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Council OKs fee schedule for private ambulances

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Private ambulance services will have to pay a little bit more to operate within Big Spring city limits.

In a meeting dominated by routine business Tuesday, city council members unanimously approved a new fee schedule for private ambulance companies operating within the city limits.

In the future, private ambulance companies will have to pay an initial operating fee of \$250, with an annual renewal fee of \$150. If those companies let their operating licenses lapse, it will cost \$300 to get them renewed.

Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson, who made the request to the council Tuesday, said private companies currently do not pay any fees to operate in

the city. Charging an annual fee would bring Big Spring in line with what similarly sized communities in West Texas charge private ambulance companies.

There are currently two private services operating in Big Spring, although Ferguson suspects one of those companies will soon discontinue service locally.

In other business, the council approved an agreement for

Priority Management LLC to provide energy management and consulting services to the city.

John Medina, human resources director for the city, said the agreement will save the city an estimated \$195,000 in energy costs over the life of the four-year agreement.

Also on Tuesday, council:

- Gave permission to city officials to apply for grants to help offset costs of renovating

the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park.

- Appointed Veronica Zuniga to the city's zoning board of adjustments.

- Approved an amendment to the Economic Development Corp.'s budget to allow finalization of the sale of the Malone & Hogan Clinic building.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

What a windfall

8 local H&R Block customers win big in company's contest

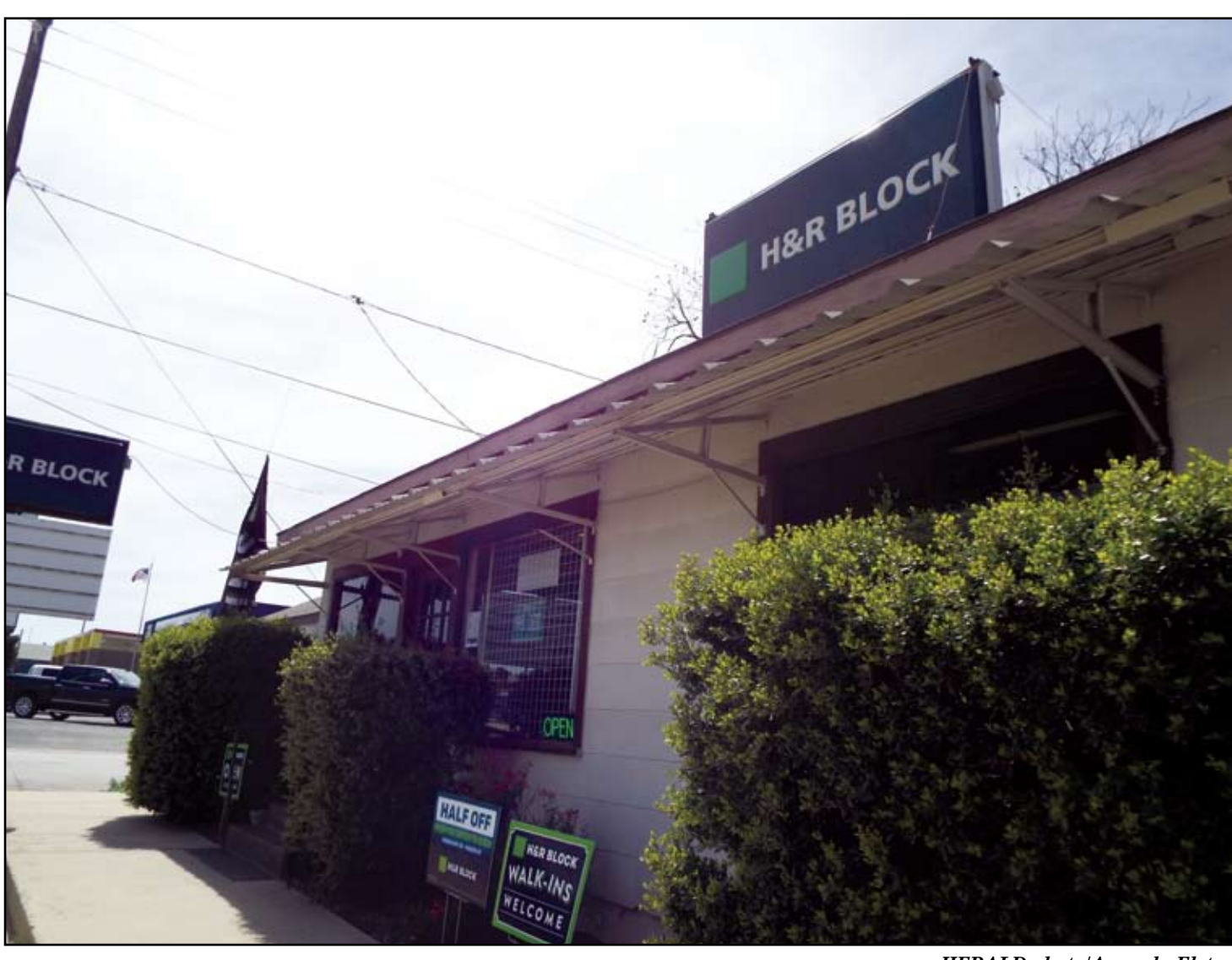
By **AMANDA ELSTON**
Managing Editor

For eight lucky Big Spring families, tax season brought more than just paperwork, it brought a \$1000 prize.

"When we started the contest in January, they (H&R Block) estimated that they would have 1-2 winners per office," explained Tommy Richmond, senior tax advisor and franchisee of the Big Spring H&R Block. "We had eight."

The contest "1,000 Win \$1000 Daily" which ran from January 16 to February 19, gave 1000 people across the nation \$1000 for getting their taxes prepared at an H&R Block. Participants were emailed if they won, and some of the winners were shocked that they did.

"At first I thought it was just spam,"



HERALD photo/Amanda Elston
Eight customers of the Big Spring H&R Block tax return preparation service won the big prize during the company's "1,000 Win \$1,000 Daily" contest.

Cruz embraces Bush's endorsement, says he's best best to beat Clinton

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ted Cruz embraced Jeb Bush's endorsement on Wednesday and claimed he could build a broad coalition capable of beating Hillary Clinton in the fall — if only he can climb past the surging Republican presidential front-runner, Donald Trump.



Cruz

Clinton won in Arizona, maintaining a lopsided advantage over Bernie Sanders in the Democratic race despite his convincing wins in Utah and Idaho on Tuesday night. Trump and Cruz split the previous night's two GOP contests, the billionaire taking Arizona and the Texas senator winning Utah.

Bush, the former Florida governor once considered a mainstream Republican powerhouse, dropped out of the contest in February after weak showings in early primaries. "Ted is a consistent, principled conservative who has shown he can unite the party," he tweeted. Bush added on his Facebook page that Republicans "must overcome the divisiveness and vulgarity Donald Trump has

brought into the political arena" or risk losing to Clinton.

But Cruz has a long climb if he's to catch Trump in the delegate count, and it's even harder with Ohio Gov. John Kasich still in the hunt.

"I think he'd be a tremendous addition to an administration," Cruz said pointedly on CNN, praising the governor's talents while suggesting Kasich should get out of his way. Mitt Romney, the 2012 nominee and a leading anti-Trump voice, helped Cruz win Utah, a factor cited by the senator in claiming his appeal is growing beyond the very conservative and religious voters who have powered his victories in some primaries and caucuses.

The latest nomination contests unfolded with Belgium reeling from deadly attacks. Contenders in both parties tried to convince voters they can best protect the U.S. from terrorists. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for blasts in Brussels that left dozens dead and many more wounded.

"This is about not only selecting a president, but also selecting a commander in

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PTSD counseling services available

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
Managing Editor

For those coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), finding resources to help handle the symptoms can be tough. Although typically associated with servicemen and women, the disorder can impact civilians as well. After realizing how sparse the resources were for those who suffer from PTSD, former Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker and local Cub Scout leader Gary Tidwell are now offering a support group for the community.

"Contrary to popular belief, while it has become almost epidemic within our military, PTSD is actually more common in the civilian population than it is in the military," explained Tidwell.

PTSD is a disorder that is

developed in those that have either seen or lived through a shocking or dangerous event, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Symptoms include flashbacks, bad dreams, a racing heart, sweating, and frightening thoughts and can interfere with day-to-day life. Other symptoms include feeling emotionally numb, strong guilt, depression, or worry, staying away from specific things or events, having trouble remembering the event, and losing interest in activities.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SHILO ZOE RAWLS**, 26, of 901 Sgt. Paredez was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- **DAVID RIOS**, 29, of 711 Creighton St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MATTHEW DEAN STEPHENSON**, 38, of 2608 Ent Dr. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and a warrant from another agency.
- **TIERA WARE**, 26, of 100 S. Cottonwood St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **TIMOTEO ENRIQUEZ**, 52, of 2438 Whitmire Blvd. #27H, Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RAMONDA LYNN JONES**, 35, of 308 Holly was arrested on charge of criminal mischief, less than \$100 and a warrant for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR.**, 30, of

12175 N. Co. Rd. 9, Knott, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 32, of 1408 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **APOLLO ALLEN DUNLAP**, 26, of 2312 Williams Rd. was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of Holly and the 1400 block of Bluebird St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2500 block of E. 24th St., the 2600 block of Rebecca Dr. and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 300 block of W. I-20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on N. County Road 9.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DOMINGO CRUZ ARREDONDO**, 22, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to dim headlights, driving while license invalid, driving while intoxicated - 2nd offense and violate promise to appear.
- **ERIC RASHAD BARGERON**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- **JUAN MANUEL BARRERA JR.**, 42, was booked by the RSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams and driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.
- **RICHARD ANTHONY BOYD**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **JAIME CARRASCO**, 19, was booked by the RSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespass of a habit/shelter.
- **APOLLO ALLEN DUNLAP**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no license plate light

and violate promise to appear.

- **TIMOTEO ENRIQUEZ**, 52, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID FRANCIS GREENWOOD**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- **RAMONDA LYNN JONES**, 35, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief, less than \$100 and a warrant for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **JULIO MARCOS OLVERA**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR.**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **SHILO ZOE RAWLS**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- **DAVID RIOS**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of services, more than \$100 but less than \$750.
- **MATTHEW DEAN STEPHENSON**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and theft.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for harassment.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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.

Obituaries

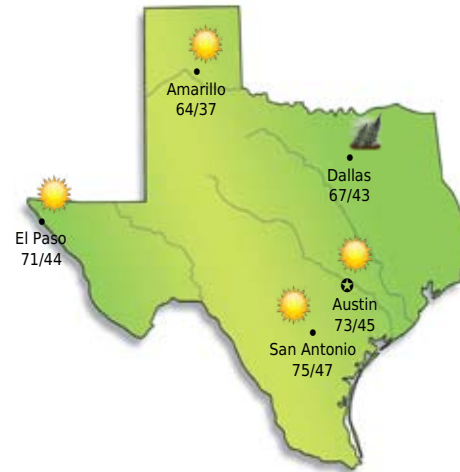
Eddie Raney

Eddie Raye Raney, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 21, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 3/24	Fri 3/25	Sat 3/26	Sun 3/27	Mon 3/28
 68/42 Sunny. High 68F. Winds NNW at 10 to 15 mph.	 78/47 Sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	 82/43 Windy with sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s.	 66/40 Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 74/49 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	83	43	Sunny/Wind	Kingsville	88	66	Cloudy/Wind
Amarillo	63	31	Sunny/Wind	Livingston	77	58	Cloudy
Austin	83	56	Cloudy	Longview	75	54	Cloudy
Beaumont	77	66	Cloudy	Lubbock	70	36	Sunny/Wind
Brownsville	82	68	P Clody/Wind	Lufkin	77	56	Cloudy
Brownwood	87	45	Cloudy	Midland	79	42	Sunny
Corpus Christi	79	66	M Clody/Wind	Raymondville	88	69	Cloudy/Wind
Corsicana	80	52	Cloudy/Wind	Rosenberg	77	65	Cloudy
Dallas	84	50	Cloudy/Wind	San Antonio	85	59	Cloudy
Del Rio	91	56	Cloudy	San Marcos	82	55	Cloudy
El Paso	71	42	Clear/Wind	Sulphur Springs	76	50	Cloudy/Wind
Fort Stockton	81	42	Sunny	Sweetwater	81	43	Sunny
Gainesville	83	44	M Clody/Wind	Tyler	76	53	Cloudy
Houston	79	48	Cloudy/Wind	Weatherford	86	46	Cloudy/Wind
	78	67	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	85	45	Sunny

Lottery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — These Texas lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

All or Nothing Day
02-03-04-05-08-09-10-12-14-16-17-18

All or Nothing Evening
01-03-04-06-08-09-12-14-15-18-20-24

All or Nothing Morning
01-05-07-10-12-14-15-16-17-18-19-22

All or Nothing Night
01-02-04-06-08-11-13-16-19-20-22-23

Cash 5
04-05-18-31-32

Daily 4 Day
0-4-2-3, Sum It Up: 9

Daily 4 Evening
6-5-5-4

Daily 4 Night
8-1-2-9, Sum It Up: 20

Mega Millions
06-19-34-38-70, Mega Ball: 5, Megaplier: 5
Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

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0-1-2

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Take note

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

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 1/2 Main St.

All Masons are welcome.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

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

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

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) March 28 and 29.

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

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. Contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346.

Odds and ends

DIY mayor repaints, buys cleaning machine for his new office

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania mayor took it upon himself to spruce up his office before he was sworn in.

The Standard-Speaker says Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat used his own money and elbow grease to paint his office earlier this year. He also bought a carpet-cleaning machine.

Now, he's using money from a nonprofit fund he created to spruce up the paint in the hallways at City Hall.

Once that's finished, the mayor is hoping the Greater Hazleton Historical Society and the Hazleton Art League will help create displays to spruce up the hallways.

Not a happy hour as beer, chips spill onto Florida highway

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — It wasn't a happy hour for some central Florida drivers when trucks carrying Busch beer and Frito Lay chips collided, spilling them both along Interstate 95.

The crash happened early Wednesday morning near Melbourne.

Florida Highway Patrol spokeswoman Kim Montes said in statement that Zachary Basinger of Melbourne had stopped his Frito Lay box truck onto the right shoulder.

Roberto Ferrer Rodriguez of Miami told troopers he was trying to move his beer truck into the center lane but saw another vehicle and swerved back into the right lane. His truck struck the chips truck.

The Frito Lay truck overturned. The beer and chips spilled onto the highway.

80-year-old pot dealer gets 10 years after colorful history

BOSTON (AP) — An 80-year-old man who ran a sprawling marijuana-dealing operation that covered several states, with records going back to 1992, was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Marshall Dion pleaded guilty last year to drug and money-laundering charges, and Tuesday's sentencing in Massachusetts was the latest chapter in a long, colorful history with law enforcement.

In 1985, he crashed a single-engine plane he was piloting in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, breaking both his ankles. When sheriff's deputies arrived, he was crawling along a muddy field as money floated in the air. The government was allowed to keep nearly \$112,000 in cash recovered from the crash scene after a judge found it was likely drug proceeds, but Dion was not charged criminally.

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chief," Clinton said in Seattle as she condemned Trump by name and denounced his embrace of torture and hardline rhetoric aimed at Muslims. "The last thing we need is leaders who incite more fear." Trump, in turn,

branded Clinton as "incompetent Hillary" as he discussed her tenure as secretary of state. "Incompetent Hillary doesn't know what she's talking about," he told Fox News. "She doesn't have a clue."

Cruz said authorities should be empowered to "patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become

radicalized," drawing a sharp rebuke from Muslim Americans and civil rights groups.

The victories for Sanders and Cruz kept the front-runners from dominating another election night, but both Clinton and Trump maintained a comfortable lead in the race for delegates who decide the presidential nominations.

In London, a senior British counter-terrorism police officer condemned Trump's assertion on the "Good Morning Britain" TV show that that British Muslims are not reporting extremists in their communities to police. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu told BBC Radio on Wednesday that Trump's com-

ments are wrong and could raise tensions.

"If we demonize one section of the community, that is the worst thing we can do," he said. "We are absolutely playing into the terrorists' hands of making people feel hate."

Trump's brash tone appeared to turn off some Republican voters in Utah, where Cruz claimed more than half of the caucus vote — and with it, all 40 of Utah's delegates.

Yet that wouldn't make up for Trump's haul in Arizona, where he earned the state's entire trove of 58 delegates.

The win in Arizona

gave Trump a little less than half of the Republican delegates allocated so far. That's still short of the majority needed to clinch the nomination before the party's national convention this summer.

However, Trump has a path to the nomination if he continues to win states that award all or most of their delegates to the winner.

Overall, Trump has accumulated 739 delegates, Cruz has 465 and Kasich 143. It takes 1,237 delegates to win the GOP nomination.

On the Democratic side, Clinton's delegate advantage is even greater than Trump's.

PTSD

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"While we still lag behind in providing our veterans with PTSD the support and treatment they need, there is even less help available for non-veterans," said Tidwell. "Until now,

there has been no support group available for those in Big Spring and the surrounding area with PTSD outside of the VA system." (The VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center hosts a PTSD support group at 6:30 on Thursdays.)

According to Web-

MD, PTSD is the consequence of such traumatic ordeals such as the unexpected death of a loved one, a sexual or physical assault, an accident, war, or a natural accident, among other things.

The PTSD group will meet at 7 pm on Monday evenings at Hillcrest

Baptist Church in Big Spring.

"All information shared during groups, including the names of those in attendance, will be considered confidential," said Tidwell.

For more information about PTSD or the support group, call 432-517-0104 or 432-213-2321.

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said one winner back in February. "When I called to see if it was true, I was so excited."

The eight winners, including James Carrillo, Bruce Bernal, Kayla Sigmon, Jordan Bernal, Christa Isham, Joe Viera, along with two other winners, came in and picked up their checks throughout January and February, and according to Richmond, were quite excited. But even though the contest is over, the tax preparation company is still as busy as ever. Richmond, who first opened Big Spring's H&R Block back in 1991, has had right at 1,700 people come in to have their taxes prepared during the 2016 season.

"We have a good repu-

tation," said Richmond. "We are good at what we do and we have good employees."

And for those who haven't done their taxes in a while, there is some good news. According to Richmond, if you've been skipping out on the yearly tax season for a while, you can still come in at anytime to have them done.

"You can definitely still come in if you haven't been doing them (your taxes)," said Richmond. "Just bring in a copy of your income for those years and we can help you out."

The cost of preparing your taxes at H&R Block depends on what your refund is and starts at \$59, according to Richmond. Although

the company is mainly open during tax season, which lasts until April 18, you can make appointments during the "off season" when H&R Block is open six to eight hours a week.

"We are open six days a week during tax season," said Richmond. "But you can definitely make appointments year round."

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DAILY PRAYER

With You, Lord, we can widen our scope and view of our life.

Amen.

Saying goodbye to Big Spring

Someone once defined “mixed emotions” as the feeling you experience watching your new

Mercedes go over a cliff—with your mother-in-law in it. Since I was blessed with the world’s greatest mother-in-law, I never got much of a kick out of that particular humourism, but it does seem to illustrate how the human heart can be emotionally divided. Educators have a much more accurate definition attached to a specific word meaning, “the coexistence within an individual of positive and negative feelings toward the same person, object, or action, simultaneously drawing him or her in opposite directions.” That word is ambivalence. Regardless of which word or definition suits your tastes best, I am writing today’s “I column as I see ‘em” with a divided heart.

Almost four and a half years ago I walked in, without an appointment, to visit with the editor of the Big Spring Herald about a crazy idea I had; writing a column for their newspaper. I had done a little creative writing in my time but never anything of this genre. It was a most enjoyable reception I received from the late Bill McLellan and my idea was discussed with warm, albeit limited, enthusiasm. After all, Bill had never seen anything I had written and, in fact, had never even met me before that historic self-appointed occasion. Nevertheless, he listened to my ideas and told me to give it a shot and he would decide.

I will always remember his response to one particular chapter of my introduction and sales pitch when I said, “Even though I am a pastor, I don’t plan to write a “religious” column. If they want to hear me preach they can come to my church any given Sunday”. I then felt like he needed further assurance of my qualifications and concern for the integrity of his beloved paper so I offered, “I will be careful to

not write about anything controversial”. No matter how long I live, I will always remember him giving me a sly little grin and saying, “Oh, we like controversy!”

I laughed and said, “Yeah, I guess you do. But you’re trying to sell newspapers and I’m trying to influence some folks for Christ.” We then shared a genuine moment of appreciating each other’s stance and from that day to this, I have been privileged to be a humble contributor on the Op-Ed page of this fine newspaper each and every Wednesday for more than four very enjoyable years. Let the record reflect that I consider it one of the highlights of my life and I am deeply indebted to all the great folks at the Herald that have supported, encouraged, and tolerated me through this adventure.

So, back to the mixed emotions thing. It is with a genuinely aching heart that Leah and I will be leaving Big Spring to accept a new assignment in our ministry, and today’s column will mark the end of my Herald writing career. For the sake of satisfying whatever curiosity you may have about it, we have accepted the Senior Pastor position at the Living Word Church of God in Bonham, Texas. Our move will be completed with a couple of days of this publication.

We have sincerely enjoyed calling Big Spring our home for more than five years. The Grace Fellowship Church of God family will always hold a special place in our hearts. They have been loving, supportive and faithful as we have worked, laughed, worshiped and ministered together through the sunshine and the rain. Our decision to leave had absolutely nothing to do with dissatisfaction with our fine church. “Grace is the place” has been one of my favorite declarations and I thank God for the honor and privilege of partnering with them during this season in mine and Leah’s life and ministry. In fact, the church is doing very well right now in every area and if I lived anywhere near Big Spring and did not have a “church home”, I would certainly give them the opportunity to prove that Grace

Fellowship is a church to come home to. (I am referencing the Grace Fellowship Church of God on Tulane Avenue in College Park, not another church bearing a similar name nearby)

We have also forged lasting and treasured friendships in this fine community and we will be leaving a part of our lives in Howard County when we make our departure in just a couple of days. I wish I could personally thank every person who has touched my life, influenced me, or just simply been a friend while we have called Big Spring home. Business owners, fellow ministers, and the good people of this community have been special to us and have made our time here a memory to embrace and cherish.

I’m sure I haven’t changed the world with these weekly literary journeys, but it has been a fun ride and I hope somewhere along the line I may have entertained you or prompted you to think, reflect, laugh or perhaps cry as I simply shared with you what was going on in my head as I pecked away at my 21st century “typewriter”.

Once again, I want to express my most sincere thanks to all the fine folks at the Herald. They all made me feel like a VIP any time I visited them and I will always remember you with fondness. A special thanks to Rick, Steve (who, more than once, encouraged me to keep ‘em coming), Kim, and Amanda for all of your encouragement and support. You’re all great and I appreciate your friendship.

If you could find a moment and feel disposed to do so, I would really love to hear from you, good or bad. My email address is printed below and I would consider it an honor to hear from some of you who have been my readers. Thanks again, Big Spring, and God Bless America!

You may not agree with anything I’ve said, but I column as I see ‘em.

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Government spending on autopilot

My car was towed from an area near a train station in San Francisco last month. I had parked in front of a small “No Parking” sign that I had not seen. I spent an hour looking for my car and calling an attendant who didn’t answer the phone. When someone finally answered, she told me my car had been towed. It cost me \$350.

At least I could afford to pay to get my car back. California is filled with people who are one traffic ticket away from losing their means of independent transportation. They get a ticket for a busted taillight or a small-change moving violation. On paper, the fine is \$100, but with surcharges, it adds up to a lot more. People who cannot pay often do not show up in court — which drives up the cost. According to the Judicial Council of California, about 612,000 Californians have suspended driver’s licenses because they didn’t pay fines. In 2013, more people — 510,811 — had their licenses suspended for not paying fines than the 150,366 who had lost their licenses for drunken driving.

“For a lot of people, the car is the only asset they own in this whole damn world,” noted Mike Herald of the Western Center on Law & Poverty. “When you take their car, you’re taking the thing that helps them make money.”

Herald is an author of a report — about how traffic courts drive inequality — that helped prompt

Gov. Jerry Brown to institute an 18-month amnesty program to deliver Californians from a “hellhole of desperation.” Under the program, Californians can get their outstanding fines reduced by 50 percent — or 80 percent if they make 125 percent of the federal poverty level or less. The amnesty program does not apply to parking tickets, reckless driving or drunken driving.

This is one of those issues that unite activists on the left and the right. The Western Center on Law & Poverty sees how the system crushes the working poor. Conservatives also see excessive fines and penalties as backdoor tax increases that lawmakers employ because they don’t need to sell them to voters. In December, Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, joined U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch at the White House for an event that lauded the Brown amnesty program.

“We’ve turned too many of the police into tax collectors and wonder why they don’t have strong relations with the community,” Norquist said, according to NBC News. When people can’t pay fines in California, it means they have to forfeit their licenses. It’s deceptive advertising; a \$100 fine can front for an extra \$390 in add-ons. The price tag can grow exponentially if unpaid and lead to losing one’s license.

The penalty is harsh and crushing on the poor, but these fees also are undeserved for the middle class. If Sacramento wants to levy a \$490 fine for moving violations, let lawmakers put honest numbers on their legislation — instead of pretending that the fine is \$100. Alas, the Legislature has found that hidden fees

are a handy way to finance the court system without voting to raise tax revenue. It’s the easy road.

And though judges might claim that they never asked for this system, they have been able to use the threat of driver’s license suspension as leverage to make Californians pony up.

The practice of throwing in extra sources of revenue is so ingrained in Sacramento that there is a \$50 amnesty program fee. That’s right; if you want to pay off unpaid traffic fines that have ballooned because of hidden fees, first you have to pay another (albeit smaller) hidden fee.

“They’re a little tone-deaf,” Herald told me. Fellow activists explained that the \$50 fee “is a barrier,” but to no avail.

If a private corporation advertised a \$100 payment for something that really costs \$500, California Attorney General Kamala Harris probably would go after the corporation for false advertising. If a credit card company boosted its fees the way the courts do, activists would call the practice usury. If the police yanked people’s driver’s licenses because they didn’t pay a \$100 fine, the public would regard such a harsh penalty as excessive force. Yet Sacramento has codified a system that commits all three sins and it’s perfectly legal. Really, is there anything more brutal than government on autopilot?

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EDDY PRINCE



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Check this out: What's at the library

Hoping all of you parents survived Spring break! Now it's time to catch up on your reading. I have many non-fiction books to tell you about this week. "One Nation" by Ben Carson, MD (306.097 CAR B) is a message about what we can all do to save America's future. Carson believes the danger of our nation's decline is greater than ever. The growing debt and deteriorating morals have driven us far from the founders' intent. He also thinks that we seem to have lost our ability to discuss important issues calmly and respectfully regardless of party affiliation or other differences. Because of reckless spending, godless government and mean-spirited attempts to silence critics, he felt he had no choice but to write this book in hope of appealing to every American's decency and common sense. With everyone's help, he believes that America may once again be "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



MONICA MARTINEZ

"Failures of Imagination" by Michael McCaul (363.325 MCC M) is a compelling and action-packed narrative that outlines realistic scenarios that could inflict more damage on the nation than any attack we've yet faced. McCaul explains how our vulnerabilities were created, why our enemies are actively contemplating them, and what we can do to solve them before it's too late.

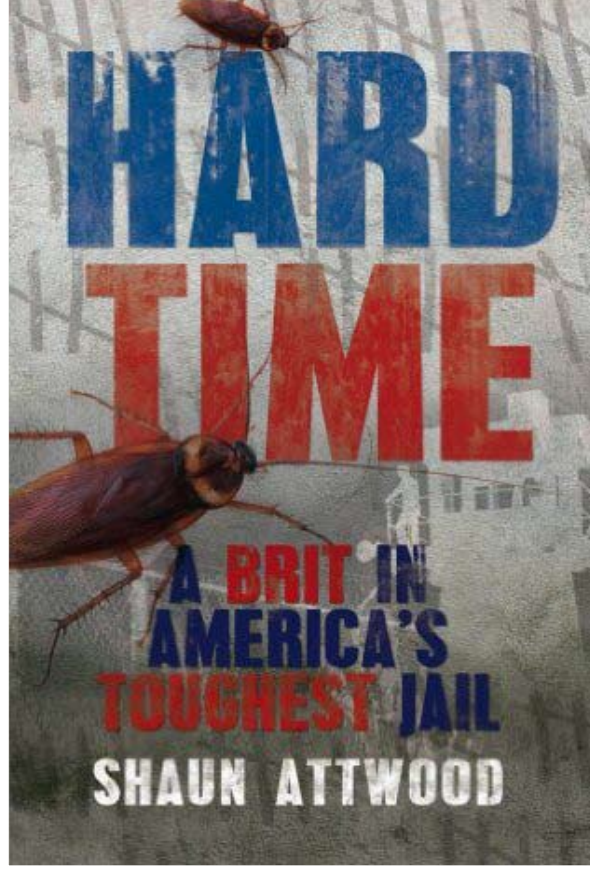
In "Mercy of the Sky" (363.34 BAI H), Holly Bailey tells the riveting story of one of the worst tornadoes on record that landed a direct hit on her hometown Moore, Okla. She tells the story from several points of view: the principal and teachers struggling to calm their students as the twister heads right for them; the mayor who knows the drill of tornado safety but realizes this storm is different; the legendary weatherman determined to use his high-tech radar images to warn people in the path of the storm; and the scientists at the National Weather Service headquarters who chase storms with millions of dollars of equipment but still can't predict when and where a twister will form. Bailey tells a dramatic, page-turning story about a small group of people who must survive the elements-or die.

"Hard Time" by Shaun Attwood (365.609 ATT S) is the harrowing account of the 26 months Shaun, a millionaire day trader whose hedonistic lifestyle of drugs and parties landed him in the notorious Maricopa Jail-run by Sheriff Joe Arpaio, aka The Angel of Death. Attwood's remarkable story provides a revealing look at the brutal, tragic, and even darkly comical aspects of life in the country's toughest jail.

If alcohol and addiction is holding you back from achieving the results

you want in life, the "The 30-Day Sobriety Solution" by Jack Canfield and Dave Andrews (616.891 CAN J) is the answer you need. Whether your goal is to cut back, quit for good, or create renewed inspiration in your existing recovery, here is a simple, straightforward action plan that works. As your desire to drink disappears, you free yourself: You find your voice, your self-respect, and you unlock your true inner power for all to see.

Do you have the opportunity to do what you do best every day? Chances are, you don't. All too often, our natural talents go untapped. We devote more time fixing our shortcomings than developing our strengths. "Strengths Finder 2.0" by Tom Rath (658.409 RAT T) unveils hundreds of strategies for applying your strengths. This book and accompanying website will change the way you look at yourself-and the world around you-forever.



members are involved with youngsters in Austin schools, and routinely visit area children's hospitals.

Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger transform a nearly forgotten slice of history into a dramatic story that will keep you turning the pages to find out what happens next in their book, "Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates" (973.460 KIL B). This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Islamic powers and what happened when America's third president decided to stand up to intimidation. As a diplomat and then as secretary of state, Jefferson had tried to work with the Barbary States, but found it impossible to negotiate with people who believed their religion justified the plunder and enslavement of non-Muslims. President Jefferson decided to move beyond diplomacy and sent the U.S. Navy's new warships and a detachment of

United States for some two thousand miles, and terminated after crossing the Canadian border. "Finding the Great Western Trail" documents the first multi-community effort made to recover evidence and verify the route of the Great Western Trail. It stands as a record of each community's efforts to uncover their own local history. What began as bravado transformed into a grass-roots project that, one hopes, will bring the previously obscured history of the Great Western Trail to light.

Since I got carried away on the non-fictions, I will tell you about one of the mystery books we acquired and save the fictions for next week. "Doing Harm" by Kelly Parsons (M PAR K) marks the gripping debut of a medical-thriller master. This chilling and compelling thriller takes you into the hospital, detailing the politics and hierarchy among doctors as well as the life-and-death decisions that are made by flawed human beings.

I leave you with this quote from Oprah: "Reading is a way for me to expand my mind, open my eyes, and fill up my heart." So come checkout a book and expand your mind, open your eyes, and fill your heart.

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er. "One Heartbeat II" by Mack Brown and Bill Little (796.332 BRO M) tells of the remarkable record of a head football coach that reflects success at every level, including the rare accomplishment of building top-ten programs at two different institutions. Mack Brown became the winningest coach in college football for the 10-year period from 1996 through 2005. He arrived at Texas in 1998 and immediately began restoring the Longhorn program, producing winning teams and energizing the fans with a positive attitude. He formed a bond with Texas high school coaches and embraced Texas tradition by honoring former Longhorn players and coaches. Brown challenged his players to excel both on the playing field and in the classroom. Team

Marines to blockade Tripoli, launching the Barbary Wars and beginning America's journey toward future superpower status.

"Finding the Great Western Trail" by Sylvia Gann Mahoney (978 MAH S) is the story of finding and marking a nineteenth-century cattle trail that originated in northern Mexico, ran west parallel to the Chisholm Trail, traversed the

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Broadcaster identifies 2 suspects in attacks

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgian authorities were searching Wednesday for a top suspect in the country's deadliest attacks in decades, as the European Union's capital awoke under guard and with limited public transport after 34 were killed in bombings on the Brussels airport and a subway station.

Police conducted raids into the night and circulated a photo of three men seen in the airport suspected of involvement in Tuesday's attacks.

Belgian state broadcaster RTBF has identified two of the attackers as brothers Khalid and Brahim Bakraoui. They are believed to have blown themselves up in the attacks.

The third man is at large and has not been identified.

The report Wednesday says the brothers were known to police for past crimes, but nothing relating to terrorism. RTBF says Khalid El Bakraoui had rented an apartment which was raided by police last week in an operation that led authorities to top Paris attacks suspect Salah Abdeslam.

Cruz's comments after attack criticized by Muslims, others

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Presidential candidate Ted Cruz's call for increased surveillance in Muslim neighborhoods following the deadly bombings in Brussels drew sharp rebukes from Muslim Americans and civil rights groups, which panned the Republican's proposal as unconstitutional and counterproductive.

Cruz said Tuesday that law enforcement should be empowered to "patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized." Echoing earlier statements from rival Donald Trump, Cruz also said the U.S. should stop the flow of refugees from countries where the Islamic State militant group has a significant presence. The Islamic State took credit for the attacks at the Brussels airport and a subway station that killed dozens Tuesday and wounded many more.

Muslims across the county and groups including the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Anti-Defamation League condemned Cruz's statements, but many said such a reaction was nothing new. Advocacy groups have said for months that the Islamic-extremist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino and the intensifying rhetoric in the presidential campaign have ratcheted up animosity against American Muslims.

"We believe we are part of the society. We have the same ideology as mainstream Americans," said Osman Ahmed, a resident of a Somali neighborhood in Minneapolis. "I don't think the ideology of surveillance of a Muslim community neighborhood is the right thing to do. That will send a message that Muslim Americans are not a part of American society ...

and that's the message that terrorism groups are willing to hear."

Trump, who has proposed a temporary ban on foreign Muslims entering the U.S., praised Cruz's plan as a "good idea" that he supports "100 percent" in an interview with CNN. The Republican front-runner also intensified his past calls for the U.S. to engage in harsher interrogation techniques, arguing that Belgium could have prevented the bombings had it tortured a suspect in last year's Paris attacks who was arrested last week.

In Buenos Aires, Obama aims to boost Argentina's new leader

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — After years of anti-American posturing by its leader, Argentina has a new president whose outstretched hand has been eagerly accepted by the United States. President Barack Obama will reward the South American nation on Wednesday with a state visit aimed at keeping that promising trajectory on track.

Obama has made no secret of his preference for Argentine President Mauricio Macri over his left-leaning predecessor, Cristina Fernandez, whose meandering missives were a source of frequent frustration and eye-rolling in the White House. So Obama was all too glad to see her replaced in December by Macri, who has affably accepted U.S. help with his mission to modernize Argentina's struggling economy.

"President Macri recognizes that we're in a new era, and we have to look forward," Obama said ahead of his trip.

Obama arrived in Buenos Aires for his two-day visit in the middle of the night. After a few hours' sleep, he was heading to Casa Rosada, the Argentine president's pink-hued offices, for a welcome ceremony and meeting. The two planned to hold a joint news conference before Obama lays a wreath at the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Cathedral.

Obama planned to hear from young Argentinians later at a town hall meeting, in what's become a hallmark of his trips abroad. Joined by first lady Michelle Obama, the president was to be feted by Macri at a state dinner in the evening, marking the first such visit by a U.S. president in nearly two decades.

Kerry off to Russia for Syria talks after attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry is heading to Moscow for talks on Ukraine and Syria as the attacks against Brussels underscored the urgency of fighting the Islamic State group.

Kerry departed Washington late Tuesday after accompanying President Barack Obama to Cuba and speaking by phone from Havana with the Belgian foreign minister to offer condolences for the victims of the attacks and any assistance Brussels

might need. The attacks were claimed by the Islamic State group and have highlighted the threat the group poses outside of its territory in Iraq and Syria.

In talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Thursday, Kerry is to discuss the fragile truce in Syria that is hoped will spark UN-brokered peace talks amid disagreements over how to verify and respond to alleged violations, the State Department said. His visit was arranged following Putin's surprise announcement last week of Russia's partial military withdrawal from Syria.

Now that the truce is in place, Kerry will be seeking clarity from Putin and Lavrov as to where Russia stands on a political transition for Syria, particularly on the future of President Bashar Assad, according to U.S. officials. One senior official said it was now time to get down to "brass tacks" on Assad. The official was not authorized to preview Kerry's trip and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Russia on Monday warned the United States that it will start responding unilaterally to cease-fire violations in Syria if the U.S. refuses to coordinate rules of engagement against violators.

The State Department, however, insisted that Moscow and Washington are working constructively to monitor the truce. The department also warned Russia against taking unilateral action in response to alleged violations.

Heroin overdose antidote offers hope for vulnerable inmates

DENVER (AP) — When he was a teenager, Lee Gonzales could not save his uncle from a heroin overdose. Now he worries that the same drug could kill him after he gets out of jail.

As Gonzales remembers, he had roused his uncle from previous heroin stupors by propping him up and splashing water on his face.

But there was no one around to help that day. And there was nothing available like the bright orange prescription bottle the 32-year-old heroin addict held in his hand on a recent morning.

"This is enough medicine to save

somebody, huh?" Gonzales said, fiddling with the nasal inhaler as a doctor sat with him in a cinderblock interview room in Denver's downtown jail.

Similar scenes are unfolding in a growing number of jails and prisons across the country as health officials train soon-to-be-released inmates to use the overdose-reversal drug naloxone to save others and sometimes themselves.

Dr. Joshua Blum teaches inmates about the nasal spray, which can undo the effects of an opiate overdose almost instantly. Blum told Gonzales, who was jailed on theft warrants, he could take the antidote with him when he is freed.

Taiwan takes media on tour of South China Sea island claim

TAIPING ISLAND (AP) — Taiwan flew international media to its largest island holding in the South China Sea on Wednesday in a bid to reinforce its territorial claims in the disputed and increasingly tense region.

Deputy Foreign Minister Bruce Linghu, who was leading the trip, said he intended to demonstrate that Taiping is an island capable of sustaining human habitation, and not simply a "rock" as the Philippines claims in a case brought before the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Islands are entitled to territorial waters, an exclusive economic zone and other rights not enjoyed by mere rocks.

Two dozen journalists were flown to the island aboard a Taiwanese air force C-130 transport plane that landed on an airstrip on Taiping guarded by coast guard sentries with rifles. They were shown the island's post office and its fresh water well, and were to later visit the harbor and a traditional Chinese temple.

The Philippines, along with Vietnam, also claims Taiping. Critics say Manila is seeking to have Taiping designated a rock to avoid having to share an exclusive economic zone with its own nearby island of Palawan.

The Philippines "distorted the facts and misinterpreted the law" in its arguments, Linghu told reporters at a pre-trip briefing Tuesday in Taipei, Taiwan's capital.

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News in brief

Remains of 3 suspected smuggled immigrants found in Texas

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Law enforcement officers in South Texas have found the remains of three people suspected of being smuggled immigrants.

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection statement announced the deaths Wednesday and blamed the deaths on human smuggling. Authorities are trying to identify the individuals discovered last weekend.

Border Patrol agents working near Sarita (suh-REE'-tuh) were notified by Kenedy County sheriff's deputies that they found a dead female. The body was transported to a funeral home.

Agents were also alerted to skeletal remains found near Riviera. The remains were sent to a forensics lab. Officials didn't immediately say who found the remains.

Texas woman's 3 teens held in slaying of her boyfriend, 40

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Three Houston-area teenagers have been arrested following the fatal shooting of their mother's boyfriend during an argument while she was at work.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office says 40-year-old Bennett White was found dead Tuesday at the family's home in Richmond.

Deputies arrested the suspects — ages 19, 17 and 16 — after responding to what was initially reported as a home invasion robbery. Sheriff's spokesman Bob Haenel (HAN'-el) says the incident turned out to be a deadly domestic dispute.

The two older teens — a male and a female — remained in custody Wednesday charged with murder in adult court. Their 16-year-old brother was in juvenile custody facing the same charge.

Appeals court sets May 24 re-hearing in Texas voter ID case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court in New Orleans has set a May 24 date for its re-hearing of a Texas voter ID law.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal had ruled in August that the law violates parts of the Voting Rights Act. But a majority of the full 15-member court decided earlier this month to reconsider the issue.

The May 24 hearing date was set Tuesday.

The 2011 Texas law requires 14.6 million registered voters to show picture identification at the polls.

Supporters say it prevents fraud. Opponents argue that it's intended to make voting tougher for older, poor and minority voters who tend to support Democrats and are less likely to have the mandated forms of identification.

Grand jury: Kerrville police justified in man's killing

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — A grand jury has determined that the fatal shooting of a Kerrville man by police responding to a domestic violence

call was justified.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that Kerrville police shot 47-year-old Steven Norton on Aug. 16 after they say he fired at authorities from the porch of his home. He later died at a San Antonio hospital.

Assistant District Attorney Lucy Wilke said Tuesday that a Kerr County grand jury examined evidence in the case last week and found no criminal conduct by police and concluded that officers' use of deadly force was justified.

Wilke said an investigation by Texas Ranger Kevin Wright didn't identify which of the four officers involved fired the fatal shot because the bullet had disintegrated.

East Texas woman fatally shot when child picks up rifle

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — Authorities say an East Texas woman was fatally shot after an 8-year-old boy picked up a rifle and it accidentally discharged at a home.

Anderson County Sheriff Greg Taylor says the boy picked up a rifle while in a room with the woman's husband, who was cleaning weapons Saturday. The bullet hit 23-year-old Carmen Danielle Morris in the head. She was in another room.

The Elkhart woman died Sunday at a hospital.

Taylor said the boy was a relative of Morris' husband but was not the couple's child.

Taylor says it's believed the incident was a tragic accident.

Arraignment set for pianist's wife accused in kids' deaths

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The estranged wife of an internationally known pianist is set to be arraigned in Texas on charges that she killed the couple's young daughters.

The hearing is set for Wednesday morning for Sofya Tsygankova, accused of capital murder in the deaths of 5-year-old Nika Kholodenko and 1-year-old Michela Kholodenko.

Vadym Kholodenko (vuh-DEEM' koh-loh-DEN'-koh) discovered the bodies of his daughters last Thursday at the Benbrook home the children shared with their mother. Tsygankova had wounds on her wrist and chest and was first taken to a hospital. She was booked into jail Tuesday.

Police say Tsygankova sought mental treatment the day before the girls were found dead.

Tsygankova's attorney, Joetta Keene, said she plans to plead not guilty on behalf of Tsygankova at the arraignment.

Texas man killed wife, 2 kids before killing self

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — A man fatally shot two children and his wife before killing himself in the North Texas town of Sherman.

Sherman police were called to the home Monday on a welfare check and found them all dead. Police on Tuesday said that 36-year-old Malachi Russler died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police say he shot to death 39-year-old Kelly Russler, 7-year-old Laing Russler and 10-year-old Jayden Evans.

Police did not know what led to Mal-

achi Russler's actions.

The Herald Democrat in Sherman reports that Kelly Russler filed for divorce in December. The couple had been married since 2010 and had one child, Laing.

Police did not have details on the relationship of Evans to the couple.

Texas man executed for killing city code enforcement worker

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas man on death row for killing a worker who was on his property looking for city code violations was put to death Tuesday.

Adam Ward was given a lethal injection for shooting and killing Michael Walker, a code enforcement officer who was taking photos of junk piled outside the Ward family home in Commerce, about 65 miles northeast of Dallas.

Ward had said the 2005 shooting was in self-defense, but the 44-year-old Walker only had a camera and a cellphone.

Ward's attorneys, both at his trial and later for his appeals, described him as delusional and mentally ill. Hours before his execution, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal that argued his mental illness should have disqualified him from the death penalty.

The 33-year-old Ward thanked his supporters, expressed love for his parents and said he hoped "some positive change can come from this."

But he insisted the shooting was not a capital murder case. "This is wrong what's happening. A lot of injustice is happening in all this," he said.

"I'm sorry things didn't work out," he added later. "May God forgive us all."

Bland's mother seeks accountability in ex-trooper's case

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — Sandra Bland's mother says she wants the former Texas trooper who pulled her daughter over last summer to be held accountable for his actions.

Geneva Reed-Veal said Tuesday she's also still seeking answers as to how her daughter could have killed herself in a jail cell in Waller County, northwest of Houston.

She spoke following an arraignment for Brian Encinia, who pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor perjury charge. He stopped Bland for a minor traffic infraction last July and arrested her after their confrontation escalated.

Bland, who was in the process of moving to Texas from the Chicago area, was found hanging in her cell days later. A medical examiner ruled it a suicide.

US urges final approval of \$20 billion BP oil spill pact

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal lawyers on Tuesday formally asked a judge in New Orleans to approve a record-breaking \$20 billion-plus settlement agreement announced last July by the Department of Justice and five Gulf Coast states to resolve years of legal fighting about the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

The settlement included \$5.5 billion in civil Clean Water Act penalties and billions more to cover environmental damage and other claims by the states and local governments.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier had found BP "grossly negligent" in the offshore rig explosion that killed 11 workers.

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Clinton, Trump trade wins with their rivals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under a fresh cloud of overseas violence, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton traded wins with their chief rivals on Tuesday and attacked each other's worldviews as the 2016 presidential contest turned into a clash of would-be commanders in chief.

While both front-runners scored victories in the night's biggest prize of Arizona, Democratic challenger Bernie Sanders won caucuses in Utah and Idaho and Republican Ted Cruz claimed his party's caucuses in Utah.

The victories kept Clinton and Trump from dominating another election night, but they both maintained a comfortable lead in the race for delegates that decide the presidential nominations.

Long lines and frenzied interest marked primary elections across the three Western states as the world grappled with a new wave of bloody attacks in Europe. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for blasts in Brussels that left dozens dead and many more wounded.

"This is about not only selecting a president, but also selecting a commander in chief," Clinton said in Seattle as she condemned Trump by name and denounced his embrace of torture and hard-line rhetoric aimed at Muslims. "The last thing we need is leaders who incite more fear."

Trump, in turn, branded Clinton as "Incompetent Hil-



lary" as he discussed her tenure as secretary of state. "Incompetent Hillary doesn't know what she's talking about," the billionaire businessman said in an interview with Fox News. "She doesn't have a clue."

The back-and-forth between the front-runners came on a day when voters were eager to make their voices heard in the 2016 election.

In Utah, caucus-goers were dispatched by poll workers to local stores with orders buy reams of paper and photocopy fresh ballots amid huge turnout. The state Democratic Party's website crashed due to high traffic.

In Arizona, voters waited two hours or more in some

places to cast primary ballots, while police were called to help control traffic.

As voters flooded to the polls, the presidential candidates lashed out at each other's foreign policy prescriptions, showcasing sharp contrasts in confronting the threat of Islamic extremism.

Clinton — and Trump's Republican rivals — questioned the GOP front-runner's temperament and readiness to serve as commander in chief, and condemned his calls to diminish U.S. involvement with NATO.

Addressing cheering supporters in Seattle, Clinton said the attacks in Brussels were a pointed reminder of "how high the stakes are" in

2016.

"We don't build walls or turn our back on our allies," she said. "We can't throw out everything we know about what works and what doesn't and start torturing people."

Cruz seized on Trump's foreign policy inexperience while declaring that the U.S. is at war with the Islamic State group.

"He doesn't have the minimal knowledge one would expect from a staffer at the State Department, much less from the commander in chief," he told reporters. "The stakes are too high for learning on the job."

The debate between the two took a detour late Tuesday night as they engaged in an

unusual Twitter exchange about their wives.

The billionaire warned Cruz he would "spill the beans on your wife" after an anti-Trump group ran an ad in Utah featuring a picture of Trump's wife, Melania, from a photo shoot that ran in GQ magazine more than a decade ago.

Cruz shot back with a tweet of his own, saying in part, "Donald, if you try to attack Heidi, you're more of a coward than I thought."

Trump's brash tone has turned off some Republican voters in Utah, where Cruz claimed more than half of the caucus vote — and with it, all 40 of Utah's delegates.

Yet that wouldn't make up for Trump's haul in Arizona, where he earned the state's entire trove of 58 delegates.

Trump supporter Easton Brady, 19, of Provo, Utah, cheered the billionaire's brash style, even as he acknowledged Trump doesn't play as well in Utah as other parts of the country.

"I think Trump says a lot of dumb things, but he's human," Brady said.

Arizona's win gives Trump a little less than half of the Republican delegates allocated so far. That's still short of the majority needed to clinch the nomination before the party's national convention.

However, Trump has a path to the nomination if he continues to win states that award all or most of their delegates to the winner.

Ryan: 'Disheartening' campaign breeds distrust

WASHINGTON (AP) — This year's political campaigns are discouraging and risk alienating people from government and dimming their hopes for the future, House Speaker Paul Ryan says in a speech aiming to describe "what politics can be."

The remarks by Ryan, R-Wis., come amid campaigns for each party's presidential nomination that have been particularly overheated on the Republican side. GOP front-runner Donald Trump and his party rivals have repeatedly belittled each other with personal insults, while the Democratic contest between former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders has been less confrontational.

"Looking around at what's taking place in politics today, it is easy to get disheartened," Ryan says in excerpts released by his office ahead of a Wednesday speech. "How many of you find yourself just shaking your head at what you see from both sides?"

Ryan said that while skepticism is beneficial, "When people distrust

politics, they come to distrust institutions. They lose faith in their government, and the future, too. We can acknowledge this. But we can't accept it. And we can't enable it either."

The speaker has remained officially neutral in his party's presidential contest so far, even as other GOP leaders have openly searched for ways to prevent Trump from clinching the nomination before the party's July convention in Cleveland.

He has publicly criticized Trump on three occasions without mentioning the billionaire's name: for calling for a ban on Muslim immigrants, failing to strenuously disavow his endorsement by a former Ku Klux Klan leader and fueling anger at political events.

Ryan, his party's 2012 vice presidential nominee, has said he is not interested in running for president should the current candidates falter. He said the same

thing last fall but was eventually talked into becoming speaker after John Boehner, R-Ohio, was hounded from the post by conservatives.

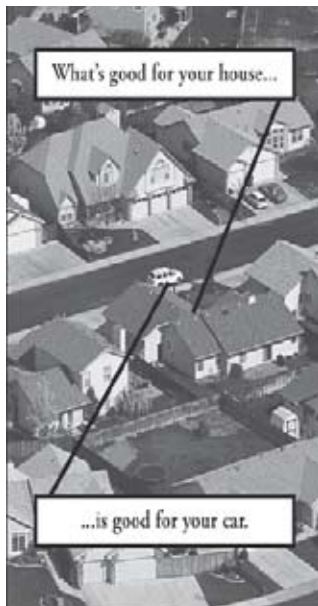
In the excerpts, Ryan said he preferred to focus on "a brighter horizon."

"Instead of talking about what politics is today, I want to talk about what politics can be. I want to talk about what our country can be," he said.

Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong said congressional interns from both parties were being invited to the speech, "young minds getting their first taste of politics."

Ryan was scheduled

to deliver his remarks from the hearing room of the House Ways and Means Committee, which he chaired briefly before becoming speaker.

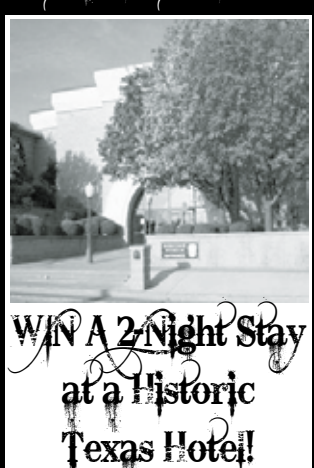


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Big Spring sweeps Estacado

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers (6-11, 1-0) started off perfect in district after a dominant start by pitcher Anthony Godwin and timely hitting against the Estacado Matador's ace Tuesday.

The game started out a pitcher's duel with no runs scoring in the first three innings. In the fourth, the Steers caught a break with two outs when Preston Alexander reached on a dropped third strike. Bryson Burt then walked, and with Alexander in scoring position, Dylan Cantu singled to right field to get Big Spring on the board, 1-0.

The Steers would add another run in the fifth after Dylan Marquez led the inning off with a triple and Noah Perez singled him in an at-bat later.

The Steers bottom of the fifth saw Godwin give up three unearned runs after the inning started off with an error and a hit-by-pitch. He would strike out the next two, but after a passed ball advanced both runners to scoring position, Estacado's Anthony Martinez singled and the Matadors tied the game at two. Another passed ball advanced Martinez to second and a single got him to third, and then he scored on a third passed ball in the inning to give Estacado a 3-2 lead.

The Steers would knot the game back up at 3-3 the following inning. With one out, Burt walked, and was driven home two batters later when Elijah Munoz hit a double that just got passed the Matador's left fielder.

Following a 1-2-3 bottom half, the Steers took the lead again in the seventh and final inning. Perez tripled with one out, and Godwin drove him in on a groundout to first base. Godwin then sealed the deal with another



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Left: Ysabel Soliz throws a pitch during a Lady Steer softball game. She retired 13 consecutive batters Tuesday at Estacado.

Above: Noah Perez attempts to throw out a runner at second. He was 2-for-3 Tuesday at Estacado.

1-2-3 inning in the bottom half that included two strikeouts.

Godwin finished the game not giving up an earned run, and only allowed three hits while striking out 11. He walked one and hit two batters, but it was another impressive performance from one of the Steers leaders.

"Anthony is one of the two or three guys we know we can count on to be a leader," Steers head coach Bobby Smith said. "He's a senior, and we know what to expect from him every time he takes the field."

The Steers scored one run in each of the final four innings to win it 4-3 and start off 1-0 in district play, and Smith was happy with the effort his team showed.

"I'd much rather have crooked numbers in any inning," he said.

"But I will say that whenever you can score in each inning like that it shows that your team is going to keep on fighting at the plate."

The Lady Steers (12-3-1, 2-0) also won in Estacado Tuesday, improving their district record with a 17-0 rout of the Lady Matadors.

Pitcher Ysabel Soliz retired the final 13 batters she faced on the way to a one-hitter, and catcher Mia Oliva hit a three-run home run in the second consecutive game to help propel the Lady Steers to victory. Big Spring scored nine runs, including a pinch-hit home run from Kiowa Lesser, in the top of the fifth inning after leading 8-0 to secure the run-rule win.

"It was a dominant performance from beginning to end," Lady Steers

head coach Howell Martin said. "Yzzy completely controlled their offense, and hitting-wise I was really proud of the girls. The wind was blowing out and it's easy to hit high fly balls that carry, but we hit the ball hard all day."

The Steers and Lady Steers take on Levelland Friday, with the Steers starting at 7 p.m. and the Lady Steers getting an early start at 1 p.m. Martin expects the Loboettes of Levelland to present a challenge after beating Sweetwater 12-11 Tuesday.

"Levelland is very competitive and have obviously improved from last year if they beat Sweetwater, so we're going to have a good test," he said.

He also noted that all remaining games on the schedule for 5:30 p.m. have been moved to 5 p.m.

Coahoma struggles at Reagan County



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Bulldogs' starting pitcher Logan Franklin throws a pitch during Tuesday's 9-0 loss to the Reagan County Owls. Franklin struggled on the day, hitting four batters and walking three.

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs (8-8, 0-1) got off to a rough start in district Tuesday against the Reagan County Owls.

Coahoma lost 9-0 in a game that a lot of the members of the team would like to have a mulligan on. The team could only muster three hits, one each from Alex Biddison, Fletcher Mashburn and Justin Cuellar, and the pitchers hit five batters and walked three.

Starting pitcher Logan Franklin struggled with command from the beginning. In under three innings, he hit four bat-

ters and walked three, giving up five runs on only one hit and seeing his team go down 5-0.

Reagan County starting pitcher Jake Myers also struggled with command, hitting three batters and walking two, but scattered the damage throughout his complete game performance enough that it didn't affect the outcome. He finished the game with six strikeouts in his shutout performance. Reagan County's Tyler Aguero had three RBIs in the win.

The Bulldogettes also had a tough go of it in Big Lake, losing 9-2 to the Lady Owls.

Coahoma kept it close

through the first half of the game, within striking distance at 4-2 after four innings, but Reagan County added two runs in the bottom of the fifth and three runs in the bottom of the sixth to secure the seven-run win.

Coahoma's Jaydan Mann went 3-for-3 at the plate with a run scored, but the two through five hitters of the Lady Owls combined to go 11-for-17 with seven RBIs and seven runs scored to lead them to victory.

Both Coahoma teams will take on Colorado City Thursday, with the Bulldogettes starting at 5 p.m. and the Bulldogs starting at 6:30 p.m.

Cowboys sign RB Morris

DALLAS (AP) — Alfred Morris spent his first four NFL seasons running all over the Dallas Cowboys. Now he'll be running the ball for them.

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The 27-year-old Morris adds more talent to the Dallas backfield, which already includes Darren McFadden and Lance Dunbar. Morris has three 1,000-yard rushing seasons on his resume and two trips to the Pro Bowl.

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#9004 March 22 & 23, 2016

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#8988 March 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2016

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 139164

APPLICATION D & I Silica, LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 139164, which would authorize the bulk sand handling facility located at 3605 Bethel Drive, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.22913&lng=-101.510335&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 29, 2016. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland re-

gional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to

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The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

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A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[l/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing

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MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Physical labor is favored and you have the

high energy necessary to do more than you could have last week. You'll apply your strength to improving your surroundings or earning some kind of bonus.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may be working or living alongside someone, but are you really connecting with this person who is so vital to the outcome of your week, if not your life? Turn off the distractions and really focus in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will finally get a reward that was a long time in coming, and this is probably a result of what you've tolerated for years. Precious and beautiful pearls are made from irritating grains of sand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you look behind, you'll fall behind. So look ahead, lean into the future and know that you are uniquely equipped to make the most of what's coming up. This is just the beginning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be inclined to follow your muses, not

the chants of your audience. However, today it just so happens that the thing you want to do makes your crowd happy too, so you both win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may be necessary to rearrange your schedule or cut back your workload in order to make the time for a loved one who really needs you right now. Do what it takes to make relationships strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you follow your spiritual curiosity, new people and places welcome and enrich you. Soon you'll be reconciling the religion of your youth with your present awareness of life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). This year features an exciting alchemy at work in your relationships. Ordinary connections become extraordinary and your inner circle will grow to a fuller, richer potential. Mystical notions and realistic goals get mixed together to great effect through June. Finances take a turn for

the better in July. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 7, 12, 20 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries artist. It seems like the world is trying to crush the art out of me. I hate my office job. I'm only 21 and I spend most of my time trying to make a living so I can feed, clothe and shelter myself. Why does life have to make it so hard for me to do what I was born to do? I get so frustrated and angry. Is the universe against me? When will I get a break? Signed, Angry Aries Artist"

Your fiery intensity and Aries impatience may be getting in the way of your perspective. As an artist, you must know how crucial a thing like perspective can be. Pull back for the long shot. It's challenging for any young person to build an independent life and building a life in art is a bonus challenge. But you're doing it. You've covered the basics and now it's time to establish artistic

habits that will hold you in good stead in the long slog ahead. Start by fitting in two sacred hours a day for your art. You'll be amazed what you can do in 10 to 14 hours a week. The sun in your sign will put a fire in your belly and you'll feel lighter too.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Do you know what Aries actress Keri Russell has in common with Britney Spears? It's the same thing she has in common with Ryan Gosling, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera. They were all Mouseketeers on Disney's "All-New Mickey Mouse Club." With Mars and Saturn in Cancer, her maternal role has given richness to her work. Look for her in the upcoming "Free State of Jones."

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: This evening, I went to the local YMCA to swim. When I was through, I showered, as I always do, since I go back to work afterward. Near the end of the shower, I removed my swimsuit and found a boy of about 8 looking through the curtain at me. I yelled at him and he stopped, but a few seconds later, a woman (I think it was his grandmother) looked in, too. I told her I'd like just a few more minutes, and I'll admit, my tone wasn't that friendly. I got out of the shower and locker room as fast as I could.

Annie, that boy was too old to be in the women's locker room. My question is, was I out of line for showering in the nude in a public locker room? This particular shower had four nozzles, so I assume other people would feel free to share the space, even if the curtain was closed. But both the boy and the older woman were not showering. They were just peeking in. That strikes me as rude.

This has never come up before, because I usually have the locker room to myself at that hour. Now I don't know if I should go back. -- Not an Exhibitionist

Dear Not: These "group showers" are intended for multiple people to use simultaneously in order to save time and money. However, no one should be peeking in just to see what's going on, and you are right that an 8-year-old boy is too old to be checking out the women's locker room.

(We have no explanation for Grandma, other than perhaps responding to something her grandson said about the showers.)

You should register a complaint with the facility. There are likely rules regarding the age of opposite-sex children using the locker rooms, and you should ask that they be enforced. If they do not have any restrictions, you should find a place to swim that affords you the privacy you require.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Sad Nana" was spot on. She was upset that she couldn't send gifts home with her granddaughter because her more-neglected stepsister would feel left out.

Having grown up in a crazy family with full siblings, stepsiblings and half siblings, things like this were a challenge. My dad liked to spoil the three of us who were his biological kids, but my stepdad was more practical. He and my mother both tried hard to keep our household "equal," so my full siblings and I left some of our stuff at my father's. It was good for us, as it taught us to always be considerate of how others felt. My grandparents made all the siblings feel welcome in their homes.

I am thankful for all of my parents and grandparents, and blessed to be brought up in a loving family. Most people marvel at my parents' ability to get along and even socialize not only with each other, but also with my father's second wife, his current wife (married

30 years) and my stepdad (married 40 years).

We are all grown now, some of us with kids of our own, and we are all still part of one big messed up, crazy family. -- Happy Child

Dear Happy: How wonderful that your parents, stepparents and grandparents made sure that all of you felt loved. This is how to do it right.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Right Road to Follow

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ Q J 7 5 2

WEST
 ♠ K 4
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ 9 8 7 6 3
 ♣ K 10 8 6

EAST
 ♠ Q 7 6 5 2
 ♥ J 9 5 4 3
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 9
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ A 9 4 3

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

It is axiomatic to say that making the contract is declarer's first consideration, but applying this principle on every deal is more easily said than done.

Consider this case where East won the opening diamond lead with the ace and returned a diamond, won in dummy with the queen. Declarer then led the queen of clubs, and when East showed out, South could no longer make the contract.

West took the queen with the king and played a third round of diamonds to establish his suit, and South could do no better than make eight tricks to finish down one.

It is easy to dismiss the outcome by saying that declarer was extremely unlucky to find West with all four clubs — the only distribution that could defeat him. Nevertheless, the fact remains that South's failure to make the contract was a violation — albeit unintentional — of the principle stated above.

Declarer's goal from the start should be to make sure he scores four club tricks. If he does that, he is home free and clear. Since there is no problem if the opposing clubs are divided 2-2 or 3-1, South should shape his play to cater to the possibility of either opponent having all four clubs.

Accordingly, he should win the diamond return with the king at trick two and lead a low club toward dummy at trick three. In the actual case, West cannot score more than one club trick, whether he takes the king immediately or later.

The same is true if East is the player with four clubs. He also cannot stop declarer from scoring four club tricks no matter how he defends. The safety play in clubs thus guarantees the contract regardless of how the cards are divided.

Tomorrow: Clubbed into submission.

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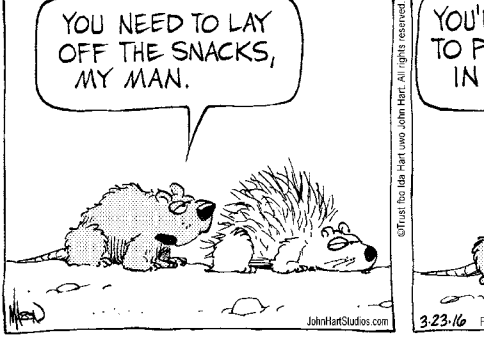
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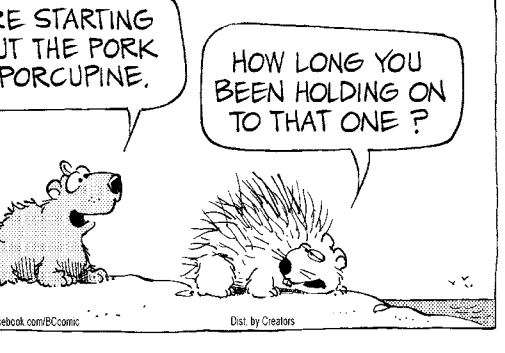
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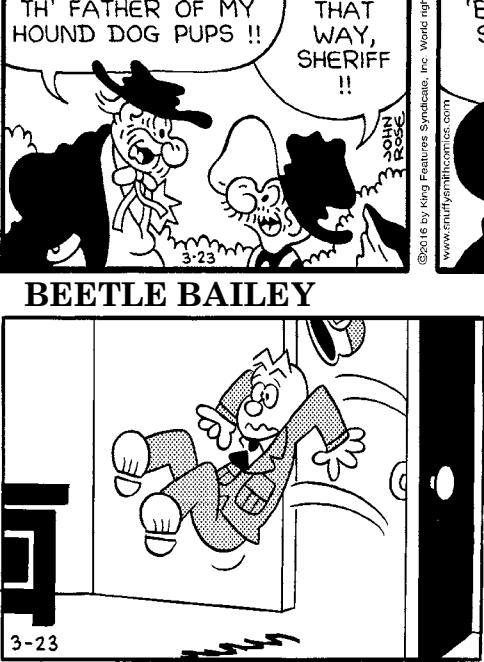
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 83rd day of 2016. There are 283 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date:

In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) had its first public performance in London.

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1914, the first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the legendary silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1942, the first Japanese-

Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1965, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

In 1973, before sentencing a group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there had been "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles. An idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 1996, Taiwan held its first direct presidential elections; incumbent Lee Teng-hui (lee dung-hway) was the victor.

In 2001, Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15-year odyssey with a planned fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

Ten years ago: Police took

DNA samples from 46 members of the Duke University lacrosse team after a woman hired to dance for a party charged she'd been raped. Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland won his second straight World Figure Skating Championships title, in Calgary, Alberta.

Five years ago: Academy Award-winning actress Elizabeth Taylor died in Los Angeles at age 79.

One year ago: Sen. Lee Kuan Yew, the founder of modern Singapore who was feared for his authoritarian tactics and admired worldwide for turning the city-state into one of the world's richest nations while in power for 31 years, died at age 91.

Thought for Today:

"When people say, 'She's got everything,' I've got one answer. 'Ai I haven't had tomorrow.'"

Elizabeth Taylor
1932-2011

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

IT'S LAUNCH TIME by Fred Piscop
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- ACROSS**
- 1 River blockers
 - 5 Police officers
 - 9 Greek cheeses
 - 14 Give off
 - 15 Bakery fixture
 - 16 Nimble
 - 17 Prefix meaning "billionth"
 - 18 Prefix for physics
 - 19 Halloween option
 - 20 Alan Shepard, the first American __
 - 23 Mrs. Washington
 - 24 Art on some arms
 - 28 It's north of Mex.
 - 30 Rollaway bed
 - 31 Keogh alternative
 - 32 "Get lost!"
 - 36 Pride member
 - 38 What vegans avoid
 - 39 John Glenn, the first American __
 - 42 Impolite
 - 43 Pinocchio's lie detector
 - 44 Misplaces
 - 45 Heroic pilot
 - 46 Authorizes
 - 47 Cpl. or sgt.
 - 49 Amnesiac's question
 - 51 Ancient foe of Athens
 - 56 Neil Armstrong, the first American __
 - 60 Jazz singer Vaughan
 - 63 Prefix for legal or medic
 - 64 Overcook
- DOWN**
- 1 Jeans fabric
 - 2 Microwave maker
 - 3 Insignificant
 - 4 Dark ale
 - 5 Arrive dressed up like
 - 6 Above
 - 7 Tabbies and terriers
 - 8 Break suddenly
 - 9 Wealthy backer
 - 10 Marsh bird
 - 11 Even score
 - 12 In the style of
 - 13 Solidify
 - 21 Mitten part
 - 22 Make amends
 - 25 Theater levels
 - 26 Give a speech
 - 27 Inauguration recitations
 - 29 Glee club voices
 - 30 Actor Sacha Baron __
 - 32 Scarecrow stuffing
 - 33 Sofa
 - 34 Cowboy contest
 - 35 " __ we there yet?"
 - 37 Part of TGIF
 - 38 Onetime Chinese leader
 - 40 Finalize, as a comic strip
 - 41 Run off to wed
 - 46 Certain Nebraskan
 - 48 D flat alias
 - 50 Astonish
 - 52 Color of honey
 - 53 Itinerary
 - 54 Rich cake
 - 55 Make void
 - 57 Page filled by pundits
 - 58 Enumerate
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 - 60 Warn something
 - 61 __ Baba
 - 62 Divested (of)

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Stars beat Hawks again

CHICAGO (AP) — An opening bank shot, some pretty passing and a stylish breakaway, and it was all over.

The Dallas Stars are heading to the playoffs. The Chicago Blackhawks are searching for their postseason form.

Vernon Fiddler scored two of Dallas' four goals in the first period, and the Stars clinched a playoff spot with a 6-2 victory over the Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

"The last couple of years we've been that team that's been fighting for it right up until the last couple of games, so obviously it's nice to get the 'X' beside Dallas," Fiddler said. "We still know we have a lot of work ahead of us and we're prepared to do that."

Dallas stretched its win streak to three and improved to 4-1 against Chicago, outscoring the Stanley Cup champions 20-11 in the season series. Colton Sceviour and Patrick Eaves also scored in the first, and Jamie Benn had two assists in his 500th NHL game.

The Stars (44-21-9) lead the Western Conference with 97 points with eight games left on their schedule. They also are on track for their first division title since they took the Pacific in 2006.

"We're not going to sit back," Sceviour said. "There's still a lot of stuff that can be accomplished and obviously the division is so tight that if you let up, all of a sudden you're not in the position you wanted to be in. We're in a good spot right now."



Dallas Stars' Vernon Fiddler (38) celebrates his second goal of an NHL hockey game with Alex Goligoski during the first period against the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast).

The Blackhawks played without starting goaltender Corey Crawford for the fourth straight game due to an upper-body injury, and Scott Darling was pulled after Dallas' big first period. Michael Leighton made 16 saves in his first NHL appearance since Jan. 27, 2013, for Philadelphia at Tampa Bay.

Crawford is day to day, but coach Joel Quenneville said after the morning skate that he isn't sure Crawford will be able to travel with the team for its

four-game road trip beginning Saturday at Calgary. Crawford's absence is one of a whole host of issues for the Blackhawks heading into the final part of the season.

"At the end of the day, we just have to have that unshakable confidence that good teams go through moments like this when it doesn't matter what you do," captain Jonathan Toews said. "Things don't go your way. We'll have to work through it. That's the only way we're going to get better."

Cowboys sign Mayowa

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Defensive end Benson Mayowa is set to join the Dallas Cowboys after the Raiders decided not to match an offer sheet for the restricted free agent.

The Cowboys last week signed Mayowa to a three-year deal worth more than \$8 million, a

deal Oakland could have matched to keep him.

Mayowa will add to a thin defensive line in Dallas. The Cowboys are unlikely to bring back free agent Greg Hardy and will be without Randy Gregory for the first four games next season because of his suspension for violating the

NFL's substance-abuse policy.

After two games with Seattle as an undrafted rookie free agent out of Idaho in 2013, the 6-foot-3, 240-pound Mayowa had 22 tackles and two sacks in 28 games for the Raiders the past two seasons.

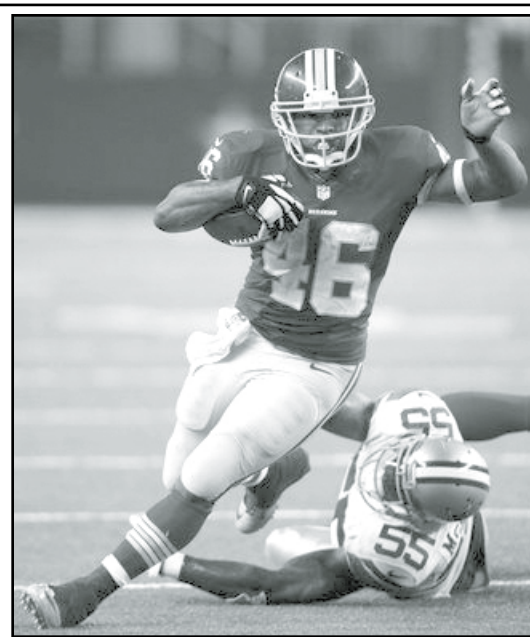
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His departure means the Redskins could turn to Matt Jones as their every-day back, bring back Pierre Thomas to share the carries, or look to the draft for backfield help.

Washington drafted Morris in the sixth round in 2012 out of Florida Atlantic, and he was the perfect fit for then-coach Mike Shanahan's zone-blocking system. Two weeks ago, Morris seemed to indicate he'd be leaving Washington when he posted a message to Instagram thanking the Redskins for the past four years.

"I've met a lot of great people, made a lot of great memories, and was given countless opportunities to live my dream and better myself and my family," Morris wrote.



AP Photo/Tim Sharp
Alfred Morris (46) started every game in his four-year career with the Washington Redskins.

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