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States action to keep guns out of abusers' hands

By **RYAN J. FOLEY**
 Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — More than a dozen states have strengthened laws over the past two years to keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers, a rare area of consensus in the nation's highly polarized debate over guns.

Lawmakers and governors of both parties have supported bills stripping gun rights from those who have been convicted of domestic violence-related crimes or are subject to protective orders. The measures have been backed by victims' advocates, law enforcement groups and gun control supporters who see easy access to firearms as

a major contributor to domestic violence killings. Similar proposals are expected to be debated in several states this year.

"Domestic violence is definitely an area where there is the most agreement between the gun lobby and gun-violence prevention advocates," said Allison Anderman, staff attorney with the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence in San Francisco.

The National Rifle Association has taken a cautious approach toward such bills, opposing the farthest-reaching measures but staying neutral or negotiating

compromises on others. For example, the NRA has fought provisions that would require people to surrender their guns before they have a chance to contest allegations made in a request for an emergency protective order.

"There is no evidence that simply taking away people's guns without a fair hearing makes the victims any safer," NRA spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen said.

The push in the states is driven by stories of women and children killed or wounded by known abusers, and by statistics showing that hostile relationships often turn deadly when guns are present.

An average of 760 Americans were killed with guns annually by spouses, ex-spouses or dating partners between 2006 and 2014, according to an Associated Press analysis of FBI and Florida data. Florida's statistics are not included in the FBI's report, which covers all other states and District of Columbia, but were analyzed separately by AP.

The total is an underestimate because not all law enforcement agencies report such information, and it doesn't include children and other bystanders who were killed. More than 80 percent of those killed were women.

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Walk/Run to help CASA and the United Way

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

Whether you are a professional runner who competes in marathons or someone that just enjoys walking in the great outdoors, the first run/walk of the season in Big Spring will be Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Big Spring State Park.

Registration for the event, which is a 5k, is between 8:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. The park gates will close at 9:45 a.m. and re-open at 11 a.m.

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Super Steers!



County Commissioners to revisit open carry restrictions Monday

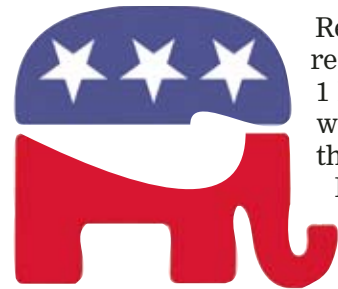
By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to put final touches on open-carry handgun restrictions at the county courthouse when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Discussion on the topic has been extensive the past several weeks, with county officials seeking to clarify exactly where on county property the open carrying of weapons will be allowed.

See, **COMMISSIONERS**, Page 3A

Howard County Republicans to meet Monday



Reviewing the proposed resolutions for the March 1 Republican Party ballot will be on tap when the Howard County Republican Party meets Monday.

According to Howard County Republican Chairman Ron Farquhar, the local party will discuss the

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BSHS receives three golden Super Bowl commemorative footballs in honor of former alumni who played in a NFL Super Bowl

By **DREW WILLIAMS**
 Sports Editor

"On behalf of the NFL, I would like to congratulate Big Spring High School and welcome you to the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll community."

Those were the first words Principal Mike Ritchey read when he opened up a letter from the National Football League signed by commissioner Roger Goodell.

The NFL sent a commemorative Golden Football to the high school of every player or head coach who was on an active roster in a Super Bowl. Big Spring received

its three Golden Footballs on Monday thanks to the successful professional careers of former Steers Ken Coffey, Charlie West and Dan Birdwell.

"It's just a great honor," Ritchey said. "It's just a really great recognition for the team and for the community of Big Spring."

Ritchey and Coffey have kept in touch after their sons played football at Baylor University together. Ritchey said the news was completely unexpected.

"Ken called and told me we'd be getting 50th Anniversary Golden Footballs celebrating the 50th Super Bowl. I was definitely surprised," he said. "It caught

Ken by surprise too. He didn't even know the NFL was going to do this."

Coffey graduated from Big Spring in 1977 and played for the Washington Redskins in

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Obituaries

Ernest Mack Boyd



Ernest Mack Boyd, age 93, of Dallas, Texas, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at Caruth Haven Court Assisted Living in Dallas. Mr. Boyd was born on Aug. 24, 1922 in Sulphur Springs, Texas, the son of Malcolm E. Boyd and Maude Patterson Boyd.

He was happily married to Sarah McDonald Boyd for 59 years. They wed on Aug. 3, 1952 in Sulphur Springs. She preceded him in death. Mr. Boyd

received his masters degree from Baylor University. He was a school administrator and after retiring taught history at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas. Mr. Boyd was a decorated soldier of the United States Army serving in Word War II where he was a POW. Mr. Boyd was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring where he served as a deacon and taught Sunday School for more than 40 years.

He is survived by three daughters; Susan Simco and husband Richard of Arlington, Texas, Carol Boyd of Big Spring, Texas, and Emily Boyd of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren Ryan Pasley of Austin, Texas, Rachel Barry and husband Blake of Arlington, Texas, Rick Simco of Fort Worth, Texas, Chris Simco and wife Anna of Fort Worth, Texas, and Nicole Singleton and husband Kenny of Lamesa, Texas; great-grandchildren, Jack Barry, Bryce Singleton, Breeley Singleton and Alivia Simco. In addition to his wife, Sarah, he was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm E. Boyd and Maude Patterson Boyd, brother, Robert Boyd, and sister, Betty Longino.

A visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parlor at First Baptist Church of Big Spring. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Big Spring, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Paid obituary

George Leatham

George Graham Leatham of Hewitt, Texas, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, at Cook Children's Medical Center. His Memorial service was 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 5, at First United Methodist Church of Waco with the Dr. Steve Ramsdall officiating. The family requested that everyone wear either purple or blue (no black).

Graham was born June 30, 2015, in Waco, Texas, to Ashley and Taylor Leatham.

In the short time Graham was on this Earth, he had a positive, life-changing impact on his family and hundreds of friends. Graham was very bright and intelligent and had a smile that could light up a room and the spirits of the people seeing his smile.

Graham loved bubble baths, Grammy and Coach's dogs, Bella and Boomer; watching cartoons, books read to him in which he followed every word with his eyes, spending time outdoors, music, and especially loved watching football games on television with his Dad.

He is survived by his parents, Taylor and Ashley; grandparents, Randy and Leigh Weisinger and George and Mary Leatham; aunt and uncles, Kelsey and Todd Glaesmann and Sydney Leatham; and great-grandparents, Ray and Margaret Kilgo.

Memorials may be made to Spinal Muscular Atrophy (curesma.org). The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at www.whbfamily.com.

Paid Obituary

Bernice Gibbs



Bernice Gibbs, 95, of Big Spring, formerly of Knott, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016. The family will receive friends Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Jess Colegrove, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 6, 1920 to Sam and Elizabeth Baird McMillan in Red River County, Texas. She married Cecil Gibbs on March 27, 1942. They were members of the Church of Christ in Knott. Bernice and her husband Cecil farmed in

the Knott community from 1949 until he preceded her in death in 1987. She continued the farm operations and was named Chamber of Commerce Ag Producer of the Year in 1995.

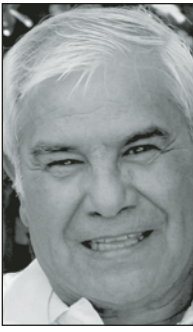
She is survived by one son, Russell Gibbs and wife Carlene of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Hollie Allred and husband Dex of Stanton; two great-granddaughters, Paisyn and Falyann Allred of Stanton; several nieces and nephews including, Wanda Hays and husband Homer of Andrews and Henry Elliott of Dallas; several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by one daughter Noma Linda Gibbs; five sisters and one brother.

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

Paid Obituary

Guadalupe "Lupe" Sepeda



Guadalupe O. "Lupe" Sepeda, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil service will be held at 7p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on July 20, 1941 in Sweetwater, Texas to Josephine (Ortega) Sepeda and Thomas Sepeda. He married Elida Ocon on July 8, 1967 in Crane, Texas. They moved to Big Spring in 1979 from Sweetwa-

ter, Texas. He retired from Chevron after 25 years and was also an Independent Contractor. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by four daughters, Monica Carroll and husband Colin of Big Spring, Amanda Miller and husband Allan of Lubbock, Elaine Sepeda of Big Spring and Jessica Tolbert and husband Francis of Austin; one son, Michael Sepeda and wife Nitya of Garland; two sisters, Maria Reyes and Esther Palafox, both of Sweetwater, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one grandson Julian Cansino and one brother George Sepeda.

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

Samantha Payne

Samantha Payne, 32, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

A fund for funeral services has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Johanna Fleckenstein

Johanna Fleckenstein, 56, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Contact the Herald at 263-7331

Police blotter

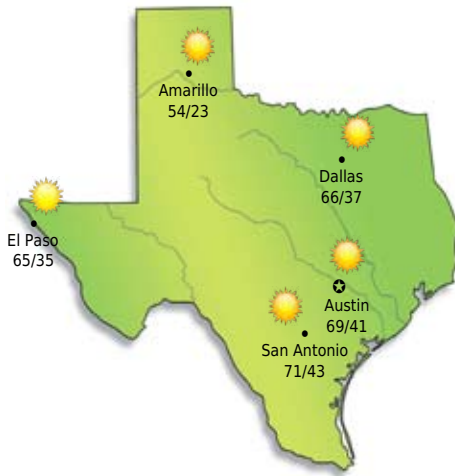
The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LETICIA HARO**, 32, of 808 Abrams St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **JESUS VASQUEZ-MACIAS**, 34, of 307 Gala Way Lane 17, Chaparral, N.M. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **KALEB WALKER DIGBY**, 25, of 1502 Bluebird St. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and no license plate light.
- **JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ**, 25, of 507 N.E. 9th S. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, wrong/altered/obscured registration and a warrant from another agency.
- **BRANDON SCOTT PENN**, 42, of 2406 Alamesa was arrested on a charge of theft of property, more than \$100 but less than \$750, shoplifting.
- **BRIAN KEITH SIMMONS**, 22, of 538 Westover Rd. was arrested on warrants for three counts of failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to report change of name/address and failed to yield the right of way at a stop intersection.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie Ave., the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 1300 block of S. Gregg St. and the 2700 block of Rebecca Dr.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Davis Rd.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Grafa Ave.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 2/7	Mon 2/8	Tue 2/9	Wed 2/10	Thu 2/11
64/28 A mainly sunny sky. High 64F. W winds shifting to N at 10 to 20 mph.	56/31 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	68/36 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	75/41 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	75/39 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 6:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM

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Abilene	58	35	Sunny	Kingsville	69	38	Sunny
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Austin	60	37	Sunny	Longview	54	32	Rain
Beaumont	57	34	Cloudy	Lubbock	59	30	Sunny
Brownsville	70	43	Sunny	Lufkin	53	30	Cloudy

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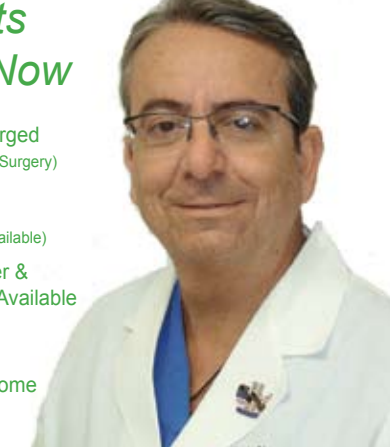
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RACE

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The race begins at 10 a.m. and awards will be handed out around 11:15 a.m. Online registration prices are \$25 and \$45 for couples. Day of race prices are \$30 for an individual or \$55 for couples. "This year's run benefits CASA (court appointed special advocates) of West Texas and the United Way. Come, have a great time on Saturday, Feb. 13 and help CASA and United Way in their mission to improve the lives of children in the foster care system," said Ron Alton of the Big Spring State Park. There will be a costume contest with top prizes being \$25 gift certificates to KC's Steakhouse (you must complete the course in costume to qualify). The male, female, couples and kid winners will receive stuffed animal trophies. To register online go to permianbasinevents.com.

MEETING

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resolutions and also hold a training session on the upcoming Precinct and County Conventions set for Saturday, March 19. The group will meet at noon in the Cactus Room in the Howard College Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. "Anyone wanting to attend the state convention would benefit by attending this meeting," Farquhar said. The Texas Republican Party convention will be held on May 12-14 in the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas. The Republican Primary for Texas will be held March 1. Early voting begins Feb. 16-26 at the

Howard County Courthouse Election Administrator's Office. This year, Republicans nation wide will be selecting their nomination for the office of President of the United States out of a packed candidate field. Currently, the top three contenders are U.S. Senator Ted Cruz from Texas, businessman Donald Trump, and U.S. Senator Marco Rubio from Florida. Locally, Howard County Republicans will also be voicing their opinion on who should represent the party in the Texas 19th Congressional District race from a field of nine candidates. The current incumbent Randy Neugebauer announced last year he would not seek another term in office.

— Lyndel Moody

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.

COMMISSIONERS

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At a meeting in January, commissioners designated the annex of the 118th Judicial Court and all its offices and both the Juvenile and Adult Probation offices as essential to the operations of court. This means no one can carry a weapon openly or concealed unless they are a law officer or have permission by District Judge Timothy Yeats. The motion was approved after a request by Yeats, who said the designation is conforming to an older law already on the books that bans weapons whether concealed or carrying openly on to the premises of any government courts or offices utilized by the court. "Historically, counties have interpreted that to be courthouses, so all across the state of Texas ... courthouses have banned

weapons," Yeats said. "In December, the (Texas) Attorney General issued two opinions — one for Hays County and one for Tom Green County — that interpreted that provision ... The AG has determined that to mean you can not carry weapons in courtrooms or any offices which have been determined to be essential to the operation of the court." Approving the designation for the 118th courthouse annex and two probation offices seem clear cut but how to enforce a ban in main county courthouse — a multi purpose building — is not. Both the county and municipal courts and their offices are housed on the third floor of the courthouse, while the justice of the peace offices are on the second floor. Those offices would be subject to the ban, but the county indigent care office, also located on the third floor, is not, officials said.

Municipal Court Judge Tim Green pointed out when court is in session, the hallways of the courthouse become essential to the court because many witness and subjects are required to stay in the hallways before being called into the court. Commissioners requested County Attorney Rick Hamby to review the issue and bring back some clarification, and that report is expected Monday. In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

- A 4:30 p.m. budget workshop.
- Possible action on naming a road in Precinct 2 Holland Grace.
- Personnel considerations, payroll report, treasurer's report, invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.

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

GUNS

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"The system failed my son, and I am going to do whatever it takes to make sure it never happens to another child or another woman," said Hollie Ayers, 44, a Pennsylvania woman whose 2-year-old son, Michael, was shot and killed in front of her by her abusive ex-husband in 2013. "Michael's life to me was priceless. If you can at least reduce the amount of homicides, this is a no-brainer to me." Ayers, who was shot in the face and the leg, said she constantly thinks about her son, who loved tractors and puzzles. Her ex-husband killed himself after the rampage. Ayers had warned that he had guns and had said that he, his ex-wife and the child "would be better off dead" before she obtained a permanent protection-from-abuse order, court records show. But the judge did not order her ex-husband to surrender his weapons, even after he violated the protective order. Hollie Ayers is pushing for a Pennsylvania law that would require people to turn over their guns when judges issue protection orders against them. Kim Stolfer, president of the Pennsylvania group Firearms Owners Against Crime, said his organization isn't on board with the idea yet. He said such legislation could be exploited by vindictive ex-spouses who level false allegations of abuse. "We need some balance, and it's rapidly going the wrong way," he said. In announcing executive action on gun control last month, President Barack Obama said protecting domestic abuse victims is one of his goals. His changes include strengthening the federal background check system, which has denied

gun sales 120,000 times since 1998 because of domestic violence convictions. Federal law has long prohibited felons, those convicted of misdemeanor domestic abuse crimes and individuals subject to permanent protective orders from buying or owning guns. Critics say the federal law is too weak because it does not apply to dating relationships, does not ban guns during temporary protective orders and does not establish procedures for abusers to surrender firearms. States have been passing their own laws to match or exceed the federal prohibitions, delighting gun control advocates. "We've passed them in blue states, red states and purple states," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety. "We believe they are absolutely lifesaving." Some of the strictest state laws create processes for seizing firearms from abusers and extend gun bans to stalkers, abusive dating partners and those who are subject to temporary protective orders. Studies by public health researchers have generally concluded that such laws, when properly implemented, can reduce deaths. Gun rights advocates say some of the laws are applied too broadly. "It encompasses everybody who has a one-time blip in their life, and all of a sudden their gun rights are taken away forever," said Wes Dunbar, an Iowa lawyer who has represented defendants upset over losing their ability to hunt. South Carolina and Wisconsin are two of the states dominated by Republicans and with a strong

tradition of gun ownership that have taken steps to restrict abusers' access to guns. In Wisconsin, Gov. Scott Walker signed a law in 2014 requiring people subject to domestic abuse restraining orders to turn over their guns within 48 hours. The NRA stayed neutral after negotiating language that allows individuals to seek the return of their weapons once restraining orders are lifted. Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina signed a measure in June that includes a life ban on gun ownership for the most serious domestic violence offenders. "South Carolina is no longer thinking about the convenience of the abuser," Haley said when she signed the bill in June. "South Carolina is thinking about strengthening the survivor."

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Duffy Yancey, 40, died Wednesday. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM today at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Roman Bermea, 91, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Tahoka Cemetery.

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Date/Time: Monday, February 16, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. RFP# 16-014 Crack Seal Project

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

Our lesson in life is love. Help us, Lord, to learn that lesson well. Amen

A budget trip around the world

Jim Glendenning is originally from Scotland but found a home in Alpine. It's like he was planted there. He had a bed and breakfast for a while and has a travel company that takes people to Mexico to visit the area around Copper Canyon. He says it's safer now than it has been in previous years mainly because the Mexican government has made it a priority tourist destination.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Jim has written books about personalities in the Big Bend, a Big Bend Guidebook that is in its 4th printing and a book about his personal travels. Jim, who got his education at Oxford, has little demands when it comes to traveling. He is single and looks for bargains. He has become an expert at budget travel, something he has practiced for fifty years. Late last year he treated himself to a trip around the world, saying he deserved it

since he had a good year with his tours and book sales.

"I needed to see my sisters in England," says Jim, "and thought well, I'll just travel around the world. I was gone 26 days and covered 23,600 miles, stopping in five places. My total transportation cost was \$1,800."

Jim lives just a few blocks from the Amtrak station in Alpine. He walked there from his house and got on an overnight train to Los Angeles. The ticket cost \$100. At the Los Angeles airport he boarded a plane.

"LA to London. \$330 with Norwegian Airlines, a newcomer on the transatlantic air scene. It's a budget airline out of Norway. Three of its planes left LA at the same time. One went to London, one to Oslo and one to Copenhagen."

Jim says when you're traveling on a budget, you don't expect planes to leave at a reasonable hour like 11 AM. They leave at 2 AM. And you don't go to fine restaurants or hotels. I asked Jim where he traveled.

"I went to Oxford, England to see my sister who lives there, I then went to Tbilisi, Georgia.

That's not the Georgia that we know. It's an independent country that used to be Soviet and is now free of the Soviets. Saint George is their patron saint. Then I went on to Calcutta, India up in the northeast corner to see the India I remembered from many years back. I needed to relax a little because this type of travel is hard work. So I went down to Kuala Lumpur and indulged a little with air conditioning and getting a massage and that sort of thing. And then it was a long haul, seventeen hours back from Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, to Shanghai, to Los Angeles."

Then he got on a train, went to Alpine and walked to his house. He spent two nights on planes and four nights on trains.

"Two of those were on Amtrak getting to and from Los Angeles. The other two were on Georgia railroads, when I was traveling from Tbilisi, Georgia, in that area between Europe and Asia. And I wanted to go to Yerevan, Armenia to see the Armenian genocide memorial, which I did."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Texas Congressional Representative

To the Editor:

Remember the name Glen Robertson for strategic reasons.

This is not to denigrate Burley Owen's letter (Herald 1-31-16) alluding to his favored 19th Congressional candidate. It is election season and do vote for a candidate of your choice. Big Spring has a reputation of being a swing/vote city when everyone participates.

Lubbock mayor, Glen Robertson, has been, in effect, working on Big Spring's behalf long before 19th District Congressman Neugebauer announced pending retirement. Glen Robertson had already assembled West Texas city representatives to encourage Texas Department of Transportation for an Interstate 27 study from Lubbock toward Mexico. Glen Robertson - along with his strong conservative principles - matches dollar for dollar each person's contribution to his campaign. He understands West Texas wants a candidate to have a "dog in the hunt".

You'll note he visits Big Spring often for input from local citizens and has scheduled speaking times with several organizations. If you have a group that would like to hear from a Congressional candidate representative that would be good for Big Spring, you can contact Glen at glen@glenforcongress.com

His design is along that of the grand purpose of Ports to Plains - that of assembling a route for the commerce of three nations, including even the

possibility of a deep water Mexico sea port serving that nation, the United State, and Canada. Big Spring would be along and part of that route. If such happens, Big Spring should anticipate enormous economic benefits.

It reasons to think strategically - about one who has shown interest in Big Spring. One who is pivoted along the route that could become Interstate 27 through Big Spring. Vote Glen Robertson for 19th Congressional District seat.

Bobby McDonald
Big Spring, TX

Lone Star State Report

To the Editor:

My name is Tasha Huffman and I am in the 5th grade. I am home-schooled in Dayton, Ohio. We are doing state reports this year for history. I have decided to do my report on your state of Texas. If you should happen to read this in your local newspaper, I would greatly appreciate receiving any information or items regarding your state. You could send pictures, tourist attraction information, trivia about your state, or anything that would cause me to be more familiar with your state. Please send to Tasha Huffman 12537 Havermale Rd Farmersville, OH 45325. Thank you very much for helping with my state report. I will appreciate any help you can give me.

Tasha Huffman
Farmersville, Ohio

'Riddling' right along...

Uncle Mort had one of the first telephones in the thicket, and, despite current removal of land lines left and right throughout the country, he gives "zero" thought to disconnecting his.



DR. DON NEWBURY

"People get lost in these parts, then learn their cell phones don't work. They're relieved to see the sign tacked on our front gate: 'Yes, we've got a land line phone, and yes, you're welcome to use it.'"

He said one visitor asked him if he planned to donate it to a museum at the end of its useful days. Actually, his "phone fondness" transcends benevolence. He loves to talk, but only to "live ones" on the other end. "I've got no use for those 'canned' voices telling me how important my call is to them," he says. "When the calls are from real people, I interrupt their spiel to thank them for calling, then proceed to share riddles with them."

Mort has riddles, stories and jokes alphabetized, ready to spring on unsuspecting callers.

Soon to be 104, Mort is a repository of history, much of it he's seen first-hand. "If it's true that the good die young, I may

soon reach the point of being as bad as I can be," he jokes.

He and his buddies who gather at the general store call their time there "sharing moments"--first cousins of "teaching moments."

The latter--parents of today know all too well--are precious moments not to be squandered. "I take 'em where I can find 'em," one dad said.

After a recent holiday meal, Al Washington surveyed the bountiful remains. Turning to his second grade son, he asked, "What do you think we ought to do with all this food, Gabe?" Without hesitation, the youngster answered, "I think we should share it with pets."

Seizing this "teaching moment," Al countered, "What about the homeless?"

Gabe answered, "Dad, I don't think the homeless have pets."

When they have family reunions, big brother Brad Netterville and little sister Rachel Dabadie are always reminded of their childhood skirmishes, particularly the ones that began in the kitchen. Rachel, by age 5, already hated milk, even the sight of it. "The thought of it could cause nausea, and it still does," Rachel says.

At age 7, Brad--a couple of years older than Rachel--was ever on task to spring "milk pranks," teases that always

"got her goat." He'd follow her, gulping down milk as he went. Invariably, Rachel screamed, "Momma, Brad's drinking milk at me again!" Rachel, now 45, still looks away when milk comes into view.

She also dislikes tobacco smoke and hates being "smoked at." Her brother, of course, thrived on pretense in her presence, "puffing away" on pencils, candy cigs and soda straws. Evelyn Netterville, their mother, has survived pranks both at home and at school. A retired teacher, she presses on.

"Pressing on" reminds Uncle Mort of the britches Carolina Panthers' quarterback Cam Newton wore upon arrival in San Francisco. "To many people, those zebra-striped britches are the 'cat's meow'," my uncle said.

Upon learning the pants cost \$425--twice that if you want them to be two-legged--Mort figures they are 2016's equivalent to the Rolex watch craze back in the 60s. \$849 for a pair of britches? Yep, only in America, and the manufacture can't keep pace.

There are more fake Rolexes than the real items, and before long, the same will be true of the Versace brand "zebra-striped britches." You won't catch me wearing the watch or the pants. I wouldn't want anyone to think I'd ever wear knock-offs, or the "real things," either.

Oil activity report

Massive LA-area gas leak could be capped in a week officials say

By **BRIAN MELLEY**

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California official outlined a plan Thursday to cap a massive Los Angeles-area gas leak by the end of next week.

The final phase to intercept the ruptured Southern California Gas Co. well is expected to begin Monday, said Wade Crowfoot, an adviser to Gov. Jerry Brown. If all goes according to plan, it should take contractors about five days to permanently seal the well that has been leaking since October.

The announcement at a public meeting is ahead of the company's worst-case prediction that it would be plugged by the end of the month. The well has been leaking for 15 weeks and has been a major disruption for the upscale Porter Ranch community in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles.

The well blowout at the largest natural gas storage facility in the West has uprooted thousands of residents and spewed more than 2 million tons of climate-changing methane in what environmentalists have said is the worst crisis since the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

Residents have complained of headaches, nausea, nosebleeds and other symptoms. Public health officials blame the woes on an odorant added to the gas, but they said there shouldn't be long-term health problems.

The governor declared an emergency last month, and several public agencies are investigating the leak and have ordered the company to stop it.

Crowfoot said that once the leaking well is intercepted a mile-and-a-half underground, mud and fluids will be pumped into it to stop the gas that is gushing out.

When no gas is leaking, cement will be pumped down the old well to permanently plug it, Crowfoot said. It should take a couple days for the cement to cure. When state regulators determine the plug is solid and the well is not leaking, they will declare it killed, he said.

SoCalGas Vice President Gillian Wright cautioned that the outlined plan was tentative and several steps had to be taken before it could be put in place.

"We are very close to the end of the leak, however we are also in the most technically demanding phase of the work," Wright said. "So that's a tentative schedule. It's not a definitive schedule."

The utility paid \$50 million through December to relocate residents and try in vain to plug the leak, according to financial regulatory filings. It hasn't provided a cost update since. But the number of relocations has soared to 4,400 households, and the company is facing more than two dozen lawsuits from residents and several public agencies.

New Locations:

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Surge Operating, LLC #2AH Harris "23-26", drill horizontal, API #42-033-32390
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Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-431, Section 23, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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560' FNL, 1022' FWL of the survey

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Midland, TX 79705-0000 15 miles southeast of Garden City
Vonda Freeman, Regulatory Analyst A-283, Section 37, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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560' FSL, 1810' FEL of the survey

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Seoul: N. Korea moves up rocket launch window to Feb. 7-14

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has moved up the window of its planned long-range rocket launch to Feb. 7-14, South Korea's Defense Ministry said Saturday. The launch, which the North says is an effort to send a satellite into orbit, would be in defiance of repeated warnings by outside governments who suspect it is a banned test of ballistic missile technology.

North Korea did not inform international organizations of any other changes in its plan, and the rocket's expected flight path remains the same, said Moon Sang Gyun, Seoul's Defense Ministry spokesman.

On Tuesday, the North informed the International Maritime Organization and the International Telecommunication Union that it would attempt a satellite launch between Feb. 8 and 25. No reason was given Saturday for the change of dates.

North Korea's launch declaration came just weeks after it conducted its fourth nuclear test. Outside experts and officials say that each nuclear test and long-range missile launch brings the North closer to creating a nuclear warhead small enough to fit on an intercontinental missile capable of reaching targets as far as the U.S. West Coast.

Recent commercial satellite imagery analyzed by U.S. researchers showed tanker trucks at the launch pad at North Korea's Sohae facility, which likely indicates the filling of fuel and oxidizer tanks in preparation for the launch. It is not yet clear if a rocket is on the launch pad yet, according to the North Korea-focused 38 North website.

Trump returns to debate stage;**Rubio to face onslaught**

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) — An aggrieved Donald Trump returns to the debate stage Saturday night hoping to find his way into the winner's circle in New Hampshire, while a rising Marco Rubio looks to fend off an onslaught of attacks from his rivals.

The debate comes three days before New Hampshire's primary, a contest that will likely determine whether some Republican candidates for president in an already shrinking field will move on or be forced to abandon their White House hopes.

While Trump, a billionaire who is largely self-funding his campaign, has enough money to stay in the race, anything short of a win in New Hampshire would be a blow to his White House bid. He's held a comfortable lead in national polls, as well as surveys in Iowa and New Hampshire for months, but had to settle for second in the kick-off caucuses.

"I think we should have come in first, to be honest with you, a lot of things happened there. A lot of things happened," Trump said Friday during a rally in South Carolina. The real estate mogul skipped the final debate before the Iowa caucuses, but has committed to more traditional campaign activities in the days before New Hampshire's primary.

Rubio's third-place finish in Iowa gave him the edge in the crowded field of candidates viewed as more mainstream alternatives to the bombastic Trump and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, the fiery conservative who won the caucuses. As a result, Rubio has faced a flurry of criticism in recent days, with his rivals questioning his experience and casting him as overly scripted.

Rough seas, harsh winter, border limits add to migrant woes

PRESEVO, Serbia (AP) — Rasul Orwani thought he had faced the worst after braving cold, rough seas in a rickety wooden boat to travel

from Turkey to Greece, then came the Balkans.

After arriving in Macedonia with dozens of other migrants, the group crossed into Serbia on foot in the middle of the night, icy snow stinging their eyes and lacing the children's faces with tears.

Their heads bent low to protect from the cold, the migrants trudged slowly through the snow, carrying babies, small children and belongings along the 2-kilometer (1.2 mile) stretch of the road over the so-called green boundary between the two Balkan nations. A 10-year-old boy took a blanket from his shoulders to wrap it around his younger sister as they walked across the frozen landscape hand in hand.

Even as winter bears down on Europe and European Union countries set up new administrative hurdles for their entry, tens of thousands of migrants from the Middle East, Africa and Asia have been desperate enough to embark on the weeks-long journey across the Aegean Sea and along the so-called Balkan migrant corridor where frigid weather and stricter border controls have turned an already tough journey into an even more treacherous one.

Safe in the Serbian town of Presevo on the border with Macedonia, Orwani said there was no turning back.

Firebrand monks a powerful force in Myanmar despite setback

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dark-skinned and bearded men jump a young woman after she prays at a Buddhist shrine. They push her to the ground and rape her. Then they cut off her ear and slit her throat.

A lurid video recently posted online by a firebrand monk in Myanmar purports to re-enact the woman's death at the hands of Muslim assailants. Her killing in 2012 set off widespread violence between majority Buddhists and minority Muslims in the Southeast Asian nation.

Tens of thousands of people viewed the video until Facebook blocked it on Feb. 1, a sign of the continuing reach of Myanmar's Buddhist extremists even as the country moves toward civilian rule after five decades of military dominance.

A new report by U.S. researchers finds that a divisive religious group known as Ma Ba Tha, which counts the hardline monk Wirathu among its senior members, is likely to remain a force for some time to come in Myanmar, also known as Burma. Ma Ba Tha's anti-Muslim prejudices resonate in the broader Burmese society, according to the report.

The conflict and security research group C4ADS spent several months studying hate speech in Myanmar. It focused on Ma Ba Tha, or the Organization for the Protection of Race and Religion, scrutinizing the social media accounts of the group's leading monks and followers.

Tampa police: 1 dead, 7**injured in shooting at club**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tampa police say a shooting at a strip club has left one person dead and seven others injured.

Lt. Ruth Cate said early Saturday that one person among those shot at Club Rayne was confirmed as being dead at the scene. She said in addition to the six injured police initially knew about, another person drove to a hospital separately.

Police said the 911 call about gunshots came about 2 a.m. Cate said detectives on the scene were investigating what spurred the gunfire. Authorities said all the victims were believed to have suffered gunshot wounds, but the nature and extent of their injuries weren't available.

Reached by phone at the club, owner Roberto Mederos declined to comment. Cate said she couldn't say when

the club might reopen.

Angelina Jolie's film 'Unbroken' finally opens in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Angelina Jolie's "Unbroken" opened Saturday more than a year after the rest of the world in Japan, where the main character endures as a prisoner of war and where some have called for a boycott of the movie.

There were concerns that right-wing extremists may try to disrupt the opening. But the crowd at Theatre Image Forum in Tokyo, a small theater that specializes in independent films and documentaries, was peaceful, appearing engrossed in the film, flinching at the torture scenes and sympathizing with the hero, Louis Zamperini.

The distributor said in a statement that it decided to go ahead with the showing because various views on war should be expressed, and because it was unnatural for a movie about Japan not to be shown in the country.

A publicity official said the company had received some angry calls when it first announced the film's showing in October. Other than that, nothing unusual happened, and the film is scheduled to be shown in other theaters throughout Japan.

"Unbroken" is based on the true story of Zamperini, an Olympic athlete who gets shot down in a U.S. bomber and survives by floating in the ocean on an inflatable boat, but gets captured by the Japanese. He survives horrible torture in World War II camps until Japan's defeat in 1945.

Manziel's troubles mount, police open criminal investigation

Johnny Manziel's troubles — both legal and personal — are worsening.

A scrambling quarterback who can usually wriggle his way out of a predicament, Manziel is under pressure unlike any he's felt before.

Dallas police announced Friday night they were launching a criminal investigation into a domestic violence assault complaint filed against

Manziel, who was involved in an altercation last weekend during which he allegedly struck his ex-girlfriend, Colleen Crowley, several times.

On Thursday, police in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, said they had closed their investigations into allegations involving Manziel.

The turn of events came on the same day Manziel was dropped by his agent, his father said he fears for his son's life and it was revealed that Crowley received a protective order against the former Heisman Trophy winner, preventing him from seeing her for two years.

7 dead, hundreds rescued and injured as quake rattles Taiwan

TAINAN, Taiwan (AP) — Rescuers raced to find additional survivors after a powerful, shallow earthquake struck southern Taiwan before dawn Saturday and collapsed a high-rise residential complex, killing at least seven people and sending scores to hospitals.

Rescuers pulled 249 survivors from the rubble in the worst-hit city of Tainan, and about eight people remained unaccounted for. More than 1,200 firefighters scrambled with ladders, cranes and other equipment to the ruins of a 17-floor residential building that folded like an accordion onto its side.

Local media said the building included a care center for newborns and mothers, and a newborn was among the dead in the disaster. The quake came two days before the start of Lunar New Year celebrations that mark the most important family holiday in the Chinese calendar.

Most people were caught asleep when the magnitude-6.4 earthquake occurred at about 4 a.m., 22 miles (35 kilometers) southeast of Yujing. It struck only 6 miles (10 kilometers) underground, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

"It first starting shaking horizontally, then up and down, then a big shake right to left," said Tainan resident Lin Bao-gui, a second-hand car salesman whose cars were smashed when the residential complex across the street from him collapsed.



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Corinne Weeks, Regulatory Specialist A-382, Section 11, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(972) 969-4557 Total Depth: 10,250 feet
300' FSL, 981' FEL of 641.2-acre lease
300' FSL, 1635' FWL of the survey

Howard County

Oxy USA, Inc. #1WA Turnberry "2703", drill horizontal, El: NA
P.O. Box 4294 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
Houston, TX 77210-0000 4.90 miles southwest of Big Spring
Amanda Maxian, Reg. Coordinator Section 27, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
(713) 840-3036 Total Depth: 12,500 feet
531' FNL, 1192' FWL of 917.24-acre lease
2137' FSL, 1192' FWL of the survey

Encana Oil & Gas, Inc. #3407A Tubb "34", drill, El: NA
370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
Denver, CO 80202-0000 8.60 miles northwest of Forsan
Chelsea, Carpenter, Reg. Analyst A-1145, Section 34, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
(720) 876-5176 Total Depth: 10,060 feet
467' FNL, 210' FEL of 609.37-acre lease
467' FNL, 540' FEL of the survey

Partee Drilling, Inc. #4 Horace Garrett Estate et al "A", re-completion, El: NA
110 W. 22nd St. Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-34549
Big Spring, TX 79721-0000 7 miles northeast of Forsan
Jack Richardson, Engineer A-461, Section 97, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey
(432) 263-0632 Total Depth: 9500 feet
660' FNL, 1980' FEL of 960-acre lease
660' FNL, 660' FWL of the survey

New Oil Completions:

Glasscock County

Apache Corporation #6HM Shackelton "31", API #42-173-36821
303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2671' GR
Midland, TX 79705-0000 11.20 miles northwest of Garden City
(432) 818-1636 A-327, Section 31, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
200' FSL, 1044' FEL of the survey
Total Depth: 8434 feet. PBSD: NA. Logs: none
Daily Potential: 564 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 593 BWPD
Gas Lift. GOR: 696
Spud: 2-06-15. Completed: 1-26-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7703 feet w/ 1,550 sx.
5-1/2" @ 13,163 feet w/ 1,950 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7931 feet
Perfs; 86831-13,076

Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 750'
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Dean 7958'
Wolfcamp 8141'

Howard County

Element Petro Operating II, LLC #6AH Fryar Unit, API #42-227-38426
110 W. Louisiana Ave., Suite 405 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2711' GR
Midland, TX 79701-0000 13 miles northwest of Big Spring
(918) 621-6533 A-324, Section 13, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
2477' FNL, 1336' FEL of the survey
Total Depth: 7866 feet. PBSD: 7866 feet.
Logs: Compensated Neutron Gamma Ray/CCL
Daily Potential: 957 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,207 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 358
Spud: 4-16-15. Completed: 7-25-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 934 feet w/ 1,980 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,178 feet w/ 2,500 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6988 feet
Perfs; 8220-8231, 8274-8475, 8524-8725, 8774-8975,
9024-9225, 9274-9475, 9524-9725, 9774-9975, 10,024-10,225,
10,274-10,475, 10,524-10,725, 10,774-10,975, 11,024-11,225,
11,274-11,475, 11,524-11,725, 11,774-11,975, 12,004-12,225,
12,274-12,475, 12,524-12,725, 12,774-12,975, 13,024-13,225,
13,276-13,475, 13,524-13,720, 13,u74-13,975, 14,024-14,225,
14,274-14,475, 14,524-14,725, 14,774-14,975
8220-14,975: Frac w/ 56,000g acid and 8,044,960# sand

Contractor not listed

Seven Rivers 1300'
Rustler 1412'
Yates 2009'
Glorieta 2400'
San Andres 3248'
Coleman Junction 3400'
Spraberry 6300'
Spraberry Lower 6837'
Leonard 7260'
Dean 7578'
Wolfcamp 7705'

Apache Corporation #4 Griffin "23", API #42-227-37778
303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2554' GR
Midland, TX 79705-0000 12.10 miles northwest of Coahoma
(432) 818-1962 A-27, Section 23, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. survey
2173' FNL, 1000' FEL of the survey

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AP Photo/Hasan Jamali

US rig count drops 48 this week to 571; Texas down 19 rigs

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 48 this week to 571.

The Houston firm said Friday 467 rigs sought oil and 104 explored for natural gas amid depressed energy prices. A year ago, 1,456 rigs were active.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas declined by 19 rigs, Oklahoma dropped eight, Louisiana dropped five, Pennsylvania lost three, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming each declined by two and Ohio dropped by one.

Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and West Virginia were all unchanged.

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

Energy loans likely to cause further losses for big banks

By **KEN SWEET**

AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's six largest banks have hit an oil slick.

They have tens of billions of dollars of exposure to risky energy loans that won't all be paid back because low oil prices have sapped the profits of oil companies. The value of those loans will have to be written down even further, and bank profits are going to take a hit, the credit agency Moody's said in a report issued Friday.

The loans on the balance sheets of the biggest banks on Wall Street — JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo and Bank of America — represent only a small percentage of these firms' overall loans, but the losses will be noticeable.

"While the banks' exposure are not outsized, these loans have already resulted in banks taking loan-loss provisions and we expect that if oil prices remain low for longer these firms are going to take additional losses," said David Fanger, senior vice president at Moody's who wrote the report.

Oil prices have fallen by more than 70 percent

over the course of the last 19 months, to a recent \$31 a barrel. Energy analysts expect that prices will be extremely slow to rise again because there is an enormous global oversupply of crude.

The troubled energy loans, while sizable, do not pose nearly the same threat to the banks or the financial system that mortgage loans did when the housing market collapsed leading up to the financial crisis.

Wells Fargo is more exposed to these risky energy loans than the other big banks. Moody's estimates that Wells Fargo's total energy exposure is heavily weighted toward loans to oil exploration and production companies, as well as oil field services companies, which have been hardest hit by the decline in oil prices. Moody's estimates that nearly 40 percent of Wells Fargo's energy loan portfolio are at what Moody's considers to be a heightened risk of facing delinquent payments.

"It's an early indicator of problems, but not a sign these loans are causing losses yet," Fanger said.

On a percentage basis, Morgan Stanley has the

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Obama seeks \$10-per-barrel oil tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants oil companies to pay a \$10 fee for every barrel of oil to help fund investments in clean transportation that fight climate change.

Obama will formalize the proposal Tuesday when he releases his final budget request to Congress. The \$10-per-barrel fee is expected to face solid opposition from Republicans who control Congress and oppose new taxes and Obama's energy policies.

Still, the White House hopes the proposal will drive a debate about the need to get energy producers to help fund such efforts to promote clean transportation.

The White House said the \$10 fee would be phased in over five years. The revenue would provide \$20 billion per year for traffic reduction, expanding investment in transit systems and new modes of transportation like high-speed rail. It would also revamp how regional transportation systems are funded, providing \$10 billion to encourage investment that lead to cleaner transportation options.

The White House said the tax would provide for the long-term solvency of the

Highway Trust Fund to ensure the nation maintains its infrastructure. The added cost of gasoline would create a clear incentive for the private sector to reduce the nation's reliance on oil and drive investments in clear energy technology.

House Speaker Paul Ryan called the plan "dead on arrival" and "an election-year distraction."

"The president should be proposing policies to grow our economy instead of sacrificing it to appease progressive climate activists," the Wisconsin Republican said in a statement.

The American Petroleum Institute projected that the

fee would raise the cost of gasoline by 25 cents a gallon.

"At a time when oil companies are going through the largest financial crisis in over 25 years, it makes little sense to raise costs on the industry," added Neal Kirby, a spokesman for the Independent Petroleum Association of America. "This isn't simply a tax on oil companies, it's a tax on American consumers who are currently benefiting from low home heating and transportation costs."

The administration said it recognized that oil companies would pass on some of the costs of the fee. However, it noted that Americans spend

a lot of time and money as a result of an inadequate transportation system that also contributes to global warming.

"Businesses waste tens of billions of dollars each year in freight costs due to inadequate infrastructure and Americans currently spend a total of 7 billion hours stuck in traffic each year, and traffic is get-



AP Photo/
Evan Vucci

ting worse year after year," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "This is the hidden tax."

Morocco unveils massive solar plant

By SAMIA ERRAZZOUKI

Associated Press

OUARZAZATE, Morocco (AP) — Morocco's King Mohammed VI unveiled one of the world's biggest solar plants Thursday, taking advantage of the Sahara sunshine and a growing global push for renewable energy.

The \$3.9-billion project in the southern town of Ouarzazate, also known as Noor I, is the first phase of a project expected to provide 1.2 million Moroccans with power. Row after row

of solar panels glisten in the sunlight, surrounding a power station in the center.

Climate Investment Funds, a global agency investing \$435 million in the project, said it will be the world's biggest concentrated solar plant, meaning that it will store power to generate when the sun isn't shining. It said Morocco was chosen for the project in part because of its political stability, and because the government created a solar energy agency and introduced measures in 2012 to phase out fossil fuel

subsidies.

"Morocco was more advanced in terms of the regulatory framework and having the building blocks in place, whereas Tunisia and Egypt went through the Arab Spring," said Mafalda Duarte, manager of the fund.

While other countries have seen democratic uprisings in recent years, Morocco's leadership quelled protests with some reforms to avert upheaval. "The king and the government have sustained their leadership role," she said.

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most exposure to energy loans, at 5 percent of the firm's funded loans and 8 percent of total loans, including lines of credit. JPMorgan has the least exposure to energy loans, at 1.5 percent of funded loans and 3.5 percent of total loans, though the dollar value of JP Morgan's exposure is bigger.

Another risk to the banks from the energy sector, Moody's Fanger said, is the apparent drag on the U.S. economy from super-low oil prices. Many economists expected a boon, because low oil prices generally leave households with more money to spend. But that lift has been outweighed by concerns about weaker global economic growth that super-low oil prices signal and job losses and lower spending in the large U.S. oil and gas industry.

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Contractor not listed

Yates 1680'
Seven Rivers 1810'
San Andres 2817'
Glorieta 3329'
Clear Fork 3765'
Spraberry 5341'
Leonard 6132'
Dean 6477'
Wolfcamp 6598'
Cisco 8043'

Total Depth: 8170 feet. PBTD: NA.

Logs: Induction/Neutron/Density/Sonic, DLL, DAL

Daily Potential: 36 Bbls 34.0 gravity oil w/ 200 BWPD

Pumping. GOR: 1638

Spud: 1-20-14. Completed: 3-18-14. Pay: NA

8-5/8" @ 3230 feet w/ 850 sx.; 5-1/2" @ 8170 feet w/ 930 sx.

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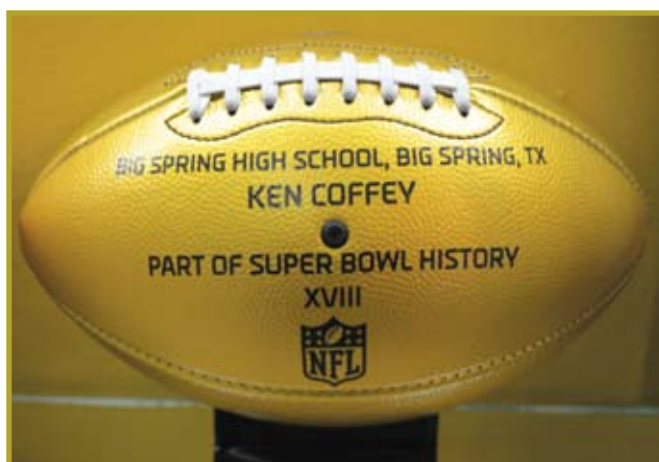
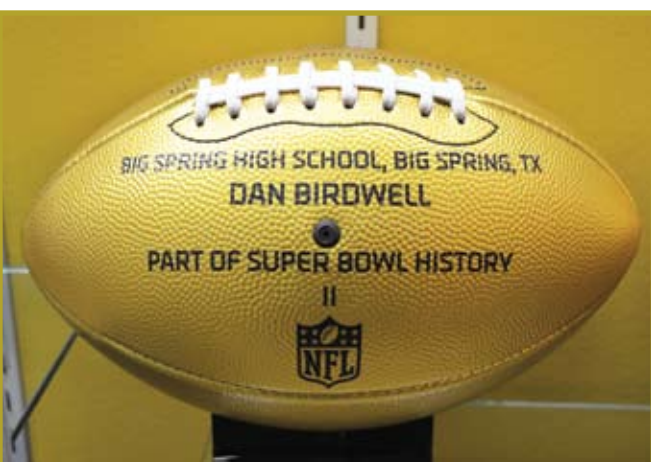
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SUPER BOWL

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Super Bowl XVIII, where his team lost to the Los Angeles Raiders. He played in the same defensive backfield as Hall of Famer, and arguably best cornerback of all time, Darrell Green. Other notable teammates were 1983 NFL MVP Joe Theismann, Hall of Fame wide receiver Art Monk, and Hall of Fame guard Russ Grimm. Joe Gibbs, also in the Hall of Fame, was his head coach.

Coffey finished his career with seven interceptions, including one against legendary quarterback Joe Montana. Other notable quarterbacks he picked off were Super Bowl XV MVP Jim Plunkett, Ron Jaworski and current Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson.

Charlie West graduated from Big Spring in 1964. He played in Super Bowl IV and Super Bowl VIII as a member of the Minnesota Vikings under Hall of Fame head coach Bud Grant, losing both. He took the field with a number of Hall of Famers throughout his career, including Fran Tarkenton, Alan Page, Paul Krause, Mick Tingelhoff, Ron Yary and Carl Eller.

The first Steer to play in a Super Bowl was 1958 graduate Dan Birdwell. He played in Super Bowl II as a starting defensive tackle for the Oakland Raiders, who lost to the Vince Lombardi- and Bart Starr-led Green Bay Packers. He was a key member of the "11 Angry Men" defense that was the main strength of the Raiders during their Super Bowl run. He, along with fellow defensive linemen and close friends Ben Davidson and Tom Keating, helped the Raiders lead the league in sacks with 67. The "11 Angry Men" also accounted for 665 yards lost that year, and from 1966-68 they led the

league in sacks. Both are NFL records.

The offense didn't lack star power either. He was teammates with Hall of Fame wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff, whom the Fred Biletnikoff Award, given to the country's best college wide receiver every year, is named after. He also played with Hall of Fame offensive lineman Jim Otto and Gene Upshaw, who became known after his playing career for serving as the executive director of the NFL Players' Association.

Birdwell made his mark on the Raiders through his dedication to the game and tenacity on the field. He's quoted as saying, "You have to play this game like somebody just hit your mother with a two-by-four."

"Football was his whole life," Birdwell's youngest daughter, Lori Page, said. "That was his identity. He was a Raider through and through."

He showed the same passion for the Raiders even after he retired in 1972, Page said. That passion left lasting impressions on NFL icons, such as coach and commentator John Madden, Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis, and quarterback and placekicker George Blanda.

"I remember going to the Super Bowl in Pasadena when they played the Vikings, and he ran down on the field and he literally picked John Madden up and was flinging him around. He was that excited," Page said. Birdwell passed away in 1978 at



HERALD Photo/Drew Williams

Big Spring High School Mike Ritchey holds one of the three gold footballs sent in by the NFL to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl. The footballs were given for BSHS alumni who went on to play in a NFL Super Bowl.

37 years old. Davis, known for his phrase, "Once a Raider, always a Raider," made true on his word.

"When Al Davis got the call from my mom that my dad had passed, without question he said, 'Don't worry, we'll take care of this.' He made all the arrangements. All the pallbearers were his teammates," Page said. "I want to say it was George Blanda who did the eulogy at my dad's funeral, and he told stories about how my dad was always optimistic. One game they were down by seven touchdowns or something ridiculous, and my dad just runs into the huddle and he's like, 'It's alright! Seven quickies and

we've got 'em!'"

Birdwell was buried near Oakland, California, where he made his dream, a dream that was born playing football for the Big Spring High School Steers, come true.

The Golden Footballs recognizing the accomplishments of Birdwell, Coffey and West are being proudly displayed in the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame trophy case. To get a look at them, visit the main office during normal school hours and check in at the front desk.

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Buffaloes duo earn bronze



Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD

FORSAN — The Forsan debate team of Genesis Caldwell and Price Tarbet took home bronze medals at the district UIL debate tournament in Ozona on Wednesday. Caldwell is a sophomore and Price is a freshman at Forsan High School.

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• Start the New Year learning English and becoming more fluent in the language by enrolling in the ESL classes offered through the Adult Education and Literacy Program at Howard College. The classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-5:30 pm or 6:00-8:30 pm at the Charles Warren Building, room #102 on the Howard College Campus. The classes are open to anyone 18 years of age or older who want to improve their English speaking ability. The only requirements are regular attendance and completion of 60 hours of classroom instruction. There are no fees for the classes that include grammar instruction and writing, vocabulary and reading skills, life skills and US Citizenship Preparation — or Civics Instruction.

Persons interested in the classes are invited to attend and get more information and register. Persons may also contact the

instructor, Adrian Saldivar, at 432-230-3164 and leaving a message or by calling the Adult Education and Literacy office at 432-264-5026 and leaving their name and phone number.

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 Street.

• 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. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

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GILL'S

Ortega's late 3 lifts Steers past Tigers

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

SNYDER — It was a game that came down to the wire when the Big Spring High School Steers took on the Snyder High School Tigers in Snyder Friday night. Up by one at the half, Big Spring extended its lead to 42-37 by the end of the third quarter. The Tigers then gained a two-point lead late in the fourth, thanks to Dralon Jackson's eight points, including four clutch free-throws.

The score 49-47 brought out the "Let's go Tigers" chants from the crowd as the momentum seemed to be slipping away from the Steers.

Trips to the free-throw line by both teams made the score 51-49, and with 42 seconds left on the clock, BSHS center Eric Ortega drained a three-pointer to give his team a one-point lead.

"That's a great player knocking down a great shot," BSHS Head Coach Nicholas Tyerman said.

Snyder had a chance to take the lead late, but

Jackson missed a three-pointer with 0.8 seconds left on the clock. He finished with a game-high 24 points, but the Tigers fell to the Steers 54-51 after Big Spring added two more free throws late.

Tyerman wasn't pleased that Snyder even had a chance to take the lead. With just over 20 seconds remaining, Steers guard Kolton Knudsen dove to gather a loose ball, but the play was whistled dead for a traveling violation.

"It was just another missed foul call that they didn't hit," Tyerman said after having many disagreements with the officials throughout the night. "It's not shocking and it's disappointing, but hopefully we can move on and learn from it."

The Steers kept their playoff chances alive, but will need to defeat Sweetwater High School when they take on the Mustangs Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Big Spring.

"I'm so excited and so happy for these seniors that their playoff life is still on the line," Tyerman said.



At left, Big Spring's Dimas Garcia (2) puts up a jump shot during the Steers' 54-51 win over Snyder Friday night; at right, Tiffani Ruiz (40) drives for a layup during the Lady Steers' game against Snyder.

Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Snyder wears down Lady Steers

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

SNYDER — The Big Spring High School Lady Steers saw their playoff hopes slip away Friday night, falling to the Lady Tigers of Snyder High School, 50-39.

A 19-18 halftime deficit gave the Lady Steers a chance, but the lead grew to 36-30 by the end of the third quarter. Snyder for-

ward Alize Conner consistently crashed the boards and added a couple crucial three-pointers in the second half to clinch the win for the Lady Tigers. She finished with 15 points, and teammate Bailey Garcia added 14 points to finish as the top two scorers in the game.

August Alexander led Big Spring with 10 points, eight of which came in the second half.

Mykala Edwards finished with nine points in the loss.

The Lady Steers will look to get back on track when they take on the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for Senior Night at Big Spring High School.

Contact Sports Editor Drew Williams at 432-263-7331, ext. 237, or by email at sports@bigspringherald.com



AP photo

Both teams have spirited final practice before Super Bowl 50

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — The Denver Broncos and Carolina Panthers wrapped up preparations for Super Bowl 50 with spirited practices Friday with nearly perfect performances from Peyton Manning and Cam Newton.

Both quarterbacks missed just one pass against their scout teams, Newton's coming on the last play of the Panthers' 90-minute practice in

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San Jose. All 53 players on both teams participated in their final practices before Saturday's walkthroughs and team photos at Levi's Stadium.

"It's been a good week," Broncos coach Gary Kubiak said. "It's been a good two weeks, really. You see they're ready. They may be a little mentally tired, just a little

bit. They need to go rest for a couple of days and get ready to cut it loose Sunday."

As is their custom, the Broncos took the field at Stanford Stadium about 90 minutes earlier than they did Wednesday and Thursday and ran their full script of plays, a condensed version of what they do on Thursdays.

Manning, 39, was strong again, hitting Demaryius

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Fast start propels Forsan past Miles

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes took on the Miles Bulldogs Friday night in Forsan, where they used a strong first quarter to gain the momentum that lasted all four periods.

The Buffaloes played great defense over the course of the game, highlighted by the fact they didn't allow a single point to the Bulldogs in the first quarter. They only allowed five in the second, giving them a 22-5 lead at the half. They held on to

win 41-25.

Garrett Evans was the top scorer for Forsan with 15 points. Kobe Richard and Akkey McVae added six points each in the win.

Miles had a tough time scoring all night as only three Bulldogs registered points in the contest.

Forsan will look to continue their winning ways when they take on Christoval High School Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Contact Sports Editor Drew Williams at 432-263-7331, ext. 237.

G-City scores sweep against Blackwell

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats and Lady 'Kats earned a sweep of the Blackwell Hornets in dominating fashion Monday night.

Two Bearkats outscored the entire Blackwell team in route to a 65-28 victory. Tanner Davis was the top scorer for Garden City with 21 points, and Ethan Goodwin added 12 to the win. The Bearkats scored more points in the first half (33) than the Hornets scored all game.

The Bearkats were outdone by the Lady Kats, though. The No. 1 team in Class 1A, Garden City cruised to an 80-35 win over Blackwell.

Hope Halfmann led her team with 26 points, 18 of which came from behind the three point line. Carlie Hollingsworth and Payton Hastings also finished the game in double figures, scoring 15 and 10 points, respectively.

The Garden City boys and girls will travel to Paint Rock Tuesday.

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Thomas with a deep pass as Naughty by Nature's "O.P.P." blared on the speakers used to simulate crowd noise. His backup, Brock Osweiler, also threw an impressive TD pass on a rope to wide receiver Cody Latimer.

The Panthers also piped in music to the fields adjacent to Spartan Stadium at San Jose State University, and their stretching session was livened up when Bankroll Fresh's "Walked In" blared.

"There's usually one session during the week when they are over the top," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "The biggest key was that the last song was their 'dab' song."

The Panthers' spirited personality was on full display throughout the 90-minute, non-contact practice. Their energy level rose during each of the past three days, something Rivera said was typical for his 17-1 team.

"That's the one thing we've seen," Rivera said. "We've seen that build-up. That has been true every week, with the exception of one."

At the end of practice, Newton assembled the team for another display of Panthers personality — an impromptu team picture.

Rather than saying cheese, it was "Dab on three!"

"It's who they are," Rivera said.

At the end of the Broncos' practice, as has become his Friday custom, Kubiak gathered the team and spoke to them for a minute, then had defensive backs coach Joe Woods talk. "That's become a good tradition," Kubiak said. "He's a good coach and always has a good message."

Kubiak has changed a lot of things from two years ago when the Broncos reached the Super Bowl under John Fox and were blown out by Seattle. Fox didn't have the noise turned up at practice and also had his team switch hotels on the eve of the game.

The Broncos are staying put this time instead of heading to a more secluded hotel.

"I've done it both ways, staying at the hotel, and moving the night before," Kubiak said.

"We're comfortable where we're at. We know where the meeting rooms are. We know where can hide. Plus, I like guys instead of just being in the rooms and staring at the mirror having the opportunity to see their moms and dads and families."

Spurs hand Mavericks blowout loss

DALLAS (AP) — A large San Antonio contingent in the Dallas crowd chanted "go, Spurs, go" during a timeout with the Mavericks on their way to the biggest halftime deficit in franchise history.

The home team never gave its fans much of a chance to respond.

Kawhi Leonard scored 16 of his 23 points in the first half and the Spurs cruised through the second half of a 116-90 blowout of the Mavericks on Friday night.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 14 points and 10 rebounds in his first game in his hometown since signing a four-year, \$80 million contract with the Spurs. San Antonio (42-8) matched its best 50-game start with its 14th win in 16 games against its Texas rival.

"Guys are just locked in," said Aldridge, who was coming off consecutive games of a season high in scoring. "We understand that on the road is hard, so guys are always more locked in on the road."

Patty Mills added 10 of his 16 points before halftime, when the Spurs led by 36 at 62-26 to

top Dallas' biggest previous deficit by a point from Dec. 29, 1992, at Sacramento. That 58-point loss to the Kings (139-81) was the worst in Dallas history.

"Against a good team like Spurs, we just got from 10, 15, 20 and it's hard to chase a good team like that," said Dallas center Zaza Pachulia, who was ejected after a second technical in the third quarter. "From the beginning you have to be aggressive and we were not aggressive today."

The Spurs had little trouble ending a rare two-game road skid — losses to Golden State and Cleveland — in the first game since Manu Ginobili underwent surgery for a testicular injury that will sideline him at least a month. Tim Duncan missed his sixth straight game with right knee soreness.

Dirk Nowitzki was the only Dallas starter in double figures with 10 points. All the starters were on the bench by late in the third quarter with both teams traveling for the second game of a back-to-back on Saturday night.

Charlie Villanueva and rookie Justin Anderson had 13 points apiece to lead the Mavericks, who easily fell short of their previous season low for a half of 34 points in the second half at Indiana in December.

Dallas dropped to 2-10 against winning teams since beating Golden State without Stephen Curry.

Leonard gave the Spurs their first 10-point lead at 20-10 on a 3-pointer, and the margin reached 20 at 34-14 on a jumper by Mills early in the second quarter.

Aldridge's putback on a missed 3-pointer by Tony Parker made it 52-22 before San Antonio scored the final six points of the half. The Spurs shot 55 percent to 35 percent for Dallas before halftime while making 6 of 12 from 3-point range and all 10 of their free throws.

CHIPPY ZAZA

The first technical for Pachulia — one of three for Dallas — came after he was called for a flagrant foul for hitting David West in the face while swinging his elbows to make

a pass. West also got a technical in the subsequent scuffle.

Pachulia was ejected for arguing a non-call after he hit a layup and thought he was fouled in the third quarter. Pachulia also hit Leonard with an elbow on a drive, and drew the ire of Danny Green when his feet got in the face of the San Antonio guard on a scramble for a loose ball.

WHAT'S THAT, ROOKIE?

The Spurs were already pulling away in the first half when seldom-used rookie Dallas center Salah Mejri taunted the San Antonio bench on his way up the floor after an alley-oop dunk from Raymond Felton. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich could only smile and shake his head.

"I have no idea," Popovich said when asked what the 7-foot-2 Tunisian said. "It was pretty funny though."

TIP-INS

Spurs' The other 42-8 start for San Antonio was in 2010-11, when Dallas won the title. ... The Spurs are 3-0 against Dallas after sweeping both games at home. The second win was by 29 points.

Big 12 to speak with one voice in future

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Big 12 presidents and chancellors came to one agreement Friday: While working through the possibility of a football championship game, expansion and a league-wide television network, they are going to defer comments to Commissioner Bob Bowlsby.

The four-hour meeting of the Big 12's board of directors came about a week after outspoken Oklahoma President David Boren again publicly raised questions about the state of the league, and a day after the league's athletic directors met.

Kansas State President Kirk Schulz, the board chairman, said while there are differing viewpoints among the leaders of the 10 schools, he insisted there are more similarities than differences on their vi-

sions for the conference.

Schulz said he has had several conversations with fellow Big 12 leaders making sure everybody is moving in the same direction. At the same time, he said it is important that the conference be able to speak with a single voice.

"At some particular point, sort of like a family argument, is it better to do it in Applebee's or is it better to do it at home?" Schulz said. "I think we're at a point that we decided today that when we have the family argument, we're going to do it at home with the door shut."

Boren has said he believes expansion is crucial and that the Big 12 is disadvantaged as a 10-member league without a championship game or a network. He has said those three big issues should be dealt with

at the same time.

But after Friday's meeting, Boren deferred to Bowlsby and Schulz. Like the ADs on Thursday, the board took no votes or formal action.

Still, all the leaders have plenty of data to analyze and consider before the spring meetings May 31-June 3 at a hotel not far from the conference office. But there is no certainty any of those big three issues will be settled then.

"We've put a wobbly stake in the ground for about that time frame, but it's four months out, and I hesitate to forecast it right now," Bowlsby said. "But aspirationally, we see ourselves having access to the data we need and feel that we can have had the conversations we need to have to begin thinking about those things in the interrelated ways in

which they need to be thought about."

Bowlsby reiterated, though, that a lot of conversations have to take place and a lot of entities need to be involved in those.

Boren is part of a subcommittee that has been reviewing expansion possibilities for the past year. That subcommittee made no report to the board Friday.

The NCAA last month approved legislation that would allow the Big 12 to hold a championship game, but the league is unlikely to have one this year.

Big 12 champion Oklahoma made it into the latest College Football Playoff after 2014 co-champions Baylor and TCU were snubbed for the first edition of the four-team playoff.

Willitt leads in Dubai after third round

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Danny Willett shot a second successive round of seven-under par 65 to enjoy a one-shot advantage on top of the Dubai Desert Classic leaderboard after the third round Saturday.

The Englishman, who made a gallant attempt to win the European Tour number one crown but eventually finished second to Rory McIlroy in the Race to Dubai, moved to 16-under par for the tournament, with 2012 champion Rafael Cabrera-Bello in second place at 15-under with his third consecutive round of 67.

Defending champion McIlroy saved his round with another blistering back nine performance, but will begin the final day eight shots behind Willett at 208 after a four-under par 68 round.

England's Andy Sullivan (66), who finished runner-up to McIlroy in November's DP World Tour Championship, was third at 202, Netherland's Joost Luiten (67) fourth at 203 and recent Joburg Open winner, Hadyn Porteus of South Africa, fifth at 204.

Four-time major champion Ernie Els, who started the day just one shot behind the lead-

er, struggled to a two-over par 74 round and fell back to a tie for 28th place at seven-under par.

Willett's only bogey of the day came on the par-4 12th hole, one of the toughest on the course. But he made amends in stunning fashion when he made a 40-foot eagle putt on the next hole, the par-5 13th, and jumped out of the logjam as a sole leader.
















Another birdie on the 17th gave him further cushion, and Willett said after the round: "Back-to-back 65s don't happen that often. Just some great golf yesterday and today. Kept

the ball under fantastic control with some crosswinds, hit it in there close. Did everything right really.

"A couple hiccups in there today where it could have been a little different but kept the head on and kept moving forward.

Cabrera-Bello, who was fast off the blocks with an eagle on the third, where he holed his bunker shot, and a long, 30-foot birdie putt on the fourth, wasn't getting carried away about the possibility of winning a second Desert Classic.

"That really would be amazing," he said.

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Group recalls memories of 50 Super Bowls

By **TIM DAHLBERG**

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Norma Hunt was buying some gifts for her young children in a Dallas toy store when she came across some balls that bounced so high they could go over a small house.

Her husband, the late Lamar Hunt, noticed what fun the kids were having with the Super Balls, shortly before the owner of the Kansas City Chiefs went to a league meeting.

The rest, as they say, is history.

"It just popped into his head," Norma Hunt said. "He thought Super Bowl is what the name of the game should be."

Others thought it was a bit corny, even though it was used unofficially from the first game in Los Angeles in 1967. Commissioner Pete Rozelle even held a contest with media members to come up with a different name, and it wasn't until two AFL-NFL Championship games

had been played before Rozelle decided to officially call it the Super Bowl.

"I loved it from the very beginning," said Hunt, whose husband was one of the founders of the AFL. "Several years later he (Rozelle) wrote Lamar and told him what a great idea it really was."

Hunt recalled the origin of the name Super Bowl on Friday during a gathering of 16 people who will have been to all 50 Super Bowls after Sunday. They included Hunt, the only woman in the group, eight fans, a groundskeeper and six reporters.

From finding a fuming Vince Lombardi in front of a Santa Barbara hotel for the first game in 1967 to seeing



the game's greatest moments, they shared moments of times gone by in what has become the biggest game in sports.

Detroit News writer Jerry Green remembered attending a party put on by Rozelle at a Los Angeles hotel for the first game, when writers were squared off in camps supporting teams from the upstart AFL and those of the estab-

lished NFL.

"All the guys from NFL cities sat on one side of the ballroom while the AFL writers sat on the other side," Green said. "We were sort of glaring at them and they glared at us."

Not surprisingly, several of the best memories revolved around Joe Namath leading the New York Jets to an upset win in the third Super Bowl, which finally gave the AFL credibility as an equal to the NFL.

Green was one of those in the famous photo taken by Walter Iooss, Jr. of Sports Illustrated talking to Namath as he tanned himself poolside in Florida instead of attending press conferences

with his teammates. Also in the picture were Brent Musburger, two women who went to all of Namath's games and a writer used a newspaper to cover his head from the sun.

"If the Jets would have lost that game that picture would have been locked in the files forever," Iooss said.

David Tyree's helmet catch that helped the Giants upset the Patriots in 2008 still sticks with Donald Crisman, a Patriots fan who has been to every game.

"One of my nightmares," he said.

Some of the moments happened during halftime. In New Orleans, where three Super Bowls were held in the early 1970s, Iooss remembers a stripper running onto the field in a bikini, while security chased her and tried to cover her with a fur coat.

Jerry Izenberg, the Star-Ledger (N.J.) columnist, was asked if he was happy to make it to 50 Super Bowls.

"I'm just happy to be alive," Izenberg said.

Joe Cool tops list of best passing performances

(AP) — The face of most successful NFL teams nowadays is the quarterback, so it should come as no surprise that seven of the past eight league MVPs played that position.

Most people figure Carolina's Cam Newton will make that eight of the past nine on Sunday.

Similarly, seven of the past nine Super Bowl MVPs — and more than half ever, 27 of 49 — were QBs.

That is certainly part of the reason so much of the focus this week, as the 50th big game ap-

proaches, has been on Newton and Denver's Peyton Manning.

So any list of the most memorable individual showings on a Super Sunday must include some of the guys who excelled at chucking the football around.

Here is a look at three of the best passing performances in Super Bowl history:

JOE COOL: Joe Montana won four Super Bowls, collecting three MVP trophies along the way, so it's not easy to pick his top game, but the 1990 Su-

per Bowl might very well be it.

He threw a then-record five TD passes — three to another future Hall of Famer, Jerry Rice — and completed a then-record 13 consecutive passes, going 22 of 29 for 297 yards overall in the San Francisco 49ers' 55-10 victory over the Broncos. This one didn't have the late-game heroics that some of Joe Cool's other days did, but the sheer brilliance was something to behold, and the record for most points by one team in a Super Bowl still stands.

YOUNG'S SHOULDER: Montana's backup seemingly forever, Steve Young finally got a chance to get the monkey off his back — a teammate pantomimed lifting a weight off the QB's shoulders on the sideline — by earning a championship with a Super Bowl-record six touchdown passes as San Francisco beat the San Diego Chargers 49-26 in 1995. In all, Young was 24 for 36 for 325 yards with no interceptions, and he ran for 49 yards on five carries, just for good measure. The MVP vote was de-

ecided early: Before 5 minutes were gone, Young had connected for TDs of 44 yards to Rice, then 51 yards to Ricky Watters.

ALMOST FLAWLESS PHIL: Phil Simms was about as close to perfect as a QB can be, going 22 of 25 for 268 yards, three TD passes and zero interceptions in the 1987 Super Bowl, leading the New York Giants past the Broncos 39-20 and earning MVP honors. The guy who'll be in the CBS broadcast booth for this Sunday's Broncos-Panthers matchup com-

pleted 10 passes in a row in one stretch.

Honorable mention: Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers, 1979 Super Bowl: 17 of 30 for 318 yards and four TDs.

Doug Williams, Washington Redskins, 1988 Super Bowl: 18 of 29 for 340 yards and four second-quarter TDs.

Tom Brady, New England Patriots, 2004 Super Bowl: 32 of 48 for 354 yards and three TDs.

Joe Flacco, Baltimore Ravens, 2013 Super Bowl: 22 of 33 for 287 yards and three TDs.

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Matchups

(AP) — Matchups for the Super Bowl between the Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos on Feb. 7 in Santa Clara, California:

When the Panthers (17-1) have the ball

Go Cam.
Stop Cam.
No, it's not that simple for Carolina and Denver. But close.

QB Cam Newton (1) has been the NFL's most dynamic offensive player this season. He had 35 touchdown throws and 10 TD runs during the regular season, and he's added five more scores in the playoffs. Tall, strong and more accurate than ever, he's a tremendous force in the pocket. Tall, strong and elusive, he's hard to slow down when on the run. Near the goal line, he can be unstoppable.

So how does Denver try to slow down Newton? With the NFL's top-ranked defense.

That unit turned the AFC championship game in the Broncos' favor by rushing, hitting and distracting Tom Brady. The key will be the performances of the linebackers, led by All-Pro Von Miller (58), who couldn't be blocked by New England and also had an interception.

DeMarcus Ware (94), Danny Trevathan (59) and Brandon Marshall (54) also will try to get in Newton's face and mind, whether in the pass rush or popping up in unexpected spots. Look for coordinator Wade Phillips to come up with even more varied schemes than Denver used against Brady — recognizing Newton's escapability and power must be neutralized, too.

Carolina will counter by getting RB Jonathan Stewart (28) involved early. He's the best running back in this game, and has an All-Pro blocker in fullback Mike Tolbert (35), but he's facing a defense that rarely is ineffective in stopping the ground game.

The Panthers' underrated O-line, led by All-Pro center Ryan Kalil (67) and RG Trai Turner (70), won't get a break against any of Denver's guys in the trenches. DEs Antonio Smith (90), Derek Wolfe (95) and Malik Jackson (97) all have made significant contributions for Phillips.

Just like last week, when All-Pro Rob Gronkowski was at tight end, Denver needs to shut down the position. It's not unfair to argue that Carolina's Greg Olsen (88) is just as meaningful to his offense as Gronk is in New England.

Denver's secondary was banged up by the Patriots, and is stronger on the corners with Chris Harris Jr. (25) and Aqib Talib (21). It's conceivable one of them will be matched up with Olsen, particularly if T.J. Ward (43) and Darian Stewart (26) are hobbled. Watch for Denver's third CB, Bradley Roby (29) to see lots of action.

Newton has made journeyman WR Ted Ginn Jr. (19) into a solid receiver, and veteran Jerricho Cotchery (82) operates in empty spaces from the slot. Philly Brown (10) broke an 86-yard TD reception vs. Arizona.

Newton made them effective against two staunch defenses, Seattle and Arizona, in the postseason.

When the Broncos (14-4) have the ball

The Panthers say they are preparing for a five-time NFL MVP, but they know Peyton Manning (18) hasn't played at that elite level during this injury-ravaged season.

They also are aware that for one game — especially this game — Manning just might conjure up the brilliance.

So Carolina won't try to outsmart Manning, a particularly difficult chore, and will get physical with him. Watch for the D-line that has been so dominant in the playoffs to ratchet up the pressure even more.

Kawann Short (99), Star Lotulelei (98), Charles Johnson (95) and Mario Addison (97) up front, plus linebackers and defensive backs on the blitz will try to make Manning uncomfortable. One way to defeat that, of course, is getting RBs C.J. Anderson (22) and Ronnie Hillman (23) involved early and successfully. That could force some hesitation for the Panthers.

Then again, with All-Pro LB Luke Kuechly, the league's leading tackler, Carolina has the guy who can counteract that strategy.

And if his fellow All-Pro at the position, Thomas Davis (58), can suit up and perform with his broken right arm, so much the better for Carolina. And so much the worse for Denver.

The Broncos have not given Manning great protection all season, but it has been good enough in two postseason wins. The onus is on LT Ryan Harris (68), rookie G Max Garcia (73) and first-year starting center Matt Paradis (61).

When Manning throws, the theory has been he can't get the ball deep with enough on it. Accurate or not, he's still tough on the shorter passes and play-action. WRs Emmanuel Sanders (10) and Demaryius Thomas (88), TEs Owen Daniels (81), Virgil Green (85) and Vernon Davis (80), plus Anderson supply plenty of options. They will present a formidable challenge for All-Pro CB Josh Norman (24), ball-hawking S Kurt Coleman (20) and the rest of the DBs.

Special teams

Ginn averaged 10.3 yards on punt returns and broke a 32-yarder to set up his own TD run against Arizona. But the Panthers aren't anything, uh, special on coverage units.

K Graham Gano (9) finished second in the NFL in points with 146, and is good, not great, from long range. He also missed three PATs in 2015.

Denver K Brandon McManus (8) hit 30 of 35 field goals during the season and is perfect on all seven in the playoffs. He has range, too, and gets lots of touchbacks.



Grounds crews paint the field at Levi's Stadium on Tuesday in preparation for Super Bowl 50. AP photo

Prop bets rule the day for sports books

By **TIM DAHLBERG**

AP Sports Writer

Jay Kornegay still finds it painful to talk about the last time the Denver Broncos were in the Super Bowl and the first snap of the game went over Peyton Manning's head for a Seattle safety.

For some reason, a lot of bettors at the Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook had put money on a 60-1 longshot that the first score of the games for the Seahawks would

be that safety.

"It cost us a healthy six figures in the first six seconds of the game," Kornegay said.

Such is the way with so-called "prop" bets, which tantalize bettors with promises of big payoffs.

Unlike point spreads and money lines they can vary wildly from sports book to sports book, and sometimes bookies have been known to take a bath.

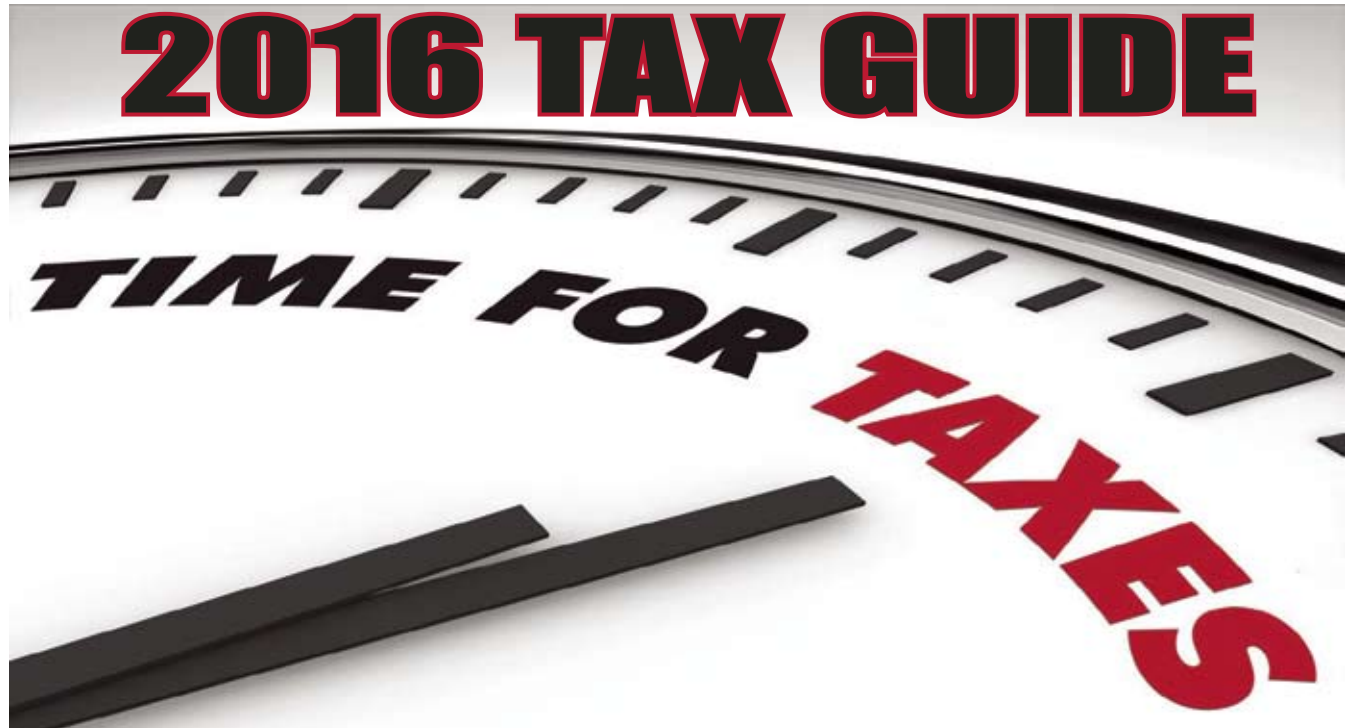
At the Westgate there are nearly 400 such bets

on the board this year, with wagers available on everything from if Manning will throw a touchdown or interception first to whether Panthers receiver Ted Ginn Jr. has a rushing attempt.

Kornegay says at least half of what he expects could be a record-setting handle on the Super Bowl will be on the props, with the average fan betting four or five of them along with money on the traditional point spread.

Since casual fans like to bet on things to happen — the "yes" on many of the props — Kornegay and other bookies say a Super Bowl game without much action could be a big winner for them.

"In most cases the books need a boring Super Bowl, with limited scoring and limited crazy things like safeties and overtimes," he said. "I'm not saying I'm rooting for a 10-7 game, but if that happens we will do well."





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Big Spring is home to several published authors and has recently gained yet another one.

Christian fiction and Odessa native Sara Barnard has traveled all over the globe with her husband, an Army veteran, and her children. They moved to Italy, Colorado, Oklahoma and now, finally, back to West Texas.

Her first books, a series called "An Everlasting Heart", includes: "A Heart on Hold", "A Heart Broken", "A Heart at Home", and "A Heart Forever Wild".

"I actually had another book published in between the first two and last two books of the 'Heart' series," said Barnard. "But my husband, who was in the Army, was my muse for the 'Heart' series."

As well as inspiration from her husband, Barnard was also inspired by the "Love Comes Softly" series by Canadian author, Janette Oake.

"A Heart on Hold" was not published by a Christian publisher because of the war scenes," said Barnard. "They thought the war scenes were too gory. But my husband was in Afghanistan at the time and this book was inspired by him, so I refused to remove the scenes."

Despite the bumpy start, Barnard pushed forward.

"My mom is also an author, and she helped guide me to publication," said Barnard. "You really need a thick skin. There are a lot of no's. One email will tell you that it is the worst thing ever, and the next email says it is the best thing ever and to look for the movie rights."

She also has children books that she specifically wrote for each of her children.

"Three of the books I wrote for my children are published, we are just waiting on the right publisher to pick up the fourth one," said Barnard.

Another book Barnard takes pride in is "The Saga of Indian Em'ly".

"My fourth grade students actually

helped me write this story. I used it as a bedtime story with my kids to try it out," said Barnard.

Indian Em'ly was young Native American who lived near Fort Davis. She fell in love with a white soldier, but the soldier did not return her love and he married a white woman.

Em'ly, despite it all, still loved him and heard one night that Native Americans planned to take the fort. She went, in the dead of night, to warn her love. However, a nervous sentry shot her. Before she died, she was able to get the message to the man she loved and saved many lives that night.

"This used to be talked about as history, and then all of a sudden people began to say it was a myth," said Barnard. "I have walked out there, I have seen her marker. I know it was true so I had to tell her story and make sure she was remembered."

Sara has used her with the things she has come in contact with throughout her life to write stories.

Through hard work and determination, Sara has managed to publish 23 books since she began in 2012. Her books can be found in digital copy, audio books, and most in book form.

She has also won several awards, including; 2nd place for best historical fiction at the Rone Awards in partnership with In D'Tale in Las Vegas in 2013 and she received 3rd place in 2015 for Best Christian Author, which was voted on by readers.

"I went up against some seasoned and celebrated authors and it was just so great," said Barnard.

The Howard County Library will be holding a book signing for Sara on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. She will be available to talk about her books, sign books and meet her new neighbors of Big Spring.

For more information on Sara Barnard and her books or to join her mailing list, visit SaraBarnardbooks.com.



Courtesy Photos

Above: Sara Barnard at a book signing for A Heart on Hold.

Below: Sara with her daughter

Bottom: An award for 3rd Place for the 2015 Favorite Christian Author award.

Bottom left: Sara with her husband and sons.

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Dennis and Teresa Warrington of Big Spring are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Janelle Warrington to Vincent Peter DeFazio.

Kelli is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington.

She is employed as an account executive at Fashion Logistics.

Vincent is the son of Vincent and Marie DeFazio of Chicago, Ill. He is a 2000 graduate of Fremd High School and a 2004 graduate of Indiana University.

He is employed in software sales at Sprinklr.

The couple plan to exchange vows on April 9, 2016 at Marie Gabrielle in Dallas, Texas.

Big Spring natives on the Texas A&M University Deans list

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 2016 — Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Among those recognized were: sophomores Tyler B. Bryan and Kadden H. Kothmann, both of Big Spring, and Senior Petyon L. Schaefer of Garden City.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Feb. 1 in the Cactus Room of Howard College.

Bolanle Ogunmakin, Regional Service Assistant PBRPC spoke to us about the dangers of digging locally without Calling 811 first. President Lisa Brooks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Kathryn Wiseman gave the invocation. Jim DePauw presented plans for a membership drive. He is the current Treasurer and gave us an encouraging financial report.

Our entry in state competition will soon be completed and we will make several nominations for awards. Phase 1 of the Main Street Median is complete and Teri Telchik explained our future opportunities for beautification, to include the south part of Main Street.

Bobby McDonald has put together a letter seeking help from City Council regarding a continuing problem on the median of Main Street. Debbie Wegman will be putting up a sign at the Senior Center to seek help on tending the experimental garden at the Center.

We discussed various projects worthy of our attention this year. We welcomed two visitors — Bob Lockhart and Margaret Cisneros.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 7.

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Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch or Cocoa Puffs cereal, string cheese, apple, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: spaghetti, green beans, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday

maple pancakes, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: crispy tacos, ranch beans, baby carrots, garden salad, strawberries and bananas and milk.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Breakfast: baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Teriyaki sandwich, baked chips, garden salad, broccoli with ranch, grapes and milk.

Friday

Breakfast: french toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: sloppy joe sliders, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl, lettuce/tomato topping and milk.

Sands CISD

Monday

Breakfast: sausage biscuit; Lunch: Pizza sticks, garden salad, baby carrots and mixed fruit.

Tuesday

Breakfast: dutch waffle and bacon; Lunch: hot ham and cheese on a pretzel bun, tomato cucumber

cup, broccoli bites and snowball salad.

Wednesday

Breakfast: breakfast boat; Lunch: barbecue chicken, dressing, garden salad, carrot coins, apple slices and milk.

Thursday

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

Friday

Breakfast: cinnamon rolls and bacon; Lunch: fish sticks, Texas toast, coleslaw, pinto beans and orange smiles.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday

Hamburger on a bun, sweet potato fries, vanilla pudding, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Tuesday

Roast turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, ambrosia, rolls and milk.

Wednesday

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, Italian green beans, lemon pie, rolls and milk.

Thursday

Corndogs with mustard, pork and beans, cucumber and tomato salad, orange Jell-O with oranges and milk.

Friday

Chicken Enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, strawberries with whip cream and milk.

Call 432-267-1628 to make reservations.

United Family celebrating centennial by donating \$100,000 to schools

LUBBOCK — As part of United Supermarket's 100th anniversary celebration, The United Family will donate \$100,000 to local schools throughout West Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth and Eastern New Mexico, as part of its Shop to Support Schools program.

Through Oct. 15, guests may link a school of choice to their rewards account at any United Supermarkets, United Express, Market Street, Albertsons Market and Amigos grocery locations and earn points as they shop. At the end of the earning period, The United Family will award \$1,000 to 100 schools based on the percentage of each school's shopping activity.

United Supermarkets has long held fast to the belief that supporting education is important and we have looked for ways to do that, said Robert Taylor, president of The United Family. This program is designed to let our guests make their hard-earned dollars do more than just buy groceries. It really lets them have a voice in making donations

directly to schools.

To sign up for the free rewards program, guests can visit www.unitedtexas.com or use the United Market mobile application, which is available for iOS and Android operating systems. For a list of participating schools and more information on The United Family's Shop to Support Schools program, please visit shoptosupportschools.com.

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Senate Democrats block energy bill in impasse over Flint

WASHINGTON (AP) – Senate Democrats on Thursday blocked the first bipartisan energy bill in almost a decade after majority Republicans balked over sending hundreds of millions of dollars in emergency aid to Flint, Michigan, to fix and replace the city's lead-contaminated pipes.

The impasse hardened an increasingly partisan response to the water crisis in Flint as Democrats press for swift help for a majority African-American city of 100,000 and point to the past, rapid response of Republicans to natural disasters in Texas and Florida. Republicans maintained that it was premature to send money until Michigan figures out what it needs and wrong to stall the energy bill.

"One hundred thousand people in Flint, Michigan, have been poisoned, and Republicans do nothing" to help them, said Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "Nine thousand little children ... have been poisoned. Still, Senate Republicans refuse to help."

The vote was 46-50, short of a number necessary to move ahead on the comprehensive legislation. The bill promotes a wide range of energy, from renewables such as solar and wind power to natural gas and hydro-power. The legislation also would speed federal approval of projects to export liquefied natural gas to Europe

and Asia and boost energy efficiency.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Republicans and Democrats would continue negotiations through the weekend in hopes of salvaging the energy bill.

Democrats proposed a \$600 million aid package for Flint last week, but Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., said they agreed earlier this week to cut that proposal in half.

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the second-ranking Republican, said it was too early to provide funds.

"The fact of the matter is, the state of Michigan and the city of Flint don't yet know what they need to do to fix the problem or how much it will cost," Cornyn said.

Flint is under a public health emergency after its drinking water became tainted when the city switched from the Detroit water system and began drawing from the Flint River in April 2014 to save money. The impoverished city was under state management at the time.

Water was not properly treated to keep lead from aging pipes from leaching into the supply. Some children's blood has tested positive for lead, a potent neurotoxin linked to learning disabilities, lower IQ and behavioral problems.

Michigan has approved \$37 million in emergency funding for Flint for

the current fiscal year. Gov. Rick Snyder is expected to propose an additional \$30 million in state funding to help Flint residents pay their water bills.

President Barack Obama has said that about \$80 million in federal funding is being made available to Michigan for investment in water system upgrades. It's not clear how much money would go to Flint.

Democrats have said officials would have acted sooner if Flint were wealthier and its population predominantly white. Flint, 60 miles north of Detroit, is 57 percent black, and 42 percent of its residents live in poverty.

The Republican governor has dismissed those suggestions, but the questions remain.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., compared the Flint emergency to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when President George W. Bush was criticized for a lackadaisical federal response.

"Katrina was a natural disaster. How it was handled was a man-made disaster," she said Thursday.

Underscoring the political stakes of the Flint response, several Republican senators vulnerable in their re-election bids voted with the Democrats, including Sens. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Rand Paul of

Kentucky. The lone African-American Republican, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, also voted with Democrats.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., said the crisis in Flint demands immediate action.

"If any of my colleagues here saw a tragedy like this in their home state, they would be standing here doing everything in their power to deliver assistance, whether the crisis was natural or man-made," he said in an impassioned speech on the Senate floor.

Lawmakers approved millions in federal emergency aid for Texas after a catastrophic 2013 blast at a fertilizer plant, Peters and other Democrats said.

"The people of Michigan, the people of Flint, through their tax dollars have stood with the people of Texas," Stabenow said. "This is as much of a national emergency as if a tornado or a hurricane ripped up a town, because the entire town can't drink the water and children are being poisoned."

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairwoman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said discussions on ways to help Flint were continuing.

"We want to get this solved," she said, adding that it was counterproductive for Democrats to block an energy bill that has been in the works for more than a year.

Food industry looks to Congress as GMO labeling law nears

WASHINGTON (AP) – The food industry is pressuring Congress to act before the state of Vermont requires food labels for genetically modified ingredients.

At issue is how food companies will deal with Vermont's law. They could make separate food packages just for the state, label all their items with genetically modified ingredients or withdraw from the small Vermont market. The law kicks in by July, but the companies have to start making those decisions now.

The food industry wants Congress to pre-empt Vermont's law and bar mandatory labeling of genetically modified foods before it goes into effect. They argue that GMOs, or genetically modified organisms, are safe and a patchwork of state laws isn't practical. Labeling advocates have been fighting state-by-state to enact the labeling, with the eventual goal of a national standard.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack brought the parties together twice this month to see if they could work out a compromise. But agreement won't be easy, as the industry staunchly opposes the mandatory labels. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are divided, too, but agree that a compromise needs to be worked out before this summer.

A look at the debate as the food industry and Congress wrestle with labeling of engineered foods:

WHAT'S A GMO, ANYWAY?

Genetically modified seeds are engineered in laboratories to have certain traits, like resistance to herbicides. The majority of the country's corn and soybean crop is now genetically modified, with much of that going to animal feed. Corn and soybeans are also made into popular processed food ingredients like high-fructose corn syrup, corn starch and soybean oil.

The food industry says about 75

percent to 80 percent of foods contain genetically modified ingredients.

While there is little scientific concern about the safety of those GMOs on the market, advocates for labeling say not enough is known about their risks.

DUG IN

The food industry has been battling the labeling advocates for several years, spending millions to fight ballot initiatives and bills in state legislatures that would require labeling of genetically modified foods. They have also challenged Vermont's law in court.

Industry-backed legislation that passed the House last year would have blocked any such state laws. But that bill has stalled in the Senate.

The Food and Drug Administration has said GMOs on the market now are safe, and the federal government does not support mandatory labels. But supporters of labeling counter that consumers have a right to know what's in their foods, and say Congress shouldn't be trying to pre-empt states.

So far, Vermont is the only state set to require labeling. Maine and Connecticut have passed similar laws, but those measures don't take effect unless neighboring states follow suit. Several other states could consider labeling bills this year.

NEW TALKS

Hours of talks with Vilsack haven't produced compromise. The former Iowa governor hasn't taken sides on the issue, but he has previously suggested some sort of digital labeling that consumers could access with their smart phones or in-store scanners.

The food industry has had similar ideas, introducing voluntary digital labels last year that could provide consumers with detailed information about products.

Information could also be accessed by an online search.

Labeling advocates have frowned on digital labels, saying they discriminate against people who don't have smart phones, computers or the know-how to use them.

"Consumers shouldn't have to have a high-tech smartphone and a 10-gigabyte data plan to know what's in their food," said Scott Faber, head of the national Just Label It Campaign, after Vilsack spoke publicly about the idea early last year.

Those differences have brought the issue to an impasse, for now.

Congress is still trying to find common ground. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., says he wants to take up a bill soon, before Vermont's law goes into effect. The panel's top Democrat, Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, and Republican Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota have been working to find bipartisan compromise.

"We're not there yet," Hoeven said earlier this month.

COMPANIES GO ON THEIR OWN

As Congress has stalled on the issue, some companies are already prepared to deal with the Vermont law.

Campbell Soup said earlier this month it now supports mandatory national labeling for products containing genetically modified ingredients, and that it will stop backing efforts opposing the disclosures.

The company said about three-quarters of its products contain GMOs, and released a mock-up of the label it would use to comply if Vermont's law goes into effect. It says "Partially produced with genetic engineering" in small print at the bottom.

Campbell Soup CEO Denise Morrison has been outspoken about the need for big food makers to adapt to changing tastes.

Historic, rusting ocean liner could be restored to luxury

NEW YORK (AP) – The SS United States, an ocean liner bigger than the Titanic that once carried celebrities across the Atlantic at record speeds, may one day sail again.

Crystal Cruises luxury travel company announced plans Thursday to overhaul the ship at a cost of at least \$700 million. The massive steamship has been docked in Philadelphia for two decades, gutted and rusting at an unused wharf on the Delaware River.

But before it can be turned into a state-of-the-art commercial vessel, the SS United States must undergo a nine-month feasibility study.

In its glory days in the 1950s, the ship carried everyone from royalty to immigrants across the Atlantic Ocean, accompanied by three on-board orchestras. At the time, it was the biggest and fastest ocean liner that had ever been built in the United States at 990 feet, 108 feet longer than the Titanic.

On its maiden voyage in 1952, the liner's 268,000-horsepower engines propelled it across the Atlantic in three days, 10 hours, 42 minutes. That record stood until 1990. The ship was decommissioned in 1969.

The SS United States is now owned by a conservation group, with a purchase option signed by Crystal Cruises.

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Burberry to slash number of catwalk shows, speed up sales

LONDON (AP) – Luxury fashion retailer Burberry says it will combine its menswear and womenswear catwalk shows into a single presentation, and slash the amount of time it takes for customers to obtain items seen on the runway.

The move announced Friday cuts the number of shows from four to two and breaks with tra-

ditions in the industry. The items will be available both in store and online, underscoring the company's commitment to the digital space.

"The changes we are making will allow us to build a closer connection between the experience that we create with our runway shows and the moment when people can physically

explore the collections for themselves," said Christopher Bailey, the Burberry CEO and chief creative. "Our shows have been evolving to close this gap for some time. From livestreams, to ordering straight from the runway to live social media campaigns, this is the latest step in a creative process that will continue to evolve."

The company, known for its trench coats and checkered print, is trying to bolster its global reach. The changes, which will begin in September, will also allow Burberry to further highlight seasonless styles, a plus for global customers who may be experiencing a different season than the traditional fall or winter in London.



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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives were on hand when Big Spring School of Music, 505 Scurry, recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its grand opening.

Building permits

Silverleaf Communities, 727 Bucknell Ave. Res HVAC; Val: \$6,700 Fee \$45.
Stacey Best, 2709 Cindy Ln. Res Re-roof; Val: \$3,700 Fee: \$45
Jonathan Logan Pettit, 2305 Cindy Ln. Val: \$500 Fee: \$30
Bill Brooks, 4 Kiowa Circle. Val: \$18,000 Fee: \$100
Patsy Cate, 3227 Cornell Ave. Val: \$500 Fee: \$100
Chuck Rosenbaum, 608 W 18th St. Val: \$15,000 Fee: \$85
Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, 2311 S Gregg St. Val: \$37,000 Fee: \$130
First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. Val: \$10,000 Fee: \$75
Irma Moreno, 1002 E 13th St. Val: \$0 Fee: \$25
Martha Aguilar Alcantar, 500 N Runnels. Val: \$300 Fee: \$25
Cricket Wireless, 111 E Marcy 160. Val: \$750 Fee: \$25
TSB Liquor, 1004 N Lamesa Hwy. Val: \$500 Fee: \$25
Dolphin Pools, 1001 E 3rd St. Val: \$1,200 Fee: \$25
Ernesto Acosta Rodriguez, 809 W 4th St. Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25

HSBC reaches deal over banking abuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banking giant HSBC has reached a \$470 million settlement with the federal government and nearly all states over mortgage lending and foreclosure abuses that officials say helped intensify the country's economic meltdown, the Justice Department announced Friday.

The agreement requires the bank to pay \$100 million and to provide an additional \$370 million in consumer relief to borrowers and homeowners, including by reducing mortgage interests rates as well as the principal on mortgages for homeowners who are at risk of default.

The deal also requires the bank to improve standards for how it services loans and handles foreclosures.

Officials say those changes are intended to discourage past banking practices, such as robo-signing and poor-quality loans, that exacerbated a financial crisis starting in 2007 in which millions of Americans lost their homes to foreclosure. In a 2013 deal with the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller, HSBC agreed to pay \$249 million to settle federal complaints that its U.S. division wrongfully foreclosed on homeowners who should have been allowed to stay in their homes.

Tips for choosing safe child care

Choosing a child care situation for their little ones can be one of the most difficult decisions a parent can make. One has to consider safety, affordability and convenience to home, work and school. Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises asking a lot of questions and doing some homework before settling on the arrangement that is best for you and your child.

With more than 15,000 registered day care centers and home-based day cares in Texas, parents have a lot of options to choose from. In 2015, BBB received more than 800 complaints nationwide about child care facilities and providers, with most of the complaints focusing on contract issues, billing problems and service issues.



HEATHER MASSEY

Whether you decide to go with a day care center, someone who provides day care services at their home or an in-home provider like a babysitter or nanny, it's important to check licenses, certifications and make sure background checks are in order. Most of all, trust your gut.

Before you settle on a child care situation, BBB recommends that you:

- Check out the business first. Whether you're looking for a day care center, a home day care or a nanny service, visit bbb.org for a company's Business Review page. It may be a good idea to check with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the state agency in charge of licensing and registering child care facilities in the state, to check a day care's license status. You can also see the results of previous inspections of the facility.

- Always tour the facility. It should be clean, toys and equipment should be in good condition, and it should feel age-appropriate for your child. Make sure the bathroom facilities are age-appropriate and that hand-washing stations are accessible for small children. Food prep and serving areas should be separate and well-marked.

- Ask about employees. Ask if background checks are conducted on all employees and volunteers. Ask about employee turnover. High turnover of full-time staff is a red flag. Make sure employees are CPR and first-aid certified. If it's a home-based day care, ask for names of friends or family members that regularly visit the home when children are there.

- Find out about policies. Ask what the facility's policy is for punishment of misbehaving students. Punishments should be age-appropriate and non-corporal. Also, get a copy of the payment policy and schedule to make sure there are not additional fees or late penalties.

- Ask around. Get recommendations from parents in your neighborhood. When visiting a facility, ask parents of current students about their experiences there.

- Conduct your own checks. Sometimes, an unlicensed facility or an informal babysitting arrangement is all you can afford. In that case, conduct background checks on all caregivers and any adults that live in or visit the caregiver's home. Online background checks can be done for as little as \$15 per person. Also check with local and state law enforcement officials.

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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Courtesy photo

Dr. Manuel R. Carrasco, 1501 W. 11th Place, was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Josephine (Josie) Balcazar, P.O. Box 1123, Big Spring
Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morning-side Way, Canyon Lake
Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
Amber Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring
Jason Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring
Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
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US adds 151K jobs; unemployment at 4.9 pct.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy added 151,000 jobs in January, a slowdown from recent months but still a sign of a solid job market. Employers raised pay, more people felt confident enough to look for work and the unemployment rate dipped to 4.9 percent, its lowest level since 2008.

Friday's Labor Department report showed that the U.S. job market remains resilient even as the overall economy is struggling in areas such as manufacturing and facing severe weakness overseas. The report provides a key piece of evidence for the Federal Reserve, which is weighing whether to raise interest rates again in the face of global

risks after lifting rates from record lows in December.

The January hiring gain, though modest, followed robust job growth of 280,000 in November and 262,000 in December. Last month, companies shed education, transportation and temporary workers but stepped up hiring in manufacturing, retail and food services.

Aside from the slowdown in overall hiring, economists were encouraged by most other aspects of the report.

"Positive job growth, the drop in the unemployment rate to 4.9 percent and the uptick in wages show the U.S. is heading in the right direction," said Beth Ann Bovino, U.S. chief economist at Stan-

dard & Poor's.

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a former director of the Congressional Budget Office, suggested looking past the tepid overall job gain to focus instead on the more reassuring figures for pay, the unemployment rate and the rising number of people who feel now is a good time to look for work.

"The January report is a solid report in disguise," said Holtz-Eakin, president of the conservative American Action Forum.

Still, stock investors greeted the jobs report with sharp losses. The Standard & Poor's 500 index had sunk about 170 points, more than 1 percent, by early afternoon.

The number of people working or seeking work rose last month, while the number of unemployed slipped from 7.9 million to 7.8 million, which caused the unemployment rate to dip from 5.0 percent.

Average wages have jumped 2.5 percent over the past 12 months to \$25.39 an hour, evidence that the past years of job growth are finally helping to generate pay raises — a crucial indicator for the Fed, which wants to see faster earnings growth.

The income growth meshes with retailers hiring a seasonally adjusted 57,700 workers. Restaurants and bars added 48,800 jobs in a sign of robust consumer demand.

With low gas prices leav-

ing more money in people's wallets and borrowing costs low, most economists expect Americans to spend at a decent pace this year.

Manufacturers hired a solid 29,000 workers last month, even though other indicators show factory activity weakening as the rising value of the dollar and the sluggish economies of major trade partners have squeezed exports of U.S. goods. The Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index has been below 50 for four months, signaling contraction. Orders for factory goods plunged in 2015 — the first annual drop since 2009, when the economy was just emerging from recession.

RECORDS

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

Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring

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

RickyLynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring

Tiara Ware, 1301 Mt. Vernon Ave., Big Spring

Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring

Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Mark Edwin Jones II, 23, and Ivory Ledawn Clemons, 22, both of Big Spring

Nicholas Ramsey, 20, and Destiny Adcock, 17, both of Big Spring

Dustin Wade Thomas, 27, and Renee Kyoks Martinez, 26, both of Big Spring

Jeremy Michael Mills, 26, and Destiny Trailene Currie, 23, both of Big Spring

Pamela Kay Lefler-Backes vs. Terry G. Montgomery, civil case

Jose Lopez vs. Jeffrey Edwards, injury/damage — motor vehicle

Elizabeth Adkins vs. Booth Vassar and Company, contract

Michael Lee Jimenez vs. SCS Technologies LLC, Ronald Brent Dalton, injury/damage — motor vehicle

Edward Wise vs. Marylyn Wise, divorce

Stephanie Eivens vs. Reserve Drilling, Inc, injury/damage — other injury or damage

Credit Control LLC, vs Alice Sharp, Contract

Occidental Permian, LTD vs. VVP Trucking,

LLC, VIVA Capital Funding, Inc., contract

Lindsey Lloyd vs. Devante Lloyd, divorce

Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Troy Bradley Smith, theft of service. \$100 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and 6 months probation.

The State of Texas vs. Troy Bradley Smith, driving while intoxicated. \$1,000 fine, court costs, 365 days in jail, license suspended for 90 days and 6 months probation.

The State of Texas vs. Clete Matthew Stone, evading arrest/detention. \$100 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Clete Matthew Stone, theft of property. \$100 fine, court costs and 180 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs. Clete Matthew Stone, theft of property, \$100 fine, court costs and 80 days in jail.

The State of Texas vs.

Melissa G. Gomez, resisting arrest, search or transport. \$200 fine, court costs, 180 days in jail and 12 months probation.

The State of Texas vs. Anselmo Hilario Jr., possession of marijuana. \$100 fine, court costs and 36 days in jail.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: James E. Mathews and Rosemary Mathews

Grantee: Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center
Property: Lot 1, block 2, Canyon View Subdivision
Date: Dec. 31, 2015

Grantor: Sam A. Webb and Nancy A. Webb

Grantee: Sam and Nancy Webb Revocable Trust
Property: Sec. 16, block 34, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Survey.

Northeast quarter of sec. 25, block 34, T-3-N, T&P Ry.

South 320 of E. 480 acres, sec. 33, block 27, H&TC Survey.

Sec. 32, block 27, H&TC Survey.

Sec. 31, block 27, H&TC Survey.

Sec. 8, block 25 H&TC Survey.

South half of sec. 30, block 33, T-3-N, TP Ry. Survey

Grantor: Mary Grimsley Jeffries and Carol Grimsley McCarty

Grantee: James O. Grimsley Jr.
Property: Lot 6, block 4, Rice Addition.
Date: Jan. 2016

Grantor: Wolf Farms Property, LLC.

Grantee: 350 Cafe and Convenience, LLC.
Property: 5 acre tract out of Southeast quarter of Sec. 10, block 25, H&TC Survey.
Date: Jan. 26, 2016

Grantor: Carol Jean Kirkpatrick

Grantee: Samuel Loya
Property: Lots 3 and 4, block 22, subdivision "C"

Fairview Heights addition.

Lots 1 and 2, block 3, subdivision "D" Fairview Heights addition.

Lot 10, block 15, Cole and Strayhorn addition
Date: Dec. 21, 2015

Grantor: Dana Sexton

Grantee: R.L. Walker Land and Calltel Ltd.
Property: 160 acres in northwest quarter of sec. 45, block 32, T-2-N, Ry. Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 21, 2016

Grantor: Rebecca C. Garcia

Grantee: Salvador D. Garcia
Property: Lot 5, block 19, Government Heights to Bauer addition
Date: Jan. 12, 2016

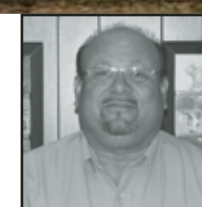
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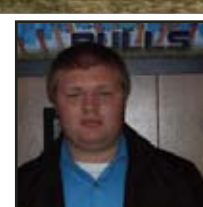
Grantee: Jim Coker
Property: Lots 10-12, block 4, Amended Boydstun addition



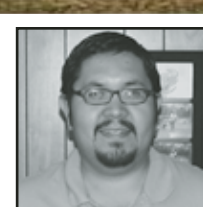
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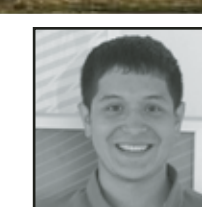
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Making sure Facebook works at the Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — It's the pain of crowds: Texts, photos and video streams take forever or just can't get through.

You might have run into this at a concert where everyone's trying to post selfies with the headliners at once, or at big conferences and sporting events.

Fans at Sunday's Super Bowl in Santa Clara, California, might see a similar cellular jam.

Here's why it happens and what phone companies are doing about it:

WHY DOESN'T MY PHONE WORK IN A CROWD?

Lots of phones are competing for the attention of a cellular network's antennas. Networks are further strained because these are times when people are apt to use data-heavy applications such as photo and video sharing.

You might see bars on your phone showing there's a signal available, yet nothing's getting through. That happens because the phone's failing to get "associated" to the

network, says Don Bowman of Sandvine, which sells networking equipment.

"Your phone knows it's there but doesn't know how to use it," he says. "You'll have the bars but it won't seem to connect."

One clue: The "LTE" letters fail to show up next to the bars.

WHAT CAN CELLPHONE COMPANIES DO?

Phones have gotten better at sending requests to the network, and networks have gotten better at managing traffic. But then again, smartphone use continues to grow, so jams are difficult to avoid. Phone companies can mitigate congestion when they know of a big event ahead of time.

The phone companies have a mix of strategies, but collectively they have added or upgraded antennas in the stadium and cell towers nearby and installed "small cells" to improve capacity in the stadium. Small cells typically look like boxes, says Monica Paolini, the president of wireless advisory firm Senza Fili

Consulting, and, yes, are smaller than the cells you'd find on rooftops and cell towers. These small cells have a smaller range than regular cell towers, but they can supplement those towers to boost capacity in dense areas.

Many of these improvements are permanent, so coverage should improve even after the game.

Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile are also bringing in temporary cell sites, called "Cell on Wheels," or cows, to cover Santa Clara, where the stadium is, and events in San Francisco.

WI-FI HELPS, TOO

Newer sports venues are more likely to have Wi-Fi, which relieves stress on the cellphone network. Levi's Stadium, where the Super Bowl is taking place, got Wi-Fi when it opened in 2014. It's free for visitors.

Historically, Wi-Fi equipment has been installed high up in ceilings or walls. At Levi's, routers are sprinkled underneath seats throughout the stadium to improve Wi-Fi performance. That helps pre-

vent obstructions from steel and other construction materials and gets people physically closer to the routers.

Comcast Business provides the stadium's Wi-Fi network connectivity and has brought in temporary Wi-Fi systems at events elsewhere, such as golf tournaments.

WHY DOES THE SUPER BOWL REQUIRE MORE INVESTMENT AND EQUIPMENT?

People are expected to use more data than the 6.4 terabytes at last year's Super Bowl. Last year's number alone is more than double what's typical for a San Francisco 49ers football game at Levi's. A million visitors are expected in the San Francisco Bay Area, which Gartner analyst Bill Menezes says has traditionally been a hard area for cell companies to cover because of its hills.

YOUR PHONE ISN'T WORKING. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

"You hate to think of this, being the old-fashioned way," says Menezes, "but holding

your phone high in the air and walking around could help you find a signal. And texts will get through more readily than a phone call.

Menezes also recommends using apps put out by signal-testing companies like RootMetrics and OpenSignal. They can show you where connectivity has been working better recently.

Paolini recommends going outside if you're indoors, trying to find a Wi-Fi hotspot and holding off on sending photos and video.

BACK TO THE SUPER BOWL — WILL CELLPHONES WORK NORMALLY?

That's the goal. But there are unknowns. For instance, mass use of newer live video-streaming apps like Twitter's Periscope could clog the networks.

"If everybody was in Periscope at one time, at the exact same time, yeah things wouldn't move as quickly," said John Guillaume, a vice president with Comcast Business.

Referee call barring Native American hair buns causes uproar

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The board that governs Arizona high school sports says members of a girls' basketball team can wear their hair in traditional Navajo buns after a referee's decision to ban the hairstyle at a game this week caused an outcry.

The Flagstaff High School players were expressing their team pride and Native American cultural identity when they pulled their hair into the neat, low buns Tuesday and took to their hometown court. Yarn in the school's colors, green and white, wound tightly around each bun, cocooning it, and a spray of the colorful pieces dangled from the top.

The girls donned the hairstyle as they warmed up to play Phoenix's Greenway High School. But before the game started, an official ordered them to remove the buns because of safety concerns. The girls complied.

The call has been sharply criticized online, with some Navajos saying it was an attack on their heritage. School Principal Tony Cullen said he was livid and "will defy the hell out of that" if another referee attempts to make the same call.

Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said athletes shouldn't be punished for expressing pride in their culture.

Navajo buns are a key part of tribal members'

identity, worn by men and women. Long hair signifies the root of thought, rain, abundance and rejuvenation of life, said Jamescita Peshlakai, a staff assistant in Begaye's office. When it's tied up typically with spun sheep's wool or buckskin, the thoughts and prayers of Navajo people are contained within the bun, called a tsiyeel in Navajo.

Earlier Tuesday, during the junior-varsity game, Flagstaff High School had a competition to see who in the crowd could wrap hair into a Navajo bun the fastest. A drum group played a traditional song.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association, which governs high school sports, apologized for the refer-

ee's call. It said the official did not mean to insult anyone but acted within his authority and by the rulebook.

Gary Whelchel, the association's state commissioner of officials, said the rule is a little vague but generally prohibits barrettes with hard surfaces, beads, picks or anything that could be perceived as dangerous.

"In this case, the official who was there looked at them and felt they could possibly be a hazard on the court," he said. "Another girl could get their hand caught in it."

The association said it has bolstered training on cultural sensitivity, and the Flagstaff girls will be allowed to wear the Navajo hair buns in future games.

National parks face \$12 billion backlog for maintenance work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, but the system faces a multibillion dollar maintenance backlog that officials say is no cause for rejoicing.

Long-delayed projects range from replacing water works at the Grand Canyon to making sure the Jefferson Memorial doesn't sink into the Tidal Basin to improving roads at Yosemite National Park.

The bill for deferred work is nearly \$12 billion nationwide, a \$440 million increase over last year. About half the total is for road work. The remainder is for buildings, campgrounds, trails and infrastructure such as water systems and wastewater treatment.

Hoping to take advantage of the Park Service's August centennial, President Barack Obama has proposed spending \$900 million over three years to reduce the backlog, with another \$300 million targeted for restoration projects.

Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said the annual bill for maintaining America's national parks is nearly twice as much as appropriated by Congress, with expenses growing every year.

Still, Jarvis said he is encouraged that Congress seems to be getting the message after years of complaints.

Lawmakers approved \$547 million for maintenance in the current budget year, a \$118 million increase over last year.

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Japan may change temple map icon to avoid Nazi confusion

TOKYO (AP) — As Japan gears up to host the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and caters to a surging influx of foreign visitors, the country faces a cultural dilemma: Should it stop identifying Buddhist temples on maps with the traditional “manji” symbol that is often confused with a Nazi swastika?

The symbol, from ancient Sanskrit, means happiness and prosperity. It has been used for centuries by Hindus and Buddhists, and has turned up in archaeological digs in Europe. But many Western tourists associate it with anti-Semitism and the Holocaust because the emblem was adopted by Nazi Germany to try to enhance a sense of ancient lineage.

The swastika in Japan — which usually points counter-clockwise, the reverse of the Nazi symbol — has been used for centuries in Buddhist decorations and to denote Buddhist temples on maps.

At Sensoji Temple, a top tourist destination in Tokyo, a big gold “manji” emblem appears on a pair of lotus-shaped bronze ornaments, while smaller, more subtle ones decorate roof tiles. It’s even an official emblem for Hirosaki, a city in northern Japan.

In a report released last month, a government panel at the Geospatial Information Authority pro-

posed a three-tiered pagoda symbol to replace the swastika. It is one of 18 suggested icons for landmarks like hospitals and convenience stores for foreign-language maps, part of a broader push to create user-friendly maps for the growing number of foreign tourists, which jumped more than 40 percent last year to a record 19.7 million.

A final decision is expected in late March following a period of seeking public comment.

Japan’s main Buddhist group is nonchalant because the change doesn’t affect domestic maps and therefore likely won’t alter perceptions at home.

“We are aware that some people say the ‘manji’ symbol could remind them of the ‘hakenkreuz,’” said Ryoka Nishino, a spokesman for Japan Buddhist Federation, referring to the “hooked cross” term often used to denote the Nazi emblem.

“Even though we have more foreign visitors, our symbol that decorates each temple will stay,” he said.

Public opinion seems divided on Twitter and other social networks.

Supporters for the change say it would help avoid confusion among tourists, while opponents say

there is no need to change the ancient sign just to cater to foreigners. Instead, they say, the symbol should be kept as a way to teach people about the ancient history behind it. Others point out that the “manji” symbol turns the opposite way from the Nazi symbol, so it is different.

The objective is to make symbols easier to understand, said geospatial authority mapping officer Takayuki Nakamura.

“A good symbol on the map should be able to tell a visitor what it is at the first glance,” he said. “The question is whether one can easily tell it’s a temple by looking at the current symbol.”

The recommendation was based on survey results collected from more than 1,000 foreigners, including embassy officials, exchange students as well as tourists.

Other symbols that would be altered for foreign maps include the one for a hotel, which currently looks like the symbol for helipads, and a saluting policeman would replace the current giant X sign supposedly representing a pair of clubs for police station.

The maps would add a new symbol for convenience stores, which are ubiquitous in Japan — a sandwich and water bottle.

Tonga declares Zika epidemic after 5 confirmed cases

NUKU’ALOFA, Tonga (AP) — The tiny South Pacific kingdom of Tonga said Friday it has a Zika epidemic after five people tested positive for the virus and another 265 are suspected of having it.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in addition to Tonga, the Pacific islands of American Samoa and Samoa have also reported Zika outbreaks and it is warning Pacific travelers to protect themselves from mosquitoes, which spread the virus.

Tonga Health Minister Dr. Saia Piukala told *The Associated Press* on Friday the Zika outbreak is the island’s first and it is awaiting the results of more blood tests that have been sent over-

seas. He said many people aren’t being tested because of the cost, but are being diagnosed anyway because of their symptoms.

Piukala said there haven’t been any reported cases of pregnant women contracting the virus.

“We hope that the pregnant women out there who have signs and symptoms of Zika come forward,” he said.

Malinoa Fainu, from Ha’ateiho village, said she’d heard about the disease on television and is trying to take precautions.

“I’m afraid that I might catch it in my condition,” she said. “I’m pregnant.”

Tongan health officials have started spraying bug killer in schools and other areas where people gather to try to slow the

spread of the disease.

Of the five confirmed cases of Zika that originated in Tonga, three were discovered in New Zealand when people who had traveled to Tonga were tested, officials said. But New Zealand officials say there is virtually no threat of Zika there because New Zealand doesn’t have the species of mosquito which is spreading the disease.

Brazilian researchers suspect the explosive spread of Zika is linked to an increase in the number of babies born with abnormally small heads, although scientists have not proven a link.

The World Health Organization this week declared the Zika virus a global emergency.

NYC pulls reins on plan for Central Park horse carriages

NEW YORK (AP) — A much-debated plan to dramatically overhaul New York City’s carriage horse industry collapsed Thursday, with the city council pulling the reins on a plan that would have limited the tourist-toting animals to a small section of Central Park.

The colorful coaches, which have clip-clopped through Manhattan for more than 150 years, are frequently depicted on television and in movies and a must-do for visitors who delight in romantic rides past some of the city’s top tourist attractions and along the graceful, winding paths of Central Park.

But others decried the trade, saying Manhattan’s loud, traffic-clogged streets were no place for the animals and called for the industry to be shuttered. They appealed to Mayor Bill de Blasio — many via generous campaign donations — and he vowed to end the practice on the first day of his term.

That was in January 2014. Now, 25 months later, a compromise deal that would have limited, but not eliminated — the carriage horse industry has fallen apart just a day before it faced a city council vote, freeing the carriages to fully remain on the city streets, at least for now.

“This is great!” said longtime driver Christina Hansen, adding that the proposed legislation “would have put us out of business.”

The deal has been a debacle for de Blasio since he took office.

Though many New Yorkers seemed blasé about the issue, it assumed an outsized role in the city’s political discourse.

A media blitz, led in part by actor Liam Neeson and launched to counter the ones funded by the animal rights groups, portrayed the horse-drawn carriage industry as an essential part of New York that provides about 400 jobs, many to Irish immigrants.

The next blow came when a series of city unions, usually de Blasio’s staunchest allies, broke with the Democratic mayor, urging him to reconsider his decision in order to save not only the jobs but a profitable source of tourism. The New York Daily News then launched a front-page campaign called “Save our Horses.” And public polls consistently showed a majority of New Yorkers did not favor a ban.

Eventually, a compromise between the mayor, the city council and the union that represents the horse carriage drivers was struck.

Lawmakers propose bill to privatize air traffic control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responsibility for the nation’s air traffic control operations would shift from the government to a private, nonprofit corporation under legislation introduced Wednesday as part of an overhaul of how Washington oversees the aviation system.

The measure extends for six years the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration and continues its role as the regulator of aviation safety, including the safety of air traffic operations. It also prohibits cellphone calls by airline passengers in-flight, and requires airlines refund bag fees when checked bags arrive more than 24 hours overdue.

But the FAA would lose responsibility for day-to-day air traffic operations and the transition from a radar-based traffic control system to one based on satellite technology. A board representing aviation system users would govern the new, federally chartered air traffic control corporation.

The bill would complete the transfer of air traffic operations, hundreds of facilities and about 38,000 workers to the new corporation within three years.

Rep. Bill Shuster, the bill’s chief sponsor, said it was a “transformational” solution and greatly needed because modernization of the air traffic system is taking too long and costing too much. Without an overhaul, the system won’t be able to keep up with growing air traffic demands and congestion will increase, said Shuster, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Shuster, R-Pa., told reporters that he also wants to revamp how air traffic operations are financed, eliminating most airline ticket taxes in favor of a fee-based system.

The proposal envisions charging commercial operators (airlines, air cargo companies, charter plane, air taxi services and others) for the services they use. Private pilots and noncommercial aircraft operators would continue the same fuel and other taxes as before rather than service fees.

But the bill doesn’t specify how the tax and fee structure would be changed because decisions on taxes are up to the House Ways and Means Committee; Shuster is working with that committee, a spokesman said.

It’s unclear if this would ultimately result in lower airfares since airlines would presumably pass along the cost of the new fees to their customers, but the hope is that privatizing air traffic control will produce greater efficiency and reduce the overall cost of the system, according to Republican committee aides. The aides briefed reporters on

the condition that they not be named because they weren’t authorized to speak publicly.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., the senior Democrat on the committee, said Democrats strongly oppose the privatization plan, although they’re happy with most of the rest of the bill.

“This privatization proposal gives a private corporation the power to tax the American public to pay for safe operations, and it hands over a public asset worth billions of dollars to a private corporation for free,” DeFazio said. The corporation would effectively become a monopoly that picks winners and losers and decides routes, schedules, and slots based on profit margins, he said.

Airlines, the lobbying muscle behind the bill, have long said the fairest way to pay for the air traffic system is to have all aircraft operators pay fees for the services they use, such as controller-directed takeoffs and landings and government weather reports.

Most other aircraft operators oppose a fee system, which they say would shift a greater share of paying for the air traffic system away from airlines and onto them.

The model for Shuster’s proposal is Canada, which shifted its air traffic operations to a nonprofit corporation about a decade ago. In the U.S., private contractors who provide air traffic control services at small airports general have lower costs than at FAA facilities because they hire fewer personnel and pay lower salaries.

The FAA has worked on its “NextGen” modernization program for more than a decade and says much progress has been made. Lawmakers and airlines say they have yet to see significant benefits from the billions of dollars spent on modernization and are deeply frustrated.

Shuster and Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., the aviation subcommittee chairman and the bill’s co-sponsor, gained an influential ally Wednesday when the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, which represents about 14,000 air traffic controllers, announced its support for the bill.

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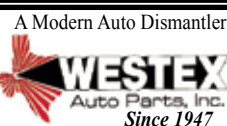
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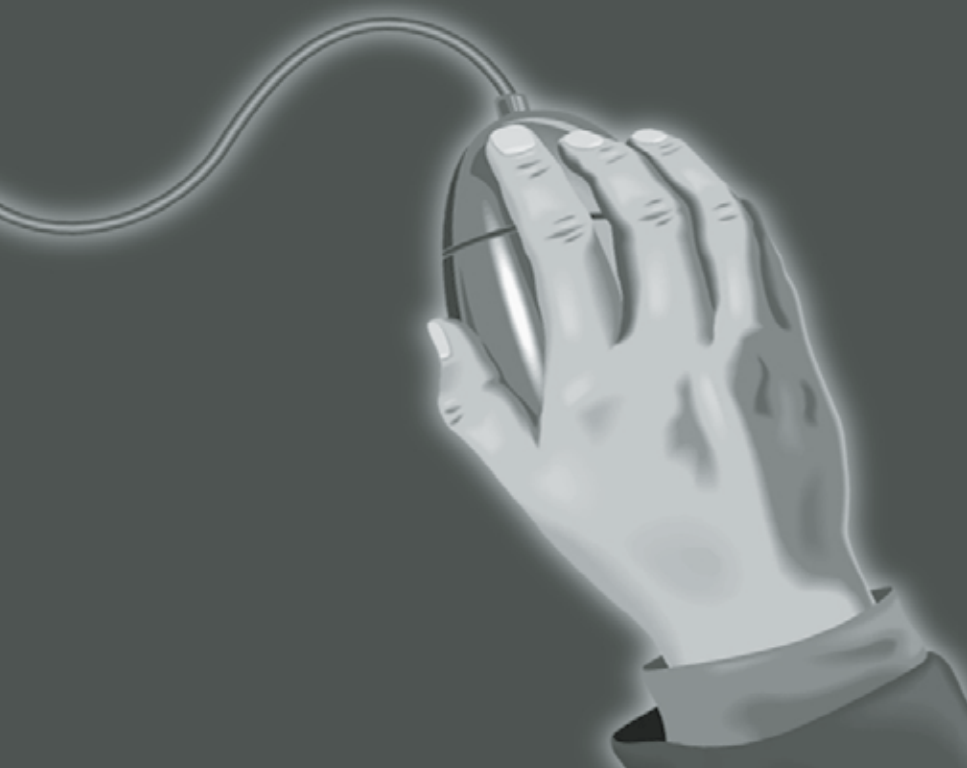
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Don't get hit with a penalty!
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A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, do not render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:
• You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
• You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2015. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2016.

When is the deadline to file?

The last day for filing 2016 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions at your local appraisal district:
Howard County Appraisal District
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Your Appraisal District can answer any questions you may have and provide you a free copy of:
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ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Howard County Appraisal District Office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred - but not cancelled- as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties or delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral contact Howard County Appraisal District at:

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Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 ex. 2.

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A Variety of Homes
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Your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower SCHOOL taxes this year...and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead

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exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you are disabled-or if you are 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you are also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2016 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home. ** PLEASE NOTE: If you are a disabled veteran who receives form the Veterans Affairs (VA) - (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does qualify as of January 1, 2012.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2015, you will not need to re-apply for 2016 unless required by the chief appraiser. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home or if you have moved to a new home - you will need to file for an exemption for 2016. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact your appraisal district at:

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Proposal should be submitted to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5175. Proposals will be accepted through 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 23, 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. Howard College retains the right to negotiate terms and conditions and to reject any and all responses.

#8955 January 31 & February 7, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Coahoma, Texas, is considering the pursuit of funding options to address certain water system improvements, such improvements may include the following:

- Water line replacement
- Rehabilitation of the Elevated Storage Tank
- Improvements at the Clown Tank

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of grant funds obtained, if any.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED MATTER WILL BE HELD BY AND BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS ON THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, LOCATED AT 122 N. 1ST, COAHOMA, TEXAS. ATTENDEES SHOULD ENTER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



The Sun and Mars Say 'Protect the Rep'

A person's reputation is a possession more valuable than any material item. But unlike a purse or jewelry, when a reputation is stripped away it does not make the thief any richer. This is why we must be very, very careful in what we say about other people. The sun and Mars angle precariously to illustrate the point.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just as a good party host knows that the time printed on the invitation has little to do with the time the party actually starts, you realize that theoretical plans often don't reflect reality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Maybe you're giving someone more credit than is deserved. Even so, you'd rather err on the side of generosity than fail to appreciate those who have contributed to your success and well-being.

GEMINI (May 21-

June 21). The issue at hand is a matter of taste. Therefore, you cannot be wrong or right, and neither can anyone else. You will be tolerant and kind in hearing the other person's preference, and you will be afforded the same respect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you don't know what to do next, just ask your higher mind for the answer and sit quietly a few minutes. You'll be surprised how easy it is to spark your inner wisdom, which really only needs an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The limits are not keeping you from your joy. In fact, without limits there is far less joy to be had. Boundaries and rules keep some things sacred and special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know that you can get swept up in the moment at times. That scares the kind of people who have trouble living in the present. "Men who never get carried away should be." -- Malcolm Forbes

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're trying to fix what's broken. But as

you try to isolate one problem, you'll realize that nothing stands alone. Each thing seems knitted to the next thing. Love is the great remedy that will solve this all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Ambition and greed are parts of human nature that some have to fight with more than others. You're immune to these sins now. There's nowhere you need to be that's worth compromising your values to get there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You find at least five ways to pay your respects today and each way works better than the last. Your deference, the effort you put into a relationship, your manner of communication: It will all make the intended impact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You give, move forward, give more and move forward again. The trick is in finding something to give that is so well-matched to your talents that it's relatively effortless to you while being extremely valuable to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You could

make people follow you if you wanted to. You're certainly powerful enough! And yet, that's just not your style. You make people (SET ITAL) want (END ITAL) to follow you -- now (SET ITAL) that's (END ITAL) leadership.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Perfectionism isn't necessarily an attractive quality. Consider that needing to be perfect is rooted in the fear of getting things wrong. Perfection is something the truly confident don't fret too much over.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7). With your cosmic birthday gift of super-sight, you'll see the potential in things, including how they might be used tomorrow and what they'll develop into in five years. Use this to further your professional life and to choose wisely in your love life. A signed commitment is yours by the end of March, and you'll be paid well, too! Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 42, 19 and 38.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Scissors, shoes, black or

white objects and mirrors are among the items on the "forbidden" list for gift-giving on the Chinese New Year. Consider yourself informed now, as you head into the exciting year of the Red Monkey, aka the Fire Monkey, characterized by high-energy, zesty intellectual pursuits and improbable leaps forward. Just as monkeys are among the cleverest and most restless members of the animal kingdom, the start of this cycle features a nearly agitated tone as new levels of curiosity call us into action. First of all, we're trying to work off the tension of a stressfully aspected sun and Mars. The Aquarius new moon on Monday only causes us to think more into it than we probably need to. There will be a temptation to bring fresh technology into the mix, and it might work well, though it also might be a case of complicating things unnecessarily. Mardi Gras on Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

both happen under an auspicious arrangement of Venus and Jupiter, boding well for relationships, new friendships and people seeking romantic commitment. Feb. 9 and 10 are also the best days for purchasing Valentine's Day presents, as intuition will be hot, artistic and creative energy will be flowing, and hearts will be open.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Later this month, Aquarius Chris Rock will host the 88th Academy Awards, putting himself on the line for the upper echelon of Hollywood and the entertainment world at large. A humor so uninhibited takes courage and a unique point of view, which are two Aquarian strengths. Rock was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in Aquarius and the moon was in fiery Aries.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Twenty five years ago, my youngest son, then 18, quit the job he had had for four years. They had promised him an assistant manager job and when he turned 18, but did not follow through. After that, he would not look for a job or even help around the house. His dad told him to leave, but I let him return. Still, my son continued to do nothing, so his father insisted he get out. His father had a terrible temper and we both knew it. We were afraid of him.

I knew my son was sleeping in his car, so whenever I saw him, I would give him food and blankets. I also left the back door unlocked so that when his father wasn't home, he could get into the house, warm up and eat.

I know now that my son was depressed, but I didn't realize it at the time. Over the years, I kept track of his whereabouts, but he would never speak to me except in anger. He married two years ago, and I tried to reconcile through his wife, but she saw only my son's side. She did tell me that he was angry because I didn't leave with him.

I admit I am a weak person with a long history of mental abuse from my husband and I was afraid to leave. I regret a lot of things, Annie, but I love my children. I sent him a card at Christmas, but his wife returned it to me all cut up, along with a vulgar note.

My older children know how things were at home and they don't blame me. They can't do anything about their brother's attitude. I am 72 years old. I don't have to be invited to my son's house. I just want to know that should I run into him, he will speak to me without anger. What can I do? -- Florida Mother

Dear Florida: Abusive home situations are complicated. Your son blames you for not protecting him from his angry father, but you felt helpless and, like too many abused women,

chose to remain with your husband. Many kids live independently at age 18, but due to depression, your son was not ready and ended up in his car -- a risky situation and one that made him feel abandoned and unloved.

You cannot change the past. Until your son is ready to move forward, there is little you can do. Ask your other children to let their brother know how sorry you are and that you crave his forgiveness while there is still time. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees. We hope you can find solace in your other children.

Dear Annie: "Stuck in

San Francisco" said his wife is overly dependent on her parents. That makes them part of the problem, so they should be involved in the counseling you recommended.

When I needed counseling to help me cope with my father-in-law, my mother was staying with us. Because she was part of our household, she had to be at one of the counseling sessions and it made a big difference. I learned that my mother also wanted too much of my time, but I did not let that happen. I put my husband first.

"Stuck's" in-laws may not be aware of the depth

of their daughter's problem, and they need to understand the damage they are doing by preventing her from maturing. -- Wife of 50 Years

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- 7 Romeo or Juliet, 8 Movable jet-wing part, 9 Opposite of "forward", etc.

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Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-58.

Wedding trends

(Family Features) Pinboards are buzzing with endless inspiration, bringing clever and colorful projects to life. For brides to be, the hottest looks in wedding decor can be yours with just a bit of creativity.

The evolution of touch is underway, with fabrics and embellishments featuring texture and intrigue becoming huge hits this bridal season.

Take materials such as burlap, chalkboard finishes, monogram letters and mason jars to the next level by mixing and matching with the season's colors.

Picture your big day with pretty petals adorned in lace offset by rustic trimmings. This understated yet feminine look can be yours with these trending projects from the crafting experts at Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores.

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For more ways to add trending touches to your wedding, visit www.joann.com.



Burlap Cone Floral Hanger

Crafting time: 1-2 hours
Skill level: No experience necessary

Supplies and Tools:
Cutting utensils
Thin wire
Wire or boutonniere pins
Panacea burlap garland
2 Styrofoam brand foam cones
Glue gun
Glue sticks
Ribbon of choice
Hydrangeas: 1 green and peach, 2 peach and cream
Green mini bundle

1. Cut wire into hairpin shaped pieces or use boutonniere pins.
2. Cut 1 yard of burlap per cone. Fold burlap in half and wrap cone from bottom to top. Pin burlap to cone. Not all of it will be covered. Run glue along seam; press to secure.
3. Attach ribbon to create hanger. Glue in place.
4. Trim hydrangea short. Glue to top of cone. Trim several clusters from hydrangea. Glue to cover exposed foam, creating a dripping ice cream affect.
5. Trim half of mini bundle and glue in center.
6. Trim blossoms of green hydrangea. Glue to both cones.

Note: Refer to photo often for placement of items.

Burlap and Lace Wrapped Floral Centerpiece

Crafting time: 1-2 hours
Skill level: Some experience necessary

Supplies and Tools:
Cutting utensils
Pink roses stem
White Queen Ann Lace stem
White hydrangea bush
Light blue small bush
Pink small bush



Teal small bush
Teal tall bush
Cream wisteria garland
Panacea cloth-covered wire
Glue gun
Glue sticks
David Tutera burlap ribbon
Mason jar
David Tutera lace ribbon
Panacea crystal clear resin

1. Trim stems, removing lower foliage.
2. Form a hand-tied bouquet.
3. Tie off with wire.
4. Dribble glue around wire to secure. Let dry.
5. Wrap burlap ribbon around Mason jar, overlapping 1 inch. Glue seam.
6. Wrap lace around jar and tie in knot.
7. Pour resin in jar. Follow package instructions.
8. Insert bouquet. Allow to dry.



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- Venue
- Registrars
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