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West Texas county is locked, loaded ... and laid-back

By TOM BENNING

The Dallas Morning News

GAIL, Texas (AP) — Melisa Hancock sidled up to her .22 rifle and took aim at the snake sunning in her father's backyard.

She needed only one shot, no big deal for a native of these West Texas plains. And so she and her 83-year-old father, Buster Taylor, chuckled when he urged her to "go Rambo" on what was actually a piece of hose playing the role of the area's ever-present rattlesnakes.

"I'm the noisemaker out here," Taylor, a retired lawman, said jokingly to The Dallas Morning News. Earlier, he had been target shooting with small bottles of Tannerite, a

compound that booms when hit.

Welcome to Borden County, population 676, perhaps the most gun-friendly locale in Texas. More than one-fifth of residents who are old enough — 21 and up — to get a license to carry a handgun have one. That far surpasses

any other county — and the 1-in-20 rate for all of Texas.

This month, more than two decades after lawmakers agreed to allow the concealed carrying of handguns, Texas will cross the 1 million mark in residents with a gun carry license.

In a state with 27 million people, that might not seem remarkable. But recently passed

legislation, such as a law to allow the licensed open carrying of handguns, has drawn new attention to the state's fascination with weaponry.

In urban areas like Dallas and its suburbs, it's a source of conflict and part of the cultural and political wars. In this county southeast of Lubbock, it's a way of life. Pistols, rifles and shotguns are ubiquitous here, but Borden County isn't some modern-day OK Corral.

Firearms are seen more as a tool to handle varmints or ranch security than as a conversation piece. Residents would rather talk about their top-notch schools and close-knit community.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring residents Doug Lykken, Kevan Schooler, Paula Farquhar, Debbye ValVerde, Jim Clemons and Paul Townsend carry the banner at Friday night's Howard and Glasscock Counties Relay For Life. Lykken is a caregiver, while the others are all cancer survivors.

Enthusiasm infectious at 2016 Relay for Life

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

If the spirit and enthusiasm at the Dorothy Garrett Colosseum Friday night is any indication, cancer's days may just be numbered.

The Howard College colosseum was ground zero for the annual Relay For Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties, and more than 100 cancer survivors, cheered on by hundreds more supporters,

marched around the track in defiance of the disease.

"I am going to say there's gonna be close to 300 people here," estimated Relay Community Manager Manny Negrón. "We usually bring in that amount, between 300 and 500. Before the event started, we had about 70 registered survivors online, and we probably have got another 40 to 50 caregivers and survivors registered here at the event, so about 130 to 150."

The event is an emotional one for those touched by cancer, Negrón added.

"We just had our survivor lap and the survivors are in tears," he said. "It's just another lap that they've made. We're real proud of them."

Negrón said the Relay had raised about \$53,000 of its

\$145,000 goal prior to Friday night's event, and several more donations were expected throughout the evening. While final totals weren't available by press time, Negrón remained optimistic.

"I'm hopeful," he said. "Howard County always surprises us year after year, we just don't ever know. We're having an auction going on right now, and a lot of the teams have put in a basket for the auction so that's more money that they're getting to raise. A lot of the teams are doing fundraising, having games and food and drinks. They're all participating, so it's going to be a great turnout tonight."

Event Leader Beverly Grant emceed the opening ceremony.

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118th District Court rules in city's favor

Hearing Examiner exceeded his jurisdiction

Herald Staff Report

Staff Writer

The 118th District Court has ruled a hearing examiner exceeded his jurisdiction and upheld the city of Big Spring's termination of employment of a Big Spring firefighter, according to a news release issued Friday afternoon.

"The City of Big Spring today, Friday, May 6, 2016, received the decision of the 118th District Court, granting the City's motion for Summary Judgment in the case, City of Big Spring vs. Fabian Butler," Kay

Edwards, city attorney stated. "The District Court determined that the hearing examiner exceeded his jurisdiction; and therefore, the termination of Mr. Fabian Butler is upheld."

The decision is the latest in legal wrangling between the city and Mr. Butler which stemmed from an incident that occurred in February 2015 at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute.

According to court documents, Butler,

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Overall valuations expected to drop in Howard County

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

If preliminary appraisal estimates hold, few people are going to be happy with their property valuations this year. Homeowners will be upset because many individual appraisals are on the rise, while taxing entities will struggle to off-

set projected losses in overall valuations.

Howard County Tax Appraisal District officials mailed out preliminary appraisals to property owners a few weeks ago, and many homeowners noticed an increase in their estimated values.

See, **VALUATIONS**, Page 3A

County Judge to speak at Republican meeting Monday

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will be the guest speaker at the next Howard County Republican Party meeting on Monday. Wiseman and Brian Klinksiek, county road and bridge administrator, will speak on issues impacting the county. Members will meet at 11:30 a.m. for a Dutch-treat lunch in the Howard College Cactus Room located on the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The meeting will be held at noon.

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EDWARDS HEIGHTS - 5 bedroom, 3 bath historical home with office, double sided fireplace, formal dining, wood floors, grand staircase, central H/A, 3,348 living sq. ft. Guest apartment, covered patio, 2 car garage, 1 car carport.

1406 DREID RD. - \$229,900
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County Commissioner to honor Students of the Year Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will honor the best this area's public schools have to offer when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the third floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Commissioners will formally recognize the "male and female students of the year" from the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts during the meeting.

This marks the second year for the special recognition, the brainchild of Pct. 2 Commissioner

Craig Bailey.

"We wanted to give these kids the appreciation they deserve after all they've accomplished in their 12 years of school and show them how proud we are of them," Bailey said during last year's presentation. "While we can't give them scholarships, something like this will be beneficial for them to put on their resumes."

In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:

- Routine financial and personnel matters.
- Two closed sessions to regard personnel matters.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **AMANDA GALE ROBERTSON**, 34 of 806 S. Lancaster St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS**, 25, of 1702 S. Monticello St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **CANDIDA LYNN WHITEHEAD**, 42, of 3706 Connally St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear, and

on another outstanding warrant.

- **TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III**, 36, of 806 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **AARON MIKEL BOUTIN**, 22, of 901 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **CASEY RAY BRACKETT**, 24, of 809 S. Runnels St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on Interstate 20 near

Discussion and possible action concerning the Texas Department of Transportation's inventory of county roads.

Discussion and possible action regarding a flow line at the old county airport.

- A striping plan for Driver road.
- An update on TxDOT projects in the county which are nearing completion.

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mile marker 177 eastbound.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson.

THEFT was reported in the 5600 block of North Service Road, the 800 block of W. Interstate 20, the 1600 block of S. Gregg Street and the 1800 block of S. Gregg St.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 400 block of S. Goliad Street.

DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of S. First Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **AMANDA ROBERTSON PRICE**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500).
- **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS**, 25, was booked by BSPD on

charges of violation of promise to appear, speeding (10 percent or more above the posted limit) and driving with an invalid license.

- **TERRY LEE TOMBES**, 66, was booked by Glasscock County on a charge of possession of child pornography.
- **AARON MIKEL BOUTIN**, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CANDIDA LYNN WHITEHEAD**, 42, was booked

by BSPD on charges of driving with an invalid license, failure to appear and issuance of a bad check.

CASEY RAY BRACKETT, 24, was booked by HCSO on charges of disregarding a red light and violation of promise to appear.

TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON III, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Take Note

National Nursing Home Week culminates on Friday, May 13 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation 3200 Parkway Road. According to Kristi Beauchamp, administrator, the celebration also honors nurses, residents, caregivers and staff. The activities at Parkview will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 6 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy hotdogs, train rides for youngsters, a water slide and games. Dimples the clown will be available for face painting and a DJ will provide music for the event.

For additional information, call Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation at 432-263-4041

Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org. Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in

Missions" and also put "Bailey Pitman" on the note section of your check. You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.

Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2nd, 2016 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

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 University 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 and the application can be found of the club website: www.westexags.com

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.

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 fund-raisers 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

RELAY

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"There are so many people in our area that have cancer, and it's really coming in with children now in our area, Howard and Glasscock counties," she said. "We're just trying to fight for a cure and find a way that we can research and find some way to help everyone be cancer-free, but especially our young children so that they can have a life like every other child in Big Spring."

For more information about the Relay For Life, visit the website at www.relayforlife.org

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/8	Mon 5/9	Tue 5/10	Wed 5/11	Thu 5/12
 87/55	 86/58	 94/62	 91/58	 85/60
Partly cloudy. Gusty winds in the afternoon. A stray severe t-storm is possible. High 87F. Winds SW at 20 to 30 mph.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Arlene	85	65	Sunny/Wind	Kingsville	87	69	M Sunny
Amarillo	86	52	Sunny/Wind	Livingston	87	61	Sunny
Austin	86	66	Sunny	Longview	85	60	Sunny
Beaumont	82	63	Sunny	Lubbock	90	59	Sunny/Wind
Brownsville	83	70	M Sunny	Lufkin	85	60	Sunny
Brownwood	84	64	Sunny	Midland	92	67	Sunny
Corpus Christi	83	70	M Sunny	Raymondville	86	71	Sunny
Corsicana	85	64	Sunny	Rosenberg	83	65	Sunny
Dallas	86	64	M Sunny	San Antonio	88	66	M Cloudy
Del Rio	91	68	Sunny	San Marcos	86	64	Sunny
El Paso	82	57	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	62	Sunny
Fort Stockton	93	66	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	87	65	Sunny/Wind
Gainesville	82	61	P Cloudy	Tyler	86	61	Sunny
Greenville	83	62	P Cloudy	Weatherford	84	63	P Cloudy
Houston	83	65	Sunny	Wichita Falls	86	65	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	60	Sunny	Miami	80	68	Sunny
Boston	53	48	Cloudy	Minneapolis	70	47	P Cloudy
Chicago	64	47	Sct T-Storms	New York	60	50	Cloudy

Support Groups

MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

TUESDAY

Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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RULING

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a lieutenant with the local fire department's emergency medical service, was part of a crew that responded to a medical call at FCI. However, he was denied access into the facility because he did not have proper identification. After being denied entry, Butler allegedly displayed "rude behavior" toward FCI personnel.

The documents state that after investigating the incident, Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson first placed Butler on administrative leave with pay before indefinitely suspending him from the department for several reasons, including "neglect of duty" (not having his ID and being unable to supervise the crew while it was inside FCI) and "discourtesy to the public" (the alleged rude behavior).

City officials claim Ferguson did not decide

to indefinitely suspend (Butler) solely because of the one incident that occurred at FCI, but also because of Butler's "long history" of performance and disciplinary issues, and reprimands in his file. Prior to the FCI incident, Ferguson allegedly gave a document to Butler warning him that "any additional problems that surfaced would cause him to have significant discipline."

Butler appealed his termination before a third-party hearing examiner in August 2015. In November, the examiner issued a ruling reducing the indefinite suspension to a temporary suspension of one week. The city filed suit in the 118th District Court in late November 2015 claiming the examiner exceeded his authority and sought to overturn the ruling.

Butler joined the fire department in 2006 and had worked his way up to the rank of lieutenant and had tested for an

assistant chief position at the time of his termination.

In an interview with the Big Spring Herald last year, he admitted not having identification the night of the FCI incident, but said that was the first time prison officials had ever asked for ID. He also took issue with rude behavior charge.

"They said I was rude and discourteous," Butler said in the December 2015 article. "I asked them, 'What did I say?' ... and they never told me."

Butler, who is African-American, also claims race played a role in his termination.

"I sure do (think race played a factor)," he told the Herald. "I was the first African-American lieutenant in the department and I would have been the first African-American deputy chief. In addition, I made the highest score (on the deputy chief exam) and I had seniority."

Photos needed for Pops in the Park military salute

• 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.

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 popsinthepark2016@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 with each submission.

LOCKED

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And even some fervent gun owners just shake their heads at the Legislature's heated firearms debates.

"Everybody out here is raised with a gun," Sheriff Benny Ray Allison said. "You never know when you are going to have to use one — running across a snake or you're out here by yourself in the middle of nowhere."

"Pretty much everybody I know has a gun."

Many more Texans in recent years have been getting a gun license, which is needed to carry a pistol. (Long guns can be carried without one.) The state Department of Public Safety was even forced this year to boost staffing to handle a statewide bump in gun license applications.

But Borden County isn't an obvious epicenter — for guns or anything else.

Tucked at the base of the West Texas Caprock, the county was home to Comanche tribes and in some ways is still a vast expanse. On a recent evening, the only thing more immense than the wide-open terrain was a full moon that seemed to perch on Mushaway Peak.

Two stores line the main drag through Gail, the unincorporated town of 250 that serves as the county seat. Ranching, farming and oil drilling are king. The county is about the same square mileage as Dallas County — just with 2.3 million fewer people.

"The 7-Eleven isn't on every corner," deadpanned County Judge Ross Sharp.

The remote, small-town life is part of the appeal. It also hints at the area's embrace of guns.

Joel Dennis raises sheep and cattle on a 5,000-acre spread — the Flying D Ranch — that's been in his family since the 1940s. The 71-year-old lived for a time in DeSoto, but the heavy traffic on a recent trip to Dallas reminded him of "why I moved" back.

He started working the ranch in his early teens — around the time he got his first gun. It was a 20-gauge shotgun, gifted in a deal to grant fishing rights on the ranch to a family in the county over.

"That's one of those things you never forget," he said.

Tending his flock, Dennis wore a pistol on his hip and kept a shotgun in his truck. That's part of the routine in a land where coyotes

roam and snakes lurk, he explained. He needs no license to carry on his property, which can also play host to hunters tracking deer and quail.

But he has one for when he ventures away from home — just in case.

"I don't want to go into a situation where I feel helpless," he said.

Crime is uncommon in Borden County, according to state data. But Allison, the sheriff, is often a one-man department. And many of the ranches in the county are miles away from the highway, and even farther from his office.

Several residents said they took comfort in the knowledge that their friends and neighbors were probably packing.

Among them was Amanda Blissard, a 42-year-old Borden County native who serves up burgers and sweet tea at her Blue Paw Cafe in Gail. Asked if she had ever considered posting a "no guns" sign — as some businesses in Dallas and elsewhere have done — she just laughed.

"The thought has never crossed my mind," said Blissard, who grew up shooting with her dad.

That view fits the conservative values in Borden County, dubbed

VALUATIONS

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But Chief Appraiser Ronnie Babcock said market forces are mainly to blame for the change.

"Some types of property showed an increase (in appraisal), this year, some types of property went down," Babcock said. "With single family residences, there were one or two classes of property in the upper end of the scale that showed increases, as did some properties on the lower end of the scale. The rest basically stayed the same ... We adjusted our appraisal schedule to what the market sets."

If property valuations are on the rise, however, the figures are being more offset by a drastic drop in mineral valuations brought on by the virtual shuttering of this area's oil industry, Babcock said.

As a result, overall preliminary appraisal figures for the major taxing entities in Howard County all show a decrease from last year:

- Howard County's preliminary appraisal is \$2.4 billion, down \$700 million from last year's actual appraisal number.
- The city of Big Spring's preliminary appraisal is \$720 million, down \$50 million from last year's final numbers.
- Big Spring Independent School District's preliminary appraisal is \$1.4 billion, down \$300 million from 2015's final numbers.
- Coahoma ISD's preliminary figure stands at \$261 million, down \$112 million from 2015.
- And Forsan ISD will suffer the most drastic drop of all, from \$662 million in 2015 to an estimated \$393 million this year.

Certified appraisals will be sent to

the taxing entities in late July, but if preliminary numbers hold, it is all but certain that the county's taxing entities will have to engage in some serious belt-tightening.

Howard County officials are already alerting individual department heads to prepare for a cut of at least 10 percent in their respective budgets, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said.

"We're going to do the very best we can," Wiseman said. "We've weathered tough times before, and we'll do so again."

For Forsan ISD, the oil bust has been especially cruel — the district has lost about two-thirds of its overall valuations in just two years.

"We are not separate from our community," FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said. "If the community hurts, we hurt, and if the community has success, we have success. This is the start of some tough times for the district."

As if the school district's economic news wasn't bad enough, it's liable to get worse in the near future, Johnson warned.

In September 2017, the state is set to discontinue allocating funds through its Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction program, which was instituted earlier this decade to help offset state-mandated reductions in the tax rate school districts could levy. For Forsan ISD, that will mean a loss of \$2.5 million next year.

"When the program started, we weren't using it, because we didn't need those funds. Now, they're our safety net," Johnson said. "In 2017, that's going away ... The next two years are going to be really, really tough for Forsan ISD."

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by one local as "Second Amendment country." But while Blissard said any talk there of the government taking away guns could "get a whole new war started," that political battleground can seem like a distant fight.

If Borden County is to be known for anything, many would rather that attention center on its high-achieving school. Home to a still-gleaming facility built in 2012 for its 260 or so students, the school was one of 26 in Texas nominated this year for a national Blue Ribbon award.

And when it comes to guns, residents also stressed that education at home is paramount.

Taylor, the retired lawman, enjoys having people over to shoot on the range he built on his 40 acres. Quick to laugh, he's hailed as one of the town's more colorful characters. One sign on his property simply says, "Keep Calm and Carry."

But when it came time to shoot, he got serious explaining the rules for his range. He recalled that when his kids took an interest in guns, he wanted to make sure they understood what a bullet could do to a person. So he had them watch a high-caliber round obliterate a gallon jug of water.

"Their eyes would get about this big," he said, forming his hands into the shape of saucers.

Indeed, there are no easy stereotypes in Borden County.

Many enjoy hunting. Others — such as Sharp,

the county judge — do not. Many have a license to carry. Many more do not. A few openly carry. Others can't imagine doing so. Some closely watched the recent legislative debates. Others — such as Dennis, the rancher — wished lawmakers' time was spent elsewhere.

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Margarita "Margie" Baeza, 66, died Thursday. Funeral services were held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Essie Person, 88, died Sunday. Funeral service were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park

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Where Texas became Texas

Clay Hunt grew up tending flocks of sheep on the family ranch near Brackettville. Now he's tending another type of flock. He is a Catholic priest at St. Joseph Church in Del Rio.

"Looking back, I can see that the Lord was preparing me as I was doing my daily chores on the ranch," says Father Clay. "I didn't recognize it at the time, but as they say, hindsight is 20-20. If you could talk to some of my friends, they would tell you they were surprised to find out I was a priest." He stays busy.

"On Sunday we have six masses because this parish is fairly large. We have about 3,500 families," he says. "We're one mile from the border of Old Mexico. This barrio, called Chihuahua, is predominantly Hispanic, so

we have 75 percent of our liturgy in Spanish. We have 16 scheduled masses a week."

He is a popular figure around Del Rio. You can definitely call him a character. He rides a motorcycle and carries a gun. People call him different things.

"Pistol Packing Padre is my favorite," he says. "I grew up hunting. I grew up with guns. I'm a patriot and love our country. I love the principles under which our country was founded and that was part of the wisdom of our forefathers, who said we have the right to bear arms."

He says he rides a steel horse. "I've been riding motorcycles about 25 years. I went to school at Sul Ross State University in Alpine and used to ride up in the Davis Mountains and Big Bend National Park. So I've always had a great love for motorcycles. Here in the fall we do what's called The Blessing of the Bikes. We typically ride out west of here to the Pecos High Bridge and have a mass out there. We do the Blessing of the Bikes and enjoy our time there with some

food, then we ride back together."

It's difficult to say just what type of outfit he's wearing. Once on St. Peter's Square in Rome a British reporter stopped him.

"He recognized that I was a priest by my collar, but what threw him off was the rest of the way I looked. I was wearing a biker jacket. I had a big handlebar mustache and I had a beanie cap from Jerusalem. He got a kick out of that. Sometimes I have a full beard that is strikingly red. My grandmother was a red head. Sometimes I shave my head. It is unique to have like a cowboy priest or a biker priest. People like it, you know, they get a kick out of it. They like to see that their priests are just regular people."

Father Clay says the journey to the priesthood is lengthy. He studied 10 years and served in Mexico and San Antonio before being assigned to Del Rio. He likes being close to home.

Contact Tumbleweed at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Texas Congressional District 19

To the Editor:

It is time again to elect our representative for Congressional District 19. As Americans and citizens of District 19, we need to step up and use the power of the vote. There has been an untold of Americans who have shed their blood and given their life for us to exercise the privilege, opportunity, obligation, or however you see the power of the vote. For me it is one way of honoring these patriots that have blazed the trail for us. It is also a way to say thanks to God for letting me be a citizen of this great nation.

I would like to share my thoughts for this election. I have had the privilege of hosting Jodey Arrington and Glen Robertson in my home. Each man came at different times. We sat around the table with a few veterans. After a prayer for our nation, the main topic of conversation was the VA and veterans. Both men were willing to listen and learn about the issues facing the VA and veterans. I found both to be good solid men. They have a totally different approach to politics.

After visiting with veterans and much time thinking and praying, I have made my choice. I realize each voter has their own priorities for these men. Because of my work for veterans and the future of the VA, I will be voting for Glen Robertson.

Regardless of the outcome of the election, I will be willing to work with either man about the issues that face the veterans and the VA.

Mike Tarpley
Big Spring,

National Hospital Week

To the Editor:

National Hospital Week is May 8-14. It is the perfect time to celebrate the heroes who care for and provide support to their communities.

Every day, Hospital Heroes deliver our babies, mend broken bones, and save lives. They get us home faster through innovative care. They even keep us healthier through preventive care services that ensure we get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

They deserve a "thank you," today and every day. Yet Congress has cut federal funding for hospitals by \$158.1 billion since 2010. If they continue to slash this funding year after year, heroic caregivers could be laid off, ER wait times could increase, and patients could have a harder time accessing the latest medical technology.

So this National Hospital Week, I'll be thanking our caregivers and hospital staff. I hope our members of Congress will stand up for our hospitals too.

Richard Irvin
Big Spring

A trashy problem

To the Editor:

What does it take to get your garbage dumpster emptied? It seems every few weeks they miss mine

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

Grand parents; Fair grandparents

Riney and Karen Jordan opted to "go retro" in retirement, and they've been moderately successful. They first chose small-town life in Hamilton, Texas, before embarking on true rural living a while back on property miles from town off a dirt road.

Few people pass their house going to town. They're coping on even terms with "old-timey" life-gathering eggs, planting gardens and driving tractors. And they glance out their windows regularly to see "if it's coming up a cloud."

Overall, this well-known public speaker and his wife deserve an "A+ life grade" heading into sunset years. (He served three decades in Grapevine schools, rising from classroom teacher to principal to district PR director.) They raised three children, and now are responsible for a grandson during his senior year of high school.

It would be untrue to suggest Dustin has magically become a "good farm boy." After all, he was thrust into the role last summer when his folks moved to the hill country.

Still ringing in his ears is his grandparents' generous offer to provide room and board so he could finish Hamilton High.

Oh, the warm memories he can share — this candidate for graduation in a few weeks — including ones from a recent night when "it came up a cloud."

To prepare for such times, the Jordans built a storm cellar — upgraded from the ones they scurried into as children when ill winds blew through. It is concrete lined, and has electricity, six comfortable chairs and board games.

Out of sight — and hopefully out of mind — is any evidence of social media, TV and such.

When Riney yelled warnings about a storm the other night, Karen happily followed him to the cellar. Dustin, however, opted to "stay put." After all, Chicago Fire — a favorite TV show — was on, and it is his habit to watch it while shoveling down a mountain of vanilla ice cream generously slathered with chocolate syrup. Riney and Karen often join him in the dessert repast, although with reduced portions.

They aren't apt to fret when Dustin's objections are rarely voiced. So they proceeded to the cellar without Dustin in tow.

As winds howled outside, they voiced prayers for him, so concerned for his safety they didn't even begin board games. Before long, their cellphone sounded. It was a text from Dustin saying how much he'd enjoyed both the TV show and dessert. He also sent a picture of four heaping scoops of ice cream, chocolate syrup sloshing against the side of the bowl. Touche.

Maybe this is a memory Dustin will share with his grandchildren when they ask him, "What's a storm cellar?"

Mrs. Lyndon Priest, who lives in Big Spring, has a story she has repeated across the years. She and her late husband, church goers all their life, were

proud of their modest home. "Priest," their last name, appeared prominently in yard art.

And a cross implanted in their front yard made their Christian commitment obvious to all.

One day, a couple drove slowly passed their home several times.

Finally, they stopped, exited the car and rang the doorbell.

"You perhaps noticed we've driven by several times," the man explained. "But we've had good reason. We have a nice piece of land we want to give the church, and since a priest lives here, we figured you could help us out." (Before you ask, I assure you of Mrs. Priest's claim that she quickly explained they "weren't that kind of priest.")

A rural friend claims there's yet another reason to consider addition of "outdoor privies" that were "part and parcel" of country life before modern bathrooms.

For those who don't remember, they were small wooden structures, usually with half-moons carved in the door. "I don't remember any arguments about who could use it," the old-timer said.

And neither do I. I do remember storm cellars, however. It's where we went when it was "coming up a cloud." It was also where spiders abided, snakes slithered and makeshift shelves provided storage for my grandmother's boxes of Mason jars containing her homemade fig preserves. We spent many hours therein, but never once did our house blow away.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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on Friday. Keep Big Spring Beautiful kind of hard when your dumpster is running over. So if you don't keep it cleaned up then a nasty gram from the city, not to mention a fine.

I pay for a service that is not being rendered. So shouldn't I be refunded that money off of my bill, if not that would just make the City of Big Spring a thief. If I haul it myself to the dump then that's more money for services that I've already paid for, that haven't been provided.

I'd be willing to bet this doesn't happen in other parts of Big Spring. Or does it?

I'll be waiting for a call from someone in city government.

Val Fulesclay
Big Spring

A day at the fire station

To the Editor:

I met Steve a few weeks ago. I was curious about the Big Spring firefighters, and would ask Steve many questions. As a result, on April 29, 2016 I was invited to visit the Big Spring Fire Department where Steve is lieutenant. I then realized that there is so much more to firefighting than as a member of this community we are so unaware.

1. So much teaching goes into firefighting.

2. They practice continuously, keep the area clean, perform life saving techniques, are engaged in many different mandated certifications, and stay alert 24 hours a day. These men and women graciously devote their lives and time to firefighting.

3. They go around very seldom with no thanks or unnoticed at the supermarket. These are men who have given up so much of their time I believe we need to notice these folks.

I had the distinct pleasure of spending four hours watching these men while training. They are extremely respectful and I can not emphasize how dedicated they are. As a member of this community, I feel we owe these folks a debt of gratitude. If your ever in the neighborhood of one of these fire stations, please stop by and arrange a tour, or a quick visit, or just say thanks. It was a day I will never forget.

Irvin Lopez
Big Spring
(see photos to the side)

Personal attacks and the District 19 runoff

To the Editor:

This has been an interesting time to watch the

candidates vie for the Congressional District 19 seat. I was so proud to watch the debates as the nine candidates debated the issues and for the most part stayed away from the personal attacks. A few weeks before the primary election, you could see Arrington, Starr, and Robertson taking the lead, and at that time, I thought either one of them would be acceptable, but that's when the personal attacks began. Robertson knew there would be a runoff, and that's when he went negative with half-truths and lies. Both Arrington and

Starr promptly answered the accusations, but Robertson had already done the damage through the press and to top it off he opened websites for both of them and posted all of his trash and he still continues his tirades.

I have become better acquainted with Arrington and Starr and I know that they are both well-educated, Christian men who have great leadership skills and have taken the high road and stuck with

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5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-145, Section 26, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8400 feet
2015' FNL, 650' FEL of 480-acre lease
2015' FNL, 650' FEL of the survey
#1D Lone Star, drill, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.30 miles southeast of Knott
A-338, Section 41, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 6200 feet
65' FNL, 1320' FWL of 320-acre lease
65' FNL, 1320' FWL of the survey

#704H Enserch-Frysak Unit, API #42-173-37174
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2690' GR
10 miles southwest of Garden City
A-373, Section 27, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
2280' FWL, 2592' FSL of the survey
Total Depth: 8651 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray

Daily Potential: 95 Bbls 41.9 gravity oil w/ 294 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1957
Spud: 6-10-15. Completed: 11-30-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7824 feet w/ 915 sx.; MS tool @ 3926 feet w/
750 sx.
4-1/2" @ 14,330 feet w/ 1,625 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 8210 feet
Perfs: 112,050-14,282

#1802A Strickland "18 H1802", API #42-227-38449
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2622' GR
4.90 miles north of Big Spring
A-1469, Section 18, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
survey
2000' FSL, 2198' FWL of the survey
Total Depth: 7614 feet. PBTB: 15,614 feet.
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 580 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 924 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 579
Spud: 2-04-15. Completed: 7-02-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7358 feet w/ 492 sx.; MS tool @ 4100 feet w/
480 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,616 feet w/ 1,750 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6762 feet
Perfs: 7777-15,531

#3909I Tubb "39 H3909", API #42-227-38542
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2594' GR
7.70 miles northwest of Forsan
A-377, Section 39, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
634' FEL, 2080' FSL of the survey
Total Depth: 7431 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray
(MWD)
Daily Potential: 469 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 1,549 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 586
Spud: 7-08-15. Completed: 9-13-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 6950 feet w/ 670 sx.; MS tool @ 3056 feet w/
550 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,429 feet w/ 1,720 sx.; 2-3/8" @ 7144 feet
Perfs: 7425-15,331

#R-1HB Gratis "32", API #42-227-38661
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2560' GR
5.60 miles southwest of Knott
A-577, Section 28, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
400' FNL, 1040' FEL of the survey
Total Depth: 8463 feet. PBTB: 8463 feet.
Logs: Radial Cement Bond Variable Density/Gamma Ray/
CCL
Daily Potential: 1,161 Bbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 1,797
BWPD

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the issues. Not once have I heard them say anything negative about the mayor and they would not have to look far to find ammunition.

One thing about the mayor, he would probably fit in real well with Washington politicians and now we know who the real career politician is. As the saying goes: "If a man will lie, he will cheat, if he cheats, he will steal." It's amazing how character will always come to the top.

David Cowan
Levelland, Texas

Innovation, Big Spring, and Interstate 27

To the Editor:

Recently a dozen notable experts, urbanists, architects, planners were asked, "What world cities are worth watching now for innovation?" Their choices per a major national newspaper were: Singapore. Champion of congestion: Not a Big Spring problem. Medical center Houston: Thrives on no-zoning ideas that don't fit Big Spring. Medellin, Columbia: With a recognized drug violence reputation: -installing eye catching building projects-even giant escalators a quarter mile uphill to make plazas- Big Spring's answer-Its Settles Hotel. Detroit: "Pink zones" reviving selected areas; not much fits Big Spring but its a possibility. Vancouver, Canada: Transportation priority by foot travel. Attractive streets for walkers, street level density, townhouse neighborhoods with raised porches. Very interesting!

Does Big Spring have its own innovative opportunity? It does.. resting in its own collective hand of the community by going after it with pen, paper, and messages to Texas Department of Transportation in Austin. What? It's Interstate 27 from Canada to Mexico's west sea coast lifting Big Spring to #5 in Texas. Interstate crossroads to be a major focal point and crossroads. Interstate 27 through Big Spring would be closer, shorter, quicker, saving substantial taxes on Texas taxpayers. Major highway infrastructure is already in place at no cost to TxDOT. A notable tourism destination and more when the historic Big Spring revitalization is complete. No noise walls through cities to build, no structures to tear down, no people to move, a view route of Texas Wind Energy and wind turbines, no through urband areas, possibly an economic competitor to Panama Canal moving goods overland through Big Spring to its rail, air, and highway opportunities; a necessary route to relieve Interstate 35 bumper to bumper traffic. Seldom said- but...helps the U.S. world compete with a united Europe and Asia. Currently no north/south Interstate exists between I25/Las Cruces, N.M and Dallas/FW Interstate 35. It would be an industry with income less dependent on Texas boom and bust cycles of oil.

The list in your mind and opinions has no bounds. But Texas Department of Transportation in Austin has to hear what you have to say to answer their one questions, "Do you want it?". Determine your city's future. Put your idea to paper and grow your city. One sentence won a \$100.00 for one of the past three winner contestant through the Herald.

Bobby McDonald
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In this Nov. 3, 2015 file photo, wind turbines dot the landscape near Steele City, Neb. Wind turbines and solar panels accounted for more than two-thirds of all new electric generation capacity added to the nation's grid in 2015, according to a recent analysis by the U.S. Department of Energy. The remaining third was largely new power plants fueled by natural gas, which has become cheap and plentiful as a result of hydraulic fracturing.

GOP states benefiting from shift to wind and solar energy

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If there's a War on Coal, it's increasingly clear which side is winning.

Wind turbines and solar panels accounted for more than two-thirds of all new electric generation capacity added to the nation's grid in 2015, according to a recent analysis by the U.S. Department of Energy. The remaining third was largely new power plants fueled by natural gas, which has become cheap and plentiful as a result of hydraulic fracturing.

It was the second straight year U.S. investment in renewable energy projects has outpaced that of fossil fuels. Robust growth is once again predicted for this year.

And while Republican lawmakers in Washington have fought to protect coal-fired power plants, opposing President Barack Obama's efforts to curtail climate-warming carbon emissions, data show their home states are often the ones benefiting most from the nation's accelerating shift to renewable energy.

Leading the way in new wind projects are GOP strongholds Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, home to some of the leading critics of climate science and renewable energy incentives in Congress. Republican-dominated North Carolina trails only California in new solar farms, thanks largely to pro-renewables policies enacted years ago under a Democratic legislature.

The most dramatic change has been seen in the plummeting cost of emissions-free wind energy, which has declined by two-thirds in the last six years thanks to the availability of cheaper, more efficient turbines. An annual analysis by the investment firm Lazard determined that wind energy is now the lowest-cost energy source, even before federal green-energy tax incentives are factored in.

"We are entering the era of renewables," former Vice President Al Gore said Thursday at the Climate Action 2016 conference in Washington. "It's a very exciting new reality."

Billions of dollars in private equity are going to construct massive new renewables projects, especially in the Sun Belt and Great Plains. Thousands of miles of new high-voltage transmission lines are also under construction to send power from the wind and sun from the sparsely populated areas where it is collected to the urban centers where it's needed.

Even with the surge in new projects, energy from such renewable sources as wind, solar and water accounted for only about a tenth of total U.S. power generation last year.

Still, the U.S. leads the world in wind energy with about 48,800 utility-scale turbines operating across the country, generating enough electricity to power about 20 million homes. By 2030, the Energy Department estimates wind will provide a fifth of the nation's electricity.

"Wind energy is very low-cost and not subject to the fuel price risk that both natural gas and coal face," said Michael Goggin, senior director of

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5-1/2" @ 19,035 feet w/ 2,900 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7957 feet
Perfs: 9030-18,983
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#0402I Walker "4", API #42-227-38539
Srpaberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2678' GR
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A-1263, Section 4, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
1088' FEL, 2330' FSL of the survey
Total Depth: 9838 feet. PBTB: 9837 feet.
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWSD)
Daily Potential: 51 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 181 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1274
Spud: 7-31-15. Completed: 9-25-15. Pay: NA
5-1/2" @ 9838 feet w/ 669 sx.; MS tool @ 4113 feet w/ 825 sx.
2-7/8" @ 9068 feet
Perfs: 7207-9481

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A-336, Section 37, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
441' FNL, 1527' FWL of the survey
Total Depth: 7413 feet. PBTB: 7413 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 810 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 2,288 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 596
Spud: 8-29-15. Completed: 1-18-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7402 feet w/ 600 sx.
MS tool @ 5495 feet w/ 1,300 sx.
5-1/2" @ 14,368 feet w/ 2,295 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6537 feet
Perfs: 7324-7475, 7524-7725, 7774-7975, 8024-8225,
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A-1719, Section 38, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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Total Depth: 9721 feet. PBTB: 9719 feet.
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 101 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 208 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1029
Spud: 8-28-15. Completed: 11-04-15. Pay: NA
5-1/2" @ 9721 feet w/ 726 sx.; MS tool @ 3979 feet w/ 470 sx.
2-7/8" @ 9175 feet
Perfs: 6998-9680

#3 Robb "13", API #42-227-38607
Srpaberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2477' GR
10 miles west of Elbow
A-517, Section 13, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
1915' FWL, 2329' FNL of the survey
Total Depth: 10,609 feet. PBTB: 10,549 feet.
Logs: Neutron/Density
Daily Potential: 122 Bbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 1,523 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1377
Spud: 9-01-15. Completed: 10-23-15. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 587 feet w/ 1,025 sx.
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Lioness Leia, named for Star Wars princess, debuts in Waco, Texas



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WACO, Texas (AP) — A lioness named for movie character Princess Leia (LAY'uh) has been introduced to some Star Wars costume-wearing fans at a Texas zoo.

Leia made her public debut Wednesday at the Cameron Park Zoo in a "May the Fourth Be With You" event — a day celebrating all things Star Wars.

Leia was born in 2013 at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. She was transferred to the zoo in Waco as part of a species survival plan. Leia had a chance to maul a fake Death Star and play with other toys portraying items made popular by the Star Wars movie franchise. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," was released last year.

Leia joins two other lions at the Texas zoo, which offered free admission Wednesday to visitors wearing Star Wars clothing.

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research at the American Wind Energy Association, an industry trade group. "Adding wind is cheaper than new gas or new coal. It is by far the lowest-cost resource."

Coal has dropped over the last decade from providing half of all U.S. electricity to about one-third.

Peabody Energy, the world's largest coal company, last month joined a growing list of major mining firms forced to seek bankruptcy protection. Wall Street appears to also be writing coal's financial obituary. JPMorgan Chase recently announced it will no longer finance new coal mines or coal-fired power plants, following similar announcements from other big banks.

While new clean-air regulations and tax incentives for renewables are having a negative impact on coal, the plummeting cost of cleaner-burning natural gas made possible by fracking is largely driving the closure of many old coal-fired power plants. Exports of coal to foreign customers such as China also are down.

"We didn't see the decline coming this fast and this deep," said Luke Popovich, spokesman for the National Mining Association, an industry trade group.

Meanwhile, the long-promised potential of Clean Coal technology has yet to be realized. A model power plant in Mississippi designed to capture the carbon dioxide generated from burning coal has encountered repeated delays and multibillion-dollar cost overruns.

Closures mean America's coal mines now employ about only about 56,700 people, down from a peak

of more than 10 times that. By contrast, the fast-growing solar industry now employs more than 210,000 workers. Wind energy accounts for another 77,000 by federal estimates.

Political giving by the big coal companies and their executives has declined, but the industry still spends heavily to protect its interests in Washington. Pro-coal interests spent at least \$11 million to influence the 2014 Congressional midterm elections, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics. More than 95 percent of that went to support Republican candidates.

Among them is Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who rarely misses an opportunity to blame Obama's "War on Coal" for killing mining jobs. Nearly all of the 27 states that have sued to stop the administration's carbon emissions-cutting Clean Power Plan have GOP governors.

For Republicans from areas benefiting from renewable energy, the political calculus can be complicated. An increasing number of them try to balance criticizing Obama's environmental efforts with quietly supporting the federal tax incentives helping drive investment in renewables.

GOP leaders compromised with Democrats and a growing number of pro-renewables Republicans to include a five-year extension of tax breaks for wind and solar projects as part of a federal budget agreement approved in December.

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, among the earliest boosters of government support for wind power, points out that fossil fuels and nuclear plants have long benefited from tax credits. Last month, MidAmerican Energy announced plans to invest another \$3.6 billion to add new turbines in Iowa, which already gets about a third of its electricity from the wind.

Texas per-pupil funding falls

as school finance ruling looms

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As Texas' massive school finance case awaits a state Supreme Court ruling, per-pupil funding is falling farther below the national average.

The National Education Association announced data Friday showing state spending per K-12 student is \$9,561 in 2015-2016. That's \$2 more than last school year's total, but \$2,500-plus below the national average.

Texas now ranks 38th nationwide in per-pupil spending.

The Legislature cut \$5.4 billion from education funding and grants in 2011. More than 600 school districts sued in a case still being considered by the Texas Supreme Court. In 2010-2011, before the cuts, per-pupil spending statewide was \$9,462, or nearly \$1,700 below the national average.

Lawmakers have since pumped billions back into classrooms. But that hasn't covered the 2011 gap when adjusted for inflation and rising public school enrollment.

Rick Perry ditches glasses

for portrait, defends Trump

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Ditching his now-famous black glasses Friday for his official Texas portrait, former Gov. Rick Perry is back looking like his old self but sounding far different when it comes to former presidential rival Donald Trump.

After the painting was unveiled at the state Capitol, Perry defended his enthusiastic change of heart this week about the presumptive GOP nominee. He had once called the billionaire businessman a "cancer to conservatism" but now says he'd be willing to work in a Trump administration, even as vice president.

Trump has made no such public overtures to the longtime Texas governor, who acknowledged he hasn't spoken to Trump in months. Perry was among the first 2016 contenders to drop out of the crowded Republican field, but his short-lived campaign attacked Trump harder than most in the early stages of the race.

"If Donald Trump says, 'Perry, let's talk about you helping in this role,' I'm open to it," Perry said Friday.

Trump, who once said that Perry only began wearing glasses so "people will think he's smart," tweeted "Thank you Rick!" after Perry's endorsement.

Perry didn't start wearing the thick-framed glasses until after his first failed run for the White House in 2012, when his campaign unraveled after famously stumbling in a debate and forgetting the name of a federal agency he would eliminate. But he spent most of his record 14 years as Texas governor without glasses.

Although he wore them to the ceremony Friday, the unadorned look is how Perry will be forever pictured in the Texas Capitol, where his portrait was hung next to former governors Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Ann Richards. Perry offered no explanation as to why he posed without glasses, but the choice seemed to delight one of his biggest political donors, billionaire Red McCombs.

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Lady Hawks impress, Hawks collapse

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks advanced as part of the winner's bracket Friday after beating Western Texas College 6-1 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The win came after two straight losses to WTC two weeks ago in Snyder.

"If we lost those two and win this one, I'll take it all day," head coach Kelly Raines told KBYG radio after the game.

Freshman Celeste Villagrana pitched a gem of a game, giving up only one unearned run in the win. She held WTC to just four hits even though she struck out only one batter.

"I thought Celeste was solid all day. I kept asking her late in the innings, 'Ok, how do you feel,' and she kept saying 'great,'" Raines said. "We do have Arielle that can come in and throw one or two innings, and I thought about putting her in in the seventh, but Celeste was just rolling so we just went with it."

The one strikeout meant the Lady Hawks had to play solid defense behind her, and they had to battle upwards of 30 mph winds to do just that. Raines was proud of her teams' efforts in the field despite an early error that led to WTC's lone run.

"I thought we settled in a little bit after the first inning," Raines said. "Every fly ball you have to be aware and keep moving, and nobody can give up on a ball. The infield needs to be ready to catch a ball that goes to the outfield."

Down 1-0, Howard's Kaylynn Lopez erased the goose egg with a lead off home run in the bottom of the second. She was perfect on the day, going 3-for-3 with two RBIs and a double along with the home run.

"That home run started everything



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard's Megan Darling slides into third base after colliding with Western Texas College's third baseman in a 6-1 tournament win.

and gave us a little energy," Raines said. "She had been solid for us all year...she can hit it out of any park, she has big time power."

Howard will take on Odessa College in their next matchup after the Lady Wranglers beat the Lady Chaparrals of Midland College to open up their tournament play. Before she knew the outcome, Raines said the Lady Hawks would be ready for either team.

"It is a big game. I think Midland, Howard, and Odessa always have a

good rivalry," "But our girls are ready to play these two teams. It seems like we get really up for these teams so we'll be ready to go."

Hawks split in Odessa

The Howard Hawks' impressive 16-5 win to open a four-game series with Odessa College was overshadowed by an even more impressive collapse in the second game.

After leading 15-3 going into the

bottom of the fifth with a chance to run-rule the Wranglers, two errors by shortstop Rahman Williams allowed Odessa to extend the game with three runs. Down 15-6 and with the Hawks' offense struggling, Odessa put up three runs in the seventh, eighth, and ninth innings to put an exclamation point on a 12-run comeback.

In the top of the 10th inning, Williams redeemed himself with a go-ahead

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HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Forsan pitcher Braden East throws a pitch during the Buffaloes' 11-1 win over Anthony Friday in Pecos.

Buffaloes moving on

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

After lightning delays that lasted over an hour total, the Forsan Buffaloes left Pecos Friday night as winners in their one-game first round playoff series against Anthony High School by the score of 11-1.

"You really just have to try and keep them focused and keep their minds right and allow extra time for Braden to get loose again," Forsan head coach Dave Park said of the delays. "It was a long delay for a five-inning game,

but we go it in and won't have to make it up."

Braden East started on the mound, striking out eight while allowing only two hits and one unearned run. He contributed at the plate as well, going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

"Braden East, I thought, pitched well, and we hit the ball early. We've got to be able to play a little better defensively and make the routine plays, because those could come back to hurt us," Park said.

Blaza Yeater did his job in the leadoff spot, going

1-for-1 with three walks and three runs scored, and as a team the Buffaloes were 11-for-25 at the plate as they battled 30 mph winds coming in from center field. "It's going to affect you, but we try not to overdo it and just make good throws and put the ball in play," Park said regarding the heavy winds.

Anthony made the playoffs as the fourth seed out of a four-team district. Park said his team knows that the road will only get harder as

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Lady Buffs hold on, Bulldogs and Lady Steers will need two in a row to advance

Lady Steers lose 5-2

The Lady Steers lost game one of a best-of-three series Friday night to Monahans 5-2.

Despite only going 5-for-29 at the plate, the Monahans Lady Lobos made the most of their opportunities to score their five runs. Big Spring went 9-for-31 at the plate.

Ysabel Soliz pitched seven innings and struck out nine, but all five runs were earned as she got in trouble with walks and hit batters. Jaci Aguilar led the way at the plate for the Lady Steers, going 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Big Spring will look to bounce back in game two and force a deciding game three Saturday in Greenwood. More on the Lady Steers in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

Lady Buffs win crazy game one, 19-17

The Lady Buffaloes took an 11-1 lead into the bottom of the fourth against Abernathy High School, but saw their lead fade away even faster than it appeared.

Abernathy used a five-run bottom of the fourth to get back into the game at 11-6, then came back in the bottom of the fifth with 11 runs to take a 17-

13 lead into the sixth inning.

Forsan got an important rally started with a home run by White to lead off the top of the sixth, and Evans, Kennedy, and Munoz came through with big hits to give the Lady Buffaloes possession of the lead again at 18-17 before ending the game up two.

Kayla Morin finished the game 3-for-4 with six RBIs, and Munoz led the way with four hits in the win.

The Lady Buffaloes will try to take the series Saturday, when they play game two and a possible game three at Lubbock Christian University.

Coahoma downed by Wall, 4-1

The Coahoma Bulldogs couldn't get the bats working in a 4-1 loss to Wall Friday night.

The Bulldogs finished just 3-for-25 at the plate, all three hits being singles.

Fletcher Mashburn pitched six innings, giving up two earned runs on nine hits in six innings. He added a pair of strikeouts in the loss.

The Bulldogs will look to get back in the series Saturday when they take on Wall at Forsan in game two and a potential game three.

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Leonard's 31 help Spurs beat Thunder 100-96, take 2-1 lead

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — This time, the San Antonio Spurs made the hustle play they needed to beat the Thunder.

Kawhi Leonard's critical offensive rebound of LaMarcus Aldridge's miss led to two free throws by Tony Parker with 18 seconds left that put the Spurs ahead by four, and San Antonio hung on to beat Oklahoma City 100-96 on Friday night and take a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Leonard had 31 points and 11 rebounds, but his final rebound was the most important mark on the stat sheet. In his typical understated style, the All-Star forward made it seem like no big deal.

"I just attacked the glass and jumped and grabbed it," he said.

That might seem simple enough, but it didn't work out that way in the Spurs' previous game. In Monday's loss to the Thunder at home, the Spurs couldn't come up with the ball in a scramble near their basket in the closing seconds, and the Thunder escaped with a 98-97 win. On Friday, Leonard's rebound helped seal it.

"It was a backbreaker," Thunder forward Kevin Durant said. "We played good defense and were down seven with a minute to go and cut it to two. We made him (Aldridge) miss his shot, and the ball kind



San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich coaches his team against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the first half of Game 3 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Friday, May 6, 2016, in Oklahoma City.

AP Photo/Alonzo Adams

of fell in his (Leonard's) hands. He was in great position to get the rebound, and that sucks."

Aldridge had 24 points and eight rebounds and Parker added 19 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs, who regained the home-court advantage they had surrendered with the loss in Game 2.

Russell Westbrook scored 31 points for the Thunder, but he made just 10 of 31 shots.

"Too many shots," Westbrook said. "I've

got to do a better job getting guys shots. I've got to get other guys involved, especially to beat this team. Even though I had some shots I (usually) make, I've got to read and find ways to get guys shots. I take the blame."

The Spurs said it was a collective effort to slow Westbrook.

"We know he's going to be very aggressive," Parker said. "They go down, we know he's going to be extra aggressive, so we just make

sure that everybody's paying attention to weak side defense. He's coming at us. That's who he is. He's got a lot of energy, and he's just going to keep attacking."

Westbrook also had nine rebounds and eight assists. Durant scored 26 points, Serge Ibaka added 15 and Steven Adams had 11 rebounds for Oklahoma City.

The Thunder shot just 41.5 percent from the field.

Game 4 will be Sunday in Oklahoma City.

The Spurs ran out to a 35-20 lead after a 3-pointer by David West, but the Thunder responded with a 9-2 run to creep back into the game. San Antonio led 47-42 at halftime after making 7 of 11 3-pointers. Westbrook made just 6 of 17 shots before the break.

The Spurs opened the second half on a 7-2 run to force a Thunder timeout, but Oklahoma City, behind 10 points from Durant in the quarter, cut San Antonio's lead to 72-69 heading into the

fourth. Back-to-back 3s by Ibaka and Westbrook gave the Thunder an 81-77 lead with just over 7 minutes to play. San Antonio regained the lead 91-89, then Westbrook and Durant turned the ball over on back-to-back possessions. West's bucket in close pushed the Spurs ahead 96-89 with 1:19 to play.

The Thunder trimmed San Antonio's lead to 98-96 on a floater by Dion Waiters with 4.8 seconds remaining, but Leonard made two free throws with 2.7 seconds left to put the game out of reach.

STAT LINES
Aldridge made 33 of 44 shots in the first two games combined, but just 8 of 21 Friday night.

QUOTABLE
Durant, when asked about the fact that the Thunder will have to win a second game in San Antonio to win the series: "We play Sunday. We play Sunday. We can't worry about going to San Antonio. We've got another game here."

TIP-INS
Spurs: West's 3-pointer was just his fifth in 80 career playoff games. ... Committed just one turnover in the first quarter. ... Made just 8 of 14 free throws in the first half.

Thunder: Had just 14 assists on 34 baskets. ... Outrebounded the Spurs 42-37. ... Reserves shot just 7 for 20.

Gathers trades high tops for cleats, takes shot with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — One of the first times Rico Gathers put on pads after the former Baylor basketball player decided to pursue a career in the NFL, he was asked to dunk in them.

The forward-turned-tight end won't get that request from the Dallas Cowboys. They want to see him get in a stance, block somebody, run precise routes and catch passes.

You know, things Gathers hadn't really done in nearly a decade before choosing

football over a shot at the NBA, and taking the practice field for the first time Friday at the Cowboys' rookie minicamp.

"Right now it's just all foreign," tight ends coach Mike Pope said. "There's too many guys out there. Usually there's 10 where he's been. There's 22 out here. So those extra guys confuse him a little bit."

Dallas used its final pick of the draft in the sixth round on Gathers, who must have been generously listed at

6-foot-8 during his Baylor days because he's at 6-6 and 273 pounds on the Dallas roster.

Gathers said he chose to pursue the NFL mostly on his own, calling it "the first grown-man decision I've ever made in my life." And that came about nine years after he made the "business decision" to focus on basketball when he was 13, in eighth grade.

The NFL choice was something of a business decision as well. He and his wife figured it was more prudent financially, with a young son, than chasing an NBA dream. And it wasn't because Gathers didn't think he could make it in the NBA.

"It was just a thing of what do I really want to do for the next 10 to 15 years of my life, being an athlete," the 22-year-old said. "Because I know that window is so short. You only get one real opportunity at it."

Gathers' NFL pursuits started a little earlier than he had hoped when Baylor

was upset by Yale in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Because he missed the on-campus workout available to all NFL teams, he met with teams individually.

Hopeful of getting drafted, Gathers said he was "worn out" through the process of waiting before the Cowboys called last Saturday. Now he's wearing No. 80 — not really a basketball number, unless you consider Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman and the football-like numbers he wore late in his career.

And Gathers can relate, since he was one of the Big 12's best rebounders and finished fourth on the school's all-time rebounding list.

Now it's about how those skills can relate. And if Gathers beats the odds and makes the team, he can see himself "boxing out" linebackers for touchdown passes in goal-line situations.

"I think really and truly the red zone is where I'm going to make my money right

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NFL warns players about steroid in meat

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has warned players that some meat produced in China and Mexico may be contaminated with clenbuterol, a banned steroid.

In a memo sent out by the league office, the NFL warned players that consuming large quantities of meat while visiting those countries may result in a positive test for clenbuterol. The memo asked the players to "please take caution if you decide to consume meat, and understand that you do so at your own risk."

The league also reminded players that they are responsible for any substances found in their bodies.

Clenbuterol has been banned in Mexico as a growth enhancer for cattle but is suspected to still be in use there.

The Oakland Raiders are scheduled to face the Houston Texans on Monday Night Football on Nov. 21 in Mexico City as part of the league's international series.



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Zimmermann finally loses; Tigers fall 5-1 to Rangers

DETROIT (AP) — Jordan Zimmermann felt he only made one big mistake.

That was still too many on a night when Cole Hamels shut down the Detroit Tigers.

Hamels held Detroit to one hit in seven scoreless innings, and the Texas Rangers became the first team this season to beat Zimmermann when they topped the Tigers 5-1 on Friday night. Both teams came into the game with three-game losing streaks, each hoping its standout on the mound could rectify that. Hamels was up to the challenge.

“He was hitting corners and he could throw his soft stuff for strikes,” Detroit’s Victor Martinez said. “When he’s doing that, the fastball seems like it is coming in at 100.”

Hamels (4-0) allowed a bloop single to right by Ian Kinsler — the first batter he faced — and that was Detroit’s only hit until Kinsler doubled to lead off the bottom of the ninth. The Tigers managed a couple walks off Hamels, but he struck out nine and won his 11th straight decision. He hasn’t lost since Aug. 7.

Zimmermann (5-1) allowed two runs in the second — after giving up only two earned runs all season prior to that. He also allowed a solo homer to Rowned Odor in the fifth, and by the end of the night, his ERA had doubled from 0.55 to 1.10.

Zimmermann breezed through the first five Texas hitters, but the Rangers scored twice with two outs in the second. Mitch Moreland singled and scored on a double by Elvis Andrus, and Bobby Wilson added an RBI single.

Odor’s drive to right in the fifth landed near the back of the lower level of seats. His fifth homer of the year made it 3-0.

“I made one mistake, and that was the pitch to Odor,” Zimmermann said. “Even Wilson’s RBI single was a curve that was going to bounce.”

Odor added a two-run double in the ninth off reliever Justin Wilson.

J.D. Martinez was given the night off for the Tigers, and Detroit’s home fans had little to cheer about. They did give Tigers catcher James McCann a nice hand in the fourth, when he went tumbling head first over the railing into a camera well next to the Detroit dugout.

McCann was trying unsuccessfully to catch a foul



Texas Rangers' Rowned Odor singles against the Detroit Tigers in the seventh inning of a baseball game Friday, May 6, 2016 in Detroit. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

popup. He looked fine after the acrobatic fall and stayed in the game.

Zimmermann allowed three runs and seven hits in eight innings.

“Zimmerman did an excellent job,” Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. “He pitched eight very good innings and gave us a chance to win.”

BACK AND FORTH

Wilson was traded from Texas to Detroit in March, and after playing five games for the Tigers, he was dealt back to the Rangers earlier this week for minor league pitcher Chad Bell.

He was catching for Texas on Friday, and in addition to guiding Hamels through his gem, he also came through with a couple singles.

“I want to beat those guys now. I was cheering for

them a few days ago, but now I want to win here,” Wilson said. “It was good to see those guys. They were good to me. But like I said, it’s about winning here now.”

TRAINER’S ROOM

Rangers: OF Shin-Soo Choo (right calf strain) took batting practice Thursday and also ran the bases.

Tigers: RHP Shane Greene (right middle finger blister) may have his return delayed after his finger started bleeding when he threw Thursday.

UP NEXT

Rangers: A.J. Griffin (3-0) takes the mound on Saturday against the Tigers. Opponents are hitting .180 off him this season.

Tigers: Mike Pelfrey (0-4) tries again for his first win since signing with Detroit in the offseason.

Walker’s neck spasms doom Mariners in 6-3 loss to Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Seattle starter Taijuan Walker’s neck was stiff and he had trouble turning his head when he arrived at the ballpark.

He hoped it would loosen up and he’d be OK by the time he got on the mound against the Houston Astros on Friday night.

Instead he continued to struggle with the problem and was only able to last two innings in 6-3 loss. Carlos Correa homered and finished with three hits and two RBIs to lead the Astros to victory.

Walker allowed two hits and three runs — one earned — before leaving the game with neck spasms. He thinks he slept on it wrong and hopes it isn’t something that will linger.

“My neck was tight, I couldn’t really turn to finish the catcher, and as a result, I couldn’t really finish my pitches,” he said. “I was using all arms, so it was better not to push it and mess up my mechanics or anything.”

Mariners manager Scott Servais said the training staff worked all afternoon to try and make it better, but it simply didn’t work.

“It was very clear to me that he was not comfortable,” Servais said. “The ball wasn’t coming out. At this point in the season, where we’re at, he’s too valuable. We’re not taking a chance. His velocity was down, all his stuff was down.”

Houston manager A.J. Hinch knew right away that Walker wasn’t him-

self. “His velocity wasn’t as high in the first inning as it had been in Seattle and he looked a little tentative,” Hinch said. “He looked uncomfortable but I didn’t really know what it was. He wasn’t getting down the hill. He wasn’t as energetic as he was (before).”

Correa’s homer came off Walker (2-2) with two outs in the first inning. It was his second home run in three games after not homering in the previous 24 games.

Evan Gattis reached on an error by shortstop Ketel Marte with no outs in the second. The Astros made it 3-0 when Marwin Gonzalez sent one into the seats in right field for the first multi-run homer of his career. The first 25 homers in his five-year career were solo shots.

Houston starter Doug Fister (3-3) allowed three hits and three runs with two walks in 6 1/3 innings for his second straight win. Luke Gregerson pitched a scoreless ninth for his seventh save.

Marte gave Seattle its only runs with a three-run triple in the seventh inning.

The Mariners had to piece together the rest of the game with three relievers after Walker’s early exit. Mayckol Guaepe ate up three innings, Mike Montgomery threw the next 1 2/3 innings and Steve Johnson finished the game.

Correa pushed the lead to 4-0 with a

run-scoring single with one out in the fifth. Houston tacked on another run in that inning with a sacrifice fly by Colby Rasmus. Seattle center fielder Leonys Martin robbed Rasmus of a hit on that play when he sprinted to the base of Tal’s Hill and made an over-the-shoulder catch.

Right: Houston Astros' Carlos Correa (1) celebrates his solo home run off of Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Taijuan Walker with Jose Altuve (27) in the first inning of a baseball game, Friday, May 6, 2016, in Houston. (AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith)



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Unpredictable Talladega gives way to predictable Kansas

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The controversy that surrounded the crash-filled race at Talladega last weekend made its way to Kansas Speedway, where what exactly should be done about restrictor-plate racing remained the topic du jour.

Perhaps that's because Kansas tends to be a bit more predictable.

Sure, the 1 1/2-mile oval has been repaved in recent years. The newer low-downforce package will be making its debut there this weekend. Tire construction and compound always plays a role on Saturday night.

But it's still Kansas, and that means Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick will be fast, Joey Logano and Matt Kenseth will be in contention, and Kyle Busch will probably have a car good enough to win before some sort of bad luck reaches up and grabs the No. 18 over the course of 400 miles.

Also predictable? Carl Edwards would give just about anything to reach victory lane.

The native of Columbia, Missouri, considers Kansas Speedway his home track, yet Edwards has never won here in a Sprint Cup race. His best result was second in 2008, despite finishing every race he's started, and he's led laps on 11 occasions with six top-five results.

"This would be as big as the Daytona 500 or the Brickyard 400 for me, and we have a team to do it," said Edwards, who has

already won this season at Bristol and Richmond. "I feel like I have a lot of support here."

He vividly remembers the Truck Series race in 2004, when he held off Bobby Hamilton to win.

"That truck win here was so spectacular," Edwards said, breaking into a wide grin. "That's the only time I've ever heard the crowd roaring before I shut off the engine."

Those happy memories turn far more somber when Edwards reflects on last weekend's wild race at Talladega, where a series of accidents involved 35 cars in some fashion. Several caught air, Chris Buescher was sent cartwheeling down a straightaway and Danica Patrick had one of the hardest hits of her career.

While some drivers have chosen to embrace the unpredictable carnage that comes with superspeedways, other drivers have questioned the safety of such spectacles.

"There's so many variables that make Talladega what it is, and I don't know. I don't know what to do," Edwards said. "At some point, that many wrecks and that much risk, you're obligated to do something about it. I drove by Buescher flipping down the back straightaway, and he was flipping the whole time, and



NASCAR driver Carl Edwards sits in his race car while waiting for Sprint Cup Series practice at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Friday, May 6, 2016. (AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

I thought, 'Man, I hope nobody hits him.' Those are risky situations and they happen an awful lot at that track."

AJ Allmendinger was involved in one of the pileups and felt sore for days afterward, even though he still managed to finish 14th and picked up some ground in the points standings.

"You know the risks when you get into a race car," Allmendinger said. "We saw a lot of big hits last week and fortunately all the drivers were out and OK. It's not a lot of fun when you have to go through it."

HAWKS

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lead off home run. The Hawks would then load the bases on two singles and a hit by pitch, and a second run would score after a second hit by pitch in the inning. With the bases still loaded and nobody out, Robbie Lammons struck out looking and Brendon Foust grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Two singles with a popout sandwiched in between started the bottom of the 10th with Odessa down 17-15. Howard's Jackson Owens got a strikeout to bring up Odessa's last chance in Matteo Bocchi, and

he delivered with a walk-off three-run home run to give the Wranglers an 18-17 win. Howard head coach Britt Smith said his team had their chances.

"We just gave them life to stay in the game. We just shut it down offensively and we didn't compete at all," he said. "As soon as we didn't get the run rule, our hitters just shut

it down. We didn't even threaten. We had seven infield popups in our next 12 outs, and we didn't even compete at the plate."

Despite the loss, Smith said he hopes his team can learn a lesson in that no game is ever over in West Texas with the way the wind can blow and the way the teams in the conference can hit.

"The one thing I told them team is that's a good lesson to learn," he said. "There wasn't anything I could tell them that they didn't already know. They shut it down and didn't compete. You could have heard a pin drop in our dugout in the last five innings...we gave the game away."



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

RICO

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now," he said. "Everything else is going to take time, dedication, work, a lot of time away from the facilities, whether it's dialing in to the playbook or basically calling coach and asking questions."

Tight end has been the natural spot for college basketball players pursuing pro football.

Antonio Gates, a three-time All-Pro for San Diego, has 10,644 yards receiving and 104 touchdowns after playing only basketball at Kent State and joining the Chargers as an undrafted free agent in 2003.

Jimmy Graham had 46 touchdowns in four seasons with New Orleans after playing four years of basketball followed by one season of football with the Miami Hurricanes. Now with Seattle, Graham was a third-round pick in 2010.

"He was still really raw when you go back and look at his college tape," Pope said of Graham. "You wouldn't say that you can bet this guy is an automatic winning hand. He got better as he got to New Orleans and he got to do these things over and over and over."

BUFFS

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the playoffs roll on.

"They know it's definitely going to get tougher from here on out now that we've got that one behind us," Park said.

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BIG SPRING ICONS

Long before the first Europeans arrived in the area that is now Big Spring, the area was already a thriving nexus for Native American hunters. Comanche and Shawnee warred over access to the spring, which offered the only source of fresh water for many miles and also a steady supply of food and hide in the form of buffalo and antelope who ventured to the spring to drink.

The first record of the spring in the annals of European explorers comes in the logs of Capt. Randolph B. Marcy, who marked the water source on his charts in 1849, showing it as a campsite on the Overland Trail to California.

As the spring drew Native hunters, it also attracted white men in search of buffalo hides. The first European settlement at future Big Spring was formed by these opportunists and the saloons and services who made a living serving their needs. In the 1880s, the Texas and Pacific railroad built near the community, which gravitated to the fast travel and steady supply of commerce the rail offered.

Howard County was born in 1882 with Big Spring as the county seat. The town boomed as the 19th century became the 20th century. Big Spring boasted 1,200 people at the turn of the century, mushrooming to more than 13,000 by 1930.

With the population boom came an explosion in building. Legend has it that the Big Spring's first permanent structure—a butcher's shop—was raised by Joseph Heneage Finch, the Seventh Earl of Aylesford.

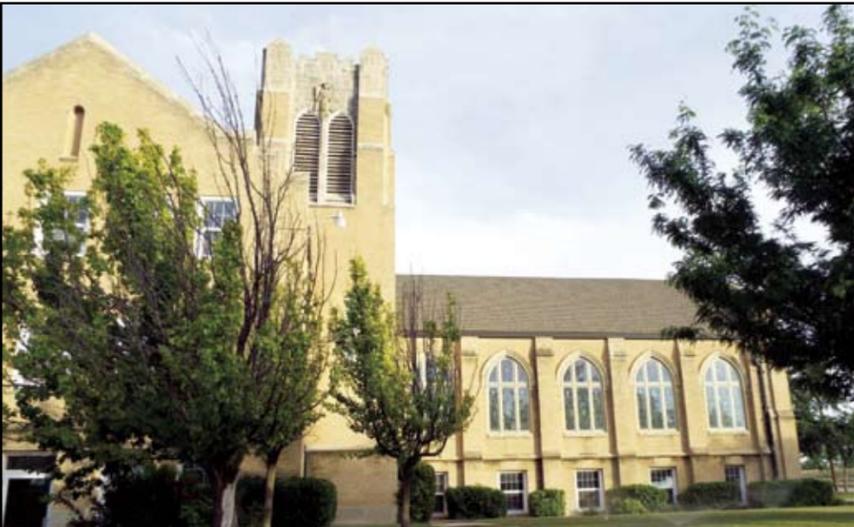
Opening its doors in 1929, the historic Petroleum Building in downtown Big Spring brought art deco to west Texas.

In October of 1930, Will and Lillian Settles built their historic Settles Hotel. The 15-floor Settles was the tallest building between Fort Worth and El Paso at the time of its construction.

Big Spring State Hospital opened its doors in 1939, providing such care as was available to the mentally ill in a time which didn't treat such individuals kindly.

Big Spring got into the aviation business with the onset of World War II when the U.S. Army Air Corps Bombardier School opened in town. The school was closed at the end of the war, but re-opened in the 1950s as Webb Air Force Base. The base trained airmen until it closed in 1977.

Later buildings—churches, schools, hospitals and businesses—took their cues from these icons of architecture. The Herald offers readers a look at some of these wonderful structures that help define the feel of life in Crossroads city.



Clockwise from top: The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium opened its doors in 1932; The Petroleum Building, now abandoned, is an example of art deco architecture; new and old wind power intermingle on South Mountain; the monolithic; VA Medical Center is a bedrock of the Big Spring skyline; and First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

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A couple of women close their eyes and pray during the service. More than 300 packed the Heart of the City Plaza Thursday to participate in the event.



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Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey speaks to the crowd for a few minutes calling on healing broken families before giving a prayer.



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Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman leads off with the Lord's Prayer.

Trees from Bush's ranch planted at Chris Kyle memorial

By Corey Paul

Odessa-American

A crew of workers planted live oak trees around the developing memorial to slain Navy Seal sniper Chris Kyle on Thursday, brought to Odessa from the Crawford ranch of former President George W. Bush.

The four trees, each heavier than 8,000 pounds and each purchased from Bush's ranch for more than \$3,000, carry symbols of patriotism, said Kelly Cook, an architect designing the plaza with KDC Associates in Midland. The idea is for the pieces of the memorial to each represent something bigger.

"There's a lot of hidden symbolism behind the other elements that are going to be in the plaza," Cook said. "A lot of that we are going to reveal at the dedication."

Organizers of the project with the Odessa Community Foundation are revealing little ahead of a planned unveiling sometime in July. The foundation is subsidiary of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

But there are some early signs like limestone from a Garden City quarry engraved with the names of the 50 states and woven into a Navy Seal trident. The site of the memorial is on Highway 191, near the Veterans Affairs Clinic at the MCH Center for Health and Wellness.

The trees planted Thursday will grow up to 35 feet high with canopies about 40 feet wide that grow into each other and provide shade for what designers envision as a contemplative space for veterans and members of the public. Cook said Medical Center Hospital paid for the trees and other landscaping.

Eventually there will be more engravings, including plans to incorporate messages from Kyle's children in the statue, the Odessa American previously reported. The memorial plaza will be about 2,800 square feet.

"It's going to be really, really cool looking," said Tommy Hawkins of Hawkins Construction, which is building the plaza and like others involved, donated work or discounted costs.

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Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday

Breakfast: assorted cereal, mozzarella string cheese, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: chili dog, pinto beans, broccoli with ranch, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Breakfast: French toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: barbecue pork sandwich, sweet potato tots, tomato and cucumber, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl, lettuce and tomato topping and milk.

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Wednesday

Chicken fajita burrito, Spanish rice, guacamole salad, chips and salsa, molasses cookie, banana and milk.

Thursday

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Roger's Reviews Captain America: Civil War



Editors note: This is the first in a new series of movie reviews written by the Herald's life writer, Roger Cline. Movie reviews will be published every Sunday in the Life section.

What does it mean to be a patriot? Does it mean supporting your country and working within its laws even when those laws are unjust? Or does it mean using your abilities to help those in need, whether or not the laws sanction your actions? That is the conundrum that threatens to tear the Avengers apart in Marvel Entertainment's latest blockbuster, *Captain America: Civil War*.

Civil War explores this issue over a rambling two hour and 26 minutes, which, for the most part, seems to fly by. I noticed a slight sense that the movie was lagging only at the very end, after the climax, during the mopping-up scenes; but I felt those scenes were necessary and provided some insight into what direction the saga's next episode might take.

Fair warning: *Civil War* is part of a movie series, and those unfamiliar with previous iterations (and here, I include *Captain America*, *Avengers*, *Captain America: Winter Soldier* and *Avengers: Age of Ultron*) may be confused by some of the plot points. But then, you wouldn't walk in to *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* without watching previous episodes of that franchise, would you?

The wedge which threatens to destroy Marvel's premier supergroup is public reaction to collateral damage caused by their many battles—The Chitauri invasion of New York in the original *Avengers* movie; the catastrophic destruction of the S.H.I.E.L.D. heli-carriers in Washington, D.C., in *Captain America: Winter Soldier*; and the carnage wrought in the fictional nation of Sokovia in *Avengers: The Age of Ultron*. Add in some extra damage done early in this film, and we have the nations of the world banding together to coerce the Avengers to agree to sanctions on the use of their abilities.

Some of the heroes favor the idea, or at least accept it as the least painful option; while others see the sanctions as unbearable limitations on their personal agency and freedoms. Sides form up, and wham-bang! You've got a civil war.

Civil War is definitely heavy on the "enhanced combatants" (to steal a term from the movie) at 13, and that's not even counting the irascible Marvel character creator Stan Lee, who seems to boast the power of immortality if nothing else. But unlike some other power-heavy films I could name (I'm looking at you, *Spider-Man 3* and *X-Men: The Last Stand*), *Civil War* handles its heroes well, adroitly introducing storylines (or, at least, referencing storylines from other movies) which explain the choices they make and the sides they choose in the story's central conflict. Yes, there is at least one throw-away bad guy included in the mix, and a couple of the heroes are in the movie primarily for comic relief and to set up future movies; but all of them are used well, especially in the epic action/fight scenes.

My only real gripe with *Civil War* (other than the minor denouement-dragging mentioned earlier) is with the main villain. I won't spoil the villain's identity; and, in fact, I found him a compelling antagonist. My problem is that the movie takes a Marvel villain with a long, storied past reaching back as far as Captain America himself, and changes him into a completely unrecognizable character. Why not simply give him a different name? The answer is pure fan service. Yes, it's a nerdy gripe, but it's minor.

On the whole I loved *Civil War*. It makes me eager for at least two, and probably three, more upcoming Marvel movies. 9 stars out of 10.

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Carnegie Hall celebrates 125 years and counting

NEW YORK (AP) — James Taylor thought back four decades to his Carnegie Hall debut and said it was "the sort of cultural sign" that he had made it to a certain level of stardom.

"We celebrated," the singer-songwriter said. "That's why I don't remember it that well."

Taylor helped Carnegie Hall commemorate its 125th anniversary Thursday night with a gala concert that included performances by singer/pianist Michael Feinstein, soprano Renee Fleming, mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard, pianists Emanuel Ax and Lang Lang, violinist Itzhak Perlman and cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Two retired singers, soprano Martina Arroyo and mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne, gave spoken tributes, and first lady Michelle Obama recorded a video that was played. Horne, who is 82, joked that she felt as if she'd been at Carnegie for all 125 years.

Host Richard Gere paid tribute to the violinist Isaac Stern, who made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1943, led the campaign that saved the hall from demolition after the New York Philharmonic moved to Lincoln Center in the 1962 and served as Carnegie's president until his death in 2001.

"Mr. Stern, we thank you, sir," Gere said to applause.

A two-part gala was held when Carnegie celebrated its centennial on May 5, 1991 — exactly 100 years after Tchaikovsky conducted his Festival Coronation March with the New York Symphony Orchestra during the first performance. The centennial gala opened with a world premiere, Joan Tower's "Third Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman," and James Levine and Zubin Mehta conducted the New York Philharmonic. Both programs were solely classical, with no musical tribute to the jazz greats who performed at Carnegie or the rock bands such as the Beatles and Rolling Stones.

This program, which lasted a little more than 90 minutes, was more var-

ied, starting with classical and moving onto Feinstein and Taylor. With Pablo Heras-Casado conducting the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the Oratorio Society of New York, Gere spoke between performances and listed many of Carnegie's most famous performers, such as pianist Vladimir Horowitz and violinist Jascha Heifetz. He recounted anecdotes accompanied by video projections of more than a century of photographs and programs.

Among the highlights was Fleming and Leonard in the Barcarolle from Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffmann (The Tales of Hoffmann)," a revered singer and one of classical music's rising stars. With the lights turning the hall a shimmering blue to evoke the mood of the sky above a Venetian Canal, Fleming's vibrant, milky soprano and Leonard's dusky mezzo combined in "Belle nuit, o nuit d'amour (Beautiful night, oh night of love)," a duet that made one think of music's past and future.

Lang Lang, ever the showman, sparked in Ernesto Lecuona's "... y la negra bailaba! (and black danced)" and later served as a celebrity page-turner for Ax during the encore as the two took turns at the keyboard.

Fleming was richly moving in Strauss' "Morgen," and Leonard gave a vocally hearty but dramatically restrained performance of the Habenera from Bizet's "Carmen."

After Horne and Arroyo spoke, the amplification was turned on for Fleming in Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." Feinstein injected the most energy when he sang and played George Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band" and accompanied Leonard for an Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern medley.

Taylor, his voice having lost none of its sweetness at age 68, sang George Harrison's "Here Comes the Sun" accompanied by Yo-Yo Ma and paid tribute to Prince when he inserted "purple" before "rain" in "Shower the People."

On to the next quarter century.

KYLE

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Many people visiting will not pick up on some of the symbolism relating to Special Forces, Cook said.

"We wanted the 2 percent to come out here and it have great, great, great meaning to those people," Cook said.

For now, a 48,000-pound limestone base awaits a monument-sized statue of Kyle from a bronze foundry in Utah. The statue will stand about 15 feet tall, larger than the original 9-foot-tall figure planned.

Cook said crews also await black granite from a North Carolina quarry that also supplied stone for the National World War II Memorial and

Roosevelt memorials in Washington, D.C.

The Wyoming-based sculptor who crafted the statute, Vic Payne, sought input from Kyle's surviving family members. They included Kyle's his children and wife, Taya Kyle, who visited the artist in early April to view the sculpture.

Taya Kyle described the visit as "emotional and moving" and Payne as "a man who cares so deeply about getting every detail and nuance right and it shows."

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USDA announces CRP results

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the enrollment of more than 800,000 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Through CRP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) helps farmers offset the costs of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and strengthen wildlife habitat. Farmers' and ranchers' participation in CRP continues to provide numerous benefits to our nation, including helping reduce emissions of harmful greenhouse gases and providing resiliency to future weather changes.

"The Conservation Reserve Program provides nearly \$2 billion annually to land owners – dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs. When these direct benefits are taken together with the resulting economic activity, the benefits related to CRP are estimated at \$3.1 billion annually," said Vilsack. "Over the past 30 years, CRP has created major environmental improvements throughout the countryside. The program has removed carbon dioxide from the atmosphere equal to removing nine million cars from the road annually, and prevented 600 million dump trucks of soil from erosion. With today's announcement, USDA is continuing these achievements by maximizing conservation benefits within the limitations provided by law."

This was one of the most selective sign-up periods in CRP's 30-year history, with a record high Environmental Benefits Index cut-off and the lowest percentage of applications accepted. The high bar means that the per-acre conservation benefits are being maximized and that acres enrolled address multiple conservation priorities simultaneously.

A nationwide acreage limit was established for this program in the 2014 Farm Bill, capping the total number of acres that may be enrolled at 24 million for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. At the same time, USDA has experienced a record demand from farmers and ranchers interested in participat-



ing in the voluntary program. As of March 2016, 23.8 million acres were enrolled in CRP, with 1.7 million acres set to expire this fall.

More than three million acres have been offered for enrollment this year across the three main categories within CRP, with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) receiving over 26,000 offers to enroll more than 1.8 million acres during the general enrollment period, and over 4,600 offers to enroll more than one million acres in the new CRP Grasslands program. Coming off a record-setting 2015 continuous enrollment of over 860,000 acres, more than 364,000 acres already have been accepted for 2016 in the CRP continuous enrollment, triple the pace of last year.

FSA will accept 411,000 acres in general enrollment, the most competitive selection in the history of the program, with the acreage providing record high conservation benefits. USDA selected offers by weighing environmental factors plus cost, including wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits, and air quality.

The results of the first-ever enrollment period for CRP Grasslands, FSA will also accept 101,000 acres in the program, providing participants with financial assistance for establishing approved grasses, trees and shrubs on pasture and rangeland that can continue to be grazed. More than 70 percent of these acres are diverse native grasslands under threat of conversion, and more than 97 percent of the acres have a new, veteran or underserved farmer

or rancher as a primary producer. FSA continues to accept CRP Grasslands offers and will conduct another ranking period later this year. Acres are ranked according to current and future use, new and underserved producer involvement, maximum grassland preservation, vegetative cover, pollinator habitat and various other environmental factors.

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

CRP is currently protecting more than 100,000 acres of bottomland hardwood trees, nearly 300,000 acres of flood-plain wetlands, and 300,000 acres each for duck nesting habitat and nearly 250,000 acres of upland bird habitat. In addition, CRP is creating economic benefits that include at least \$545 million per year in recreation benefits and water quality benefits from reduced sedimentation of \$587 million per year.

Throughout the Obama Administration, USDA has generated thousands of critical partnerships to conserve and protect our natural resources on working landscapes, while enrolling a record number of acres in conservation programs. Seventy-percent

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Don't let scammers ruin your vacation

Renting someone else's home, condo or apartment can be a fun alternative to staying in a hotel or motel. Nowadays, it's easy to connect directly with property owners who advertise their vacation homes online. It's also easy to fall victim to rental scams.

Vacation rentals, also called short-term rentals, offer flexibility, more space and a more authentic experience for vacationers. These rentals can also provide a source of income for the property owner.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin warns of scammers who sometimes see vacation plans as an opportunity to rip people off. How does this scam work? First, a scammer will create an online rental listing with appealing photos to attract renters. Known as "bait-and-switch," the scammer will then show you a home that isn't actually available and at the last-minute change the location to a less appealing rental. The phony landlord then collects an upfront deposit, leaving the vacationer to find out they've been scammed when they show up to the address. In many cases, the address turns out to be fake or the rental looks nothing like the photos online.

In 2015, BBB received more than a thousand consumer complaints regarding vacation rentals nationwide. Most complaints reported issues with contracts, refund and exchange, and customer service. Because online advertising can be deceiving, visit websites that offer secure payment solutions, customer reviews and rating systems.

To avoid falling victim to a vacation rental scam, BBB warns of the following red flags:

- The photography shows a perfect home. Don't be fooled by photography. Scammers will post beautiful photos of homes and condos, some real and some fake. It may be a good idea to ask for additional photos — an honest landlord will always have them.

- The deal sounds too good to be true. Scammers will often list a rental for a very low price to lure in victims. Find out how comparable listings are priced. If the rental comes in suspiciously low, consider walking away.

- The landlord is located elsewhere and prefers to communicate via email. Scammers get you this way because often times you won't live within a distance to visit the property and check it out. If they avoid talking on the phone or say they're out of the country, that's a red flag. But, what if the rental itself is overseas? If this is the case, paying with a credit card or through a reputable vacation rental website with its own payment system is your best option, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

- They ask for a wire transfer or cash. This is the surest sign of a scam. The preferred methods of payment among criminals are cash and wire transfer. Use a credit card instead, as most credit card companies will allow you to recover money you lose to fraud.

To protect yourself from fake classified ads, BBB recommends the following:

- Research the owner. Search online for the owner and listing with words like review, scam or complaint. You may find comments from others who have labeled this listing as a rip-off. If you find the same ad listed under a different name or with different contact information, it may be a scam.

- Get a copy of the contract before you send any deposit money. Check that the address of the property really exists. If the property is located in a resort, call the front desk and confirm the location of the property and other details on the contract.

For information on scams in your area or to report one, check out BBB Scam Tracker.

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 741-2592 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.



HEATHER MASSEY

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
Timothy Tod Beck, 910 E. 6th St., Big Spring
Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
Kimberly Danielle Buch-

anan, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood St., Big Spring
Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
Selena Bethani En-

riquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7th St., Big Spring
Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland
William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
Guillermo Gomez, 2107

Morrison, Big Spring
James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
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Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
Ammie Lee Howell, 1507 Hilltop Road, Big Spring
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins,

4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
Saprina Lea Martinez, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring

Clinton Aaron Muse Jr., 700 Ohio, P.O. Box 2104, Big Spring
Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring
George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring

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Danny Flenniken

Flenniken wins funeral home director award

Honored by West Texas association

Danny Flenniken of Nalley Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring has been named the 2015-2016 West Texas Funeral Director of the Year by the West Texas Funeral Directors Association. The region covers 53 counties in West Texas which extends as far North as Breckenridge, East to Hamilton, South to Junction, and West to El Paso.

Mr. Flenniken began his career in funeral service more than three decades ago in Lamesa, Texas before moving to Big Spring in 1986. This year marks his 30th anniversary with Nalley Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

During his career, Mr. Flenniken has served as president of the West Texas Funeral Directors

"Danny Flenniken is a true asset to our staff and an amazing funeral director."

Kasi Welch-Baker
Nalley-Pickle and Welch
Funeral Home president

Association 2002-2003, as well as past president of the Big Spring Lion's Club.

When presented with the prestigious award at the Spring meeting of the WTFDA in Abilene last week, Mr. Flenniken thanked the Welch family for the opportunity to serve, particularly the late Ernest and

Mary Lynn Welch, Tommy and Teresa Welch, and current president of Nalley Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory, Kasi Welch-Baker.

"Danny Flenniken is a true asset to our staff and an amazing funeral director," Welch-Baker said. "He makes sure that every family is served with compassion and sees to every detail of the service. My dad and I are so proud of Danny and his accomplishments and blessed to have him as a part of our team."

Mr. Flenniken added that there are many funeral directors throughout the West Texas region who are just as deserving, and appreciates the recognition sent his way.

RECORDS

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Spring
Christina M. Rodriguez, 624 State Street, Big Spring
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring
Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring
RickyLynnWaltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. #133, Big Spring
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Joe Angel Torres IV, 18, and Debora Alvizo, 19, both of Big Spring
Daniel Paul Kiley, 29, and Nadia Cecilia Garcia, 25, both of Big Spring

District Court Filings

Howard County, et al vs. Elizabeth Wright, tax
Howard County, et al vs. Mary Barber, tax
Howard County, et al vs. Johnny Baker, tax
Howard County, et al vs. Mary Arispe, tax
Howard County, et al vs. Neives Villasenor, tax
Howard County, et al vs. Diana Valdez, tax
Howard County, et al vs. Tony Uranga, tax
D Dunnam vs. Barry Dunnam, divorce
Justin Dardin vs. Casie Darden, divorce
Alvin McVea vs. Neural McVea, divorce
Paint and Safety Store, Inc. vs. X-Pert Safety, Inc., contract
Rena Bishop vs. James Bishop, divorce
Coahoma ISD vs. Leslie Musgrove, et al, tax
State of Texas vs. Abel Morelion, seizure
Luz Viera vs. Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Co., injury/motor vehicle

The Carpet Store, LLC vs. Ben Muller, contract
Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Adrian Viera, contract
Ginger Hull vs. Daniel Hull, divorce

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Sylvia Larraga
Grantee: Adrian Rodriguez
Property: Lots 11 and 12, block 4, Coahoma original township
Date: May 4, 2016

Grantor: Thomas and Shelia Stockwell
Grantee: Gary Feaster
Property: Tract out of northwest quarter of section 41, block 32, T-1-S
Date: April 28, 2016

Grantor: Joe and Calvin Hughes
Grantee: Moss Creek Resources, LLC
Property: Tract out of section 9, block 33, T-2-N
Date: April 20, 2016

Grantor: AC Mize
Grantee: Judy Scott
Property: Lot 1, block 4, Belvue Addition
Date: April 29, 2016

Grantor: Dorothy Sheppard

Grantee: Don Noel
Property: Tract out of section 33, block 32, T-1-N
Date: April 29, 2016

Grantor: Adrian Randle estate
Grantee: Edward and Jean Slate
Property: Lot 3, block 4, amended Highland South Addition
Date: April 25, 2016

Grantor: James and Natalie Franco
Grantee: Brandon and Ashley Ensey
Property: Lot 4, block 7, Suburban Heights Addition
Date: April 28, 2016

Grantor: Gregorio Medina
Grantee: Tomas Rivas
Property: Tract out of northwest quarter of section 34, block 32, T-1-N
Date: April 28, 2016

Grantor: Michael Rivera
Grantee: Michael Rivera and Edna Perez
Property: Lot 7, block 2, Settles Addition
Date: April 15, 2016

Grantor: Norma Edwards
Grantee: Deborah So-

Property: Southwest quarter of section 12, block 34, T-1-N
Date: April 20, 2016

Grantor: Betty and Jerry Gorham
Grantee: Stanley and Eileen Haney
Property: Tract out of northwest portion of section 11, block 32, T-2-N
Date: April 20, 2016

Grantor: Stephen and Portia Baldwin
Grantee: Jimmy Cook, et al
Property: East 58 feet of lot 11, block 6, Wasson Place
Date: April 20, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Roy Spivey
Grantee: Justin and Rebecca Newsom
Property: Lot 9, block 11, Edward Heights Addition
Date: April 29, 2016

Grantor: Jacob and Arielle Castle

Grantee: Daniel and Kristen Arnoldy
Property: Lot 1, block 4, Kentwood Addition
Date: April 28, 2016

Grantor: Bart and Ramona Carter
Grantee: John Parker
Property: Lot 12, block 1, Hillcrest Terrace
Date: April 28, 2016

Grantor: Johnny and Karen Pilgrim
Grantee: Gerald Harris III
Property: Lot 9, block 13, amended Edwards Heights Addition
Date: April 29, 2016

Grantor: Tony Castillo
Grantee: Mike Jimenez
Property: Lot 7, block 18, McDowell Heights Addition
Date: April 27, 2016

Grantor: Elizabeth Parchman and Morris Courney
Grantee: Kenneth Kesterson
Property: North half of tract 7, Kennebec Heights

USDA

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of the nation's land is owned and tended to privately, and America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up

to address the growing impacts of a changing climate.

With USDA's support, they work to implement voluntary practices that improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and create and protect wildlife habitat, officials said.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide.

To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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News in brief

German paper publishes 'manifesto' from Panama leak source

BERLIN (AP) — A German newspaper that obtained leaked files from a Panamanian law firm detailing offshore financial dealings published Friday what it said is a manifesto from its anonymous source, who described having been moved to act by "the scale of the injustices" the documents show.

The daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung was offered the leaked data over a year ago through an encrypted channel by the source, and started publishing material last month along with other outlets it shared the information with. It said it has now received a manifesto from its source, the self-described "John Doe," though it didn't specify how and when. It couldn't immediately be reached for further details.

The repercussions of the leaked documents from law firm Mossack Fonseca have been far-ranging. The uproar led to the resignation of the prime minister of Iceland, and brought scrutiny to, among others, the leaders of Argentina and Ukraine, Chinese politicians, Russian President Vladimir Putin and his friends.

The piece published Friday says the papers "show beyond a shadow of a doubt that although shell companies are not illegal by definition, they are used to carry out a wide array of serious crimes that go beyond evading taxes."

Its author writes: "I decided to expose Mossack Fonseca because I thought its founders, employees and clients should have to answer for their roles in these crimes, only some of which have come to light thus far."

The manifesto says "a new global debate has started, which is encouraging."

It doesn't shed light on how the source obtained the documents.

Its author says: "For the record, I do not work for any government or intelligence agency, directly or as a contractor, and I never have," and adds that the reason for sharing the documents was "not ... any specific political purpose, but simply because I understood enough about their contents to realize the scale of the injustices they described."

The author "would be willing to cooperate with law enforcement to the extent that I am able."

Stocks slip as jobs report shows hiring slowdown

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell modestly in mid-day trading Friday after the U.S. government reported a slowdown in hiring in April after months of robust job growth. Investors were also weighing tepid U.S. earnings reports and persistent weakness in the global economy.

TAKING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average lost 12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,647 as of noon Eastern. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost six points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,044 and the Nasdaq com-

posite fell 25 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,692.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS: The Labor Department said employers created just 160,000 jobs in April. The unemployment rate remained steady at 5 percent. The amount of job creation was significantly below the 200,000 jobs that economists were expecting.

While one month does not make a trend, there have been a few economic reports this week from across the globe that have shown signs of a slowdown last month. A closely watched Chinese manufacturing survey showed production contracted last month and European Union officials trimmed their forecasts for growth across the 19 countries that use the euro.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Once again, we received evidence that the U.S. economy is just stumbling along and will most likely remain so until after the U.S. presidential election," said Tom di Galoma, a managing director of fixed income at Seaport Global. Di Galoma added that the April jobs report significantly reduces the possibility that the Federal Reserve will interest rates in June or even later this year. "In my view, a rate hike potential this year is nearing zero probability."

CIRCLE TAKES THE SQUARE: Payment processing company Square dropped \$2.58, or 20 percent, to \$10.47. The company, run by Twitter founder Jack Dorsey, reported a larger than expected quarterly loss and saw its expenses climb sharply in the quarter.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 91 cents to \$45.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, climbed 90 cents to \$45.90 a barrel in London.

BONDS, CURRENCIES: U.S. government bond prices were little changed. The yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury note held steady at 1.75 percent. The euro rose to \$1.1424 from \$1.1398 and the dollar declined to 106.70 yen from 107.25 yen.

Marchionne: Self-driving cars could be on roads in 5 years

WINDSOR, Ontario (AP) — Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne says working with Google convinced him that self-driving technology is closer than he thought and could be on the road in five years.

"I don't find it that unsettling," Marchionne said Friday. "I see this as having tremendous use in real life."

FCA and Google announced a partnership earlier this week. The companies will work together to add self-driving technology to 100 Chrysler Pacifica minivans for testing purposes.

This is the first time Google has worked directly with an auto company to install self-driving sensors and computers. Marchionne discussed the partnership at the production launch of the Pacifica minivan at FCA's plant in Windsor.

Some automakers have been reluctant to team

up with tech companies because they want to own the technology in their cars. But Marchionne says it's too early to say who will lead the transition to a self-driving future, so it's smart for FCA to work with others and learn what it can.

"Making unequivocal bets and precluding development with others is a very dangerous path, at least in our view," he said.

Marchionne said FCA and Google will have to work out specifics — like who owns the data in the cars — down the road.

"We need to get to the stage where the car is viable before we can discuss the spoils," he said.

Marchionne said it was initially unsettling to get into Google's self-driving test cars in California, but as they drove he felt "absolutely safe."

Summer Redstone competency trial set to begin in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A trial to determine whether the mental competency of Sumner Redstone will begin Friday morning with a judge hearing directly from the media mogul after months of speculation about his health.

The case will examine whether Redstone knowingly kicked a longtime companion and former lover out of his home last year, replacing her as the person in charge of making health decisions for him and cutting her out of estate plans.

The trial follows months of fighting between Redstone's attorneys and lawyers for Manuela Herzer, who dated the mogul for a short period but remained close to him for 15 years and received tens of millions of dollars.

Redstone's lawyers say Herzer and another of their client's ex-girlfriends, Sydney Holland, received \$150 million between 2010 and 2015.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David J. Cowan said Thursday that Herzer's credibility — and whether she repeatedly lied to Redstone before he kicked her out of his life in October 2015 — are a key issue in the trial.

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Was \$29,375 **NOW \$28,000** Stk# F092A

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Was \$17,250 **NOW \$15,400** Stk# E269B

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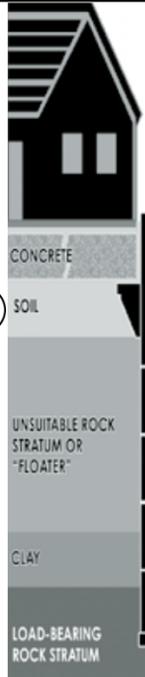
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A Specific Use Permit a Single-Family (SF-3) Dwelling District to allow for a Private Community Center as outlined in Section 7-2(15) of the Zoning Ordinance. More specifically, the subject property occupies all of Block 14 in the Bauer Addition (St. Thomas Church).

#9048 May 8, 2016

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The Permian Basin Regional Review Committee will hold a public meeting May 17, 10:00 a.m., at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, 2910 LaForce Blvd, Midland, TX (Midland International Airport area). The Regional Review Committee is appointed by the Governor to determine the region's local project priorities and objective scoring factors for applications submitted by eligible localities for funding from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Community Development Block Grant (funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development). Opportunity for public comment will be included. For more information, contact Virginia Belew, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Regional Services Director at (432) 563-1061 or email Virginia.Belew@pbrpc.org. EEO, auxiliary aides available upon request.

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Exhibit A

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Coahoma, Texas, to issue

Legals

one or more series of interest bearing certificates of obligation of the City for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations to be incurred in connection with (i) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, improvements, extensions and equipment for the City's waterworks and sewer system, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor; and (ii) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and architectural fees in connection with these projects and to pay costs of issuance of the certificates of obligation. The City Council tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of said certificates of obligation at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 122 North First Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511 at a meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2016. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$1,200,000. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law, and from limited surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve and other requirements in connection with all of the Issuer's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding) that are payable from all or part of said revenues. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter C.

CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS

#9044 May 1 & 8, 2016

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

TO:

MID-TEX CORPORATION, ALSO POSSIBLY KNOWN AS MID-TEX COMPANY; INCOME OIL & ROYALTY COMPANY; FRANK E. LEWIS; C.O. FLETCHER; C.W. VAN ALSTYNE; CARLOS MICHAEL JOHNSON; AND L.D. MATLOCK, IF IN EXISTENCE OR IF LIVING, AND IF NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE OR IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSES, IF ANY, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES.

SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR DECEASED SPOUSES. Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the 118th Judicial District Court in the County Courthouse in Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016, then and there to answer the petition of Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC in Cause No. 1789, styled Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC v. Mid-Tex Corporation, also possibly known as Mid-Tex Company; Income Oil & Royalty Company; Frank E. Lewis; C.O. Fletcher; C.W. Van Alstyne; Carlos Michael Johnson; and L.D. Matlock, if in existence or if living, and if no longer in existence or if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and personal representatives, their unknown surviving spouses, if any, and the unknown heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and personal representatives of their deceased spouses, in which Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC is Plaintiff and Mid-Tex Corporation, et al, are Defendants. The said petition, filed April 13, 2016, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows: for appointment of a receiver to manage the oil, gas and mineral interests of the Defendants, the identity or whereabouts of whom are unknown to Plaintiff and undeterminable after diligent search, and to negotiate, make and enter into oil, gas and mineral leases containing pooling provisions and other contracts covering the mineral interests of the Defendants in Sections 9 and 10, R.R. Wade Survey, Glasscock County, Texas and Sections 25 and 26, Block 34, Township 2 South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Glasscock County, Texas.

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ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 13 day of April, 2016, at Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas.

REBECCA BATLA, Clerk of the 118th Judicial District Court of Glasscock County, Texas

By: Adriana Ramirez, Deputy

#9038 April 24, May 1, 8, & 15



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

MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker: Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor's degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon.-Fri.

Mental Health Part Time Crisis Worker: Duties include responding to mental health crisis calls after hours and weekends, participating on a rotating on-call team. Bachelor degree with a major in social, behavioral, or human service, or 24 hrs in related field required. Plus one year experience in a related field. Applicants must live in 70 mile radius of duty site. Call or check website for salary and additional information.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Mother's Day Cosmic Forecast

This Mother's Day the HOLIDAY Gemini MATHEIS moon causes strife with Neptune and Jupiter, and then it goes running to Saturn to recount the whole story. These complicated social stars could aggravate family tensions and highlight dysfunction, but isn't that half the fun? Just keep a sense of humor about it. The day's features are a face that only a mother could love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). That long-term effort is beginning to feel like a rotten, exhausting slog. You need some quick energy and brightness in your world. Switch to something you can finish fast.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It won't be easy for anyone to get your attention today, and only the most interesting people need apply. But once your attention is engaged,

you are totally focused on the person who commanded it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ambition is a net. Fling yours far and high today, because it will catch more bounty that way: new friends, hobbies, financial opportunities, love-bonding agents ... the possibilities are endless.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've an eye for the ridiculous, and you will certainly find it. What's the appeal? For starters, absurdities make you smile. They take you out of the humdrum reality you've gotten so used to and jiggle your creativity free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hearts and affections have a way of disregarding the rules today. And no, you're not imagining it. Someone likes you an awful lot -- perhaps more than is appropriate for the circumstances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There may be safety in numbers, but there is not power in numbers -- not today at least. The committee will somehow weaken the thrust of the group.

Would a dictatorship be out of the question? There's strength in a singular vision right now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The compliment you offer will go straight to the heart. The other person's reaction to this might not make its way back to the face. Processing such unexpected kindness as you've given will take time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The intuition comes from deep within. It seems that you should know this place intimately, but it is a foreign wilderness that exists inside you, still awaiting exploration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a kind wish for everyone you know. Well, maybe not absolutely everyone, but you're working on it. If you can't wish a person well, you can at least come to a feeling of neutrality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a pretty big deal to be doing work that you love. If you are lucky enough to have this blessing in your life, today you'll feel so content, you will

not ask for more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your loved ones know what they are supposed to be doing for the good of the group and how this is to be accomplished. If you're not seeing action, it's because they just need to be reminded that it's important to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). So many around you want your company, and you may feel that you've had a little too much social time lately. When you don't get enough quality hours alone you start to feel cranky and lost. So go on! Be a little selfish!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 8). Someone has found the way to your heart and will dance there in the weeks and months to come. Mostly this is a pleasant, joyful experience, but it will stretch and grow you, too. July features a steep challenge with a rich reward. September is a downhill coast. October issues big money only to the hardest worker. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 22, 44,

38 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The one thing that every human on earth has in common is a mother. Does yours fit the classic characteristics of her sign?

ARIES: She's assertive and protective when it comes to her children. She will go to battle for them at the slightest provocation.

TAURUS: She's the rock of the family. As the sign of appetite, typically Taurus mothers use food for maternal bonding.

GEMINI: Her superpower is creating bridges of understanding between her and her children at every age.

CANCER: Natural-born homemakers and nurturers, Cancer mothers are a safe haven from the slings and arrows of the world.

LEO: This mother's childlike playfulness makes her a standout favorite of her family, the neighborhood and beyond.

VIRGO: Her vigilance keeps her children not only safe but also thriving.

LIBRA: A living example of beauty and grace, she's easy to be with, relate to and love.

SCORPIO: The karmic bonds go deep, and the connections she shares with her children are profound, poetic and soulful.

SAGITTARIUS: She prepares her children to confidently fly in an uncertain world.

CAPRICORN: Spiritually large and in charge, life runs better because of her.

AQUARIUS: She raises her children to be socially responsible and high-functioning.

PISCES: Her maternal instinct has healing power.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: If you were looking for a soundtrack to your summer, Enrique Iglesias recently released a song with rapper Pitbull called "Messin' Around" that may be just the thing. The international superstar was born under the sun sign that rules the vocal cords and a fiery Aries moon, too. Iglesias is sure to turn up the heat with whatever style he chooses.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Readers: Happy Mother's Day. Please phone your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, step-mother or foster mother and wish them the best. And please don't forget those for whom this day, for whatever reason, is filled with sadness. Give them a call and say you are thinking of them.

Dear Annie: A few years back, you reprinted a lovely poem about appreciating one's mother while she is still alive. The reader said it appeared in a book of poems published in 1936. I meant to copy it, but as usual, I forgot. Can you run it again so I can keep it this time? -- Janice in Wisconsin

Dear Janice: Readers often ask us to repeat this particular poem and we are happy to do so:

"If You're Ever Going To Love Me" (Author Unknown)

If you're ever going to love me, love me now, while I can know
All the sweet and tender feelings which from real affection flow.
Love me now, while I am living; do not wait til I am gone
And then chisel it in marble -- warm love words on ice-cold stone.

If you've dear, sweet thoughts about me, why not whisper them to me?

Don't you know 'twould make me happy and as glad as glad could be?

If you wait til I am sleeping, ne'er to waken here again,
There'll be walls of earth between us and I couldn't hear you then.

If you knew someone was thirsting for a drop of water sweet
Would you be so slow to bring it? Would you step with laggard

feet?

There are tender hearts all round us who are thirsting for our love;

Why withhold from them what nature makes them crave all else above?

I won't need your kind caresses when the grass grows o'er my face;

I won't crave your love or kisses in my last low resting place.

So, then, if you love me any, if it's but a little bit,
Let me know it now while living; I can own and treasure it.

Dear Readers: Here is one more that appeared in our column several years back, but we know it will be appreciated by many:

Prayer for My Mother (author unknown)

Dear God: How does

a daughter begin to thank her mother for life itself? For the love, patience and just plain hard work that go into raising a child? For running after a toddler, for understanding a moody teenager, for tolerating a college student who knows everything? For waiting for the day when a daughter realizes how wise her mother really is?

How does a grown woman thank a mother for continuing to mother? For being ready with advice (when asked) or remaining silent when it is most appreciated? For not saying, "I told you so," when she could have uttered those words dozens of times? For being essentially herself -- loving, thoughtful, patient and forgiving?

I don't know how,

dear God, except to ask you to bless her as richly as she deserves -- and to help me live up to the example she has set. I pray that I will look as good in the eyes of my children as my mother looks in mine. -- A Daughter

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ANSWERS

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Lars G. Doubleday Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 They're now rarely seen in American hotel lobbies

9 Lab equipment

15 Professor at NYU's School of the Arts

16 Labourite, to some Brits

17 What a "Buy Here, Pay Here" establishment offers

18 Get ready to take off

19 They may get help from the FBI

20 Circulation path

22 Fails utterly

23 Cause of grammarians' separation anxiety

25 Gordon Brown, by birth

28 Get perfect

29 It costs a bit over a buck

31 Polo shirt purveyor

34 Pinch

36 Tijuana shiner

37 Zodiacal symbol

38 Heavy metal

40 Org. that won't abide hackers

41 Snap, with "out"

43 Name on five Roloids Relief Man Awards, 1999-2009

44 1998 sports headliner

46 Disney fjord crosser

48 Subject of the bio *Auto Pioneering*

49 Darrow's fossil evidence in the Scopes Trial

53 What some might be drawn to scale

54 Far from fresh

55 Recognition for some stars

58 Cause of Chilean droughts

DOWN

1 Without procrastination

2 Kitchen nickname derived from a weed-digging tool

3 Attains

4 Timberlake tune with the lyric "Can't fight no more"

5 Abate

6 Remote

7 Starting point

8 Corolla competitor

9 Source of unwelcome strains

10 Instruction for some suites

11 Impassioned

12 2011 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

13 Ill-treat

14 Grasps

21 "... __ like silversmiths / Beating and beating ...": Plath

23 Start of a contrarian tweet

24 One of the Golden State's Santas

25 Buffets, perhaps

26 Certain freighter

27 On-and-off

30 Latino Public Broadcasting cofounder

32 Ecclesiastes 3 verb

33 Dependable

35 Follower of coffee, milk, or wine

39 Paul Simon collaborator on 2015's "New York Is My Home"

42 Bit of caviar

43 Post area

45 In rarefied air

47 Try to smack

50 Word from the Latin for "he holds"

51 *Nome informale famiglia*

52 With 55 Down, domineering type

53 Wasn't anchored

55 See 52 Down

56 Formula One ban since 2006

57 Irritant

59 "Endure," as in the seventh 007 film title

61 Part of many cords

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Stop, Look and Listen

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ Q J 10 6
♥ 4
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ 8 7 5 4

EAST
♠ A K 8 3
♥ 8 7 2
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 6

SOUTH
♠ 9 5
♥ A K Q 10 9 6
♦ A Q
♣ A J 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1NT 4♥
Opening lead queen of spades.

The thought processes of most top-notch cardplayers are markedly similar in most situations. It doesn't matter whether the player is defending or declaring; the thinking practically always follows the same logical lines.

Consider the present case where South was declarer at four hearts and West led the spade queen. Three rounds of spades forced declarer to ruff, and left him with the problem of how to lead twice from dummy toward his diamond and club holdings when there was only one entry in dummy.

But the solution was really not all that difficult to find. The opening lead had marked West with the Q-J of spades, so East had to have the rest of the key honor cards for his opening notrump bid.

The only question remaining was how to take advantage of these clues, and it did not take South long to find the answer. After trumping the spade at trick three, he cashed the A-K of trumps and then led the jack of clubs!

This sequence of plays rendered East helpless. He could do no better than win the club with the king and return a trump to dummy's jack. Declarer thereupon led the ten of clubs, presenting East with a Hobson's choice.

If he followed low, the lead would remain in dummy and declarer would then take the winning diamond finesse to bring in the contract.

And if East instead covered the ten of clubs with the queen, South would win with the ace and return the three to dummy's nine in order to take the diamond finesse.

All of which goes to show that if you make it a regular practice to keep your mind on the task at hand, wondrous things can sometimes happen.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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A Critical Ear: Bach, and Wagner and Jody Nix

Back in the early 1980s I was on the symphony board. Like the symphony today, concert attendance was a central concern.

"How do we convince our neighbors that great music is a plus to any community?"

There wasn't a thundering herd buying tickets to hear Johann Bach or Richard Wagner. It struck me that we needed to appeal to our locals with music they liked. A little palate expansion here and there was ok but meat and potatoes needed to be on the menu too.

Over the years the symphony has done that under varying leadership and with varying degrees of success. I mentioned, back then, that it might be a good idea to team Jody Nix with the symphony. For some reason it didn't happen for years, long after I had left the board.

Then, sometime in the early 90s Tumbleweed Smith enlisted me to help with a couple of ideas to attract

a broader spectrum of our citizens to the symphony. Jody Nix was the basic ingredient. We created some ads advertising an evening with Bach Owens and Porter Wagoner (pronounced Vagner) as our hybrid fictional performers, to help draw the feed store/cotton gin crowd.

On a Saturday night in April much the same formula was employed. Jody Nix along with the great Dave Alexander and their respective Texas swing bands joined with the full Big Spring Symphony Orchestra to present the most enjoyable night I believe I've ever had at the symphony.

We all love Texas swing and the variation of adding a symphony orchestra created a sound that our own "godfather" of Texas swing, Hoyle Nix, would not have imagined. The basics of fiddles, steel guitars, and drums joined with violas, oboes and a tympani or two to give birth to the most glorious regional mix every dreamed of. The lonely beauty of "Maiden's Prayer" (my favorite - named one of my plays after it) and the foot-stomping Howard County National Anthem "Big Balls in Cow Town" were only bested by the flailing rosined bows of every string

in the house as they brought the "Orange Blossom Special" on home.

No! I am sure Hoyle Nix would have registered surprise at something beyond a five or six man traditional Western swing dance band. But it did the trick. What a turn-out. I saw people I haven't seen in years... some I thought were dead. And all

had the time of their lives.

Mr. Nix may have been surprised at the unorthodox amalgam, but by the end of the night he would have been as proud of his son as we were... and of the Big Spring Symphony... even if, strictly speaking, it wasn't entirely "according to Hoyle."



RICK HAMBY

Opera version of 'The Shining' opens Saturday in Minnesota

Mark Campbell wants people to issue warnings when they leave his operatic adaptation of "The Shining." Campbell wrote the libretto for composer Paul Moravec, and their creation will be given its world premiere by the Minnesota Opera on Saturday night at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul.

"I want them to be moved by the story. I want them to be scared," Campbell said. "I would love if this were the first opera in history that engendered a response from an audience that was: 'Don't go in there!' —

the way a horror film does."

Moravec and Campbell based their version on Stephen King's 1977 novel, which inspired the 1980 movie by director Stanley Kubrick starring Jack Nicholson and a 1997 TV miniseries. They both cited a quote attributed to King that termed the film "like a big, beautiful Cadillac with no engine inside it."

"What 'The Shining' is all about and the issues that Jack Torrance and his family are dealing with give rise to song," Moravec said. "The story just sings naturally."

Obama challenges Americans to give back to vets, families



WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a cue from his wife, President Barack Obama challenged Americans on Thursday to consider how they might give back to those who have served in the military and their families.

Obama spoke to more than 1,300 service members at Joint Base Andrews as part of an anniversary celebration honoring the USO and the "Joining Forces" initiative that first lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden created in 2011.

"I challenge every American to ask that simple question: How can I give back to these troops and families who have given me so much? Obama said. "Everybody should have that in their minds."

Obama said the celebration, which featured comedians Jon Stewart and David Letterman, represented a marker for Joining Forces rather than the end point even with just eight months left in his administration. He said about 200,000 service members make the transition to civilian life every year, so the need to help them will continue.

About 2.7 million people have returned from serving in war zones since September 11, 2001. The first lady said those returning home have in many ways made her job easy when it comes to trying to enlist help from employers and others.

"When people hear about you, they want to step up," she said. "You

inspire people all across this county and that is absolutely true for Jill and me."

The focus of Joining Forces has been primarily on helping veterans and military spouses gain employment. Earlier Thursday, Mrs. Obama said more than 1.2 million veterans and spouses have been hired or trained since the launch.

She also announced that 40 companies have pledged to hire more than 110,000 veterans and spouses over the next five years. Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO of Amazon, appeared with her and said the online retailer will hire 25,000 veterans over the period, nearly one-fourth of the total.

"So we need to keep up this momentum," the first lady said. "And I will say this again and again and again: No matter who is in the White House next, this should absolutely continue to be a national priority with national leadership coming from this building."

Questions arise about California doctor's response to Prince

Was a California doctor acting legally when he sent his son to Prince's home with a drug often used to treat people addicted to opiates such as prescription painkillers?

Dr. Howard Kornfeld may have been trying to help, but he was not licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota and was not registered to care for patients there via telemedicine, as the state requires. His son, Andrew Kornfeld, who has been described as a pre-med student, was not a licensed prescriber.

The pair may need to rely on loopholes and broad, generous readings of federal and state laws to justify why the younger Kornfeld carried buprenorphine to Minnesota on an April 20 redeye flight. Attorneys and physicians have described the action as unusual and even absurd.

Dozens of doctors are authorized to prescribe buprenorphine in Minnesota, so it's unclear why Kornfeld felt he needed to send his son with the drug, which is used to ease withdrawal and cravings.

The Kornfelds did not respond to several messages this week from The Associated Press. No one has suggested that Prince took the buprenorphine provided by them.

Their attorney, William Mauzy, has said that he believes Andrew Kornfeld — who placed the 911 call when Prince was found unresponsive at his home — is protected from any charges by a Minnesota law that generally shields anyone seeking medical assistance for a person overdosing on drugs.

Mauzy did not immediately respond to a request Thursday for an interview.

Regulators in Minnesota have several ways they could approach the situation. Minnesota's medical board has jurisdiction to investigate someone who practices medicine without a state license or a telemedicine registration.

Dr. Kornfeld did not have either, said Ruth Martinez, executive director of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. Martinez said she could not comment on whether the board is investigating Kornfeld's actions or whether it has received a complaint.

The Minnesota telemedicine law has an exemption for "an emergency medical condition," but it's questionable whether that would be enough to cover a situation in which a doctor without a Minnesota license sent a Schedule III controlled substance across state lines with a person who was not a physician.

Minneapolis defense attorney Joe Friedberg said it's illegal to prescribe a controlled substance without a face-to-face meeting with the patient.

Cody Wiberg, execu-

tive director of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, agreed, saying prescriptions for controlled substances "are not legal unless there has been an in-person examination of the patient."

Kornfeld never met or spoke to Prince before Prince's representatives contacted him on April 20, according to Mauzy, who said Kornfeld arranged for Prince to be evaluated by a Minnesota physician on April 21, the day he died. The attorney refused to identify the Minnesota doctor, and it was not clear if that person had a prior relationship with Prince.

Did Prince's concerns about privacy force Kornfeld to act as he did?

"Sometimes the patient dictates the ground rules and you do your best to help them," said Dr. R. Corey Waller, a pain and addiction specialist at Spectrum Health Medical Group in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Autopsy results have not been released. Toxicology tests may show what, if any, drugs were in Prince's system when he died and wheth-

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