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## Western Container closing its doors

Move will affect 95 jobs locally

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's largest taxpayer is closing its doors. Officials with Western Container Corp. announced Wednesday the company is closing its plant in Big Spring, a move that will affect 95 jobs locally. Western Container, which produces plastic bottles for Coca-Cola products, first began operations in Big Spring in 1980.

Officials say the closure, which will be completed by Oct. 1, was forced by a recent decision by Coca-Cola to produce its own plastic bottles in Texas. "Every effort will be made to be sensitive to the concerns of employees who will be impacted during the transition



**Western Container Corp. officials announced Wednesday the company will close its Big Spring plant effective Oct. 1. The plant currently employs 95 people.**

period," Plant Manager Vince Duffney said in a statement. According to Big Spring Economic Development Corp. statistics, Western Container is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest private

sector employer in Howard County; however, the company is the city of Big Spring's largest taxpayer. But the loss of tax revenue was not foremost in Big

Spring Mayor Larry McLellan's mind this morning. "Our first concern is with the people and their families who will lose their jobs," McLellan said.

The news was not totally unexpected — McLellan said he had been hearing rumors for months about Western Con-  
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HERALD photo/Julie Bass

## Chamber's annual health fair Saturday



By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

More than 50 area health agencies will be presenting information or offering health checks during the 2016 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair on Saturday. "There is something for all ages," said Nancy Davenport, Chamber of Com-

merce executive assistant. "The fair is a way for you to become more aware of your health and it's free admission." The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Free health care checks available during the one-day fair are glucose,

cholesterol, and blood pressure. The Big Spring Citizens Police Academy alumni will be offering fingerprint services for senior citizens and handing out window decals which are designed to remind parents not to leave any child in a car unattended. See **HEALTH**, Page 3

## Charges dropped against Moore

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

MIDLAND — Charges of aggravated assault have been dropped against a former Big Spring man based on reports from the preliminary autopsy. Benjamin E. Moore, a Big Spring High School graduate, was arrested last week for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a deadly weapon and family violence. Police respond to a 911 call from Moore and found his wife, Natasha Morris, who attended Forsan schools, hanging by a curling iron power cord in the closet. She died of



Moore

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## Rockhound ribbon cutting Friday

Baseball season is officially here and the Midland Rockhounds are starting off the year in Big Spring Friday. "The Rockhounds are new members of the Chamber of Commerce, so we are going to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate," said Debbye

ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Later, they are going to speak at the Greater Big Spring Rotary club. They want to get more involved with our community." The official ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. at the

Big Spring Area Chamber, 215 W. Third Street. Team Mascot Rocky the Rockhound will be in attendance and available for photographs. Rockhound representatives will be giving away club memorabilia

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## Obituaries

### Joshua Preston



Joshua Charles "Chow" Preston, 40, of Big Spring passed away Monday, April 4, 2016, at Midland Memorial Hospital. A vigil will be held Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He was born April 2, 1976, to Kathy Joachims Salazar and Charles Preston in Woodward, Okla. He married Yvette Cortez Preston Dec. 11, 1999 in Big Spring, Texas. Josh worked to receive his bachelor's degree and his master's degree to become the director of activity therapy at Big Spring State Hospital. He loved time spent with family and friends, listening to music and riding his Harley.

Josh is survived by his wife of 16 years, Yvette Preston; two sons, Amando Cortez of Groton, Conn. and Iain Preston of Big Spring; one daughter, Evelyn Preston of Big Spring; his parents, Kathy and Bonifacio Salazar of Big Spring and Merrie Preston of Norman, Okla.; two brothers, Aron Salazar of Midland and Jimmy Cox of Lubbock; and one sister, Tiffany Bora of Guthrie, Okla.

Josh was preceded in death by his father, Charles Preston.

Pallbearers will be Mike Reyes, Keith Monger, Manuel Marquez Jr., David Cole, Edward Mendez and Chris Viasana. Honorary pallbearers will be Aron Salazar and Jim Cox.

The family suggests memorials to Josh Preston Donation Account at Wells Fargo Bank.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Margie Firenza

Margie Ann Firenza was born Feb. 27, 1944 in Big Spring, Texas to Forrest Cecil and Ruth Richards Appleton. She passed away Sunday, April 3rd in Lubbock, Texas. Margie grew up on a farm in the Vincent community and attended school in Coahoma, graduating in 1962 from Coahoma High School. She married Frankie John Firenza Feb. 17, 1964 and they have made their home in Lubbock for the past 52 years. Immediately after graduating Margie began work as an operator for Southwestern Bell in Big Spring and was among the first to help introduce the public to area codes and direct dialing. She transferred to Lubbock with SWBTCO and worked in several departments until her first child, Scott, was born. She was privileged to be a stay-at-home mom to Scott and Shawn until they were in school. Margie returned to the work force full time in 1983 with Texas Tech University College of Architecture where for sixteen years she was an academic advisor and "mom" to hundreds of architecture students. During that time she was awarded many honors, two of which were Top Techsan and the Kleinschmidt Medal for Outstanding Service to the College of Architecture. Upon her retirement a scholarship was endowed in her name. Since retiring, she has enjoyed her family,

traveling, camping, cooking, and publishing her own cookbook.

Margie is survived by her husband, Frankie; children Scott and Natalie Firenza of Lubbock, Shawn and Gabrielle Firenza and their children Keagan, Kendalyn and Karlyse of Houston; her brother and sister-in-law Weldon and Jeanette Appleton of San Antonio and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Roselle Coates.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers to the Margie Firenza Scholarship Endowment, TTU College of Architecture, PO Box 42091, Lubbock 79409, the Vandelia Church of Christ benevolence fund, or to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, April 8, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Vandelia Church of Christ. A tribute of Margie's life may be found at [www.memorialdesigners.net](http://www.memorialdesigners.net), where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Close and nursing staff, the Covenant South 7 floor nurses and staff, Dr. Oblender and the Palliative care nurses and staff, and Hospice of Lubbock for their care and compassion.

*Paid obituary*

### Daniel Oyler



Daniel Forrest Oyler, 43, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at a later date.

He was born Dec. 27, 1972 in Big Spring, Texas and married Andrea Stinson June 21, 2001 in Big Spring, Texas.

Daniel was a Big Spring

native, living here the majority of his life. He was an avid gamer of all kinds and will be missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea Oyler; three sons, Anthony Peebles, Darian Oyler and Stephen K. Oyler; one step-daughter, Gloria Stinson; his parents, Stephen F. and Kay Oyler; one sister, Bethany Burke all of Big Spring; and a nephew.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### Isabell Gambrell



Isabell Gambrell, 86, of Colorado City, formerly of Forsan, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2016 in Mitchell County Nursing Home. Services will be held at a later date.

Isabell was born Dec. 1, 1929 to Edith Robinson Kimbell and Guy Kimbell in Burnet, Texas. She had lived in the Forsan com-

munity for 28 years, moving from Colorado.

She is survived by one son: Richard Gambrell and wife Tissie; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Marion "Buddy" Gambrell; one son: Randy Dale Gambrell; one brother: Guy Kimbell, Jr. and two sisters: Jane Verett and Avis Billingsley.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Support Groups

#### 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.

#### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

- 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.

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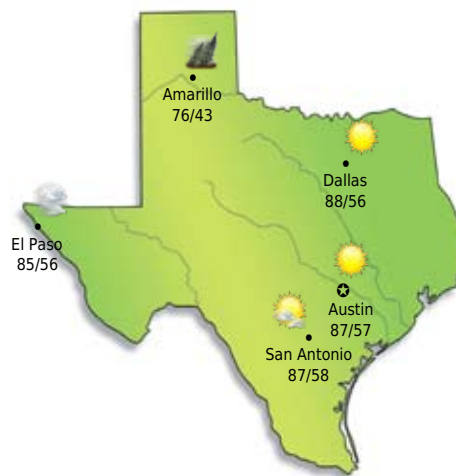
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#### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10	Mon 4/11	Tue 4/12
<b>72/51</b> Cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 72F. Winds ESE at 15 to 25 mph.	<b>75/56</b> Morning light rain. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>80/54</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>77/43</b> Sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>70/47</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM

#### Texas at a Glance



#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	55	P Cloudy	Kingsville	86	61	M Cloudy
Amarillo	76	43	Sunny	Livingston	86	53	Sunny
Austin	87	57	P Cloudy	Longview	86	53	Sunny
Beaumont	83	54	Sunny	Lubbock	80	48	P Cloudy
Brownsville	81	65	Cloudy	Lufkin	85	52	Sunny
Brownwood	88	53	M Sunny	Midland	87	57	Sunny
Corpus Christi	81	62	M Cloudy	Raymondville	87	65	Cloudy
Corsicana	87	55	Sunny	Rosenberg	86	55	P Cloudy
Dallas	88	56	Sunny	San Antonio	87	58	M Cloudy
Del Rio	88	63	M Sunny	San Marcos	86	55	M Cloudy
El Paso	85	56	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	82	51	Sunny
Fort Stockton	88	58	M Cloudy	Sweetwater	86	55	P Cloudy
Gainesville	80	49	Sunny	Tyler	85	54	Sunny
Greenville	82	51	Sunny	Weatherford	88	53	Sunny
Houston	87	55	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	83	50	Sunny

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	49	Sunny	Miami	84	66	M Cloudy
Boston	55	45	Cloudy	Minneapolis	45	29	Snow Showers
Chicago	42	35	Cloudy	New York	58	44	Cloudy
Dallas	88	56	Sunny	Phoenix	88	63	Cloudy
Denver	67	39	Sunny	San Francisco	68	55	M Cloudy
Houston	87	55	P Cloudy	Seattle	78	52	Clear
Los Angeles	72	55	Cloudy	Saint Louis	59	40	P Cloudy

#### Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 14	Apr 22	Apr 30	May 6

#### UV Index

Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10	Mon 4/11	Tue 4/12
6	6	9	9	9
High	High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CLAY WALLACE MATHIS**, 27, of 4100 W. Illinois apt. A-306, Midland, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and fail to appear.

- **ROY PAIZ GARCIA**, 56, of 1801 S. Johnson St. was arrested on warrants for speeding and fail to appear.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon Ave. and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> St. and Princeton.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway Rd.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- **VESSER CALDWELL IV**, 33, was booked by the GCSO on a warrant for parole violation.

- **ROY PAIZ GARCIA**, 56, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding and violate promise to appear.

- **CLAY WALLACE MATHIS**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- **HALEE ELIZABETH THOMAS**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

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# News in brief

## German paper says it won't publish all offshore files

BERLIN (AP) — The German newspaper that first obtained the so-called Panama Papers, a vast trove of documents on offshore companies, said Thursday that it won't publish all the files, arguing that not all are of public interest.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung received the documents from an unidentified source more than a year ago and shared at least parts of them with dozens of other media outlets around the world. Since the first reports were published Sunday, prominent politicians, celebrities and businesspeople have had their offshore business dealings dragged into the spotlight, prompting a flurry of public outrage, official investigations and fierce denials from some of those named.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung said the complete set of 11.5 million documents "won't be made available to the public or to law enforcement agencies. That's because the SZ isn't the extended arm of prosecutors or the tax investigators."

Authorities have legal powers to obtain such documents from those suspected of wrongdoing, and in many cases there's no public interest in revealing companies' or individuals' offshore business dealings, the Munich-based paper said.

## Xi seen as easily surviving revelations in Panama Papers

BEIJING (AP) — For graft-busting Chinese Communist Party leader Xi Jinping, the Panama Papers revelations that show his brother-in-law and relatives of two other members of the party's elite inner circle owned offshore companies, often referred to as tax havens, might have been highly damaging.

Instead, Xi will likely emerge unscathed as a result of his personal hold on political power, controls over free speech and the media, and a sense both among the public and potential rivals that all leading families are tainted to some degree, analysts say.

With the latest reports still just days old, however, lingering impacts can't be ruled out entirely. Damage to Xi's reputation might show up in unexpected difficulties in putting in place a new team for when he assumes a second five-year term as leader of the ruling Communist Party next year and for setting in place a succession plan for 2022. Challenges to his leadership of a bevy of offices and committees, or to his sweeping anti-corruption campaign, might also be signs of weakness.

The latest report by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, known as the ICIJ, says Xi's brother-in-law Deng Jiagui purchased one offshore company through Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca in 2004 and two more in 2009. All three had been dissolved or become dormant by the time Xi became party leader in 2012, the ICIJ says citing a stash of 11.5 million leaked Mossack Fonseca documents — dubbed the Panama Papers — that discuss cases involving politicians, celebrities and business people from around the world.

## Offshore accounts are for more than laundering money

Offshore accounts conjure images of bad behavior by the rich and shady, and for good reason: they have been used to dodge taxes, fund organized

crime and facilitate corruption. But many people use offshore accounts for more than just hiding bribes and laundering money.

Really. And offshore accounts can be financial tools for more than just the ultra-wealthy, too. Regular people use them to simplify transactions with relatives overseas, or to keep money in places where they travel often — or for more distasteful reasons, like to hide money from a soon-to-be ex-spouse.

These accounts and trusts, and the shell companies sometimes set up to control them, have come under scrutiny this week after a massive leak of confidential documents from a Panamanian law firm has shown how some of the world's richest people hide assets to avoid paying taxes.

It is impossible to say how many accounts are for legitimate purposes rather than illicit ones, according to Mark Matthews, an attorney and former IRS deputy commissioner.

## Cruz's winning ways have yet to win over fellow GOP senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Ted Cruz is increasingly winning over voters to his presidential bid. He's still not winning over fellow Republican senators.

The Texas Republican is notorious for alienating his colleagues with tactics including pushing a fruitless government shutdown in 2013 and accusing the Senate majority leader of lying. They're now paying it back by refusing to get on board with his presidential bid even as he emerges as the likeliest alternative to businessman Donald Trump following a commanding win Tuesday night in Wisconsin.

"I just haven't heard any talk about it," responded Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a senior Republican, when asked whether Republican colleagues would be gravitating toward Cruz.

"I will tell you that wasn't the chatter," said Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., after emerging from a closed-door GOP lunch.

## Obama going back to school on Garland nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The stalled nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court is giving President Barack Obama a chance to do what he says he's missed: go back to school.

Obama was returning to the University of Chicago Law School on Thursday to argue his case for why the Senate should give Garland a seat on the nation's most powerful court.

Obama taught constitutional law at the university for about a decade before entering politics. He was being joined Thursday by a former law school colleague, professor David Strauss, for a conversation with students, faculty and judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, which has jurisdiction over legal matters from Illinois, and other local judges.

Obama chose Garland, a Chicago native and chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, to fill the seat left empty by the February death of conservative Justice Antonin Scalia.

The next step in the process of elevating someone to the Supreme Court typically has the nominee answering questions during hearings by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

# HEALTH

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The Howard College Dental Hygiene program will be providing education on dental health.

Other activities include exercises demonstrations by both the YMCA and DanceXplosion and face painting by Dimples the Clown. The Bike Rodeo will also be back to teach children bike safety and six new bicycles will be given away during the fair.

"They will have a sort

of obstacle course," Davenport said. "They will go through the signals to give when they are turning and to how to check to see if their helmet is the right fit."

Outside in the coliseum parking lot, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Big Spring EMS will back again to provide child care seat inspections and the Big Spring Fire Department will have the fire safety trailer at the fair.

Agencies scheduled to participate are: Adrian Calvio State Farm, Adult Protective Services, AirMedCare/Air

Evac Lifeteam, Aphasia Center of West Texas, Area Agency on Aging, Ask Oncor, Big Spring Citizens Police Academy, Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, Canterbury Retirement Apartments, Cardiology Specialists of Big Spring, CASA of West Texas, Comfort Keepers, Compass Hospice, doTERRA Essentials Oils, Family Medical Center, FirstCare Health Plans, Hands of Compassion — Education & Safety, HealthSouth Hospital, Howard College Dental Hygiene, Howard College Nursing, Howard County Community Health Center, Juice

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# MOORE

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her injuries last Friday, according to news reports.

The Midland-Reporter Telegram reports that the preliminary autopsy reports indicate the medical examiners believe the trauma to Morris' neck is consistent with self-influenced hanging and not strangulation.

At the time the, ligature marks from the cord around his wife's neck were indicative of strangulation and not self-inflicted strangulation, according to news reports. The couple also have a history of domes-

tic violence and Moore has been in trouble with the law in Howard County including convictions of aggravated sexual assault in 2001 and of theft in 2008.

"At the time of Mr. Moore's arrest, our officers had sufficient probable cause to detain him based on the evidence they had on hand," Police Chief Price Robinson said in a statement reported by the Midland Telegram Reporter. "With the news we received (Tuesday) and in our ongoing conversation with the District Attorney's Office, they arrived at the decision not to pursue this case."

# Take note

• Both candidates in the Republican runoff for the Texas District 19 congressional seat will be guests at the Howard County Republican Club's meeting Monday.

Jodey Arrington and Glen Robertson will address club members, then answer questions during the meeting, which begins at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College..

• Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinthe park2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M Univer-

sity for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

More information can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

• Forsan Elementary has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration through Friday in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Must be unable to speak or comprehend English;

- The family fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches;

- The family is homeless;

- One or more parents are on active-duty military service; or

To register for kindergarten, students must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2016.

In order to pre-register, parents should bring the child's official birth certificate, social security card, shot records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), enrolling parent driver's license, and proof of guardianship.

# CLOSE

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tainer closing its doors here. That, however, didn't lessen the impact of Wednesday's announcement.

"It's a shock," McLellan said. "It is going to be a significant challenge to find someone to replace those jobs."

He added, however, that efforts have already begun to find a new tenant for the building.

"I talked to Terry Wegman at the EDC and he has already started getting statistics on the building," McLellan said. "We will start marketing that area almost immediately ... I feel confident we'll be able to

get some significant jobs to replace those we're losing."

He said the local airport, where the Western Container building is located, offers businesses a trifecta of transportation opportunities — air, rail and highway — that should be very attractive to prospective employers.

"This is not great news," McLellan said of Wednesday's announcement. "The good news, however, is that we've got some tools in place to try to get new jobs in Big Spring."

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

# RIBBON

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and tickets.

"They plan to have a Howard County Day at the Rockhounds sometime in August," ValVerde said.

The Double AA Minor League team has been affiliated with the Oakland Athletics, the major league baseball team of Oakland, Calif., since 1999. Before then, the team was affiliated with the Los Angeles Angels and was first a

minor league club for the Chicago Cubs when established in the early 1970s.

According to the team's website, the RockHounds have produced winning records in 11-of-16 seasons, and have reached playoffs five times.

— Lyndel Moody

**NOTICE**

**Darrell Franks, M.D.** will be leaving **Family Medical Center** on **April 11, 2016.**

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## Name That Equipment

Have you ever been to a concert? Generally, the bigger the show, the more equipment there is on stage. Fill in the blanks to name some equipment you might find on stage.

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- 3) AM  S
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- 5) L  G  TS
- 6) CAB  E
- 7) INS  R  MENTS

Answers: 1) Microphones, 2) Speakers, 3) Amps, 4) Music Stands, 5) Lights, 6) Cables, 7) Instruments

## Jokes Jokes Jokes

Q: What's green and sings?

Answer: Elvis Parsley.



Q: What makes pirates great singers?

Answer: They can hit the high Cs.



## MUSIC IN THE WHITE HOUSE

American Presidents are no strangers to music. Many invited musicians to entertain at the White House while they were in office. Some even played an instrument themselves.

Thirteen Presidents knew how to play an instrument. Thomas Jefferson, John Tyler, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson all played the violin. Jefferson also played the cello. John Quincy Adams played the flute. Chester Arthur played the banjo. Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Richard Nixon all played the piano. Nixon also played the accordion. Calvin Coolidge and Ronald Reagan both played the harmonica. Bill Clinton played the saxophone. Finally, there was Warren Harding, who formed the Citizen's Cornet Band and once remarked that he "played every instrument but the slide trombone and the E-flat cornet."

Many great musicians have entertained at the White House, including some of the Presidents themselves. Imagine Woodrow Wilson on the violin or Harry Truman at the piano!

## What Rhymes with...



List 10 words that rhyme with "beat."

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Some answers: cheat, eat, feat, greet, heat, meet, neat, seat, street, wheat

## Fact or Fiction?

### Instrument Challenge

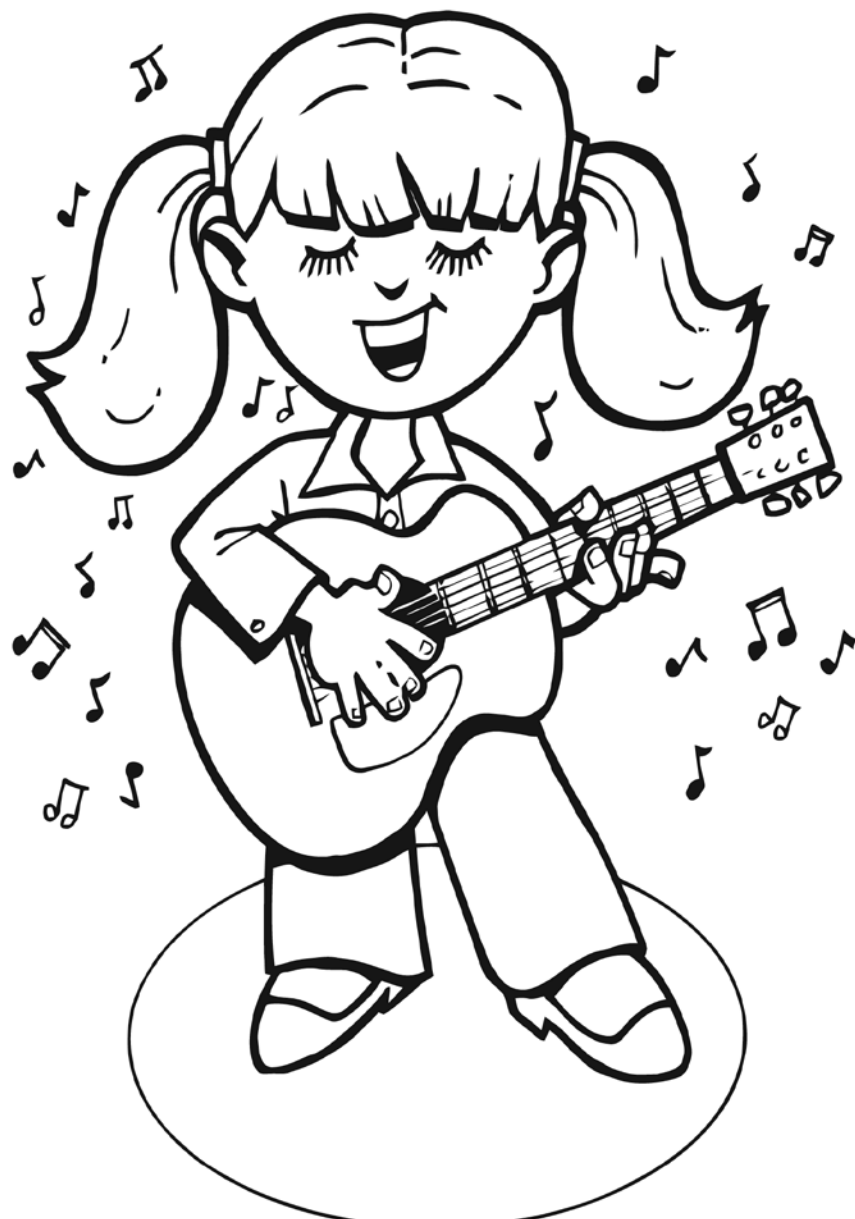
Many kids learn how to play a musical instrument. Here are some questions about instruments. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Violins have strings. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) Violinists pluck their instruments with bows made of feathers. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) Harps have strings. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Harpists pluck their instruments by hand. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Harmonicas are large instruments played by mouth. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Xylophones have bars that are struck with a mallet. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Trumpets have white and black keys and two or more pedals. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Saxophones have 20 or more tone holes. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) Drums have a stretched skin. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) Flutes make loud sounds like drums. *Fact or Fiction?*



Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, the bows are usually made of horsehair, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, harmonicas are small instruments, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, pianos have white and black keys and two or more pedals, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, flutes make softer sounds

## COLORING PICTURE



# Big Spring golf qualifies for regionals



By **DREW WILLIAMS**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School golf teams have a lot to be proud of with the boys' team advancing to regionals and sending two individuals to regionals, and the girls team finishing with the highest ranking player in district.

The boys finished second in the district tournament with a total score of 988, losing only to Snyder who finished with a score of 938. Sweetwater came in third place with a score of 1,000.

Big Spring's Nolan Otto and Nolan Dominguez finished in second and third place, respectively, to lead the Steers and qualify individually for regionals. Otto finished

with a total score of 222 and Dominguez with a score of 230. Otto hunted Snyder's Michael Hunt by one stroke as he finished in first place with a score of 221.

The girls' team didn't qualify for regionals, but Big Spring's Abbey Bryan did qualify individually as she finished with the best score in district, shooting a 233. Levelland's Tailor Anthony finished in second with a score of 240, and Snyder's Courtney Velasquez finished third with a score of 245.

The boys and girls regional tournaments will be held in Lubbock at Shadow Hills. The boys will compete Monday and Tuesday, with the girls following on Wednesday and Thursday.

Photo: Juanita Valdez

The Steers boys golf team. From left to right: Coach Chris Joslin, Nolan Dominguez, Ryan Dimidjian, Nolan Otto, Zach Bennett, Jordan Dunn, Coach Sammy Ruiz.

## Sports Calendar

### FRIDAY

Softball — Clarendon at Howard College, 1 p.m.  
Baseball — NMJC Howard College, 1 p.m.  
Softball — Big Spring at Lamesa, 5 p.m.  
Softball — Coahoma at Colorado City, 5 p.m.  
Baseball — Forsan at Borden County, 5 p.m.  
Baseball — Coahoma at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.  
Baseball — Big Spring at Lamesa, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Softball — Frank Phillips at Howard College, 1 p.m.  
Baseball — Howard College at NMJC, 1 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

## BSHS's Paredez finishes fourth at state meet

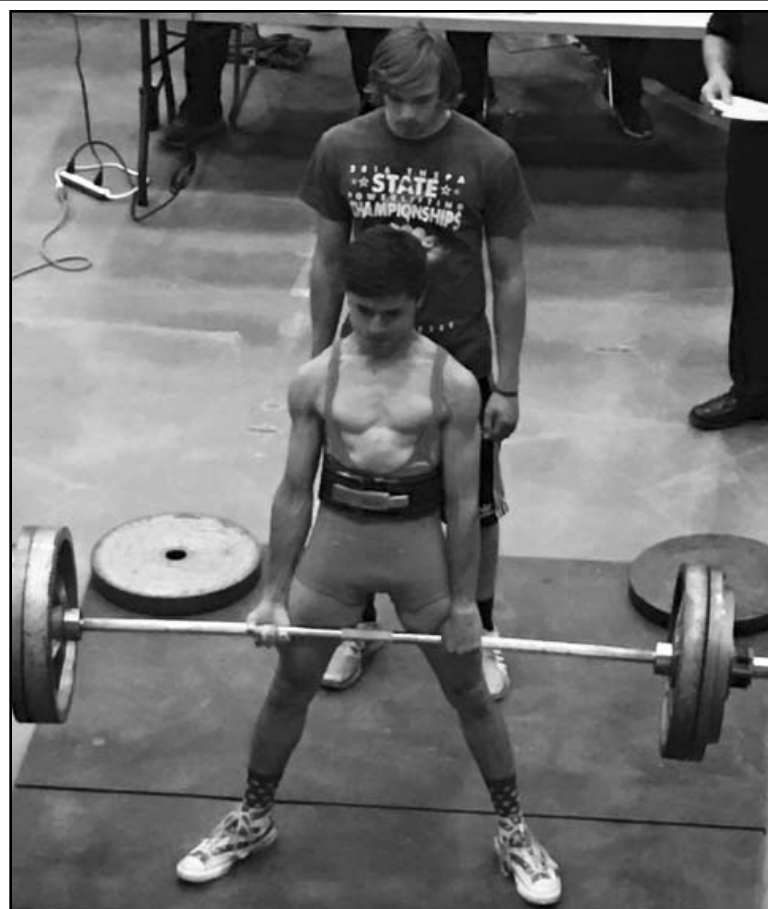
Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School powerlifting team brought home a fourth place finish and two 11<sup>th</sup> place finishes in the state meet over the weekend.

Carlie Roberts finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall in her weight class with a 375 squat, 135 bench and 335 deadlift for an 845 total. Carlie had a great time surrounded by her family in Corpus Christi. She will look to improve upon her numbers the next two years as Roberts is only a sophomore.

The boys meet took place in Abilene, where Justin Ormsby, also a sophomore, finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the 132 weight class. His best lifts resulted in a 350 squat, 215 bench and 400 deadlift for a total weight of 965.

Andrew Paredez finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 114 weight class. Andrew ended the day with a 345 squat, 185 bench and 410 deadlift. Andrew has "demonstrated a great amount of dedication having made three state meets in his career," according to the Big Spring High School athletic office. Andrew had a phenomenal career lifting for the Steers while setting regional records in squat with a 360 weight, bench with a 210 weight, deadlift with a 390 weight and a total weight of 960.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Andrew Paredez deadlifts during the state powerlifting meet on Saturday.

## Rangers bullpen blows another game in 9-5 loss



Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano makes contact for a two-run homer during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Brandon Wade)

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The bullpen that was so good for Texas while winning the AL West last season is supposed to be even better.

Sure it's early, but Rangers relievers are off to a rough start this season.

Robinson Cano and the Seattle Mariners rallied late for the second game in less than 24 hours, this time doing most of the damage against closer Shawn Tolleson in a 9-5 win Wednesday to clinch the opening three-game series.

"I'd hope that we wouldn't panic in two games," manager Jeff Banister said.

Tolleson struck out two of the three batters he faced in a perfect ninth of the opener Monday that Texas won 3-2. In the series

finale, he became the second Rangers reliever in as many days to allow five runs without recording an out.

"It stinks. We never want to go in and give up runs," Tolleson said. "We want to be a dominant bullpen."

Cano's second homer of the game, a two-run shot, capped the five-run outburst against Tolleson (0-1). Pinch-hitter Nori Aoki and No. 9 batter Ketel Marte started the rally with consecutive singles, and Leonys Martin had a tying RBI double before Kyle Seager's two-run single and Cano's fourth homer in the series.

"It was a good series. Not only because the way I ended up swinging the bat but the way we came back," Cano said.

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## Mavs beat Rockets 88-86 to keep slim lead over Utah, Houston

DALLAS (AP) — If the Dallas Mavericks have to creep into the playoffs, they will. It's part of a style change, as coach Rick Carlisle likes to call it.

And it worked again for the Mavericks in a crucial, tense victory over their Texas rivals from Houston.

J.J. Barea scored 27 points and Dallas kept a slim cushion over Utah and Houston in the race for the last two Western Conference playoff spots with an 88-86 victory over the Rockets on Wednesday night.

"I like to play fast, too, but slowing it down is working us," said Barea, who had a game-high eight assists. "We've got to stay that way."

The Mavericks' fifth straight victory — one shy of a season best — put Dallas (40-38) a game ahead of Utah and two up on Houston with four games remaining for all three teams.

Dirk Nowitzki was limited to seven points on eight shots, but had a crucial strip of James Harden on a drive in the final seconds with the Mavericks clinging to a one-point lead.

Harden scored 26 points and Dwight Howard had 14 points and 16 rebounds for the Rockets, who are in danger of missing the postsea-



AP photo

son a year after reaching the West finals.

"We all know how difficult it is, how important this game was," Harden said. "It's not rocket science."

The Mavericks held their fifth straight opponent under 90 points after 19 of the previous 21 scored at least 100. It's part defense and part pace, with the Mavericks slowing things considerably since point guard Deron Williams was sidelined by a left abdominal strain.

Barea has been the most important Dallas player since then, scoring at least 20 points in his fourth straight game and averaging 24.2 points, 3.4 rebounds and 7.0 assists during the five-game surge.

And he was at the center

of the play pulled Dallas even late, dribbling across the lane and hitting a leaning shot as he was fouled by Patrick Beverley. The free throw made it 85-all.

The last field goal for Houston came with 3:20 remaining when Beverley sprinted through the lane and tipped in Howard's second missed free throw after the 6-foot-11 center was fouled intentionally.

Harden missed a pair of 3-pointers late, but had a chance to give the Rockets the lead when he drove on Wesley Matthews with less than 10 seconds remaining. Nowitzki reached around him to knock the ball loose, Dallas won the ensuing

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For more information contact: **Human Resources**, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 or **(432) 264-5100** email [humanresources@howardcollege.edu](mailto:humanresources@howardcollege.edu)

The Howard County Auditor is seeking a full time Assistant Auditor who is self-motivated, has strong work ethics, attention to details and organizational skills. Must have a high school diploma/GED. Knowledge of Word and Microsoft Office is necessary. Experience in accounting preferred. Excellent benefits. Contact Jackie Olson at 432-264-2210, 300 S. Main Street, Room 202, Big Spring, Tx. Equal Opportunity Employer.



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The Big Spring Herald is seeking a reporter to cover the lifestyle beat for Howard County. The applicant should be able to write hard news and features and feel comfortable interacting with different members of the community. The reporter hired should have a working knowledge of InDesign and Photoshop and have some editorial experience. The position will be responsible for building pages, interviewing subjects, writing articles, and taking pictures. Benefits include health insurance as well as vacation and sick/personal leave after a probationary period. To apply, e-mail a resume, cover letter, and writing samples to [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

## Public Notice

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#9014 March 27 - April 22, 2016

**ADDRESS CORRECTION**

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE – TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, April 7th, 2016, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big

## Public Notice

Spring, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for comment on a proposed amendment to the current 2015-2018 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the draft 2017-2020 Rural TIP for the Abilene District. The TIP, as required by Title 23, US Code, Section 135 – Statewide Transportation Planning, is required to demonstrate use of federal, state, and local funds to develop, maintain, and operate intermodal transportation systems and facilities. The Abilene district includes Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

This meeting is being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program. A copy of both the amendment and the draft TIP is available at the Abilene District office, see address and contact info below.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Mary Belle Turner at (325) 676-6817 five (5) days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Michael Haithcock, P.E., 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, TX 79601, or email at "Michael.Haithcock@txdot.gov". A 10 day public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Abilene District Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 17th, 2016.

#9024 April 7, 2016

CGG is performing a seismic survey within the City of Big Spring and surrounding areas. This will involve surveying, placing sensors on permitted properties, and utilizing vibroseis trucks on City streets. All personnel will be wearing hard hats and orange vests, and will be from either Pathfinder Navigation or Geokinetics. We will have third party monitoring to ensure minimal impact from our operations. This is a CGG sponsored activity, and any questions or concerns should be addressed to our local office at 210 West 3rd St, Big Spring, Texas. Our local phone number is 432-271-2577.

#9011 March 25 - April 14, 2016

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. for the construction of the following project:

**Diversion Pump Station Concrete Repairs**

The project includes the rehabilitation of the existing Colorado City Diversion Pump Station. The project includes concrete beam repairs, concrete column repairs, concrete pipe support repairs, concrete stair repairs, and miscellaneous concrete repairs.

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

## Public Notice

Any proposals received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened.

Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, Telephone (432) 267-6341, and the office of Freese and Nichols, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109-4895, Telephone (817) 735-7300.

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This website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of interested parties, reports or other information relevant to submitting a proposal for the Project.

There will not be a pre-bid meeting for this project.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
John Grant,  
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#9010 March 24, 31, & April 7, 2016

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Request for Proposals for Depository Banking Services

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Hotheaded New Moon

Interacting with loved ones during this hotheaded

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could cause some stress, even if the topic of communication is innocuous. There's tension that needs to be defused, and it's always the ones on the inside who get this special job. To help a loved one let off steam is actually a privilege that most will find extremely worthwhile.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The idea comes to you, but it's not yours. It's a fickle entity, and it will go wherever it's most likely to be realized. You'll get first choice though; if you think this is worth following through on, make your move now, before it's too late.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your life is a bit like an abstract painting or a song today in that it's a work of art you really needn't explain. People will wonder. Let them come up with their own interpretations. It will be more interesting that way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There are plenty of things on your wish list these days, in-

cluding bigger reserves of patience, especially where the opposite sex is concerned. You may even move that to the top of the list.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There's quite a lot of work that goes into making your home a beautiful place that runs smoothly -- work you gladly do, especially since your domestic life is such a huge source of pride for you these days.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Today you will give with a heart that's as big as the wide, open sky. Your beneficiary will be liberated by the gift and will feel free enough to fly through the expanse of it, ever closer to the sun.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some use tardiness as an attention-getting tool. They equate being late with being special. Since you need your life to run on schedule, give those chronically late people an earlier version of the expected arrival time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Have faith. Show up to work day after day after day like the sun showing up to the ground. One day, what's planted inside will stretch out and blossom before your eyes.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Powerful people weren't always

so -- and, in fact, they aren't always powerful now, either. Everyone is vulnerable in some way. You'll see this today, and your compassion in this regard will be applied to good effect.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The fake thing you're worried about will loom large in your mind until you challenge it, asking point blank: "What is the real thing I'm worried about?" The real thing is very easily handled once you know what it is.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The main stress will be brief and followed by a happy moment, borne of a very simple question you ask yourself. "What can I do?" You'll come up with many answers, and then you'll act on the best one.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People need you as much as you need them. This balance will make for an extremely productive day of cooperation and group effort. With deep appreciation, you'll accept the ample support you're offered.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not time to ask for help yet. You're not ready for people to take notice of your idea. You're still working on it, and you'd prefer to do that under

the radar. Once loved ones give you the space you need, you'll be in heaven.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 7). You'll make a special and expert contribution in May and soon after you'll be appreciated, thanked, celebrated and paid for it. Someone new will love you for who you are, all the while inspiring you to blossom in new ways. July shows you freer to express yourself, and you'll find the perfect public forum, too. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 17, 22 and 38.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "My problem is the receptionist at the front desk where I work. Why this person was hired is a mystery to me. She has a bizarre look to her, as she draws in her lips and eyebrows and wears her hair in an extreme updo. But that's not the problem. She's unpleasant to everyone who comes into the office, treating people as though they are interruptions instead of valued clients. She does the rest of her office work well, but the bad vibes she puts out must be off-putting. I think she sends the wrong message about our company. How can I get my Leo boss to see

things the way I do and hire someone else? I'm an Aquarius."

The receptionist's style may be an affront to your natural Aquarian tendency to treat all people with respect. However, the receptionist was not your hire, and you are not her boss. Remind your boss that front-desk personnel are often the first impression a client has of a company and that the receptionist sets the tone for future interactions and should therefore reflect the values of the company. Remind him this but once; then let it go.

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ANSWERS

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

Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** While my leashed dog and I are bonding and enjoying our time together, people will virtually block our way and -- without asking me -- begin to vigorously

pet my dog and interact directly with her. My dog is small and fluffy, and strangers, particularly kids, feel free to approach and play with her.

These encounters are often not welcome or convenient for me. Sometimes I only have enough time to walk the dog before I have to be elsewhere, and other times, frankly, I'm just not in the mood. My dog doesn't care one way or the other about the attention, but her long hair gets sticky, smelly and dirty when it's stroked by unclean hands continually.

I know other pet owners experience similar problems, but feel too guilty to deprive dog

lovers of their fun. Are there any tactful and effective ways for me to keep people's hands off my dog without sounding hostile? -- Need to Get Moving

**Dear Need:** No one, particularly children, should approach and pet a strange dog without permission. It is dangerous. It's perfectly OK for you to say, "Please don't pet my dog." If you say it nicely, but firmly, most people will not consider it hostile. They will think you are protecting them or your dog from potential harm. We have also heard about pet owners tying a yellow ribbon on the dog's collar to indicate that the dog needs to be left alone. If this is not common practice in your area, feel free to inform everyone that when your dog is wearing the yellow ribbon, it means she needs her space. We think they will appreciate the infor-

mation and respect your decision. Kids especially love having "special knowledge" and will be sure to pass it along.

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Sad Nana," who says her granddaughter isn't allowed to bring presents back to her Dad's house because it might create resentment with her step-sister, who rarely gets presents.

Nana needs to step up to the plate. How can any grandmother buy gifts for one child and not the other, even if she is not a blood relative, when they are living in the same house? She is just pitting the girls against each other. I want to tell her to open her heart. This is an opportunity for her to have a second granddaughter. She could be a special person in this young girl's life, providing a true gift of friendship and love that will last a

lifetime. The girl will always remember Nana's kindness, and hopefully she'll pass on the same thoughtfulness when she becomes a grandmother.

We should be building bridges and teaching our young the right values in life. These girls are now sisters and should be treated as such. Nana should be helping to cement this family, rather than separating them. If money is an issue, both gifts can be smaller. Kids don't need so many things anyway. -- Nana of Seven

**Dear Nana:** We are with you 100 percent. It is so much better to be kind to one another.

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	3	4		7			9	
		1		8				4
8	9			3	5			
			8			3	1	
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Play Fit for a King

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 7 5 4  
♥ A J 10 9 6  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 6  
♥ K 5 2  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ Q J 10 8 3

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 2  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ K 10 9 7  
♣ 9 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 3  
♥ 7 3  
♦ A Q J 5  
♣ A K 7 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

3 NT. Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Experience is a marvelous teacher, but one of the dangers of long association with bridge is the gradual growth of a lethargic attitude in commonplace situations.

Take this case where South is in three notrump. Let's say South ducks the opening club lead and wins the next club with the king. He then plays a heart and, when West follows low, finesses the nine. If East takes his queen, which seems the natural thing to do, South has no trouble scoring 10 tricks. Whatever East

returns, declarer takes a second heart finesse and makes the contract with an overtrick, scoring four hearts and two tricks in each of the other suits.

If East does not take his queen, South still gets home safely. He takes a successful diamond finesse, crosses to the ace of hearts and repeats the diamond finesse. Declarer thus scores two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

However, South would find it impossible to make nine tricks if West played the king of hearts on the first heart lead! This would limit South to just one heart trick.

Declarer might duck the king, hoping West also had the queen, or might take the king and attempt a diamond finesse. Either way, though, South can't make nine tricks.

West should surely play the king of hearts when the suit is first led despite the usual practice by a defender of playing second hand low. General rules are always subservient to common sense, and in the present case, West should apply that invaluable commodity to the situation at hand.

West should reason that if South has the queen of hearts, the king is doomed, come what may. He therefore plays the king on the assumption that East has the queen, and hopes that by doing so he will restrict dummy to one heart trick.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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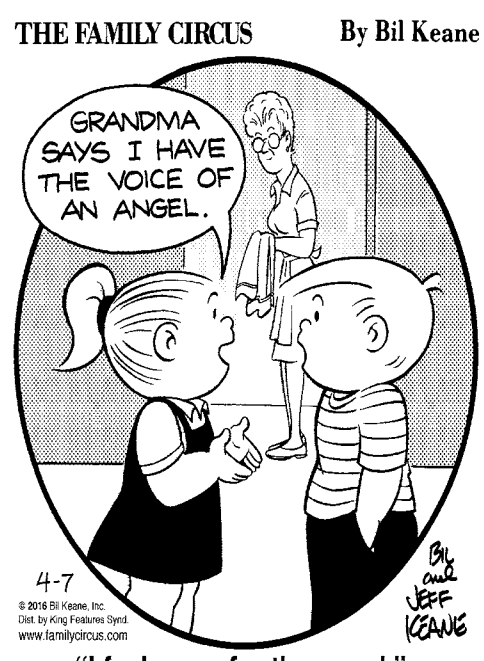
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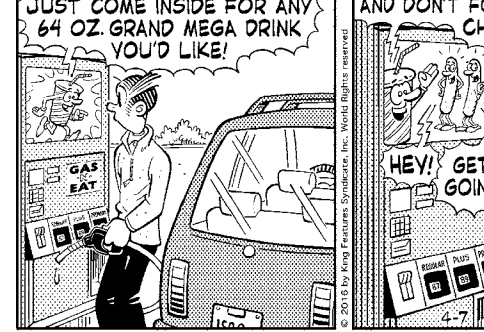


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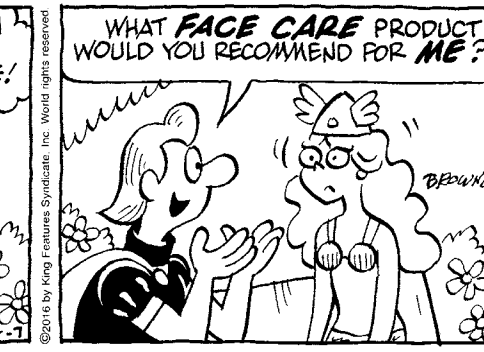
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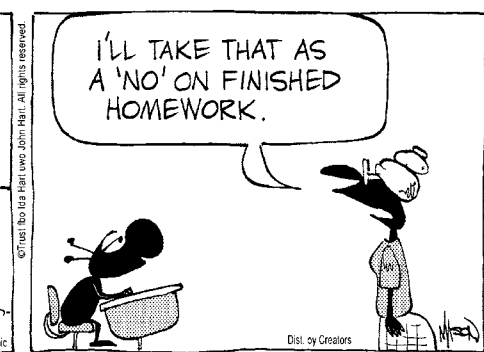
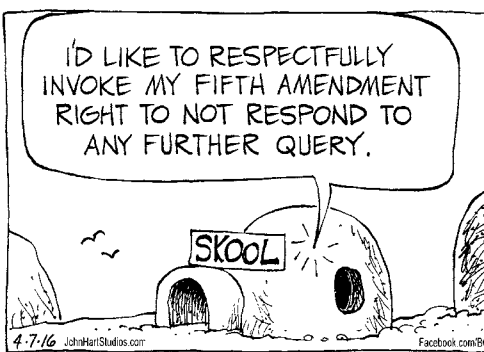
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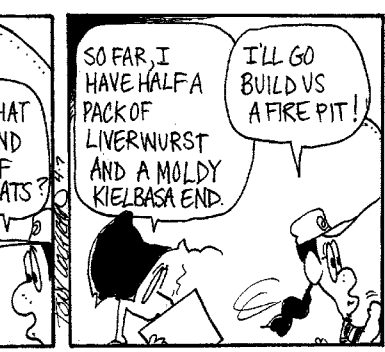
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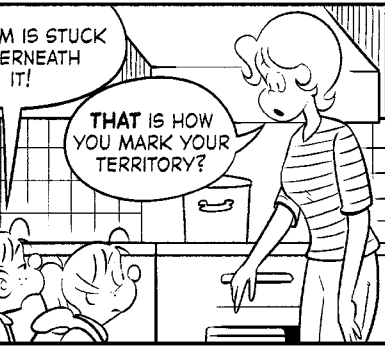
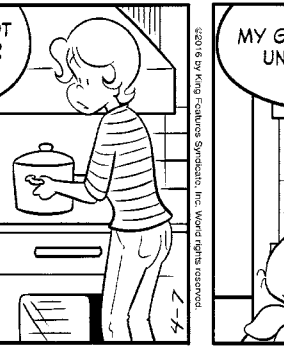
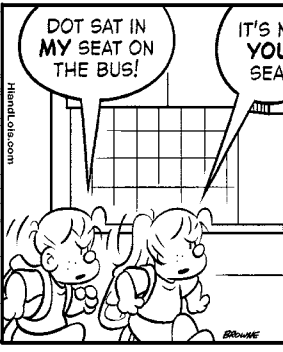
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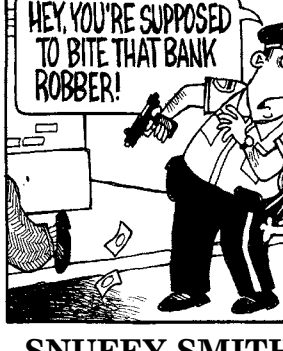
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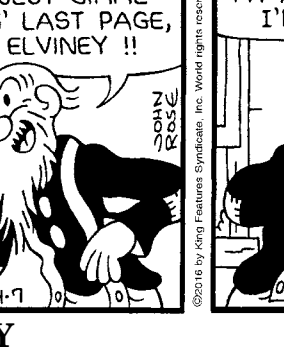
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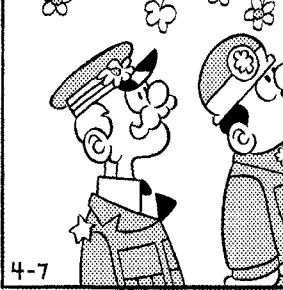
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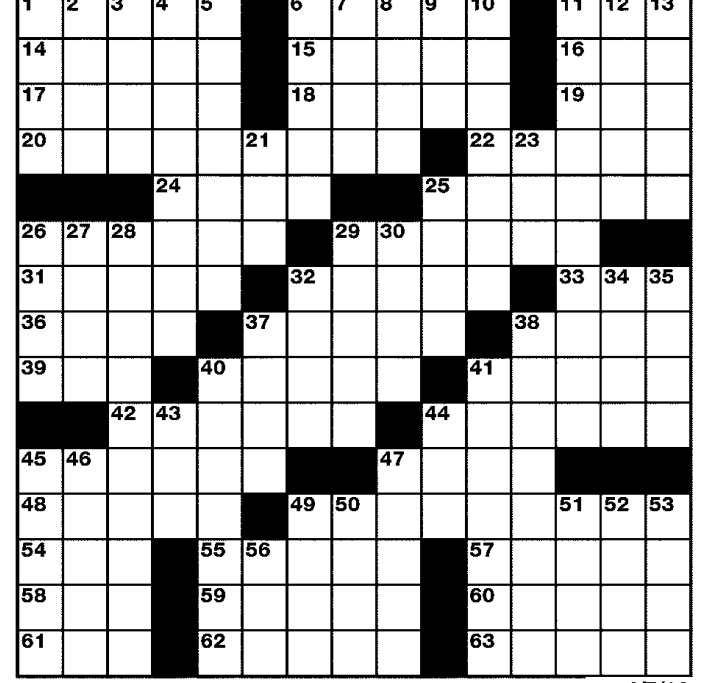
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# McHugh rocked, Astros waste Correa's big night vs Yankees

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Correa is off to a prodigious start in his first full major league season. His latest impressive performance went to waste at Yankee Stadium, though.

Collin McHugh got only one out in the shortest start of his career, and the Houston Astros were routed by the New York Yankees 16-6 on Wednesday night.

"It's about as bad as you can draw it up," McHugh said.

It was the most runs the Astros had allowed since giving up 16 to Texas on Aug. 19, 2013.

"Every scoring opportunity had something to do with a walk. We didn't challenge the strike zone enough," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Correa went 4 for 5

with two home runs and George Springer hit his first career grand slam for Houston, a 5-3 winner Tuesday in the frigid season opener (36 degrees at game time).

This one started with the temperature at 43 degrees and took 3 hours, 45 minutes to complete.

"He's an impact player," Hinch said about Correa. "It wasn't a good night to hit and he sort of doesn't care."

The 21-year-old Correa, last season's AL Rookie of the Year, is 5 for 9 (.556) with three home runs and four RBIs.

He became the first Astros player to hit three homers in the first two games of a season — and joined Seattle's Russell Branyan (2009) as the only players to hit a home run off the dark glass facing of the sports bar above Monument Park in straight-



**Houston Astros Carlos Correa watches his first-inning, solo, home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Michael Pineda in a baseball game in New York, Wednesday, April 6, 2016. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)**

away center field at the new Yankee Stadium.

One estimate had the drive traveling 462 feet had it landed unimpeded.

"I'm seeing the ball very well," Correa said. "I've changed many things. I've been working on a lot of stuff in the offseason that are going

to help me this year."

Starlin Castro homered and drove in five runs, Mark Teixeira had four RBIs and the Yankees chased McHugh (0-1) in a six-run bottom of the first inning that lasted 36 minutes.

Teixeira and Castro each hit a three-run homer. Carlos Beltran

also went deep and Castro finished with four of New York's 17 hits.

"Starlin Castro is playing T-ball right now," Beltran said.

Brian McCann had a two-run double in the first, Brett Gardner walked a career-high four times and pinch-hitter Ronald Torreyes hit a two-run triple in his first at-bat with the Yankees.

Michael Pineda (1-0) benefited from the offensive outburst, taking home a win despite allowing six runs and eight hits — including three homers — in five innings.

Ivan Nova finished with four scoreless innings on a windy night for his first major league save. It was his first relief appearance since June 2013.

**LONG RELIEF**

New York's first-inning rally started when

leadoff man Jacoby Ellsbury reached on catcher's interference, followed by two walks. McHugh was pulled after 43 pitches and replaced by rookie right-hander Michael Feliz, who gave up six runs in 4 1-3 innings. Feliz threw 107 pitches, mostly by an Astros reliever since Bob Forsch threw 114 against Cincinnati in 1989, STATS said.

"Anytime you go to get your starter in the first, it's going to be a little dicey the rest of the way," Finch said.

**FOR MILO**

The Astros announced they will hold a short ceremony before their home opener Monday to dedicate the press box at Minute Maid Park to the memory of Hall of Fame broadcaster Milo Hamilton, the team's longtime radio voice. Hamilton died last September.

## NBA

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scramble and Devin Harris made two free throws for an 88-85 lead with 5 seconds to go.

"One of the reasons Dirk is having a hard time getting open looks is because we are playing a different style right now," Carlisle said. "I am proud of our guys for being willing to be team guys and play this way. We lived to fight another day."

The Rockets went ahead 71-70 going in the fourth when Howard tipped in a lob pass from Jason Terry on an in-bounds play with just 0.2 seconds left in the third. And Houston had the biggest lead of the fourth at 80-76 before Dallas' defense clamped down, outscoring the Rockets 18-15 in the fourth.

Houston scored on just three of its last 16 possessions and had six points

in the final 9:15 on 2-of-14 shooting.

Michael Beasley had 15 points off the bench for the Rockets, who didn't have anybody else in double figures.

"They got very handsy, they did a very good job of keeping us out of the break," Houston coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "They smothered us in the backcourt."

Matthews had 16 points for Dallas, including three 3-pointers during a 15-2 run made up entirely of 3s to put Dallas up 10 in the second quarter. Barea had the other two.

**UGLY FOURTH**

Harden had 12 of Houston's 15 points in the fourth, and his teammates were 1 of 11 from the field. The teams combined to shoot 28 percent (11 of 39) in the final quarter. Barea had 10 of his points on 4-of-6 shooting.

**BLOOD BREAKS**

Play was stopped twice in the first quarter because players were bleeding. The first was Beverly, who had a cut above his left eye and was led off

the court with a towel covering it. He got three stitches and returned in the second quarter with a bandage over the eye. Mavericks forward David Lee had a cut on his right arm late in the quarter and left the game as well before returning.

**TIP-INS**

Rockets: Houston fell to 2-17 when scoring under 100 points. ... Howard had his 37th double-double. ... Despite the loss, the Rockets will likely hold the tiebreaker over the Mavericks because of a better Southwest Division record.

Mavericks: Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, a regular on the front row for Mavs games, was joined this time by tight end Jason Witten and three of his offensive linemen — Pro Bowlers Travis Frederick and Zack Martin along with Doug Free. ... Harris scored 10 points.

**UP NEXT**

Rockets: Host Phoenix on Thursday.

Mavericks: Host Memphis on Friday.

## RANGERS

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"Especially in that game and be able to win the series."

Joaquin Benoit (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth.

Texas starter Colby Lewis was down 3-0 after giving up a two-run homer to Cano in the first and a solo shot to Martin in the second.

But the 36-year-old right-hander got through the sixth without allowing another run and left the game with a 5-3 lead after Prince Fielder's first homer — a towering three-run shot into the upper deck of seats in right field after Lewis had thrown his last pitch.

The Rangers bullpen allowed 14 runs and 17 hits in only six innings the last two games of the series. Texas was tied 2-2 through six innings Tuesday night when starter Martin Perez departed, but lost 10-2.

"After two outings I'm not going to raise the red flag and being concerned," Banister said. "The three starters have given us three quality outings. We have to shore up, sharpen up and we'll get it going in the right direction."

**RARE OCCURRENCE**

Never before had the Rangers had pitchers in consecutive games allow five runs without recording an out. Tom Wilhelmson allowed four hits and hit a batter in his Texas debut on Tuesday night.

**EVERYBODY PLAYS**  
All 13 position players on the Rangers opening day roster got a start in the home series. The bottom four hitters in Wednesday's lineup were making their season debuts. That included Bryan Holaday, the former TCU catcher who was born in Dallas. He threw out both Seattle runners who tried to steal bases.

**GOING DEEP**

Seattle hit nine homers in the opening series. Cano homered in the first three games, the first Seattle player ever to do that.

**ON THE FLY**

Ian Desmond caught all three balls that came his way in his first big league start in center field. The former All-Star shortstop for Washington had no fly balls when playing his first two games for Texas in left field.

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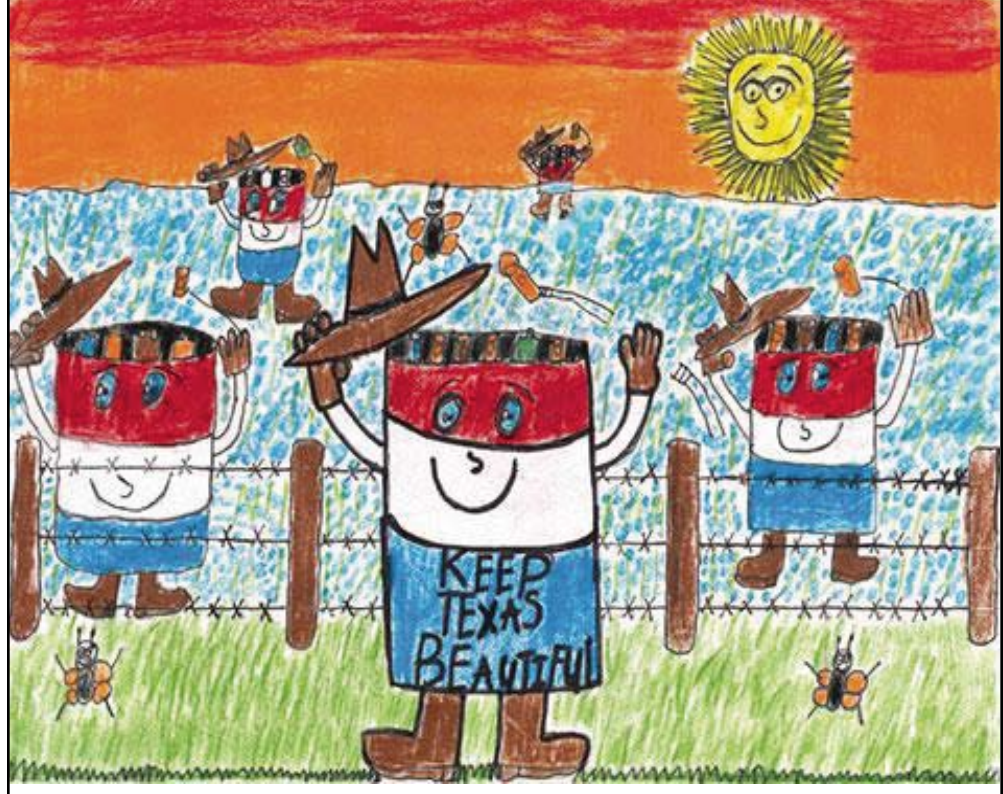
Mariners: Seattle gets a day off before its home opener Friday night against Oakland. Taijuan Walker, who was 11-8 last season, is the

scheduled starter.

Rangers: Left-hander Derek Holland, who got hurt in the first inning of his first start last season, is to take the mound Thursday night when Texas opens a four-game series at the Los Angeles Angels.

**FIRST PITCHES**

The Rangers had two ceremonial first pitches Thursday, one by 19-year-old NASCAR Xfinity Series driver Brandon Jones and another by 105-year-old Elizabeth Sullivan. The Rangers are sponsoring Jones' car this weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. Sullivan is a longtime Rangers fan who was asked her secret of longevity. "I have no idea," she said. "I don't take any medication 'cause they can't find anything wrong with me."

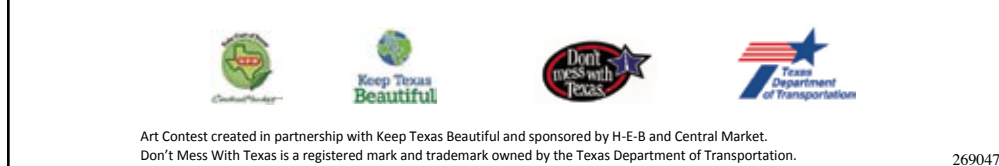


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# Parent's Corner: Don't shortcut the thinking process

Have you ever been accused of putting two and two together and making five? If so, someone is thinking that you have jumped to the wrong conclusion.

In today's world, we are always under pressure to act now, rather than spend time reasoning things through and thinking about the true facts. Not only can this lead us to a wrong conclusion, but it can also



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cause conflict with other people, who may have drawn quite different conclusions on the same matter.

In this fast moving environment, we need to make sure our actions and decisions are founded on reality. Similarly, when we accept or challenge other people's conclusions, we need to be confident that their reasoning, and ours, is firmly based on the true facts.

Interestingly enough, there is a thinking process that leads us to these conclusions.

Our beliefs have a big effect on how we select from reality, and can lead us to

ignore the true facts altogether. Soon we are literally jumping to conclusions by missing facts and skipping steps in the reasoning process. In the beginning we have reality and facts.

From there, we experience these selectively based on our beliefs and prior experience. Then we interpret what they mean by applying our existing assumptions, sometimes without considering them. We then draw conclusions based on the interpreted facts and our assumptions and develop beliefs based on these conclusions. Then we take actions that seem "right" because they

are based on what we believe.

This is jumping to conclusions.

What we should do is learn the facts and use our beliefs and experiences to positively effect, rather than allowing them to narrow our field of judgment. We should ask ourselves the following questions to judge whether we are making the correct assumption: Is this the "right" conclusion? Why am I making these assumptions? Why do I think this is the "right" thing to do? Is this really based on all the facts? Why does this person believe that?

If we are challenging someone else's conclusions, it is especially important to be able to explain our reasoning so that we can explain it to that person in a way that helps us reach a shared conclusion and avoid conflict.

In the old television show of Daniel Boone a bit of advice was given. (I don't know if Daniel Boone actually said this but he did in the show). Daniel would say, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead!" This is good advice that we should all remember.

*Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD Director of School Safety.*

## PBUWCD 2016 scholarship contest application available

STANTON — The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) is sponsoring a scholarship essay contest for graduating seniors who are planning to attend college.

Those who are eligible to apply for the scholarship must attend one of the four schools in the PBUWCD's District; Forsan, Grady, Sands, and Stanton high schools. There will be a scholarship offered to each of the four schools in the District and the winners of the contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The essays are due not later than April 13, 2016. They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W St. Peter, Stanton, Texas.

This year's topic for the essay will be: "Texas has devoted a considerable amount of time and attention to rainwater harvesting and has enacted many laws regulating the practice of collecting rainwater. This water saving technique can help to conserve the valuable underground water in our aquifers."

Write an essay addressing the importance of rainwater harvesting, its benefits, and what you and others can do to help."

For further criteria and information, please contact your high school counselor or the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136 or email pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com.

## What's behind educational divide in GOP White House race

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was in Nevada, just about month ago, when Donald Trump proclaimed his affection for the uneducated.

"We won with young. We won with old. We won with highly educated. We won with poorly educated. I love the poorly educated," the Republican presidential front-runner boasted after coasting to a decisive victory in the state's caucuses.

He should love them. Trump overwhelmingly leads his rivals for support among the less educated, and draws more modest backing from college graduates and those with postgraduate study, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks by Edison Research.

In an analysis of voters by education in states where exit or entrance polling is available, nearly half of those with high school diplomas or less schooling said they supported the billionaire. Just over 40 percent of those with some college study favored him. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz captured the next best showing among the two groups, with 27 and 28 percent, respectively.

What is it about Trump that he attracts such a strong showing among

those who haven't graduated from college?

"I think it is incorrect to look at the data and conclude that those voters are more ignorant," Katherine Cramer, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said in an interview. "Instead, there's a strong correlation between having a college degree or not, and your economic situation in life."

Cramer explains, "These are folks who have been feeling a real struggle to make ends meet for decades now and they see a candidate coming along who says to them, 'You're right. You're not getting your fair share. It sucks. And I'm going to stand up for you.'"

"That's really appealing to people," Cramer said before Tuesday's primary in Wisconsin.

Exit polls from most of the primaries and caucuses held to date show Trump has trailed among voters having a high school degree or less in only one state where data is available so far. Cruz led in his home state of Texas. The high school graduate sample size wasn't large enough in Massachusetts and Vermont for a solid measure.

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