To attract a diverse bunch of students, the zoo also is hoping to provide scholarships to help some children attend the school as it expands, also with the help of donors.

On Thursday, a gaggle of preschoolers filed down the zoo's pathways, each holding part of a long rope to help them stick together. They stopped to look at various animal exhibits.

Most days, the zoo is their classroom, as students in the program generally spend at least half of each day outside. — even in the rain, which provides one necessary ingredient for mud pies.

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News in brief

Texas' jobless rate rose slightly to 4.7 percent in December

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas unemployment rate rose for a fourth straight month in December to reach 4.7 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

The nationwide jobless rate for December held steady at 5 percent, the commission said in a statement. The Texas jobless rate was 4.6 percent in November.

Amarillo had the lowest average unemployment rate in the state last month at 2.9 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the highest jobless rate in Texas at 7.8 percent, the commission said.

"Texas finished 2015 on a strong note in December, with employers adding 166,900 jobs over the year across a diverse range of industries," said Andres Alcantar, commission chairman.

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in December with the addition of 24,900 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. That's the 10th month of job increases for Texas during 2015, according to the commission.

Professional and business services employment surged in December with the addition of 12,500 positions. The education and health services industry recorded the second largest employment gain over the month in Texas, with 7,400 jobs added.

"Private-sector employment was strong over the year with the overall job growth of 141,300 jobs in December," said Commissioner Ruth R. Hughs. "Texas employers continue to be strong and resilient in providing employment and training opportunities."

Ex-Texas police officer gets 10 years for having child porn

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas police officer has been sentenced to the maximum 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography.

Brian Kelley of Quinlan was sentenced Friday in Dallas.

The 41-year-old Kelley last January pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. Prosecutors say Kelley in September 2013 had a flash drive that contained still images and video of a girl engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Prosecutors say Kelley, at the time of the offense, was a police officer at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. A message left with UT-Southwestern for comment wasn't immediately returned Friday.

Authorities say Kelley formerly was a deputy with the Hunt County Sheriff's Office.

Texas man pleads not guilty in wife's killing in 1973

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. (AP) — A Houston-area man has pleaded not guilty to killing his 19-year-old wife more than four decades ago in suburban Chicago.

The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald reports that 73-year-old Donnie Rudd entered the plea Friday in the death of Noreen Kumeta Rudd.

Rudd is being held on \$4 million bond at the Cook County jail. He was arrested last month in Sugar Land, Texas, about 15 miles southwest of Houston.

Prosecutors allege Rudd beat his wife to death in 1973 and made it appear she had died in a car accident to collect \$120,000 in life insurance. The case was ruled a homicide after an autopsy of her exhumed remains determined her injuries were consistent with multiple blows to the head, and inconsistent with being thrown from a vehicle.

US rig count down 13 this week to 637

HOUSTON (AP) — Oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. says the number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. declined by 13 this week to 637.

The Houston firm said Friday 510 rigs sought oil and 127 explored for natural gas amid depressed energy prices. A year ago, 1,633 rigs were active.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas declined by seven rigs, Pennsylvania was down three, Kansas, New Mexico and North Dakota dropped two each and California was off one.

Alaska increased by two rigs and Ohio was up one.

Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming were all unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

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Dean 7435'
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14 miles southeast of Garden City
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1667' FWL, 200' FSL of the survey
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News in brief

Tens of millions hunker down to ride out snowstorm

WASHINGTON (AP) — With long lead time from forecasters and stern warnings from authorities, tens of millions of residents from northern Georgia to New Jersey shuttered themselves inside to wait out a mammoth storm that made travel treacherous and could dump 2 feet or more of snow in some areas.

Snow started falling Friday, but the worst was still yet to come, with strong winds and heavy snow expected to produce “life-threatening blizzard conditions” throughout the day Saturday, according to the National Weather Service’s website. Forecasters also predicted up to a half-inch of ice accumulation in the Carolinas, and potentially serious coastal flooding in the mid-Atlantic.

According to the National Weather Service’s website early Saturday, 18 inches of snow already had fallen on Ulysses in eastern Kentucky, while 16 inches fell in Beattyville. Between 14 inches to 15.5 inches had fallen in at other locations across Kentucky, including Frenchburg, Mount Vernon, Eglon and Lancer.

The Weather service said 7 inches of snow had fallen in Washington, D.C. while snowfall amounts in nearby Maryland ranged between 4.5 inches in Baltimore and 13.5 inches in Oakland. In Virginia, Reagan National Airport reported 6.8 inches of snow and Elma had 15 inches.

Other states that recorded snowfall amounts greater than 6 inches included Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. Various locations in Georgia and Alabama received between 1 and 3.5 inches of snow.

Clinton, Sanders shadowing each other across Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are shadowing each other across eastern Iowa, eager to carve out any advantage in a race that’s deadlocked with just over a week until the state’s lead-off caucuses.

The candidates’ overlapping campaign schedules underscore the close eye the rivals are keeping on each other. They’ll hold events in the towns of Clinton and Davenport within hours of each other Saturday, then continue circling each other as they work their way through the state’s Democratic-leaning areas in the coming days.

Long the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, Clinton is seeking to hold off a late surge from Sanders. She’s launched a fierce flurry of attacks on the Vermont senator, casting his domestic policy proposals as unrealistic and his foreign policy positions as naive.

“I hope that you will really pay attention to everything that’s going on and figure out who can best do this really difficult job — it’s both the president

and the commander in chief — and who can do all aspects of this job,” Clinton said during an event Friday night in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Sanders, meanwhile, has suggested that Clinton is the product of a political system that marginalizes the middle class. He’s been particularly biting in highlighting the high-dollar speaking fees she received from the same big Wall Street banks he wants to break up.

Michigan questions some US demands regarding Flint water

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan’s top environmental officer was by turns cooperative and confrontational with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a letter pledging to work with the federal government to ensure the safety of Flint’s drinking water but challenging the legality and scope of some federal demands.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Director Keith Creagh wrote Friday in a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy that the state “is committed to working” with her department and Flint to deal with the city’s lead-contamination problem. But he said the state has “legal and factual concerns” with an EPA order a day earlier taking state and city officials to task for their efforts so far and requiring them to take specific actions.

Creagh said Michigan “has complied with every recent demand” of the EPA and that Thursday’s federal order “does not reference the tens of millions of dollars expended by ... the state for water filters, drinking water, testing and medical services.”

“The order demands that the state take certain actions, but fails to note that many of those actions ... have already been taken,” Creagh, who recently replaced an official who resigned over the water crisis, wrote in his required response to the EPA’s order.

AP Interview: Son of Cambodian leader has ambition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The youngest son of Cambodia’s prime minister has an easy smile and conciliatory air. Hun Many’s genteel manner contrasts with the ruthlessness that has characterized his father’s 30 years in power, but that doesn’t mean he’s not ambitious.

The 33-year-old lawmaker told The Associated Press that he also wants to become the Southeast Asian nation’s leader one day. But he says he should be judged by his performance, not his family name.

“Yes, I was born as his son, but it doesn’t mean I don’t have to perform, I don’t have to deliver,” he said in an interview during a visit to Washington this week. “It is not about judging me as Hun Many or (as) the son of the prime minister, but more on what I do. And I leave that to the public and the Cambodian people.”

Hun Many expressed deep admiration for Prime Minister Hun Sen and his achievements, bringing stability and a measure of prosperity to impoverished Cambodia, but put a little distance between himself and some of his father’s threatening rhetoric. He sounded far less confrontational than his father toward the political opposition, which has faced growing intimidation in recent months.

Film academy leader announces plans to increase diversity

When the Oscar nominations revealed a second consecutive year of all-white acting nominees, it lit a fire under film academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs, the first African-American to lead the organization.

“I really was disappointed,” she said after the Jan. 14 nominations.

That disappointment — and the firestorm of criticism that followed — spawned action. On Friday, Boone Isaacs announced sweeping reforms to the organization that include doubling the number of female and minority members by 2020 and adding new governors to its leadership board.

The academy now aims for women to comprise 48 percent of its approximately 6,000 members and “diverse groups” at least 14 percent as an initial step. Its 51-member board of governors voted unanimously for the changes, which also include limiting members’ voting rights to 10 years and expanding recruitment outreach globally.

Boone Isaacs said she is ready to embrace “any and all ways we can increase the conversation about storytelling.”

Tour agency: American detained over Pyongyang hotel incident

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A China-based travel agency said Saturday an American university student recently detained by North Korea is being held over an unspecified incident at his hotel before he was scheduled to board a flight for Beijing.

North Korea announced his detention on Friday in a state media report accusing Otto Warmbier of committing a “hostile act” orchestrated by the U.S.

Gareth Johnson, the CEO of Young Pioneer Tours, confirmed via email Saturday that Warmbier had been staying at Pyongyang’s Yanggakdo International Hotel and was not with other tourists when the incident occurred. The company statement said Warmbier was detained at the Pyongyang Airport on Jan. 2, but didn’t explain what exactly happened at the hotel.

The company said in its statement that an airport official told one of Young Pioneer’s guides after Warmbier was detained that he had been taken to a hospital. The guide attempted to go back to see him, but was unable to as airport staff ushered her through immigration, the company said.



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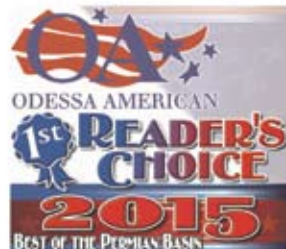
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Friday basketball roundup:

Big Spring swept; Forsan girls win

GIRLS

Sweetwater 49, Big Spring 43

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Lady Steers fell victim to a Sweetwater second-half rally, dropping a 49-43 decision in their district basketball showdown Friday.

Big Spring fashioned a 29-25 lead after two quarters, but Sweetwater outscored the Lady Steers, 15-8, in the third quarter and never trailed again.

Diamonique Mayes led the Lady Steers (2-3 in district play) with 10 points.

Big Spring returns to action Tuesday at Lamesa. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Forsan 60, McCamey 21

McCAMEY — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes had little trouble with McCamey, jumping out to a double-digit lead after one quarter and cruising the rest of the way.

Every player on the roster got into the scoring act, led by Kendall Phillips with 19 points. Chasidy Grantham also had double figures with

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Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com) At left, Big Spring's Diamonique Mayes puts up a shot during the Lady Steers' game against Sweetwater Friday night. Mayes led Big Spring with 10 points. Above, Kolton Knudson scores two of his game-high 20 points for Big Spring in their game against Sweetwater.

NFC championship:

Stewart eyed to carry load for Carolina

By **STEVE REED**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera likes to refer to Pro Bowl running back Jonathan Stewart as his team's "tempo setter."

The hard-running Stewart piled up 106 yards rushing and two touchdowns against the Seattle Seahawks' top-ranked run defense in Carolina's 31-24 divisional playoff win last Sunday, including a 59-yard run on the first play from scrimmage which led to a Panthers touchdown.

That set the tone for Carolina, which jumped out to a 31-point lead.

The Panthers are expected to rely heavily on the eight-year NFL veteran Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals in the NFC championship game, particularly if wintry weather conditions persist in the Charlotte area. Ice and sleet blanketed the area on Friday, forcing hundreds of flight cancellations at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-20s around game time, although no precipitation is in the forecast for Sunday night.

Regardless Arizona coach Bruce Arians is expecting a heavy dose of Stewart.

"Jonathan Stewart's as good as you get," Arians said this week.

Behind Stewart, All-Pro fullback Mike Tolbert and mobile quarterback Cam Newton, the Panthers have run for 100 yards in 30 straight games, including the postseason and haven't missed a beat since parting ways with their all-time leader rusher DeAngelo Williams this past offseason.

Stewart is a big reason why.

He was asked to take on a larger workload and responded by rushing for 989 yards and six touchdowns in the first 14 games of the regular season. He was third in the league in rushing at the time before a foot injury sidelined him for the final

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AFC championship:

Broncos want to run vs. Patriots

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — After dropping seven of Peyton Manning's passes against Pittsburgh, the Denver Broncos wide receivers found themselves running the "gauntlet" drill this week.

They ran from one sideline to the other catching rapid-fire passes from their left and right, a staple of the NFL's scouting combine every February where prospective pass-catchers show off their good hands.

That wasn't the only fundamental skill the Broncos worked on as they prepared for Sunday's AFC championship game against New England.

"I think it will come down to big runs on offense," Demaryius Thomas said. "We already were talking about that as a group of receivers that we don't want to just go out there and work on our drops we've had. We also want to block in the secondary so the running backs can have running room."

"We can do better than what we've been doing. So, we challenge ourselves to go out, make every catch and also block down the field."

The Broncos know one of the best ways for Manning to win his 17th matchup with Tom Brady is to take pressure off their own QB and keep the Patriots' passer cooling his cleats on the sideline.

The best way to do that is the grind out yards on the ground.

When these teams played on a snowy Sunday night in November, the Broncos ran for 179 yards, including C.J. Anderson's 48-yard scamper that won it 30-24

The Broncos had trouble running the ball early in the season, but once their O-line jelled and the running backs adjusted to coach Gary Kubiak's zone-blocking scheme, things started to come together.

in overtime.

However, 105 of those yards came after Patriots linebacker Dont'a Hightower left with a knee injury. Hightower is back for the rematch although he's still bothered by the knee injury and linebacker Jamie Collins has a bad back. Another linebacker, Jerod Mayo, went on IR this week with a shoulder injury.

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Anderson and Ronnie Hillman combined for a season-best 212 yards against San Diego on Jan. 3 and Anderson had 72 yards and a TD in 15 carries against the Steelers last week.

Both New England and Denver have porous offensive lines but are coming off their best performances of the season. Plus, they have quarterbacks who get rid of the ball lickety-split.

The Broncos also have had

bouts of big dropped passes this season. In Denver's win over the Patriots on Nov. 29, Thomas had five drops and his only catch was a leaping 36-yard grab that ignited the Broncos' go-ahead drive in the closing minutes of regulation.

Thomas had one of Denver's seven drops last Sunday, miscues that would have resulted in 82 more yards, not even counting yards after the catch.

Thomas said fans are starting to ask him about the dropped passes.

"I just say, 'We'll fix it, we'll be fine.' That's all I say. I don't really have any conversation with them because I get tired of hearing the questions about the drops," Thomas said.

The Patriots only had 39 yards rushing in that loss in Denver two months ago. But Brady, more than any other quarterback, has no problem being a one-man show when it comes to moving the ball downfield.

New England rushed for 38 yards on 14 carries in its 27-20 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in the divisional round. That 2.7-yard average was identical to the Patriots' output in last year's Super Bowl, factoring in Brady's three kneel-downs, when they gained just 15 percent of their yards on the ground.

The Patriots' ground game was better than only San Diego's and Detroit's this season, and Denver's top-ranked defense was third in the league against the run.

That doesn't mean the Broncos aren't wary of James White, Steven Jackson or Brandon Bolden.

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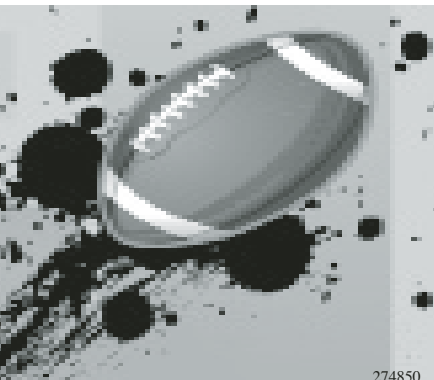


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three regular season games. Stewart averaged nearly 19 carries per game during the regular season, far more than his typical career average. "The fact that he's played as much as he has this year in comparison to the earlier seasons, I think has been great for us," Rivera said. "He's one of those guys that sets the tempo because he's a physical player, and this game is about physicality. So, it's kind of neat to see him have the success he has had."

There was some concern over Stewart's conditioning on Sunday after sitting out four weeks. But he had 84 yards and two touchdowns at halftime against the Seahawks.

"That was the whole thing with me coming back, me being able to come back and be effective, not just come back and go out there and grind it out," said Stewart, who deflected credit to his offensive line. "I wanted to come here and be the running back they expected me to be."

The Cardinals have been decent against the run, holding opponents to 91.3 yards per game and 3.9 yards per carry.

But Arizona defensive tackle Calais Campbell knows that Stewart presents a huge challenge, especially with fresh legs.

"He has had an unbelievable year," Cardinals defensive tackle Calais Campbell said. "He's a great running back in this league. The way he's running the ball, his patience, the way he finds the crease, his speed, his accel-

eration, he's playing at an All-Pro level. I don't know how much credit he gets outside in the media world, but when you watch film, he's definitely the guy that's the key to the offense.

"He creates some big things out of just a little bit. He doesn't need much to get going. So we have our hands full trying to stop him."

If field conditions cause havoc with the passing game, it could benefit Carolina since they have a stronger run game.

Although the Cardinals finished eighth in the league in rushing, they've been held to a combined 67 yards rushing the last two games.

"We need to run it better when we run it," Ariens said. "We have to really be more efficient. We have too many zero and 1-yard gains in the last two weeks."

Murray advances at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A medical emergency overshadowed matches on adjoining courts at the Australian Open when Nigel Sears, who is Ana Ivanovic's coach and Andy Murray's father-in-law, was rushed to a hospital.

Four-time finalist Murray shook off the distraction enough to beat No. 32 Joao Sousa 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and signed some autographs but skipped the customary on-court interview before leaving Margaret Court Arena on Saturday night to check on the welfare of Sears, the father of his pregnant wife.

Ivanovic was leading Madison Keys 6-4, 1-0 when her match was stopped. She could

be seen saying "That's my coach," before both players left the court. It was the second time in three days that Ivanovic's progress was interrupted for a spectator needing medical aid — her second-round match was delayed for a half-hour when a woman fell on the stairs at Rod Laver Arena.

This time, the 2008 finalist didn't come back to win. Despite having breaks in the second and third sets, Ivanovic lost six of the last seven games to lose 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to No. 15-seeded Keys.

Australian Open organizers didn't provide any confirmation on Sears or his condition.

FRIDAY

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12 points. The win allowed Forsan to remain in third place in the district standings, two games behind league leader Christoval.

The Lady Buffs return to action at home Tuesday against second place Irion County. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Sonora 44, Stanton 35
SONORA — Sonora kept the Stanton Lady Buffalos in check all night, taking a 44-35 win in district basketball play Friday.

Alyssa Peterson was the only Stanton player in double figures with 16 points.

The Lady Buffalos return to action Tuesday at Colorado City. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Garden City 62, Sterling City 33
STERLING CITY — The No. 1-ranked Class

1A team in the state just keeps rolling.

The Garden City Lady Bearkats jumped out to a 19-5 lead after one quarter and never looked back, taking a 62-33 win over Sterling City in district basketball play Friday.

Madison Hastings led all scorers with 24 points, while Hope Halfmann added 11 points for the Lady Bearkats, who improved to 9-0 in district play.

Garden City returns to action at home Tuesday vs. Bronte. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Grady 51, Sands 30

LENORAH — The Grady Lady Wildcats broke open a tight game in the second half to down the Sands lady Mustangs in district basketball action Friday.

Grady led by only one point, 18-17, at intermission, but increased that lead to eight points in the third quarter, then limited the Lady Mustangs to only three points in the final eight

minutes.

Grady improved to 4-1 in district play, while Sands fell to 2-3.

Grady's next game is at home Tuesday vs. O'Donnell, while Sands is at Klondike. Both games start at 6:30 p.m.

BOYS

Sweetwater 64, Big Spring 48

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Steers were unable to get their offense untracked early against Sweetwater and it ended up costing them, as they dropped a 64-48 decision in district action Friday.

Sweetwater roared out of the gate, taking a 36-14 lead at intermission, and the Steers were unable to make an appreciable dent in that deficit the rest of the way.

Kolton Knudson led all scorers with 20 points for the Steers, who fell to 1-2 in the district standings.

The Steers return to action Tuesday at Lamesa. Tip off is at 8 p.m.

Big Spring's junior varsity and freshmen teams both were successful Friday — the JV Steers downed Sweetwater, 57-54, while the BSHS freshmen claimed a 35-33 win.

McCamey 48, Forsan 42

McCAMEY — The McCamey Badgers edged Forsan, 48-42, in a nip-and-tuck district game Friday night.

The game was tied at 28-all heading into the final quarter, but McCamey claimed the win with a 20-point outburst


in the final eight minutes.

The game was ultimately decided at the free-throw line, where McCamey held a huge 17-4 edge in points.

Kobe Ricahrdson

scored 13 points to lead the Buffaloes, who suffered their first district loss of the season.

Forsan returns home to face Irion County Tuesday. Game time is 8 p.m.



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Ginobili scores 20 to lead Spurs past Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before tipoff, Manu Ginobili was unaware the San Antonio Spurs were facing the Lakers on the 10th anniversary of Kobe Bryant's 81-point performance.

Ginobili figured it out from all of the highlights and laudatory announcements to the Staples Center crowd, and then he put on a throwback performance that kept San Antonio rolling.

Ginobili scored a season-high 20 points, Kawhi Leonard added 18 and the Spurs beat Los Angeles 108-95 Friday night for their 13th consecutive victory.

Bryant scored five points amid repeated reminders of his 81-point effort on this floor against Toronto, still the second-highest scoring performance in NBA history. The ticket stubs carried a photo of Bryant from that 2006 night, and commemorative T-shirts sold out by halftime.

It was news to the Spurs. "Once the game started, they made sure we knew,"

Ginobili said with a laugh. "It's incredible having even the stamina, not only the talent, to go at it and score 81 points."

The nostalgia had no effect on the Spurs and Ginobili, who is nearly 13 months older than the 37-year-old Bryant. The Argentine veteran went 9 for 10 with four rebounds and four assists while the Spurs rolled to another businesslike win, their 20th in 21 games overall.

"It's been a while," Ginobili said. "First time in the year. Sometimes it happens. When you start the game and it goes your way and every shot goes in, that's it. There's not much more than that."

D'Angelo Russell scored 18 points for the Lakers, who have lost five straight and nine of 10.

The Spurs led the Lakers throughout the final 3 1/2 quarters, stretching the margin to 25 points.

KOBE'S COMFORT
Bryant never appeared to be close to doing something

spectacular in his anniversary game, going 2 for 9 and picking up six assists in 27 minutes. He will look back fondly on 14 years of clashes with Ginobili.

"Manu is a special player," Bryant said. "There is a certain cadence that every player has. It's something that's innate. Manu, myself, (Russell) Westbrook, we all play with that very, very high motor. That's what we were born with."

KOBE AND POP
Bryant wouldn't share the details of a warm pregame visit with Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, but he missed his first five shots and didn't score until 5 1/2 minutes remained in the first half. The 20-year veteran spent the fourth quarter with ice strapped to his sore right shoulder after his lowest-scoring performance against the Spurs in his career.

DO IT AGAIN?
Does Bryant believe another player could match or surpass his 81-point effort?

"I think so," he said. "It's just a matter of — you have to believe that it's possible. You've got to be in tip-top shape to be able to do it, too. It takes a lot of energy and the ability to carry that energy for the duration of the game."

BIG DATE
Despite playing without injured LaMarcus Aldridge, San Antonio kept its streak intact heading into its much-anticipated showdown with the defending champion Warriors in Oakland on Monday.

"It's just another game of the schedule," Leonard said. "(The streak) is good, but we're trying to keep getting better. That's the challenge."

VETS RETURN
Tony Parker and Tim Duncan didn't have to do much as they returned to San Antonio's lineup after sitting out Thursday's blowout win at Phoenix. Parker had 10 points and Duncan added four in 22 minutes.

BLATT FIRED
Cleveland coach David Blatt's firing was the 221st

head coaching change in the NBA since Popovich took over the Spurs in 1996. "All of us in the business know how it works," Popovich said of Blatt's ouster despite a 30-11 record. "We always feel badly when it happens to a colleague, and this is another case. He's a heck of a coach, but circumstances often dictate what happens to some coaches. It's got really nothing to do with their abilities."

TIP-INS
Spurs: Aldridge skipped the game with back spasms. David West started in his place and scored eight points. ... Bryant's farewell game in San Antonio is Feb. 6.

Lakers: Rookie F Larry Nance Jr. missed his third straight game with a sore right knee. ... Former Lakers guard Jordan Farmar attended the game.

UP NEXT
Spurs: At Warriors on Monday.
Lakers: At Portland on Saturday.

Durant, Thunder top Mavericks, 109-106

DALLAS (AP) — Kevin Durant rose to the basket with the ball in both hands, ready to dunk and help Oklahoma City quell a Dallas rally in the fourth quarter.

The Thunder star was stuffed a foot above the rim by Salah Mejri.

Who? That would be the seldom-used 7-foot-2 Mavericks rookie from Tunisia who rejected a layup attempt by Russell Westbrook earlier in the fourth.

It was OK, though. The Oklahoma City bench backed up 24 points from Durant by scoring 16 in the final quarter,

and the Thunder hung for a 109-106 victory over the Mavericks on Friday night, extending their winning streak to a season-best seven games.

"The bench came out huge, point blank," Durant said after the former Texas star's first game in Dallas in almost two years. "The bench won that game for us tonight."

Chandler Parsons led Dallas with 26 points and nearly extended an NBA-record streak of four straight overtime home games after the Mavericks trailed by 17

with less than 8 minutes remaining.

Parsons' desperation 3-pointer bounced off the rim just before the buzzer. It was the last of three potential tying 3s in the final 35 seconds for Dallas.

"You're looking at scoring, but there are other things we didn't do as a team," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "There are just too many other things that went wrong."

Westbrook had 16 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and Enes Kanter matched him in scoring to lead

three of Oklahoma City's four reserves finishing in double figures. Dion Waiters (13) and Kyle Singler were the others (10), with Waiters and Singler each scoring six in the final quarter.

The Dallas rally was sparked by Mejri, who first got the crowd going by rejecting Westbrook's layup and did it again by pinning Durant's dunk attempt against the backboard with the Thunder leading 107-103 in the final 2 minutes.

Deron Williams, who had 22 points, pulled Dallas within one with

a 3, and Durant answered with a jumper. After Wesley Matthews missed a shot from long range, he drew a foul coming around a screen from Serge Ibaka to give the Mavericks another chance.

Williams made a mistake by trying to shoot from inside the arc, but ended up with the loose ball after Ibaka blocked it. Dirk Nowitzki, back in the lineup after missing a game with swelling in his right knee, was off target on a 3 and Parsons missed after grabbing the rebound and heading for the left

corner with the clock winding down.

"It was one of those games where you are on the road and it is never pretty," Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan said.

The Thunder have won all three games against Dallas this season, including a 19-point win at home Jan. 13 when the Mavericks sat all five starters on the second night of a back-to-back.

Mejri had 17 points and nine rebounds in 25 minutes in the earlier loss after not scoring all season.

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Smith's return keys Rockets to 102-98 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Josh Smith couldn't stop smiling Friday night.

After making what he admitted was a mistake by signing with the Clippers in the offseason, Smith got a second chance, returning to the Houston Rockets in a trade with Los Angeles earlier in the day.

Smith scored just two points in about 20 minutes of a 102-98 win over the Milwaukee Bucks, but he contributed in plenty of other ways, drawing raves from interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff and his teammates.

Smith spent the second half of last season with the Rockets before signing with the Clippers. He received a standing ovation when a video of his highlights and a welcome message was played on the video boards early in the first quarter.

Bickerstaff had said before the game that he didn't expect him to play until Sunday. Instead, he entered the game for the first time with about five minutes left and had five rebounds and six assists to go with his one bucket.

"He just did the things that don't show up in the stat sheet but that are effective and help teams win," said James Harden, who led the team with 30 points. "We're just happy to have him back."

Smith had a tough time with the Clippers

and had appeared in just four games since Dec. 21.

"I wanted to play bad, man," Smith said. "I haven't played in like a month, month and a half. So being able to touch that hardwood makes you appreciate a lot of things. Being able to be around a group of guys and coaching staff that is confident in you is definitely helpful for my game."

The Rockets closed the third quarter with a 14-2 run to turn a one-point game into a double-digit lead entering the fourth.

They were up by 12 when the Bucks went on a 14-4 run that started with consecutive dunks by Giannis Antetokounmpo and Michael Carter-Williams and ended with a 3-pointer by Khriston Middleton, to cut the lead to 100-98 with 6.9 seconds left.

But Trevor Ariza made a pair of free throws after that to secure the victory.

Middleton and Greg Monroe scored 21 points each for the Bucks, whose three-game winning streak ended with the loss.

The Bucks thought Smith was a key to Houston's win, too.

"He did a great job on both ends, just making plays," Monroe said. "He was definitely causing problems in the lane and kicking it out and finding shooters."

Hamels settling in with Texas

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Cole Hamels is the kind of pitcher the Texas Rangers would have been trying to get this winter, had they not gotten the ace left-hander midway through last season.

Already part of an AL West title, Hamels is under contract with the Rangers for at least three more seasons. And he is starting to get settled more in North Texas, where Friday he completed the purchase of a new home before attending the groundbreaking ceremony of the Texas Rangers MLB Urban Academy and then the team's winter awards banquet.

"I'm really excited, been able to kind of communicate with the guys here a lot more, getting to know them a little bit better," Hamels said. "I think we're all pretty excited for spring training to really get back and get into

the group. ... This will be fun."

The Rangers had long coveted Hamels before finally getting him from Philadelphia in an eight-player deal announced at the non-waiver trade deadline last July 31. That came after he threw a no-hitter in his last start for the Phillies.

Texas was eight games out of first place after Hamels made his Texas debut Aug. 1, an extra-inning loss. The Rangers also lost his second start, but then won his next 11 on way to the division title before a 6-3 loss in Game 5 of the AL Division Series at Toronto, when they had errors on three consecutive plays in that wild and decisive seventh inning.

"When you play with someone you see how they are, their preparation for the game. It's different. I like him," slugger Prince Fielder said. "I'm glad he's on

my team."

Hamels said he is on his usual offseason conditioning schedule, though instead of having to throw against a wall in the basement of his Philadelphia home has been able to throw outside against a huge golf net in his back yard. "I've lost quite a few baseballs into the woods," he said.

There have also been several trips to Texas for workouts. Hamels, signed through 2018 with a club option for 2019, is still doing long toss and will start getting back on a mound once February starts.

As for preparing for a full season in Texas, and the summer heat, "Training in the cold doesn't help," he said, laughing.

"I normally have to kick it up a notch when spring training gets here just because of the weather situation," he said.

McIlroy, Fowler tied for Abu Dhabi lead

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler were part of a five-way tie for the lead at the Abu Dhabi Championship after Andy Sullivan made a triple-bogey in fading light to relinquish a two-shot advantage late in a fog-affected third round on Saturday.

Sullivan drove into a bush, couldn't find his ball, returned to the tee and eventually made a 7 at No. 9 in a dramatic finish to the day's play, which ended with most of the field yet to finish their third rounds.

Sullivan dropped to 9 under and was a shot behind McIlroy, Fowler, Branden Grace, Ian

Poulter, and Joost Luiten, who all have holes to play early Sunday before starting the final round.

There are 21 players within three shots of the lead — and American Jordan Spieth is among them.

The top-ranked American started the third round seven shots back

and finished it in the gathering gloom and in a six-ball — a career-first — after barely beating the horn on the 9th tee.

Spieth is three shots back after a 4-under 68, and in need of what he called a "crazy round" to take victory in his first regular European Tour event.

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MMLK

THE DREAM LIVES ON



A march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was held Monday, on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church organized this year's walk, which has been occurring for at least 30 years in Big Spring.

A group met at the intersection of Gregg St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to walk together and honor one of the most memorable and influential civil rights activists in recent memory.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s father and grandfather were both ministers. King entered the Morehouse College at 15 years old and graduated from with a degree in sociology.

He then attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa where he graduated as the valedictorian. and then Boston University to obtain a doctorate. He graduated with his PhD at 25.

Because of his travels, his young age and his passion for civil rights, he was quickly welcomed by the NAACP and other civic organizations looking to make life a little easier and more equal for all.

One of the biggest accomplishments of King's life was being put in charge and leading the Montgomery city-wide bus boycott after Rosa Parks was jailed for refusing to give up her seat. During the bus boycott, King gave a

speech saying, "We have no alternative but to protest. For many years we have shown an amazing patience. We have sometimes given our white brothers the feeling that we liked the way we were being treated. But we come here tonight to be saved from that patience that makes us patient with anything less than freedom and justice."

His gift of rhetoric, peaceful protests and an interaction with people made him an effective member of the Civil Rights Movement.

Some of his other notable moments include the peaceful sit-ins in Greensboro, N.C. and Atlanta, Ga. at lunch counters, a demonstration in 1963 in downtown Birmingham, Ala. and the march on Washington D.C. where approximately 200,000 people gathered at Abraham Lincoln statue to hear King's "I have a dream" speech.

Through his activism, he played a major role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the South and other areas of the nation, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was a Baptist minister and social activist. He helped to lead the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the mid 1950s until his death - by assassination - in 1968.



HERALD Photos/Julie Bass

Top: A little girl rides her scooter as the group makes their way down Martin Luther King Blvd.

Above: This participant carried a picture of Martin Luther King Jr. with her for the walk Monday night.

Left: A group of individuals gathered on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to honor his memory and the civil rights that he helped put into place.

The group was escorted by the Big Spring Police Department, a Big Spring Fire Department ambulance and supporters.

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Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversary

January 2016 has provided several milestones for a Big Spring couple.

Mrs. Jean Stevens celebrated her 88th birthday on Jan 8 and Mr. J.L. Stevens will celebrate his 90th birthday on Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens also celebrated their 70th anniversary on Jan. 3, 2016.

J.L. was a gunners mate

on the USS Hamelton during WWII. Upon his return to Oklahoma, he married Jean. Later, they moved to Big Spring looking for work.

J.L. was a life-long construction superintendent and Jean was a stay at home wife and mother.

J.L. has been active in the Disabled Veterans and is a past president of the

Ham Radio Club of Big Spring.

They were both members of the Big Spring Square Dance Club.

They have two daughters, Sherry White of Athens, Ga. who is married to Fred and Joy Horn of Big Spring who is married to Marshall. They also have six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



J.L. and Jean Stevens



Courtesy photo

Pictured from top row, left, Chris Grimes, Mark Halfmann, Carol Sessom, Joel and Kelsey, and bottom row, left, John, Josh, Ariel, Edna and Joshua.

CRMWD takes a hunt

Special to the Herald

Earlier this month, the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) hosted its second deer hunt of the season for kids from a Texas Children's Ranch.

A cold, windy north wind prevailed, which made for a rather chilly hunt, but the youths were still excited to brave the cold and go hunting, according to a press release from the CRMWD. Two girls and three boys participated in the doe and spike hunt.

These hunts are used as a management tool in controlling deer numbers, and provides an opportunity to experience the outdoors and hunting to those who would not normally get a chance to do so.

Wal-Mart of Ballinger, along with an anonymous donor from Nebraska, donated several gift cards for the hunt. Each child received a participation gift card, plus awards were given for the best marksman, biggest spike, 1st and 2nd place big does, "luck of the draw" and "lady luck" prizes.

The young hunters also participated in shooting practice and a marksmanship contest. The boys took the marksmanship prize, which was won by the young hunter Joshua, who turned in a very impressive score of 42 after a very competitive shoot.

The biggest doe was awarded to young hunter John (guided by Chris Grimes), with a doe field dress weight of 65 pounds. Second place big doe went to hunter Joshua (guided by

See CRMWD page 3C



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- Bridesmaids
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- Wedding dress
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Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Jan. 4th, in the Cactus Room of Howard College.

President Lisa Brooks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and called on Todd Darden for the invocation. After minutes and financials were approved, Lisa welcomed our new officers for 2016. They are: Lisa Brooks, President; Willia Ledford, Vice President; Tammy DePauw, Secretary and Jim DePauw, Treasurer.

Lisa also thanked Teresa Darden, Debbie Wegman and Gus Leonardi for outstanding service in 2015. Our entry in the 2016 Governor Community Achievement Award is due by Feb. 9 and a meeting to finalize our entry will be held on Jan. 20. Any community effort to beautify our community will be considered.

Lisa emphasized the various com-

mittees available to our volunteers: Community Leadership and coordination, public awareness, education, beautification and improvement, litter prevention and clean-up and solid waste management.

The wrap-up on the H-E-B Feast of Sharing totaled 22 volunteers and 57 hours. We look forward to next December's Feast.

We paused to give a big thank you to John Spence and the county trustees he supervises. They have helped on improvement efforts all over and have worked tirelessly on our Main Street median project.

Thanks to Tammy DePauw and Janel Davis for tending the experimental garden in December. Jim DePauw collected 2016 dues. The next meeting will be Feb. 1, 2016.

CRMWD

Continued from page 2C

Kelsey) with his doe weighting in at 58 pounds. Biggest spiked was bagged by hunter John (guided by Mark Halfmann) with a 79 pounds weight.

The "luck of the draw" prize went to young hunter Joshua, and the "Lady Luck" prize when to the young lady hunter Edna. Despite the cold and windy weather, everyone saw an abundance of game.

The Saturday and Sunday breakfasts were provided by Elm Creek Village of Lake Ivie, and a delicious Saturday lunch was provided by the Concho Park Marina, also of Lake Ivie. David and Vicky Stewart of Rockwood, Texas provided soft drinks and break-

fast pastries for all during the hunt. After lunch everyone enjoyed homemade cookies baked-up by Noreen Jamison of Voss. Debra Halfmann of Lake Ivie fed the gang taco soup and a spaghetti dish for the evening meal.

A question/answer program was provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens Jacob Crumpton of Concho County, Texas.

Those assisting as hunting guides where Carol Sessom of Lake Ivie, Chris Grimes of Ballinger, Texas, and Mark Halfmann of San Angelo, Texas, along with chaperones Kelsey and Joel from the Children's Home.

Deer corn was provided by the Coleman Grain Inc. of Coleman, Ballinger Shopping Basket (IGA) and Ballinger Feed and Seed, both of Ballinger, Texas.

Local students named to University of North Texas President's and Dean's List

Haley Nicole Dimidjian of Big Spring was named to the President's List for the 2015 fall semester at the University of North Texas. To be named to the President's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

Matthew James Gwin of Big Spring was named to the Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester for the University of North Texas. To be named to the Dean's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch or Cocoa Puffs cereal, string cheese, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chili dog, pinto beans, broccoli with ranch, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

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

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

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

Friday
Breakfast: french toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: barbecue pork sandwich,

sweet potato tots, tomato and cucumber, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl, lettuce/tomato topping and milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday
Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomato salad, peaches, sugar cookies, bread and milk.

Tuesday
Beef tips with brown gravy, brown rice, Rivera vegetables, cherry cobbler, rolls and milk.

Wednesday
Baked ham, AuGratin potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, cake, rolls and milk.

Thursday
Lasagna, Italian vegetables, green salad, gingerbread, garlic bread and milk.

Friday
Fish sandwich with tartar sauce, green peas, shredded lettuce, oranges and milk.

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Stock Show scholarship winners



Courtesy photograph

The 2016 Howard County Livestock Show scholarship winners are pictured from left, Bryce Gartman, Keifer Pulis, Angelica Rodgers, Kelsey Allen, Ashely Luce, Julia Castilaw and Faith Parum. The stock show was held Jan. 13-16.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 31, 2015

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 34,282,980	\$ 1,853,785	\$ 3,376	\$ 59,742	\$ 36,199,883
5800 State Program Revenues	382,452	-	-	39,237	421,689
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	178,054	178,054
5020 Total Revenues	34,665,432	1,853,785	3,376	277,033	36,799,626
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	3,061,521	-	-	118,226	3,179,747
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	44,348	-	-	-	44,348
0023 School Leadership	284,686	-	-	-	284,686
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	78,245	-	-	-	78,245
0033 Health Services	62,814	-	-	-	62,814
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	412,186	-	-	-	412,186
0035 Food Services	6,798	-	-	312,428	319,226
0036 Extracurricular Activities	253,067	-	-	-	253,067
0041 General Administration	456,108	-	-	-	456,108
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	949,994	-	-	-	949,994
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,410	-	-	-	1,410
0053 Data Processing Services	19,022	-	-	-	19,022
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	-	1,935,000	-	-	1,935,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	-	484,842	-	-	484,842
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	256,548	-	-	256,548
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	751,021	-	2,246,847	-	2,997,868
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	27,910,651	-	-	-	27,910,651
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	38,615	-	-	-	38,615
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	314,681	-	-	-	314,681
6030 Total Expenditures	34,645,167	2,676,390	2,246,847	430,654	39,999,058
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	20,265	(822,605)	(2,243,471)	(153,621)	(3,199,432)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	-	18,650,000	-	18,650,000
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	76,388	-	-	-	76,388
7913 Capital Leases	77,694	-	-	-	77,694
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	153,621	153,621
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	647,229	1,350,000	-	1,997,229
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(153,621)	-	-	-	(153,621)
8949 Other (Uses)	(107,099)	-	-	-	(107,099)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(106,638)	647,229	20,000,000	153,621	20,694,212
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(86,373)	(175,376)	17,756,529	-	17,494,780
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,548,550	230,251	25	-	4,778,826
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(158,023)	-	-	-	(158,023)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,304,154	\$ 54,875	\$ 17,756,554	\$ -	\$ 22,115,583

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Tips for avoiding weight loss scams

For many of us, the New Year represents a clean slate and a chance to fulfill personal goals. If your New Year's resolution is to get fit, you are not alone.

While some people may sign up for a gym membership, others may consider participating in weight loss programs or purchasing heavily promoted diet products. However, before you join a gym, fitness center or a weight-loss program, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises you to research your fitness options carefully. Joining a gym often means signing a contract, and not all contracts are the same.

In 2015, BBB processed more than 10,500 complaints against fitness centers, gyms and health clubs nationwide. In Texas, more than 870 complaints were filed. Most complaints reported issues with billing and contracts.

Complaints reported difficulty cancelling memberships without fees even if the cancellation was due to unforeseen personal circumstances, such as relocating. Others allege they were never advised of certain fees after signing up for a membership or that charges still occurred even after they cancelled their memberships.

If you are looking to join a gym or fitness center, BBB advises you:

- Check with BBB. Before signing a contract, research the gym at bbb.org to see its BBB Business Review, which shows any history of complaints, customer reviews and any advertising issues.

- Take a tour of the facility. Check the cleanliness of the facility and check that the gym equipment is in good condition. It may be a good idea to tour the gym at the time of day you will be using the facility to make sure the number of people there at that time will not limit your activities.

- Don't give in to sales pressure. Walk away from clubs that pressure you to sign a contract on the spot. BBB recommends taking a sample contract home to review before making a decision.

- Review the contract thoroughly before signing. Make sure the contract lists all services and fees, and any promises made by the gym. Find out what is included in the monthly membership fee and what will cost extra. • Also, inquire about their cancellation policy, and be sure to get this information in writing.

BBB also urges consumers to beware of deceptive weight loss claims and misleading advertisements. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has discovered hundreds of dietary supplements containing drugs or other chemicals, often in products for weight loss. Weight-loss products could cause serious side effects or interact in dangerous ways with medications or other supplements you are currently taking.

In 2015, BBB processed more than 4,700 complaints against health and diet products and weight control services. In Texas, more than 300 complaints were filed. Most complaints reported problems with billing and refunds. Consumers also alleged false advertising.

BBB offers the following advice to avoid misleading weight loss claims:

- Seek advice. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends talking with your health care provider about your weight and ways to lose weight before committing to a weight-loss regime. Ask your doctor about safe and effective ways to control your weight suited best to your lifestyle and metabolism. Significant weight loss should not be undertaken without competent medical supervision.

- Beware of tricky ads. Some red flags in advertisements include very small print, asterisks and footnotes, and before-and-after photos that seem too good to be true. Watch out for false claims that promise weight loss in specific problem areas of your body and statements such as, "lose 30 pounds in 30 days!" Also, watch out for buzzwords like "breakthrough," "secret," "exclusive" or "miraculous" in advertisements. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

- Seek proof. Be cautious of vaguely worded testimonials that cannot be verified. Testimonials should never serve as a substitute for scientific proof of a program or product's efficiency.

- Watch out for fake news websites. If the weight-loss product is advertised on a news website it must be legitimate, right? Scammers exploit your trust by using the logos and information from well-known businesses, news organizations or government agencies to set up fake websites. The website may sell or refer you to a weight-loss product with a "money back guarantee." Legitimate news organizations don't endorse products.

For more helpful tips, visit bbb.org/central-texas. The FTC also offers advice on weighing the claims in diet ads and provides a reference guide for media on spotting false weight loss claims.

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



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Permits

Carl Burleson, 2534 Landley Dr. Res gas; Val: \$150 Fee: \$32.	\$3,000 Fee: \$32.	Chad Puga, 1500 E. 2 nd St. Com elec; Val: \$0 Fee: \$25.
Ruel Lyn Metcalf, 1104 E. 4 th St. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.	Kerr Management, INC., 2608 Dow Dr. Res Re-Roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.	Bobby Dale Barber, 101 N.E. 8 th St. Res Sewer tap; Val: \$265 Fee: \$265. Res. Water tap; Val: \$512 Fee: \$512.
Pat K. Kingsfield, 1601 Kiowa St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$11,000 Fee: \$65.	Kerr Management, INC., 2627 Fairchild Dr. Res Re-roof; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.	Henry Franco, 508 N. Aylesford C. Com elec; Val: \$1 Fee: \$25.
Garland Joe Rudd, 3913 Dixon St. Res HVAC; Val: \$1,300 Fee: \$35.	John B. Roberts, 1901 S. Main St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$3,200 Fee: \$30.	Marjorie Kay Oyler, 708 E. 13 th St. Demo; Val: \$1 Fee: \$25.
Elaine Puckett Moore, 2414 Scurry St. Sign; Val: \$2,500 Fee: \$25.	Alan Lloyd Davidson, 1612 Indian Hills Dr. Res Plumb; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$32.	Maple Properties, 1001 E. 14 th St. Res gas; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32.
Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 W. Marcy C13. Com plumb; Val:		

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:	Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4 th St., San Angelo	Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring	costs and 30 days in jail.
Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring	Ammie Lee Howell, 1507 Hilltop Road, Big Spring	Marriage Licenses	The State of Texas vs. Anthony A. Vasquez. \$100 fine, court costs and 25 days in jail.
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6 th St. #19, Big Spring	Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa	Fernando Barrera Saavedra, 22, and Cassandra Rae Leija, 24, both of Knott.	The State of Texas vs. Elida Cristina Gutierrez, possession of marijuana. \$100 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring	Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma	Jesus Michael Oliva, 21, and Amanda Vania Rosas, 20, both of Big Spring.	The State of Texas vs. Dal Justin Hays, driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions. \$100 fine, court costs and 20 days in jail.
Josephine (Josie) Balcazar, P.O. Box 1123, Big Spring	Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa	Filings	The State of Texas vs. Tyre Cole Watts, resist arrest, search or transport. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring	Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2 nd St., Big Spring	Jaime Cuellar vs. Caroline Cuellar, divorce	The State of Texas vs. Kevin Lee Dunlap, driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions. \$200 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake	Saprina Lea Martinez, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring	Lone Star State Bank of West Texas vs. Dan Nelson, contract – consumer/commercial/debt	The State of Texas vs. Anthony Lee Gamez, fail to identify as a fugitive – giving false/fictitious information.
Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanute Dr., Big Spring	Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring	RMR Master, LP, Robinson vs. Robinson Drilling of Texas, Ltd., Red Dot Management, LLC., MRC Master, LP, contract – consumer/commercial/debt	The State of Texas vs. David Lynn Dow, criminal trespass. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
Amber Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring	John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring	Judgments	The State of Texas vs. Abby Lee Stansberry, theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 20 days in jail.
Jason Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring	Liza Leigh Garfias Ovalle Rios, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt 63, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. David C. Westbrook, possession of marijuana. \$200 fine, court costs and 55 days in jail.	The State of Texas vs. Julie Russell Flynn, possession of a dangerous drug. \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.
Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17 th St., Big Spring	George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Jose Luis Estrada, driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.	The State of Texas vs. Timothy Alan Dibble, driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail, license suspended for 90 days and 12 months probation.
Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood St., Big Spring	Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Frank Hernandez, criminal trespass. \$200 fine, court costs and 30 days in jail.	The State of Texas vs. Isaac Ray Willborn, driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail license suspended 90 days and 12 months probation
Tonya Renea Cogburn, 1610 Johnson St., 2000 S. Main St., Big Spring	Christina M. Rodriguez, 624 State Street, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Shannon Boudreaux, criminal trespass. \$100 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.	The State of Texas vs. Jimmy buck Holleman, driving while intoxicated - 2 nd offense. \$750 fine, court costs, 365 days in jail, license suspended 90 days and 24 months probation
Jennifer S. Cook, 2911 N. Hwy 80 Apt. 107, Big Spring	Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Shannon Boudreaux, criminal trespass. \$100 fine, court costs and 45 days in jail.	The State of Texas vs. Leldon T. Jenkins, theft of property. \$100, court costs and 36 days in jail.
Matilda Cortez, 302 N. Saint Teresa, Stanton	Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. RickyLynnWaltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. #133, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble	Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Tiara Ware, 1301 Mt. Vernon Ave., Big Spring	The State of Texas vs. Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder	Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City	The State of Texas vs. Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring	
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland	Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring		
Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring	Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 East Davis Rd., Big Spring		
Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7 th St., Big Spring	Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring		
Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5 th St., Big Spring	Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring		
Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland	RickyLynnWaltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. #133, Big Spring		
Leticia Garcia, 1404 Princeton Ave., Big Spring	Tiara Ware, 1301 Mt. Vernon Ave., Big Spring		
William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring	Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring		
Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring	Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring		
James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta			
Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25 th St., Snyder			
Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11 th Place, Big Spring			

Weak growth puts pressure on central banks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's central banks are under pressure to do something about slumping economies and panicky stock markets.

The question is, can — or will — they do much that would help?

The head of the European Central Bank signaled this week that there's "no limit" to how far the ECB would go to restore the health of the continent's fragile economy.

The Bank of Japan is considering expanding its easy-money policies as soon as next week to fight feeble growth and dangerously low inflation.

And, in the view of many economists, the Federal Reserve may have to rethink its plans to slowly but steadily raise U.S. interest rates. The Fed meets next week.

"Everything is going South," says former Fed official Joseph Gagnon, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "I predict (the Fed) will not be raising rates in the next few meetings — and maybe not in the first half of the year."

So far, the global economy has benefited modestly at best

from the cures central banks have offered. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund this month once again downgraded their outlook for the global economy. Like other analysts, they have persistently overestimated the strength of the worldwide recovery from the Great Recession despite the extraordinary efforts of major central banks.

Around the world, stock markets have been pounded for weeks, in large part by fear and uncertainty over a decelerating Chinese economy, the world's second-biggest and long a vital source of global strength.

China's slowdown has hammered the countries that have supplied it with coal, copper and other raw materials. The currencies of those countries have, in turn, tumbled. Oil prices this week hit a 12-year low of \$28.15 a barrel before rebounding a bit.

At this week's ECB's meeting, President Mario Draghi warned that plunging oil prices heightened the risk that inflation would stay well below the central bank's 2 percent target. He said the ECB was poised to expand its existing

stimulus efforts at its next meeting.

The rate the ECB pays banks for deposits is already negative 0.3 percent.

By making banks pay to keep their money at the central bank, it tries to pressure them to use their money to lend to businesses and consumers instead.

The ECB chose not to expand a 1.5 trillion-euro (\$1.6 trillion) stimulus program. Under that program, the ECB buys bonds, thereby pumping money into the financial system. The idea is to lower lending rates and encourage borrowing and spending.

The bond purchases are also supposed to lift prices and raise inflation from dangerously low levels. Too-low inflation can hurt an economy by making debts costlier to repay and by discouraging spending because goods and services are expected to become even less expensive later.

Draghi said it would "be necessary to review and possibly reconsider our monetary policy stance at our next meeting in early March."

Other central banks are trying to juice growth, too. The

People's Bank of China has cut interest rates six times since November 2014 to try to cushion the Chinese slowdown.

When the Bank of Japan meets next week, it will face pressure to expand a bond-buying program that's been meant to keep rates low, lift low inflation and juice the economy.

"The odds of action next week are close to 50-50," economists at BNP Paribas wrote, "and developments in the market over the next week could make the BOJ feel obliged to ease."

The Fed is moving in the reverse direction. In December, it raised the short-term rate it controls from record lows, a response to a strengthening job market and low unemployment. The Fed had been expected to raise rates several more times this year.

But the turmoil in global markets may have changed things. For one thing, rising U.S. rates and the healthy American economy have attracted investment to the United States and raised the dollar's value. A stronger dollar squeezes U.S. companies — and the economy — by

making U.S. exports pricier in foreign markets.

Those who backed the Fed rate hike "don't understand that the huge increase in the U.S. dollar was an effective monetary tightening," says Brian Bethune, an economist at Tufts University.

The Bank of England was expected to raise rates, too. But this week, Mark Carney, head of the central bank, said "now is not the time to raise rates."

The Bank of England is nowhere near meeting its 2 percent inflation target even though it's kept rates at a record low since 2009 and introduced a bond-buying program to try to ease long-term loan rates.

Some analysts argue that central banks can't do much more. They've already cut short-term rates to record lows and made massive bond purchases to reduce long-term borrowing rates.

The biggest troubles facing the world economy may lie beyond their reach. China must make a difficult transition away from wasteful investment toward slower but sturdier growth built on consumer spending.

RECORDS

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The State of Texas vs. John Gonzales, driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail, license suspended 90 days and 6 months probation.

The State of Texas vs. Alfredo Camarillo, violation of motor fuel/concealing motor fuel. \$1,000 fine, court costs, 365 days in jail and 12 months probation.

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Wesley Cox, Kaleb Cox
and Mary Leighann Cox

Grantee: Carolyn Sue
Jackson and Ricky Harold
Jackson

Property: Lot 4, block 2,
Stripling addition

Date: Oct. 2, 2015

U.S. stocks join global rally

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are higher Friday as energy prices continue to climb and boost energy companies. A global rally lifted stocks in Asia and Europe.

After two days of gains, major indexes in the U.S. are set to rise for the first week in the last four.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average gained 156 points, or 1 percent, to 16,038 as of 1:15 p.m.

Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 31 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,899. The Nasdaq composite climbed 96 points, or 2.1 percent, to 4,567.

Despite a big loss on Wednesday, the S&P 500 is up 1 percent this week and the Nasdaq is up almost 2 percent.

ENERGY PRICES RISE: U.S. crude oil rose \$2.07, or 7 percent, to \$31.60 a barrel in New York. That's its highest price in about two

weeks. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, added \$2.21, or 7.6 percent, to \$31.46 a barrel in London. Oil had dropped to its lowest price in about 12 years, and just two days ago it fell almost 7 percent.

Wholesale gasoline rose 4.6 percent to \$1.08 a gallon and heating oil climbed 8.4 percent to 97 cents a gallon.

ENERGY STOCKS: Pipeline operator Kinder Morgan rose \$1.55, or 11.2 percent, to \$15.43

after it jumped 16 percent Thursday. Pipeline company Williams Cos. added \$2.76, or 17.2 percent, to \$18.80. Devon Energy gained \$1.06, or 4.4 percent, to \$25.24.

CHANGES FOR ENERGY: Goldman Sachs analyst Jeffrey Currie said energy prices have fallen so far that the industry is making real cuts in production. "We are now at a price level that is creating real fundamental change," he said.

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West Texas Centers

Business Support Coordinator

- Perform data reporting and analysis.
- Masters Degree preferred or Bachelor Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Salary: \$17.94 hr \$1434.92 Bi weekly \$37,308 annually

Crisis Director

- Clinical and administrative oversight for crisis services.
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Help Wanted



DRIVERS (Big Spring) for Standard Energy Services.
• Hot Oil Truck Driver. Class A CDL with hazmat endorsement.
• Vac Truck Driver. Class A CDL with tanker endorsement.
Experience required. Call Glen at 806-777-0876. EEO

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Meter Technician / Electronics Assistant – Responsible for installing, repairing, and calibrating flow, level, and pressure metering equipment. Position also provides assistance in repair of communication equipment supporting the District's SCADA system. Intermediate level position with basic understanding of electronics/electricity needed.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432) 267-6341 or crmwtd.org

Vacuum Truck Operators Wanted

Location between Big Spring/Lamesa. Class A CDL and experience required. Overtime, Health Insurance & New Equipment. Please call Greg at 432-248-1477 or email greg@native-transport.com.

Items for Sale

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Documents may be obtained from Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5175. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in Old Main South Annex, Room 131, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning proposals submitted. The final determination of vendor award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

#8941 January 17 & 24, 2016

Town Hall Meeting

Howard County Road and Bridge will hold a Town hall meeting on January 28, 2016, at 6:00 P.M., at Kokopelli's, located 4007 Chaparral Drive, Big Spring, Texas.

Public Notice

Discussion on the intersection Driver Rd and Boatler Rd.

Everyone is welcome.

#8948 January 21 & 24, 2016

Real Estate for Rent

1 acre of land for 1 RV/Mobile Home (not in trailer park). Septic/water well. 1 trailer for \$500/month & 2 trailers for \$700/month. Call 432-213-5663

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

MH Registered Nurse performs responsible nursing duties in the assigned outpatient centers. Responsible for the care and treatment of individuals in accordance with the accepted nursing standards of West Texas Centers. Must be licensed in the State of Texas to practice as a Registered Nurse. \$26.44 hr Monday - Friday 8-5.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE

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West Texas Centers

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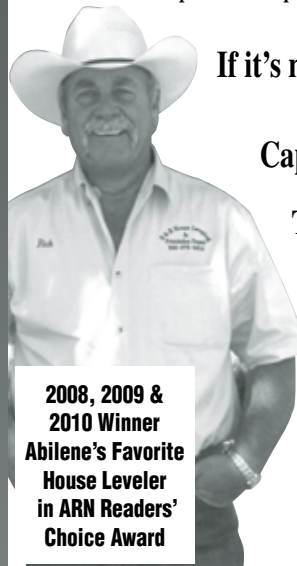
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1	3	4	6	8	2	7	5	9
7	9	2	5	3	1	4	8	6
5	8	6	9	4	7	2	3	1
8	2	5	1	6	4	3	9	7
3	4	9	8	7	5	1	6	2
6	1	7	2	9	3	8	4	5

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By Steve Becker

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NORTH
♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 8 4 3 2
♦ A 8
♣ J 7 3

EAST
♠ 10 9 3 2
♥ K
♦ J 10 7 6 4
♣ A K 6

WEST
♠ J
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 8 7 4
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ 9

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South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
4 ♠

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A club was the usual opening lead, South ruffing East's ace on the second round. At the tables where the contract failed, declarer next cashed the A-K of diamonds and then tried to ruff his low diamond in dummy. West ruffed with the jack, and since South still had to lose a heart and a trump trick, the result was down one.

While these declarers were admittedly unlucky to find the diamonds divided 5-2 and the trumps 4-1, and even more unlucky that the player with the doubleton diamond held a singleton high trump, the fact remains that they did not give themselves the best chance to make the contract.

Since there was always the possibility — however remote — that one opponent might have been dealt fewer than three diamonds plus a singleton 9,10 or J of trumps, it would have been more prudent for declarer to draw one round of trumps before tackling the diamonds. This would have made it impossible, assuming no worse than a 4-1 trump break, to lose a trick to a diamond ruff and also a subsequent trump trick.

Those declarers who made four spades saw that it could cost them nothing to cash a high trump at trick three before attempting to ruff a diamond, and they took this simple extra precaution. The others paid the full price for their omission.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber
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ACROSS

- 1 Where you might take a powder
- 10 Special gift
- 15 Helps decide
- 16 Essence of some reenactments
- 17 Caruso #1 song of 1918
- 18 Convention planner's concern
- 19 Trowel cousin
- 20 No longer in doubt
- 22 "___ the melancholy thunder moan'd": Shelley
- 24 Athlete who refused to play in Germany after 1993
- 25 One of the "New7Wonders of the World"
- 29 Design on some British Airways tailfins
- 32 Paris' ___-Théâtre de l'Europe
- 33 Staples of Byzantine architecture
- 35 One of many on the 61 Across: Abbr.
- 36 Reprobate
- 37 It's seen in some poker-playing dog prints
- 38 Offer gossip
- 39 Its mission includes "to create a more informed public"
- 40 Homophone for a paper measure
- 41 Close one
- 42 Confound
- 44 Sûreté sap
- 46 Pedestrian
- 48 Bounce
- 49 Brass
- 52 Ovid's Juliet

DOWN

- 1 Ostentation
- 2 Work on the street, maybe
- 3 Words from one following you
- 4 Wrigley breath-odor neutralizer
- 5 Subject of a 2015 jukebox musical
- 6 Avid
- 7 "Gotcha" to a 58 Down
- 8 Sales, to monthly reps
- 9 "Sinful Caesar sipped his snifter, seized his ___ and sneezed" (tongue twister)
- 10 Rio areas visited by Pope Francis and Obama
- 11 First of all
- 12 Urban protest of a sort
- 13 Unswerving
- 14 Kept track of
- 21 Measure of feet
- 23 Pandora's box?
- 25 Gazetteer entries
- 26 Start using
- 27 Shoddy
- 28 Inexorable truth
- 30 Befuddled
- 31 1930's freedom fighter
- 34 Jennifer's mom on *Friends*
- 37 Shoddy
- 38 Boils down
- 40 Martini & Rossi rival
- 41 Do more than propose
- 43 Carry weight
- 45 Grid failure
- 47 Spelunking gear
- 49 Wedge
- 50 Sound
- 51 Olympic flames are lit at her temple
- 53 Word from the Turkish for "bench"
- 54 Concoction
- 55 They're burned by rebukers
- 58 Rhyming synonym for "swab"

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Full Moon After-Party

This is the full moon after-party, and the last day

of Mercury's retrograde in Capricorn. In the morning, a lunar square with Mars makes sure to give us something to talk about the rest of the day, and later a trine with Saturn rather conveniently heals matters up or at least smooths them over so all can go to bed in good conscience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Hard work is a virtue. But what if you are only working hard because you can't figure out how to work smart? Go on and ask that lazy, brilliant person you know. It's about time you followed the path of least resistance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The quirks make you smile. The thing that makes something beautiful is the same thing that makes it imperfect. You'll teach those younger than you

with your all-embracing attitude.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Are you starting to realize that the way you've been telling your story doesn't really paint it in the most accurate or flattering way? Tweak it. Do a rewrite on your history.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are free to do as you please. How does that feel? Likely, you're figuring out that you don't exercise your liberties nearly enough. Take a risk. Turn some heads; raise twice as many eyebrows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are some people who make you feel older than you are -- and not in a good way. Steer clear of the ones who complain too much about the "new" way things work these days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll probably have to put something out of your mind in order to stay on task. Your ability to compartmentalize will be your biggest key to success. You could really get paid better for this, by the

way!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's interesting how you get through some things by facing them head-on and you get through other things by ignoring them soundly. You've got an excellent instinct about which way to go with today's situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Affirm that you're fine with the ebb and flow of relationships and everything gets easier. Be mindful of this dynamic: "Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate." Thomas Jones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Rub elbows with the one who makes you happy. This will help you maintain a healthy perspective. The morning snafu is meant to get your attention, not ruin your day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like all goats, you claim what's yours, and you'll butt anyone off who challenges your level. You don't like to be knocked off your rock, and today you'll

dig in to make sure that it doesn't happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The urge to annoy others is stronger than you care to admit. This is not your fault. It may, in fact, be your calling at the moment. They need you to shake things up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be mischief and madness thrown into your mix. Not all the antics will amuse you, at least not at first. Still, eventually, the only thing left to do will be to laugh.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 24). Entrepreneurs talk about "building a better mousetrap," and you'll actually live this metaphor with your inventive take on everyday life. February brings more money to dedicate to your project. In June, an open door will lead to a surprising place. Right now you don't even know how big you can love: July will show you. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 23, 10, 2 and 16.

FORECAST FOR

THE WEEK AHEAD: The wing-footed mischief-maker of the heavens will be taking a break from his cosmic roast starting tomorrow, the end of the first Mercury retrograde of the year. Are you going to miss the antics even a little? Maybe you already find humor in what's happened.

There were some crossed lines, mixed messages, bad calls, dropped calls, cat-calls, etc. (Mercury's favorite retrograde pastime is messing with calls in general.) There were a few embarrassing moments and awkward interactions. And what about those risk-takers who went ahead and made big purchases? It wasn't advisable, but, then again, who can put everything on hold for one measly retrograde planet? Those bold folks may still be dealing with the fine print of contracts, bad fits or things that just don't work quite as anticipated. That will be sorted out more easily and with better results once the momentum of the week kicks in. All in all, this

week is about taking stock then making new declarations, intentions and goals. On Saturday Mercury will align with Pluto to invite unseen forces to aid the mission. You'll be surprised at the power that was lying dormant, just waiting for this opportunity.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius Kristen Schaal has a full year ahead, sandwiching big comedy film releases in with starring roles in more than one hit television series, including "The Last Man on Earth." Aquarius is the sign of the future and also the sign of eclectic tastes and eccentric behavior. With Schaal's moon, Mars and Saturn all in Leo, the comedienne can't help but entertain with the fruit of her whimsical mind.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been trying to conceive for three years, with no luck. I've tried almost everything there is over the counter, and I can't seem to bring myself to see a doctor. I'm afraid he'll tell me there is something wrong with one of us and we'll resent each other.

As time goes on, my depression and anger grow. I feel physical pain when I think about how much I want a baby. I have no one to share my sorrows with. My family has grown tired of my crying, even my husband.

So I've learned to keep it to myself, and find a place where I can be alone to cry. I've noticed that holidays make the pain worse knowing I've failed once again to give my mother and mother-in-law a grandchild. My sister isn't much help, either. She is trying, too, and tells me she thinks both of us have some kind of fertility problem. I don't need to hear that, especially since I could never afford treatment. My grandma hurts me as well. She tells me almost every time I see her, "You know your sister is probably going to get pregnant, because you want a

baby so much." It makes me feel evil when I watch my mother playing with my stepbrother's kids. I'm so jealous. Everybody tells me, "Oh, it'll happen when it's time," or "just give up." How do I give up? I worry that it will eventually ruin my marriage. I know my husband loves me, but I can feel how frustrated he is with me. I even adopted a couple of puppies, thinking it would help, but it didn't.

How do I make it stop hurting? How do I get rid of my jealousy? -- Desperately Seeking Baby

Dear Desperate: First, please see your doctor and ask him to refer you to a fertility specialist. Infertility is no one's fault, and this issue is interfering in your marriage. You and your husband should approach this together. You can find support and information through Resolve (resolve.org). If it turns out that there is no affordable medical treatment, you might consider adopting a child (not a puppy). There are so many babies who would benefit from having two parents who truly want them. Please stop resenting what you don't have and consider the positive

steps you can take to improve your life.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Sibling Dilemma," who said that one of her sisters ("Pam") was missing in action when another sister was fighting breast cancer. She feels Pam was insensitive and uncaring, and now wants to exclude her from future vacations with her siblings.

I remember my first experience with a close friend who had cancer. I was terrified and grief-stricken. I didn't know how to handle it so I avoided her, pretending she was still young and healthy. Pam might just be immature and inexperienced, rather than uncaring. -- Older and Wiser Now
Dear Older: You could be right. This type of inappropriate response happens more often than we realize. Our concern now is that "Sibling" find a way to forgive, because not doing so will damage her relationship with all her other siblings. We hope she and "Pam" can work it out.

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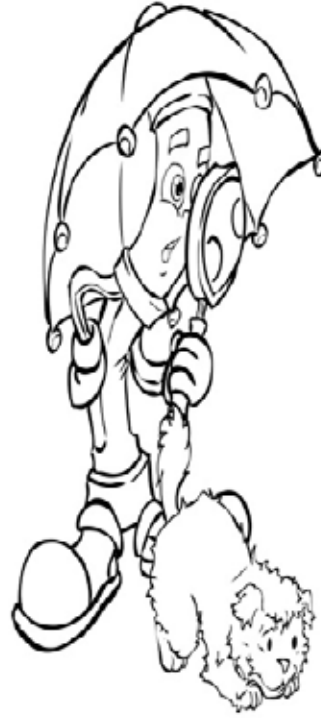
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- 9. TOILET
- 10. TEETH
- 11. SNORE
- 12. DREAM
- 13. STORY
- 14. SNOOZE
- 15. MORNING
- 16. BLANKET
- 17. SIESTA
- 18. KID
- 19. SUNRISE
- 20. PILLOW

10th Annual "Cassatt in the Basin!" coming soon



Courtesy photograph

Pictured from left, Muneko Otani, violin, Sarah Adams, viola, Jennifer Leshnower, violin, Elizabeth Anderson, cello

The New York based Cassatt String Quartet (Muneko Otani, violin, Jennifer Leshnower, violin, Sarah Adams, viola and Elizabeth Anderson, cello) will perform its 10th annual residency, "Cassatt in the Basin!", Jan. 31 - Feb. 6.

This residency aims to give "Basin" area students the opportunity to study with artist teachers, to develop both chamber music and orchestra skills, and to develop

chamber music audiences of the future. For a full residency schedule, please visit www.CassattInTheBasin.net

The Cassatt String Quartet offers student quartet coachings, master classes (in which the Cassatt String Quartet will hear and critique students performing their pieces, with demonstrations by the quartet of proper communication, interpretation and performance technique), open rehearsals and concert

performances. All teachers and students from ECISD, MISD, Odessa College, Midland College, UTPB and other communities in the Permian Basin are welcome to attend any educational and performance events.

The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, Jan. 31, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., open rehearsal of Cassatt String Quartet, Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4090 E. University Blvd., Odessa. The event is free and open to the public.

- Wednesday, Feb 3, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., open rehearsal of Cassatt String Quartet, Parks Methodist Retirement Village, 3301 Faudree Road, Odessa. The event is free and open to the public.

- Saturday, Feb 6, from 9:30 a.m. to stage rehearsal, noon is the final concert of concert of students and Cassatt String Quartet, Permian High

Auditorium, 1800 E 42nd St, Odessa. The programs includes Tchaikovsky, String Quartet Op.11 in D major; Dan Visconti, String Quartet "Black Bend;" and Peter Lieuwen - Triple Quartet "Greenspace." The event is free and open to the public.

The Tenth annual Cassatt in the Basin! has received support from the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities, Permian Basin Youth Chaverim, Anonymous, the Odessa American, Jim's Big & Tall Men, and the orchestra booster clubs of Permian and Odessa High Schools.

The Cassatt's second violinist, Jennifer Leshnower is a graduate of Permian High School and a former member of the Thouvenel String Quartet, formerly in residence with the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. Jennifer was the principal 2nd violinist with the MOSC from 1991-1994. Ms. Leshnower is also a former student of Dorothy Croft, long time leader in music education and other cultural activities in Odessa. Additionally, Jennifer is a graduate of the

Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and Peabody Conservatory.

Acclaimed as one of America's outstanding ensembles, the Manhattan-based Cassatt String Quartet is equally adept at classical masterpieces and contemporary music. The 2015 -2016 season highlights include concerts at the NY Botanical Gardens, Bargemusic and Symphony Space, with new appearances at the Storm King Arts Center and a mini-residency at the Hudson River Museum in New York. They return to Music Mountain and Treetops Chamber Series in Connecticut and Friends of Music in Bryan, the Fredericksburg Music Club in Texas, and their 10th annual Cassatt in the Basin! educational chamber music residency.

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