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## State Champs

BSHS speech and debate team earn top title

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team added another trophy to their already extensive trophy cabinet. This time, however, the trophy was one of the biggest you could earn in the State of Texas — the 4A UIL Speech & Debate State Championship. The honor was awarded last week at the UIL Academic State Championship held on the campus of the University of Texas.

"Going into the state meet, we knew we had a shot at winning the title, but 4A Speech and Debate is one of the most difficult classifications in the state," Coach Jennifer Adams stated. "There are a lot of great schools that we compete against and many of them had an equal number if not more students at the meet."

Ethan Morelion added another state championship to the two that he previously

earned by successfully defending his 4A Lincoln-Douglas title. Morelion ends his career earning three state titles, in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Congress as

well as a third place finish as a sophomore in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and a matching pair of fifth place finishes his junior year in extemporaneous speaking and Congress. Providing the points needed to put the Steers over the top

were the duo of Amber Monks and Kelli Ruth. Monks, who placed fifth in ready writing at last year's tournament, as well as finishing second in this year's con-

gressional debate state meet, matched that finish in persuasive extemporaneous speaking. Ruth, earning her second bronze of the year, placed just behind Monks in the same event. The trio was joined by fel-



Courtesy photo

Members of the BSHS speech and debate team show off their UIL State Championship plaque.

low senior, Aliscia Borman who narrowly missed out on the elimination rounds in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

The points earned by the Speech Team at the Academic State Meet was added to the points earned earlier in the year by the bronze medal cross-examination debate team of Ruth and Lauren Kendall, which resulted in the overall speech team State Championship.

This marks the first time in the history of the school that the speech and debate team

won the overall speech team state title.

Sophomore Brittany Tan provided an influx of points on the journalism side of things by bringing home the bronze medal in news writing. For Tan, the bronze comes in her first year of competition.

Also, junior Alexess Sosa brought home another top-six finish in the state by placing 5th in editorial writing.

Combined, the Steers finished fourth out of the 66 4A schools that qualified a student for the UIL State Meet.

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## Lease agreement on tap for city council special meeting

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring City Council will hold a special meeting Monday to consider an airpark lease agreement with Desert Tanks LLC.

Immediately after the call to order at 5:15 p.m., the council will adjourn into executive session to "discuss or deliberate commercial or financial information concerning entities that the city seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the city," the meeting agenda states.

The council will then consult with City Attorney Kaye Edwards concerning the lease agreement with Desert Tanks before reconvening in open session and taking any necessary action.

The meeting will occur in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

## Full slate of activities for 125th anniversary of Borden County

Special to the Herald

The 125th anniversary of Borden County will be celebrated June 11 in downtown Gail and at the Borden County Event Center.

Several various activities are planned. The celebration will kick off Friday night,

June 10, with a baseball game based on 1890 rules. It will take place at the high school baseball field. Borden County 4-H will have a concession stand offering popcorn, peanuts, and lemonade.

Saturday activities begin at 9 a.m. with a blessing of the Quanah Parker arrow by Bruce Parker, great-grandson of the Quanah, one of the last Comanche chiefs. The arrow is a part of the Texas Plains Trail Region tourism project. Each arrow makes a place with a real or legendary connection to the famous chief. The arrow is located on the west end of Gail.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Construction on Porter's Grocery Store, located at the College Park Shopping Center, continues. The store is already advertising for workers.

## USDA unveils improvement to streamline crop reporting

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that farmers and ranchers filing crop acreage reports with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and participating insurance providers approved by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) now can provide the common information from their acreage reports at one office and the information will be electronically shared with the other location. This new process is part of



the USDA Acreage Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI). This inter-agency collaboration also includes participating private crop insurance agents and insurance companies, all working to streamline the information

collected from farmers and ranchers who participate in USDA programs.

"If you file your report at one location, the data that's important to both FSA and RMA will be securely and electronically shared with the other location," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "This will avoid redundant and duplicative reporting, and we expect this to save farmers and ranchers time."

"Accuracy in crop reporting is a key component for

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# Obituaries

## Paul Roy Miller



Paul Roy Miller died on June 1 from injuries sustained in a profession he loved.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1958, in Oklahoma City to Bettye Kathryn Nichols Miller and Lester Laverne Miller (Bumpas senior).

Paul and his cherished wife, Donna Simer Miller, met in 1988 and built a life together in Big Spring, Texas. They loved taking family vacations, spending time with friends and family, enjoying

their menagerie of pets, and loving on their grandchildren.

He was a native Oklahoman who graduated from Oklahoma State University and entered the dynamic oil field supply business, where his superb people skills, independent thinking, and problem solving were the foundation of his success for over 30 years. His work brought him to west Texas, which quickly became his beloved home. His contacts in the oil fields also exposed him to the colorful vocabulary he employed so creatively when he missed a bass strike or a golf shot went awry.

Paul was larger than life. Physically he was an imposing figure, but his heart and spirit were even bigger. He lived life with enthusiasm, friendliness, and joy. When Paul gave you a bear hug, you knew that you were well and truly loved, as all who knew him can attest. He was a steadfast friend, a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He was also a devoted, doting Bumpas (grandfather) to his grandchildren, with whom he shared some of his happiest moments.

Paul loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed

sharing outdoor adventures with family and friends. He also relished weekends devoted to the Texas trinity of football, car racing, and good food. The first two passions he inherited from his mother, who had rather unusual tastes for her generation, and the third from his father, who never met a meal he didn't like.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Simer Miller; his parents; and his sisters, Anne Marie Miller Cook and Gayle Patricia Miller.

He is survived by brothers Fred Luther Miller and his wife Linda Gillespie Miller, and Dick Warren Miller and his wife Lindsey Shuster Miller; sons Gary Simer and his wife Julie Adams Simer, and Rodney Robertson and his wife Michele Robertson; seven grandchildren, Candyce, Mica, Dalton, Avery, Braydon, Grace, and Brevynn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul was a member of the First Christian Church. His passing will leave a huge hole in our lives, hearts and community, but our lives will be forever touched by having shared his.

Visitation will be at the Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel, 301 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, on Monday, June 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.. Funeral services will be at the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas, on Tuesday, June 7, at 4 p.m.

The family requests that memorials be in the form of contributions to the education funds for Paul's grandchildren. Donations should be sent to fund administrator Gary Simer, 3141 High Meadows Drive, Abilene, Texas, 79605.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Nancy Patricia "Pat" Nash



Nancy Patricia "Pat" Nash, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Oran Cemetery in Oran, Texas.

She was born Oct. 30, 1932, to Ruth Yell Walston and Guy Walston in Oran. She married Horace "Chock" Nash on Feb. 4, 1950, and he preceded her in death

July 31, 2005. Pat came to Howard County in 1969

from Nocona, Texas. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Pat is survived by one daughter, Nancy Nash of Big Spring; one daughter-in-law, Rebecca Nash of Big Spring; two granddaughters; two great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins; one sister-in-law, Sylvia Norred of San Jon, N.M.; and one brother-in-law, Leonard Wallin and wife Evelyn of San Jon, N.M.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Don Nash; two brothers, Vernon Walston and Wayne Walston; one niece; and one nephew.

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

# Support Groups

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous holds a closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles; and an open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and

friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 6/5	Mon 6/6	Tue 6/7	Wed 6/8	Thu 6/9
<b>86/56</b> Sunny skies. High 86F. Winds NNE at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>86/58</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>90/62</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>90/64</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>91/66</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
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## Texas at a Glance



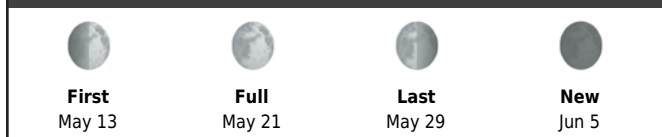
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	83	61	Cloudy	Kingsville	81	69	M Cloudy
Amarillo	84	56	Sunny	Livingston	78	68	Sct T-Storms
Austin	81	67	Cloudy	Longview	78	66	Cloudy
Beaumont	81	69	T-Storms	Lubbock	84	59	P Cloudy
Brownsville	83	70	P Cloudy	Lufkin	76	66	Cloudy
Brownwood	81	61	M Cloudy	Midland	90	63	Sunny
Corpus Christi	81	70	M Cloudy	Raymondville	83	70	Cloudy
Corsicana	80	66	Cloudy	Rosenberg	76	69	T-Storms
Dallas	82	66	Iso T-Storms	San Antonio	83	69	P Cloudy
Del Rio	88	66	P Cloudy	San Marcos	81	67	P Cloudy
El Paso	94	69	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	79	64	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	87	62	M Sunny	Sweetwater	85	61	M Cloudy
Gainesville	83	60	Cloudy	Tyler	79	65	Showers
Greenville	80	63	Cloudy	Weatherford	83	62	M Cloudy
Houston	77	69	T-Storms	Wichita Falls	87	61	Cloudy

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	69	M Cloudy	Miami	88	79	M Cloudy
Boston	75	62	Cloudy	Minneapolis	68	56	M Cloudy
Chicago	75	64	Cloudy	New York	80	66	Cloudy
Dallas	82	66	Iso T-Storms	Phoenix	116	83	Sunny
Denver	79	53	P Cloudy	San Francisco	68	51	Cloudy
Houston	77	69	T-Storms	Seattle	83	62	Sunny
Los Angeles	86	62	Sunny	Saint Louis	78	62	Sct T-Storms

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Sun 6/5	Mon 6/6	Tue 6/7	Wed 6/8	Thu 6/9
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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- SUZANNA MONTEZ HILARIO**, 29, of 1401 N. Highway 87 was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

- MARCUS RAY FRANKLIN**, 37, of 300 E. Oklahoma in Sweetwater was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 400 block of East 10th Street, the 200 block of West FM 700, and the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of North Service Road and Highway 350, and at the intersection of Fourth Street and Sgt. Paredez Street.

- DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth Street.

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# County continues to chip away at upcoming budget

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer  
Howard County officials are approaching the task of fashioning a budget for the coming fiscal year much like a sculptor approaches a slab of marble — they just keep chipping away.

Unlike other major taxing entities in this area, which hold one or two budget workshops before finalizing their fiscal package, county commissioners have taken a different approach — they have been conducting what can almost be described as a series of mini-workshops over the course of the past several weeks, and will likely continue doing so until it time to adopt a budget and tax rate in late summer.

Like their colleagues at the city of Big Spring, area school districts and Howard College, county officials are looking at

a potential drastic loss of taxable revenues, thanks in large part to the downturn in the oil economy.

Preliminary appraisal figures released by the tax appraisal office have painted a glum picture for this area's taxing entities, but few more so than the county — if those projections hold, the county will lose more than \$700 million in taxable valuations from last year.

To combat that expected shortfall, commissioners have already alerted county department heads they would have to trim their respective operational budget requests by at least 10 percent, and have met with most of those managers in recent weeks to make that goal a reality.

"They've met with just about all the department heads by now," County Auditor Jackie

Olson said. "And all of them have been able to meet the 10 percent goal."

Commissioners will not be able to hammer out concrete budgetary details until final valuations are certified later this summer. Until then, Olson said, officials will continue to shape the overall scope of the coming budget.

"Probably every couple of weeks, we'll have short budget meeting," she said. "Until we get information on what our effective tax rate (the rate which would raise the same revenue as the previous fiscal year) will be, however, we won't be able to get too much into the details."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at [reporter@big-springherald.com](mailto:reporter@big-springherald.com)

## Take Note

• Vacation Bible School at College Baptist Church will be June 5 through 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. The theme this year is "Submerged: Dive Deep at VBS". and the program is accepting children who have just completed Kindergarten through those who have just completed sixth grade. College Baptist Church is located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information or to schedule bus pickup, call the church at 267-7429.

• 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](http://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.

• 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.

## CELEBRATION

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At 10 a.m. the museum and living historians will be ready transport you to another time. Fort Concho Cavalry and artillery will be on hand for visitors to view 1870 style uniforms, campsite and horsemanship skills. The cannons will be fired several times during the day. The Historic Fort is located in San Angelo.

Greg Bodin will portray a military Indian scout, and his wife Toni will be demonstrating Viking stick weaving and sewing on a treadle machine. The couple are from Coahoma and are featured writers for the Living Magazine.

Longhorns from the official State of Texas herd will be present. Traylor Livestock from Sonora characterizes the supplies and animals our pioneer ancestors brought with them as they moved west to settle new lands. Timothy Phillips with Taylor County Forge is a blacksmith and will demonstrate the art of working with metal. He offers his services for a small fee. Pioneer style games for children are set for the courthouse lawn.

The Cacklebur Camp of Sam Howell is scheduled to appear at the Event Center. Sam, grandson of pioneer H. B. Howell of Lynn County, travels the country competing in chuck wagon cook offs.

Inside the event center are booths that will be selling custom made metal signs, jewelry, clothing, books, nutrition prod-

ucts, and furniture. H. V. Chapman, a bookbinding company from Abilene, can answer questions about repairs to family book treasures or how to go about publishing family history. Local museums from Garza, Scurry, and Dawson counties will be available to discuss their county's significance in the settlement of the region. The Texas Plains Trail will showcase the 52-county region and all the fun and educational activities available.

The activities room at the event center will be set up for historical presentations. Texas Tech University graduate student Dallas Ward's topic is "Heritage Investigation in Borden and Garza Counties." Tai Kreidler of the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech will speak about the Comanches that roamed the area for hundreds of years. Allen Mack will discuss the importance of the Buffalo Soldier. The last presentation will involve a panel of storytellers from the county to tell tales about citizens, places, and events.

In the courthouse courtroom around 1 p.m., Shirley Bennett and Lisa Mahler will discuss what courthouses and museums can offer family historians and will share some of the amusing and not so amusing early court cases of Borden County.

Make sure to visit the museum to view the extensive collection of pioneer items and to view the photos of Gail as a booming town with businesses all around the

courthouse square. Located on the town's courthouse square is the historic 1896 jail, Dorward Drug, and the Rock Station, all will be open for viewing. Vintage tractors and Kyle Kirkpatrick's chuck wagon are scheduled to be on hand on the square.

Topping off the celebration will be a dance at the event center featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys from 8 p.m. to midnight. Entry into the dance will be \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and children under 12 are free. The dance is non-smoking and non-alcoholic.

Food vendors will be available all day. A shuttle bus will be available to transport guests from the parking area to the activities.

For updates and schedules, go to Facebook and "like" Borden County Museum or contact Lisa at [bordencohistory@gmail.com](mailto:bordencohistory@gmail.com)

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Oflia Flores, 92, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Paul Miller, 57, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday. A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Nancy Patricia "Pat" Nash, 83, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Oran Cemetery in Oran, Texas.

## USDA

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crop insurance, because an error in this information can affect premiums or claims. This is going to greatly improve efficiencies and reduce mistakes," said RMA Administrator Brandon Willis.

Since 2009, USDA has been working to streamline the crop reporting process for agricultural producers, who have expressed concerns with providing the same basic common information for multiple locations. In 2013, USDA consolidated the deadlines to 15 dates for submitting these reports, down from the previous

54 dates at RMA and 17 dates for FSA.

More than 93 percent of all annual reported acres to FSA and RMA now are eligible for the common data reporting, and USDA is exploring adding more crops. Producers must still visit both locations to validate and sign acreage reports, complete maps or provide program-specific information. The common data from the first-filed acreage report will now be available to pre-populate and accelerate completion of the second report. Plans are underway at USDA to continue building upon the framework with additional efficiencies at a future date.

Dolcini also reminded

farmers and ranchers that they can now access their FSA farm information from the convenience of their home computer.

"You can see your field boundaries, images of your farm, conservation status, operator and owner information and much more," said Dolcini.

The new customer self-service portal, known as FSAFarm+, gives farmers and ranchers online access to securely view, print or export their personal farm data. To enroll in the online service, producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for details. To find a local FSA office in your area, [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov).

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# Opinion

## School buses for sale or rent

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Every time I went to southeast Texas, I kept noticing acres of school buses on a large business lot on Interstate 10 near Winnie. I thought it was a school bus graveyard. Boy, was I wrong.

Earlier this year on my way to Beaumont, I passed it again and decided to check it out. I turned around, went back there, and met the friendly office manager, Greg Simon. He told me all about the business, which is owned by Carl Smith of Baytown. About that time, Carl walked in with his two small dogs. He buys, sells and rents school buses.

“Twenty-five years ago, I bought two buses and took them down to Laredo and sold them into Mexico. And ever since then I’ve been in the bus business.”

He has bought ten thousand buses and sold them. “My first big deal, I bought 72 buses from Cypress Fairbanks School Dis-

trict in Houston and sold them all.”

He did lots of business during hurricane Katrina.

“I sold about 75 buses to churches. People were coming from everywhere wanting to go to New Orleans to pick up people down there.”

His company is Interstate Bus Sales and Rentals. Greg told me the business has 325 buses on hand located on five acres of land. “We rent buses to the construction industry and they use them to transport their workers from a parking lot to the building site. We just sent a bunch of buses to near McCamey where they’re building a large solar field. We just made a deal to export 75 buses to West Africa. We’re in the process of getting those buses ready to put on a ship to take them on a thirty-day journey across the ocean.”

They just bought twenty-six buses from Philadelphia. “We flew thirteen people up there, got the buses all checked out and drove them 1,600 miles from there to here. Then they got back on a plane, got 13 more buses and drove them down here.”



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Voter turnout

##### To the Editor:

Good gosh, Big Spring! Our voter turnout was pathetic! If we as a community don’t correct this in the future, will national candidates ignore Big Spring, as not worth the effort & too few votes. Will they maintain their office jobs here or elsewhere?

In much the same manner, Big Spring is overlooking one of the most terrific opportunities that could come our way. On the individual shoulders of each separate citizen rests a choice — will you or won’t you?

Imagine a transportation pathway linking 3 nations commercially. What future primary avenues will self driving vehicles (practically on our doorstep) take to get to their destinations. What transportation pathways are likely to be considered for first funding & maintenance? What pathways will be given first consideration for increased development such as, fuel depots, even high speed rail - if you look into the distant future. Interstate crossings bring more jobs, better jobs, enlarged tax base, industrial variety & attention Economic Development can’t buy. Is this realistic? In my lifetime- U.S. 87/IS20 truck stop was once a plowed cotton field.

So, very simple. Don’t cook dinner or sit in the easy chair. Take a pen & post your message to Texas Department of Transportation in Austin now. Big Spring is a natural location for Interstate 27, cheapest on taxpayers, economically sensible, shorter distance, reliever of bumper to bumper traffic on other

Interstates such as IS35 & a whole passel of other advantages unmentioned in this limited space. Bill Crooker was right 30 plus years ago & the loop will personify his vision in July when it opens this year. If Big Spring’s mass voice made an Interstate out of this loop it would be testament to his vision & enormous economic achievement for this community.

A \$100 cash opportunity could also be yours. Send your message to TexDot by forwarding it to the Big Spring Herald Newspaper. They have an ongoing contest. 3 winners already — one with just a simple sentence. They’ll send your message postage free & enter you in the \$100 contest.

This is the way these 80 year-old eyes look at it. How do you see it?

**Bobby McDonald**  
Big Spring

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The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

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In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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### DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

## A salute to hard heads

It won’t happen, because yearbooks don’t “plug in,” but if today’s high school or college graduates decided to “go retro” for an hour or so, they should visit older relatives’ homes. There, they’d be taken aback by the, uh, “quaintness” of school annuals from bygone days.

They’d joke about students’ stern looks and stiff postures, wondering what their counterparts back then had against smiling.

And what about all those nicknames — usually encased in parentheses — between first and last names? Nicknames seemed to be mandated for members of athletic teams. Why, if old-time footballers didn’t have nicknames, they likely played little if at all, and may have failed to get the memo about showing up for photo day.

I have a theory as to why nicknames today are rare. Blame it on urbanization in general and the introduction of tractors in particular.

These powerful mechanical beasts of the field basically put mules out to pasture. Kids today would find it hard to believe that we relished a series of movies about Francis, the Talking Mule. The late Donald O’Connor starred in the 1950s movie series. Youngsters thought nothing of plunking down a dime for admission, then sitting through the feature twice.

Not only did modernization of farms signal lessening the use of rural nicknames, mules’ demise stole from us the very animal

we’d grown accustomed to accusations of being as stubborn as...

Mules — offspring of male donkeys and female horses — were handy animals to have around for purposes of comparison back when. Mention mules in the company of today’s younger generation, and they think of backless shoes. Google backs them up with numerous shoe references included several headings before the animal definition pops up.

Whatever, it is best never to expect them to join in with the “sweet singing” of the donkey as he goes to hay.

The other day, my wife of almost 50 years spoke of my being-in her words-“hard-headed.” I could tell by her facial expression, however, that she was sorely tempted to add, “as a mule.”

It set me to thinking. Is it not often complimentary to be considered hard of head?

I cite two recent examples.

In Houston last month, Texas Rangers pitcher Colby Lewis managed a half-turn of his head before the batter’s screaming line drive — estimated at a speed between 105-110 mph — bounced off his noggin. This “hard head” stayed in the game, grateful his head and body were still attached. Further, he was glad teammate baseman Rougned Odor helped out, making a splendid catch of the carom in shallow centerfield. (Lewis, 37 come August, was credited with an assist on the play. Back in 2014, he got an assist from doctors who performed hip resurfacing surgery, stopping “just short” of a full hip replacement.)

During Lewis’ post-game TV interview, he was quick to extend birthday greetings to his wife, Jenny, back in the Metroplex. Now there’s a guy clear of

Some buses come from auc-

tions. “Schools only keep buses maybe 10 years, then they replace them and put their old buses up for auction.”

Some people buy a bus and customize it. Greg says some people turn them into motor homes. One professional wildlife photographer bought a bus and had the rear half of the body removed. He turned the remaining front part into living quarters and hauls his four-wheeler on the back.

Lots of people think they get a bus for a thousand dollars or so, but that’s not the case.

“These are good buses,” says Greg. “All these buses that you see on this lot are dependable. I can put a battery in one and wouldn’t hesitate about driving it to California. Everybody thinks the buses are junk. They’re not. And they’re not cheap. That white bus I’m looking at right now sells for \$30,000.”

Carl says he has a shop to repair buses that might have problems.

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mind, firm in resolution and, well, a proven “hard head.”

During a recent trip to the Texas Panhandle where I committed some speeches, I met a couple as mission-minded as they come, Rev. James and Dana Greer. They log hundreds of miles every week in their sprawling territory. Truly, theirs are lives of giving to others.

While enjoying a brief tour of downtown Pampa, we drove past his downtown office. Behind a bush near his corner window, he spotted someone hunkered down. He thought the man likely was a vagrant who needed help. We stopped. He approached the stranger with a “Can I help you, buddy?” offer, his hand extended for a hearty Christian hand-shake.

“Not really,” the guy answered. “I’m just skimming me an Internet signal.” James invited him to “skim away,” and we continued the tour.

I contend that “hard-headedness” often masks strong, passionate resolve.

Surely this compliments a major league baseball player — who, despite advancing years, a hip replacement and what could easily have been a serious blow to the head — has a life well-ordered.

And kudos to a preacher whose aim always is centered on helping others. Long live Colby Lewis and Rev. Greer. If I’m “hard-headed,” I’m in good company.

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# MASBA/TASB strengthen relationship

**Special to the Herald**

AUSTIN — The Mexican American School Board Members Association (MASBA) signed a three-year partnership with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) on May 23.

"TASB has always been a strong supporter of MASBA and today's (May 23) partnership demonstrates TASB's continued commitment to the betterment of education for all school districts throughout Texas," said Irene Galan-Rodriguez, MASBA president and member of the Big Spring ISD board of trustees. "MASBA's membership has grown over 70 percent in the last five years and this partnership will allow us to grow even more and to offer our members more benefits, training and sup-



Galan-Rodriguez

port." The TASB affiliates: the Buy Board; TASB Risk Management Fund, Lone Star Investment Pool, TASBY Energy Cooperative and TASB Employee Benefits, who have been MASBA Diamond Sponsors for the past four years, will now exceed a MASBA sponsorship status and are now recognized as partners.

"The TASB Affiliates have always been an active and committed MASBA sponsor," Galan-Rodriguez stated. "MASBA endorses the affiliate's services and will ensure our members receive more information on how their districts may benefit and find savings and solutions from the TASB Affiliate's services. By making our districts better and more functional, we are ensuring that our students will have an opportunity to receive the best education possible. The partnership is about the betterment of

education and the students." MASBA will receive a three-year financial commitment from TASB which will exceed current MASBA sponsorship levels. In addition, MASBA will be recognized as a TASB partner as the organization continues to participate at TASB events such as TASB Summer Leadership Institute (South and North), the TASA/TASB Annual Conference & Expo and TASB Regional Grassroots events.

"We are excited and honored to be partners with this great organization," said Jim Crow, TASB Executive director. "We have seen MASBA grow and flourish over the years, and it has been a pleasure in being a part of that. They provide top-notch training and their break-put sessions during their annual conference offer important, diverse and very relevant topics for all school board members. This partnership is truly an historic event for both organizations."

## BSHS Art Camp June 20-24

The Big Spring High School Art Club will host an Art Camp, Monday through Friday, June 20 to 24, at the high school art room in the vocational building. The camp is for seven to 12-year-olds, and the cost is \$100 per child. The class has a limit of 20

students per session. Two sessions are available, 10 to 12 years old, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and seven to nine years old, noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Andrea Phinney at [anphinney@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:anphinney@bsisd.esc18.net), or call 432-264-3641 and leave a message.

## Mutton Bustin' and Shetland Bronc Riding sign-ups

Mutton Bustin' and Shetland Bronc Riding are scheduled for each night of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, June 16, 17, and 18 in the Rodeo Bowl.

Entry fee for Mutton Bustin' is \$40.

To register your child contact Diane Hofacket at 432-267-8041.

Entry fee for Mini Broncs is \$50. To regis-

ter your child, contact Shannon Crenshaw at 432-816-4531.

For additional information about the 83rd annual rodeo, log onto [bigspringrodeo.com](http://bigspringrodeo.com)

## Pops in Park requesting military photos

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

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

Any wishing to provide photographs

for the tribute can e-mail digital copies to [popsinpark2016@yahoo.com](mailto:popsinpark2016@yahoo.com). Photos should be in jpeg format.

Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St., to be scanned during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

## LETTERS

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### Big Spring Intermediate events

To the Editor:

We had two athletic events this year at Big Spring Intermediate. The first event was the PPK, (Pass, Punt, and Kick) which was held during the first semester. The second event was the Big Spring Intermediate Showdown which consisted of various tournament. Our BSI students competed in events such as a rag ball, basketball, dodgeball, and kickball. The tournament winner then challenged the teachers in a dodgeball game. The winning teams received medals for their victories. Both athletic events were firsts for Big Spring Intermediate. The 5th and 6th grade students really enjoyed both events. We hope to conduct them again next year.

The PPK and Showdown could not have been possible if not for the help of the following: Als & Son BBQ, Alon USA, Dairy Queen, Dickies BBQ, Domino's Pizza, Froyo's & More, Inspirations Flowers & Gifts, Ironworks Energy, Long John Silvers, Sonic, Surety Title Company, Taylor's Barber & Beauty Supply, and Whataburger. We want to thank all these community businesses for their support in our students' activities. We also want to thank our BSI coaches: Arista, Riddle, Garcia, Tuttle, Cranfill, and especially Rebecca Valbuena. Go BSI Steers!

Patsy Sanchez & Nicole Woodard  
Big Spring

### Spring Tabernacle Church closing

To the Editor:

To the most wonderful people in the world. I'm talking about Big Spring people. You all have been such a help to the ministry at Spring Tabernacle. I have been overwhelmed for 31 years about how God has used so many people to help us do the work God called us to do.

It has been 10 years since Arnold, my husband, died and the church ordained me as pastor. We were able to continue what we started, adding the ministry at the new jail.

When you serve the Lord, He always brings changes. Some you like and some that are hard. We've made some of those tough decisions about the church. We must close the church. We will still do the ministry at the jail and have a ladies' Bible study. We have shared our love with so many people that helped us in so many different ways. Some with prayers, many with donations, and some with kind words. My life has been so enriched by "people loving people". Even people living out of Big Spring have sent donations. God bless every one of them.

One of the most and the biggest blessing for myself was when my daughter Gena Ray had a wonderful change in her life and joined me in the ministry. Such a wonderful blessing for any mother.

With all our love for the people that have worked with us and all of Big Spring and all of us at Spring Tabernacle.

God bless Big Spring.

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#2124WA Young "A", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38493  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
5.30 miles southwest of Big Spring  
A-368, Section 21, B lock 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,500 feet  
517' FSL, 433' FEL of 463.03-acre lease  
1463' FNL, 433' FEL of the survey

Diamondback E&P, LLC  
500 W. Texas Ave., Suite 1200  
Midland, TX 79701-4203  
Jerry Russell, Regulatory Analyst  
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#2WA Bullfrog "47" South Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38706  
3.09 miles northwest of Knott  
A-511, Section 47, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9350 feet  
582' FEL, 210' FNL of 320-acre lease  
582' FEL, 2429' FSL of the survey

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#2LS Bullfrog "47" South Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38707  
3.09 miles northwest of Knott  
A-511, Section 47, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 8900 feet  
552' FEL, 210' FNL of 320-acre lease  
552' FEL, 2429' FSL of the survey

Surge Operating, LLC  
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West  
Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77064-0000  
Connie Swan, Agent  
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#8AH Wolfe-Brophy Unit "45-04", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38778  
4.50 miles southwest of Vealmoor  
A-356, Section 45, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9500 feet  
300' FNL, 508' FEL of 970.72-acre lease  
302' FNL, 503' FEL of the survey

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#1WA Bullfrog "47" North Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38708  
3.09 miles northwest of Knott  
A-511, Section 47, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9400 feet  
642' FEL, 2429' FSL of 240-acre lease  
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#1LS Bullfrog "47" North Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38709  
3.09 miles northwest of Knott  
A-511, Section 47, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
612' FEL, 2429' FSL of 240-acre lease  
612' FEL, 2429' FSL of the survey

BTA Oil Producers, LLC  
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Midland, TX 79701-0000

#1 Wilkinson "14", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-227-  
Sidco (Strawn) Field  
10.70 miles west of Big Spring

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# Big Spring Refinery powers through difficult first quarter

By Mella McEwen

Midland-Reporter Telegram via AP

After slogging through a difficult first quarter, economies appear to be improving for the Big Spring Refinery and its owner, Alon USA.

Alon reported a loss of \$29.2 million, or 42 cents per share, following adjustment for special items in the first quarter, compared to income of \$20.9 million, or 30 cents per share, for the first quarter of 2015.

Paul W. Eisman, president and chief executive officer, told analysts during his first quarter earnings call— which was streamed on the company's website — that the quarter was impacted by lower benchmark crack spreads and planned maintenance at the refinery.

Jeff Brorman, vice president, refining, told the Reporter-Telegram in a phone interview that the refinery has been running at its maximum rate since late March.

A planned reformer regeneration and diesel hydrotreater catalyst replacement was made during the first quarter, and Brorman said that such equipment typically has a limited life span and refineries usually replace every 12 to 18 months.

Eisman told analysts the equipment replacement affected operating margins by 50 cents per barrel and operating costs rose to \$4.07 per barrel because of lower throughput from the maintenance.

During the change out, the refinery reduced its throughput to an average 67,500 barrels per day during the quarter. That reduced rate allowed the refinery to manage inventory, Brorman said.

"We have to store that intermediate product and once the units are back online, we process those stored barrels along with new product. It takes awhile to work through that stored inventory."

He said he expects the refinery will average 74,000 barrels a day in the second quarter. Of that, 87 percent will be converted into gasoline, diesel and jet fuel and 3 percent to 5 percent into asphalt. Asphalt, though a small part of the Big Spring Refinery's production stream, should be a strong performer this year, Brorman said.

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Eisman



Brorman

## CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

- RFP # 16-017 Municipal Auditorium Roof Repair RFB

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

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“We have a lot of projects on the books where we supply asphalt — road repair,” he said. “We could get close to 100 trucks per day some days leaving the refinery, just carrying asphalt. That’s on top of the fuel trucks.”

What affects the refinery’s margins is the price differentials between gasoline prices and crude prices — the price differentials between products and crude, he said. As the refinery began producing its low vapor pressure gasolines for summer, the differentials improved, Brorman said.

The refinery has historically run a mix of West Texas Intermediate and West Texas Sour crudes, with the mix determined by price, he said.

“The last several years we’ve run more WTI,” Brorman said, pointing out that higher-quality products come from WTI.

Recently, WTS was fetching more than WTI on the Midland market, he said.

Price differentials are watched on a monthly basis and adjustments made depending on the price.

“We’re fortunate to be close to the Permian Basin where we have both grades available,” he said.

The refinery’s capacity of about 754,000 barrels hasn’t been increased since 2014, and Brorman said the headcount of about 200 and 60 contractors has also remained stable.

Product from the refinery is shipped east and west via pipeline and trucked to the 60 7-Eleven stores Alon owns throughout West Texas.

**US rig count rises 4 this week to 408, up from record low**

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. rose by four this week to 408, the first gain in months and halting a slide that pushed the count to record-low levels amid collapsed energy prices.

A year ago, 868 rigs were active.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday 325 rigs sought oil and 82 explored for natural gas. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas and Alaska each gained three rigs. New Mexico was up two.

Oklahoma and Pennsylvania declined by two and Louisiana was down one.

Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota, Ohio, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981.

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38712  
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Houston, TX 77024-0000  
Amanda Maxian Reg. Coordinator  
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**New Oil Completions:**

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(432) 685-8067

Contractor not listed

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Yates 1516’  
Seven Rivers 1626’  
Queen 1961’  
Grayburg 2206’  
San Andres 2296’  
Glorieta 3631’  
Clear Fork 4341’  
Spraberry 5511’  
Wichita/Albany 5511’  
Dean 6950’  
Wolfcamp 7104’  
XTO Energy, Inc.  
500 W. Illinois, Suite 100  
Midland, TX 79701-0000  
(432) 682-8873

Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 761’  
Yates 2116’  
Seven Rivers 2407’  
Queen 2988’  
Grayburg 3660’  
San Andres 3708’  
Glorieta 4424’  
Clear Fork 5601’  
Spraberry 6722’  
Dean 8091’  
Wolfcamp 8269’

A-1342, Section 14, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,455 feet  
1047’ FWL, 976’ FSL of 80-acre lease  
1047’ FSL, 2297’ FSEL of the survey

#1WA Turnberry “2703”, drill horizontal, API #42-227-

Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
4.90 miles southwest of Big Spring  
Section 27, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 12,500 feet  
531’ FNL, 1192’ FWL of 948.56-acre lease  
2137’ FSL, 1192’ FWL of the survey

#1RU Barbee “C 1-1” (Allocation “A”), API #42-173-37274  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2683’ GR  
16.20 miles southeast of Garden City  
A-20, Section 1, GB&CNG RR Co. survey  
2584’ FSL, 672’ FWL of the survey  
Latitude 031.6619794, Longitude -101.3388336  
Total Depth: 7325 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: none  
Daily Potential: 730 Bbls 40.1 gravity oil w/ 873 BWPD  
Gas Lift. GOR: 695  
Spud: 10-21-15. Completed: 1-26-16. Pay: NA  
9-5/8” @ 6513 feet w/ 470 sx.  
MS tool @ 4281 feet w/ 1,315 sx.  
5-1/2” @ 15,853 feet w/ 1,720 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 6864 feet  
Perfs: 7440-15,835  
7440-15,835: Frac w/ slick water and proppant

#4702BH Zant, API #42-173-37228  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2565’ GR  
15.70 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-919, Section 2, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
1240’ FWL, 1074’ FSL of the survey  
Latitude 031.9314896, Longitude -101.7370248  
Total Depth: 8761 feet. PBDT: 8761 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray  
Daily Potential: 743 Bbls 40.7 gravity oil w/ 1,985 BWPD  
Flowing. GOR: 1362  
Spud: 11-15-15. Completed: 4-22-16. Pay: NA  
9-5/8” @ 7967 feet w/ 885 sx.  
MS tool @ 4666 feet w/ 1,665 sx.  
5-1/2” @ 17,975 feet w/ 2,320 sx.  
Perfs: 9129-17,832

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Glorieta 4401'  
Clear Fork 5597'  
Spraberry 6712'  
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Santa Rosa 771'  
Yates 2131'  
Seven Rivers 2402'  
Queen 2990'  
Grayburg 3665'  
San Andres 3712'  
Glorieta 4439'  
Clear Fork 5614'  
Spraberry 6776'  
Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc  
P.O. Box 3178  
Midland, TX 79702-0000  
(972) 969-4557

Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 710'  
Yates 2185'  
Seven Rivers 2415'  
Queen 3068'  
Grayburg 3544'  
San Andres 3709'  
Clear Fork 5821'  
Spraberry 6904'

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#4703BH Zant, API #42-173-37220  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2563' GR  
15.60 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-919, Section 2, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
1740' FWL, 1148' FSL of the survey  
Latitude 031.9320396, Longitude -101.7355348  
Total Depth: 8596 feet. PBT: 8596 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray  
Daily Potential: 1,035 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,769 BWPD  
Flowing. GOR: 977  
Spud: 11-28-15. Completed: 4-22-16. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7835 feet w/ 728 sx.  
MS tool @ 4608 feet w/ 1,535 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 17,776 feet w/ 2,267 sx.  
Perfs: 9028-17,642

#4701BH Zant, API #42-173-37221  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2565' GR  
15.80 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-919, Section 2, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
840' FWL, 1075' FSL of the survey  
Latitude 031.9312096, Longitude -101.7382749  
Total Depth: 8012 feet. PBT: 8012 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray  
Daily Potential: 1,057 Bbls 39.3 gravity oil w/ 2,100 BWPD  
Flowing. GOR: 682  
Spud: 9-09-15. Completed: 4-06-16. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7353 feet w/ 650x.  
MS tool @ 4633 feet w/ 1,815 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 17,362 feet w/ 1,880 sx.  
Perfs: 8222-17,174

#10H Flanagan "14"-Lloyd "B", API #42-173-37190  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2635' GR  
19.70 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-1011, Section 14, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
1285' FEL, 641' FNL of the survey  
Latitude 032.0279008, Longitude -101.7578406  
Total Depth: 8083 feet. PBT: NA.  
Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs  
Daily Potential: 628 Bbls 40.6 gravity oil w/ 1,640 sx.  
Gas Lift. GOR: 571  
Spud: 8-23-15. Completed: 3-14-16. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 5115 feet w/ 780 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 18,105 feet w/ 2,180 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7961 feet  
Perfs: 8054-18,150

Annual report details  
Texas Petro Wealth

By Mella McEwen

Midland-Repoter Telegram via AP

Few Texas residents will be surprised to find the Lone Star State holds billions upon billions in petro wealth. And while it's no surprise Houston tops the list of 20 oil towns holding petro wealth, it may be somewhat surprising that Midland is in second place.

"Houston is obvious because it's a huge metropolitan area. But Midland has a huge royalty amount for its population. Midland leads the country in the most wealth per capita in oil towns," said McCorney Taylor, founder of Blackbeard Data Services, speaking by phone from his Austin office.

His company just released its annual 2016 Texas Petro Wealth report, finding Texas has \$125.9 billion of proved producing reserves.

Blackbeard — which provides Texas lease ownership data — found corporations were the dominant holder of petro wealth at \$98 billion, followed by individuals with \$20.8 billion and trusts with \$4.1 billion. The remaining \$2.6 billion is divided among educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and religious organizations.

Taylor said there has been a significant decline from the 2014 report to the 2016 report, as oil prices fell by 60 percent.

"Billions and billions have been lost from the petro wealth base, and that affects schools the most because their tax base (depends) on underlying assets, and mineral values affect real estate values as well. So the price decline is a big hurt to the education system."

The state treasury can adjust to falling tax collections, but there is a disproportionate weight on the schools, he said.

In looking at the top 20 oil cities holding working, royalty and overriding interests, Houston topped the list. Midland placed second with \$13.364 billion. Remove working interest owners, and Houston and Midland are still the top two, with Midland following Houston with \$2.064 billion. Even so, Taylor said just more than \$109 million separates Midland from Dallas and Austin.

Analyze Denver, Houston and Midland and gauge their per capita petro wealth — Midland would probably win, he said.

"What's surprising to me is Dallas, which was the money center for oil in years gone by, shows such low numbers. That tells me Dallas banks fund the bonds for corporations and not the actual funds to royalty owners.

See, **WEALTH**, Page 9AOPEC states fail to reach  
agreement on production

VIENNA (AP)—OPEC countries failed Thursday to agree on measures to influence crude supplies and prices — a missed opportunity to show the resolve that for decades let them set how much consumers and industries worldwide would pay for gas, heating and related necessities.

At the same time, OPEC officials argued that the cartel was alive and well, scoffing at suggestions that its authority was eroding to the

point where it will soon be negligible.

"Don't take that (to mean) that OPEC is dead," said Secretary General Abdulla al-Badri. "OPEC will be powerful, will be strong. OPEC is alive."

But the decision to make no decision appeared more an illustration of lack of unity, particularly between OPEC rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran, whose deepening struggle for Mideast supremacy has for years been mirrored at oil

meetings.

Iran was second only to the Saudis inside the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries in terms of production before international sanctions over its nuclear program crippled sales. Now with a deal in place limiting its atomic prowess, sanctions have been lifted — and Tehran served notice even before the Vienna meeting that it intends to reach or surpass previous levels.

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It's not the center where royalty owners live," Taylor said.

The report finds Texans own the large majority of override and royalty interests in oil and gas properties in Texas at 84 percent. Oklahoma residents follow with 3 percent, California with 1.5 percent, Colorado with 1.4 percent and Arkansas at 0.5 percent. Only a small fraction is held by non-U.S. citizens.

Corporations may hold the bulk of petro wealth, but Taylor said individuals are doing surprisingly well, even in the downturn.

If ExxonMobil bought 640 acres and retained 80 percent net revenues, giving royalty owners the remaining 20 percent, it would be expected Exxon and other corporations holding similar royalties would hold four times the petro wealth of individual royalty owners. But, he said, royalty owners own more than one-quarter of petro wealth.

"I think they're doing fairly well given the oil price decline. They own the minerals, so when those minerals are produced in economic quantity, the leases remain in effect. Oil and gas operators know those minerals will be above economic levels in a few months or a year so don't want to break the lease. They're willing to operate at a small loss because they're playing the long game," Taylor said.

He said his company agrees with that long game.

"At this point we definitely can see \$60 oil by the end of 2016," he said.

That forecast comes from the company compiling a statistical forecast from data derived from Energy Information Agency, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and others.

Boosting prices will be strong demand, and supply concerns, he said. He noted Iran has already burned off all its backlog of crude, political strife has reduced Nigerian oil production and Canadian oil sands have been impacted by a massive wildfire.

He went on to forecast oil prices around \$70 or \$80 by the end of 2017.

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Dean 6615'  
Wolfcamp 6770'  
Canyon 8127'  
Strawn 8922'  
Pennsylvanian 8922'  
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Glorieta 2500'  
San Andres 2750'  
Coleman Junction 3500'  
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Spraberry 5789'  
Leonard 6438'  
Dean 7609'  
Wolfcamp 7800'  
Cisco 8500'  
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Spraberry 4630'  
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Dean 6610'  
Wolfcamp 6686'  
Canyon 8020'  
Strawn 8920'  
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Mississippian-Fusselman 9140'  
Fusselman 9405'

#1 Abilene "43", API #42-227-38503  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2489' GR  
2.18 miles southwest of Sand Springs  
A-101, Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
467' FNL, 467' FWL of the survey  
Latitude 032.27713, Longitude -101.38692  
Total Depth: 9560 feet. PBTB: 9557 feet.  
Logs: Induction/Neutron/Density  
Daily Potential: 70 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 302 BWPB  
Pumping. GOR: 2857  
Spud: 8-01-15. Completed: 1-22-16. Pay: NA  
8-5/8" @ 4240 feet w/ 1,300 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 9560 feet w/ 1,225 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7398 feet  
Perfs: 7130-9494

#1 Midway "6", API #42-227-38527  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2432' GR  
6.20 miles east of Big Spring  
A-1446, Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
1410' FNL, 467' FEL of the survey  
Latitude 032.26360, Longitude -101.36800  
Total Depth: 9512 feet. PBTB: 9405 feet. Logs: Neutron/Density  
Daily Potential: 25 Bbls 38.3 gravity oil w/ 939 BWPB  
Flowing. GOR: 2120  
Spud: 6-25-15. Completed: 12-23-15. Pay: NA  
8-5/8" @ 4267 feet w/ 919 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 9512 feet w/ 1,434 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6347 feet  
Perfs: 6440-9010

#4KS Reagan "7", API #42-227-38059  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2426' GR  
7 miles east of Big Spring  
A-1006, Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
2174' FWL, 2165' FSL of the survey  
Latitude 032.25721, Longitude -101.37517  
Total Depth: 9480 feet. PBTB: 9477 feet.  
Logs: Induction/Neutron/Density  
Daily Potential: 200 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 640 BWPB  
Pumping. GOR: 1760  
Spud: 8-06-14. Completed: 10-18-14. Pay: NA  
8-5/8" @ 4240 feet w/ 1,450 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 9480 feet w/ 1,125 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6621 feet  
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### Neslony drives in 4, Texas Tech beats Fairfield 12-1 in NCAA

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Tyler Neslony drove in four runs and Davis Martin allowed just five hits and one run in seven innings to lead Texas Tech past Fairfield 12-1 on Friday in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament's Lubbock Regional.

Cory Raley added three RBIs, Michael Davis hit his second homer of the season and leadoff hitter Stephen Smith went 3 for 3 with two walks and two runs scored for the top-seeded Red Raiders.

Texas Tech (42-16) will face New Mexico while No. 4 seed Fairfield (32-25) will play Dallas Baptist in an elimination game on Saturday.

Raley and Neslony had back-to-back RBI singles in the first inning and Davis' solo homer in the second made it 3-0.

Neslony's two-out, two-run single in the fourth made it 6-1.

Martin, a freshman and National Pitcher of the Year semifinalist, improved to 9-0.

### Texas A&M outlasts pesky Binghamton 4-2

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Jonathan Moroney hit a two-run home run to give Texas A&M the top-seeded Aggies held on to beat Binghamton 4-2 in the College Station Regional on Friday night.

Moroney's shot to center field brought in Michael Barash in the second and Hunter Melton scored later in the inning after a throwing error. The Aggies (46-14), the fourth overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, will host Wake Forest on Saturday.

Binghamton (30-24) kept it close despite having its pitching ace Mike Bunal (8-4) last only into the fourth inning. The Bearcats scored runs in the fourth and sixth and will face Minnesota in an elimination game.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

### Aubrey Sutterfield shoots during a Howard College basketball game Feb. 15. Earl Diddle's basketball camp will raise money for the Lady Hawks basketball program.

## Diddle's camp starts Monday

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

Howard College head women's basketball coach Earl Diddle has announced a summer basketball camp for children from first grade through ninth grade. The camp will take place from June 6-9 and registration is \$50.

"I'm a basketball guy and a basketball camp guy. I've run camps wherever I've been. They've been highly successful," Diddle said. "For years I've done camps really all over the country for people, and we do one here as a fundraiser for our women's basketball program."

The Little Hawk Camp is for girls and boys grades one through three. The camp is designed to introduce the game of basketball to younger children. Diddle will incorporate a variety of activities to give an enjoyable environment specifically targeted for this age group. Campers will develop a basketball foundation that will enable them in the skill-building process. Groups will be separated by boys and girls.

"We do it based on their ability. We start out with our Little Hawk Camp. We spend a lot of time teaching them how to shoot the ball because kids can't learn to shoot the ball improperly

and just throw it at the basket. They've got to learn the proper technique in order to advance in the game, and be able to play stationary and eventually be able to take their game from stationary into a movement game."

The Individual Shooting & Skill Camp is for girls & grades four through nine. It includes individual instruction on all aspects of the game. This camp is designed for younger campers to learn basketball fundamentals and have fun at the same time. At the end of the week, campers will have the skills needed to practice at home the rest of the summer.

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# Stings like a bee

## Muhammad Ali, who riveted the world as 'The Greatest,' dead at 74

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Boxing Writer

He was fast of fist and foot — lip, too — a heavyweight champion who promised to shock the world and did. He floated. He stung. Mostly he thrilled, even after the punches had taken their toll and his voice barely rose above a whisper.

He was The Greatest. Muhammad Ali died Friday at age 74, according to a statement from the family. He was hospitalized in the Phoenix area with respiratory problems earlier this week, and his children had flown in from around the country.

"It's a sad day for life, man. I loved Muhammad Ali, he was my friend. Ali will never die," Don King, who promoted some of Ali's biggest fights, told The Associated Press early Saturday. "Like Martin Luther King his spirit will live on, he stood for the world."

A funeral will be held in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. The city plans a memorial service Saturday.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer ordered flags lowered to half-staff to honor Ali.

"The values of hard work, conviction and compassion that Muhammad Ali developed while growing up in Louisville helped him become a global icon," Fischer said. "As a boxer, he became The Great-



AP photo

**FILE - In this May 25, 1965, file photo, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali is held back by referee Joe Walcott, left, after Ali knocked out challenger Sonny Liston in the first round of their title fight in Lewiston, Maine. Ali, the magnificent heavyweight champion whose fast fists and irrepressible personality transcended sports and captivated the world, has died according to a statement released by his family Friday, June 3, 2016. He was 74.**

est, though his most lasting victories happened outside the ring."

With a wit as sharp as the punches he used to "whup" opponents, Ali dominated sports for two decades before time

and Parkinson's disease, triggered by thousands of blows to the head, ravaged his magnificent body, muted his majestic voice and ended his storied career in 1981.

He won and defended the

heavyweight championship in epic fights in exotic locations, spoke loudly on behalf of blacks, and famously refused to be drafted into the Army

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# Big Spring Little League tournaments to start June 18

## Special to the Herald

If you like to see baseball played by young kids at a high level you, will get your chance here in Big Spring in the weeks to come as Big Spring Little

League has been awarded the District All-Star Tournaments for the Little League division (12 year olds), Intermediate division (13 year olds), Junior division (14 year olds) and the Senior

division (15 & 16 year olds). Big Spring Little League has chosen its all-stars for 2016 and would like to congratulate all the kids, coaches, parents and board members on another great sea-

son. The Springing kids will represent Big Spring in the various all-star tournaments this year.

### 9- and 10-year-olds

Aguilar, Eric  
Bailey, Billy  
Diaz, Isaiah  
Galan, Ian  
Garcia, Ethan  
Kligora, Kevin  
Martinez, Christian  
Raines, Austen  
Shifflett, Ryan  
Smith, Dusty  
Smith, Logan  
Stockton, Huston  
Wood, Samuel

### 11-year-olds

Bishop, Preston  
Ceasar, Jaren  
Cobos, Eli  
Escovedo, Ricky  
Ford, Jamarion  
Gonzales, Nikolas  
Kelley, Landon  
Martinez, Bryan  
Olivarez, Kelby  
Ontiveros, Timmy  
Rubio, Fred  
Smith, Lane  
Starr, Billy Jr

### 12-year-olds

Baeza, Gabriel  
Cervantes, Kobe  
Escamilla, Aaron  
Kemper, Ky  
Kerby, Brysen  
Martinez, John Chris  
Miller, Gage  
Miramontes, Joshua  
Morgan, Cayden  
Perez, Roman  
Stallings, Sawyer  
Stockton, Major  
Valdez, Brandon

### 13-year-olds

Brooks, Seth  
Cerda, Shawn  
Cruz, Brayden  
Ford, Javarious  
Guzman, Dillan  
Hagins, Raul Tony  
Hill, Gage  
Leuschner, Alex  
Munoz, Michael  
Reyes, Jayden  
Sarmiento, Anthony  
Seymore, Kyler  
Williams, Javorion

### 14-year-olds

Brockman, Trey  
Burgans, Avry  
Enriquez, Jordan  
Escovedo, J C  
Gomez, Gabe  
Hernandez, Jace  
Marquez, Jarred  
Murillo, Isaac  
Schneider, Jonathon  
Schneider, Zack  
Valle, Izaiha  
Wood, Joshua

### 15- and 16-year-olds

Aguilar, Edward  
Berringer, Brett  
Biddison, Alex  
Everett, Jack  
Fryar, Austin  
Gutierrez, Kobe  
Holmes, Zach  
Kligora, Dylon  
Miramontes, Jason  
Molina Jr., David  
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Olague, Aaron  
Renteria, Deryk  
Sizenbach, Brayden  
Van Fleet, Bryson  
Wash, Cade

The 10-year-olds, 11-year-olds and 12-year-olds tournaments will start on June 18, 2016. The 10's will play in Odessa, the 11's will be in Midland

and the 12's will be at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex located next to Tractor Supply on the interstate service road here in Big Spring. The 13

year olds, 14 year olds and 15/16 year olds will start June 25, 2016. The 13's will play at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and the 14's and 15/16's will

play at Steer Park. We encourage the community to come out and support these wonderful kids and enjoy some great baseball, America's pastime.

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## ALI

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during the Vietnam War because of his Muslim beliefs.

Despite his debilitating illness, he traveled the world to rapturous receptions even after his once-bellowing voice was quieted and he was left to communicate with a wink or a weak smile.

"He was the greatest fighter of all time but his boxing career is secondary to his contribution to the world," promoter Bob Arum told the AP early Saturday. "He's the most transforming figure of my time certainly."

Revered by millions worldwide and reviled by millions more, Ali cut quite a figure, 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds in his prime. "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee," his cornermen exhorted, and he did just that in a way no heavyweight had ever fought before.

He fought in three different decades, finished with a record of 56-5 with 37 knockouts — 26 of those bouts promoted by Arum — and was the first man to win heavyweight titles three times.

He whipped the fearsome Sonny Liston twice, toppled the mighty George Foreman with the rope-a-dope in Zaire, and nearly fought to the death with Joe Frazier in the Philippines. Through it all, he was trailed by a colorful entourage who merely added to his growing legend.

"Rumble, young man, rumble," cornerman Bundini Brown would yell to him.

And rumble Ali did. He fought anyone who meant anything and made millions of dollars with his lightning-quick jab. His fights were so memorable that they had names — "Rumble in the Jungle" and "Thrilla in Manila."

But it was as much his antics — and his mouth — outside the ring that transformed the man born Cassius Clay into a household name as Muhammad Ali.

"I am the greatest," Ali thundered again and again.

Few would disagree. Ali spurned white America when he joined the Black Muslims and changed his name. He defied the draft at the height of the Vietnam war — "I ain't got no quarrel with them Viet



**FILE - In this May 25, 1965, file photo, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, stands over challenger Sonny Liston, shouting and gesturing shortly after dropping Liston with a short hard right to the jaw, in Lewiston, Maine.**

AP Photo/John Rooney, File

Cong" — and lost 3 1/2 years from the prime of his career. He entertained world leaders, once telling Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos: "I saw your wife. You're not as dumb as you look."

He later embarked on a second career as a missionary for Islam.

"Boxing was my field mission, the first part of my life," he said in 1990, adding with typical braggadocio, "I will be the greatest evangelist ever."

Ali couldn't fulfill that goal because Parkinson's robbed him of his speech. It took such a toll on his body that the sight of him in his later years — trembling, his face frozen, the man who invented the Ali Shuffle now barely able to walk — shocked and saddened those who remembered him in his prime.

"People naturally are going to be sad to see the effects of his disease," Hana, one of his daughters, said, when he turned 65. "But if they could really see him in the calm of his everyday life, they would not be sorry for him. He's at complete peace, and he's here learning a greater lesson."

The quiet of Ali's later life was in contrast to the roar of a career that had breathtaking highs along with terrible lows. He exploded on the public scene with a series of nationally televised fights that gave the public an exciting new champion, and he entertained millions as he sparred verbally with the likes of bombastic

sportscaster Howard Cosell.

Ali once calculated he had taken 29,000 punches to the head and made \$57 million in his pro career, but the effect of the punches lingered long after most of the money was gone. That didn't stop him from traveling tirelessly to promote Islam, meet with world leaders and champion legislation dubbed the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act. While slowed in recent years, he still managed to make numerous appearances, including a trip to the 2012 London Olympics.

Despised by some for his outspoken beliefs and refusal to serve in the U.S. Army in the 1960s, an aging Ali became a poignant figure whose mere presence at a sporting event would draw long standing ova-

With his hands trembling so uncontrollably that the world held its breath, he lit the Olympic torch for the 1996 Atlanta Games in a performance as riveting as some of his fights.

A few years after that, he sat mute in a committee room in Washington, his mere presence enough to convince lawmakers to pass the boxing reform bill that bore his name.

Members of his inner circle weren't surprised. They had long known Ali as a humanitarian who once wouldn't think twice about getting in his car and driving hours to visit a terminally ill child. They saw him as a man who seemed to like every-

one he met — even his archrival Frazier.

"I consider myself one of the luckiest guys in the world just to call him my friend," former business manager Gene Kilroy said. "If I was to die today and go to heaven it would be a step down. My heaven was being with Ali."

One of his biggest opponents would later become a big fan, too. On the eve of the 35th anniversary of their "Rumble in the Jungle," Foreman paid tribute to the man who so famously stopped him in the eighth round of their 1974 heavyweight title fight, the first ever held in Africa.

"I don't call him the best boxer of all time, but he's the greatest human being I ever met," Foreman said. "To this day he's the most exciting person I ever met in my life."

Born Cassius Marcel-

lus Clay on Jan. 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky, Ali began boxing at age 12 after his new bicycle was stolen and he vowed to policeman Joe Martin that he would "whup" the person who took it.

He was only 89 pounds at the time, but Martin began training him at his boxing gym, the beginning of a six-year amateur career that ended with the light heavyweight Olympic gold medal in 1960.

Ali had already encountered racism. On boxing trips, he and his amateur teammates would have to stay in the car while Martin bought them hamburgers. When he returned to Louisville with his gold medal, the Chamber of Commerce presented him a citation but said it didn't have time to co-sponsor a dinner.

In his autobiography, "The Greatest," Ali wrote that he tossed

the medal into the Ohio River after a fight with a white motorcycle gang, which started when he and a friend were refused service at a Louisville restaurant.

The story may be apocryphal, and Ali later told friends he simply misplaced the medal. Regardless, he had made his point.

After he beat Liston to win the heavyweight title in 1964, Ali shocked the boxing world by announcing he was a member of the Black Muslims — and was rejecting his "slave name."

As a Baptist youth he spent much of his time outside the ring reading the Bible. From now on, he would be known as Muhammad Ali and his book of choice would be the Koran.

Ali's affiliation with the Nation of Islam outraged and disturbed many white Americans, but it was his refusal to be inducted into the Army that angered them most.

That happened on April 28, 1967, a month after he knocked out Zora Folley in the seventh round at Madison Square Garden in New York for his eighth title defense.

He was convicted of draft evasion, stripped of his title and banned from boxing.

Ali appealed the conviction on grounds he was a Muslim minister. He married 17-year-old Belinda Boyd, the second of his four wives, a month after his conviction, and had four children with her. He had two more with his third wife, Veronica Porsche, and he and his fourth wife, Lonnie Williams, adopted a son.

During his banishment, Ali spoke at colleges and briefly appeared in a Broadway musical.



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# Beltre's bat helps Darvish, Rangers beat Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It's not just Adrian Beltre's production that impresses his Texas Rangers teammates. It's also his flair.

Beltre homered, doubled and drove in five runs, leading Yu Darvish and the Rangers over the Seattle Mariners 7-3 on Friday night in a matchup of AL West leaders.

Texas and Seattle, who play six times in 10 days, went into the game tied for the division lead. The Rangers have won five of six overall.

"When this new stadium gets built, there will be a statue out front of Adrian on one knee, bat in the air, leg in the air," Ian Desmond said. "Probably, some ball 700 feet away."

Beltre hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run double in the third. The double was the 573rd of his career, tying former Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez for 24th place.

"I'm glad that I've been able to stay healthy and play for a long time," Beltre said. "When you play for a long time, you accumulate some numbers."

Darvish (2-0) gave up three runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings, striking out five and walking one while throwing 88 pitches. Last week, the All-Star ace made his first start since August 2014

and Tommy John surgery, allowing one run and three hits over five innings to beat Pittsburgh.

Darvish didn't reach the same velocity Friday. He tried unsuccessfully to convince manager Jeff Banister to leave him in to face Dae-Ho Lee of South Korea for a third time.

"As he approached the mound, I was trying to make eye contact and told him to not come out," Darvish said. "He turned his eyes away, and there wasn't anything I could do about it."

Mariners manager Scott Servais credited Darvish with successfully turning to secondary pitches - like curveballs thrown as slow as 65 mph - while Seattle starter Taijuan Walker (2-6) who is 0-6 in his last seven starts, couldn't do the same.

"He's a talented guy, and we certainly need him," Servais said of the 23-year-old Walker. "He'll get it back on track, but we've got to continue to work."

Jurickson Profar was brought up from Triple-A Round Rock last week to play second base in the absence of Rougned Odor, who completed a seven-game suspension Friday for punching Toronto's Jose Bautista on May 15. Profar went 3 for 4 with his second homer, has hit safely in all



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

**Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar (19) celebrates as he approaches home on his solo home run as Seattle Mariners catcher Steve Clevenger stands by the plate in the fourth inning of a baseball game on Friday, June 3, 2016, in Arlington, Texas.**

seven games and is hitting .364 with nine runs.

"He's making a real strong argument for himself," Banister said. "We

continue evaluate the situation."

As for Profar's future upon Odor's return, Profar said, "That's not my decision."

## Gattis, big 1st inning propel Astros to 12-2 win over A's

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros bounced back from a shutout with one of their best offensive games Friday night.

Evan Gattis tied a career-high with four hits, including a homer, and had four RBIs as the Astros jumped on Oakland starter Jesse Hahn for seven runs in the first inning and cruised to a 12-2 victory.

"Really impressive inning of continuing to do something positive to get the next guy up to bat," manager A.J. Hinch said. "Putting up seven runs that's obviously a good

start."

The big win comes a day after a 3-0 loss to Arizona where Zack Greinke fanned 11 in seven innings.

The Astros were up 2-0 with two outs in the first when Tyler White drove in a run with a single. The inning looked to be over after that, but a fly ball hit by Tony Kemp to the warning track in right field bounced in and out of the glove of Chris Coghlan for a two-run triple. Jake Marisnick's RBI single made it 6-0 and Hahn was chased when George Springer, the 10th batter of the inning, drove home another run



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

**Houston Astros' Evan Gattis (11) celebrates his two-run home run off Oakland Athletics relief pitcher Andrew Triggs with Carlos Correa (1) during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Friday, June 3, 2016, in Houston.**

with a single.

"For us to continue to really just hit the ball all over the ballpark and take whatever the game

gives you is a sign of good offense," Hinch said. "We've got to do it more

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## Elliott pick leaves Boys stacked at running back

IRVING — Ezekiel Elliott ran with the first team in offseason practices for the Dallas Cowboys this week.

That's at least partly because Darren McFadden was out for personal reasons.

As for how the depth chart will look at running back in three months going into the opener against the New York Giants, the Cowboys are tiptoeing around the question in an age when No. 4 overall picks are almost always walk-in starters, regardless of position.

It's an interesting issue in Dallas because McFadden was fourth in the NFL in rushing last season with 1,089 yards even though he was the lead back for just 10 games.

Not to mention that before drafting Elliott out of Ohio State, the Cowboys signed free agent Alfred Morris, who made the Pro Bowl twice in Washington. Or that the versatile Lance Dunbar should return from a knee injury at some point in 2016.

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Diddle and his staff will assist with the same instruction that is given to the Howard College Hawks.

"I've been in this long enough to know the kids will go home and the parents will ask them, 'Number one, did you have fun? Number two, what'd you learn today?' And the kids all go, 'Well I know all that stuff,' and they really don't. And the parents fall for it. So then they spend \$300 or \$400 to send them to some big university where the head coach is never there and they really don't have a planned way of teaching someone something. But because it's bigger, it's got to be better, and that's not the case at all," Diddle said.

This is Diddle's 11<sup>th</sup> year running the camp at Howard College.

"One thing that we're trying to offer is the best camp. We're a teaching type of camp because after being in

this business for 45 years, there's a lot of young basketball players that lack the fundamentals to be able to enjoy the game at an older age," Diddle said. "In 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they'll come home to mom and say 'It's not fun anymore.' That's because they're not experiencing success with the game. And it's just like school. You've got to be drilled in certain fundamentals of the game. It's not just about playing on all these travel teams and all these AAU teams."

For more information, contact Earl Diddle at 432-264-5043 or Tara Lisle at 432-264-5155.

"I really appreciate the support that Big Spring and Howard County has given us over the years, and we try and do a really good job with their kids because I know it's an investment," Diddle said.

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"Those things work themselves out," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "If you ever think you're going to go into a training camp and think that people aren't trying to take your job, then you've got a surprise coming in the NFL."

"I know that Darren McFadden, Alfred Morris and Lance Dunbar certainly know that Zeke didn't come in here to watch."

At the same time, Elliott is saying all the right things — the job isn't his and he has plenty to learn. He even acknowledged last week, his first with the full squad in practice, that the speed of the NFL initially shocked him a bit.

But now it's been almost a month since the star of the Buckeyes' title game win two seasons ago at the \$1.2 billion home of the Cow-



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez  
**Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott runs through drills during an NFL football training camp, Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Irving, Texas.**

boys first took the field with his fellow rookies.

"The game is slowing down," Elliott said Wednesday in front of another throng of reporters in the locker room. "When I was first stepped out there, I really was going off all instincts. Now I can anticipate a little bit more

and the game's becoming more comfortable."

McFadden signed with Dallas last year, a day after 2014 NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray left for Philadelphia in free agency.

Jones doesn't see McFadden simply handing the job to the rookie, though.

## ASTROS

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consistently to score this way."

Hahn (2-3) allowed six hits and a career-high seven runs in 2/3 innings, the shortest start of his career.

"I thought it was going to be a really good night, but once I got started, everything felt out of whack," Hahn said. "Toward the end of it, I was definitely a little frustrated, and I think I got a little overaggressive and made some stupid pitches. I just didn't feel right."

Houston starter Doug Fister (5-3) yielded four hits and struck out three in six scoreless innings for his fourth straight win.

Gattis, who entered the game 0 for 6, hit a two-run homer in the fourth to the train tracks atop left field after Carlos Correa belted a triple which landed at the back of Tal's Hill in straightaway center field. Houston tacked on three more runs in the fifth to make it 12-0.

"I always try to do my job first for the pitcher and then everything else is just icing on the cake," Gattis said.

It is Houston's sixth win in seven games and snaps Oakland's five-game winning streak.

Marcus Semien hit a solo homer in the seventh for the Athletics and Billy Butler made it 12-2 with an RBI double in the eighth.

The seven runs the Astros scored in the first inning were the most they

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scored in an opening frame since chasing Seattle's Felix Hernandez with just one out in the first after tagging him for eight runs last June.

Colby Rasmus had two hits and two RBIs on a night when everyone in Houston's starting lineup except for Luis Valbuena collected a hit.

Fister had to use 18 pitches to get Semien to ground out for the second out of the second inning. Hinch lamented that at-bat because it probably cost Fister an inning. Gattis, who was catching, was left scratching his head at how to get him out.

"I didn't know what to throw," Gattis said. "We just started throwing things even if we shouldn't just to see what he'll do with it — just something, anything. We used everything. Threw everything at him."

Jason Castro missed his third straight game on Friday with flu-like symptoms. Hinch said he could be used in an emergency but that they hoped he would feel better with one more day off.

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Three years ago, Joe Beene was faced with a problem. It was his father's birthday, and Beene didn't have a clue what present to get him.



Beene

“About three years ago, my dad turned 60,” Beene said. I didn't know what to do for him. I prayed about it and the Lord told me to paint him a picture. I had never painted before in my life.”

Of course, Beene was no stranger to problems. In 2000, as a 17-year-old linebacker for the Odessa Permian Panthers, the Odessa resident suffered a paralyzed neck during team practice, paralyzing him from the neck down.

“I stopped breathing,” Beene said. “I was awake. I was wondering what was going on—you know, you can't breathe. I went without air for seven minutes. I should be dead or brain dead, but God kept me alive.”

Exploring ways to follow his calling and paint his father's gift as a quadriplegic, Beene discovered that he can hold a paintbrush in his mouth to create works of art. Saturday, the Big Spring Heritage Museum began a showing of his paintings in their gallery.

“He's learned to paint using his

mouth, with an instrument in his mouth, the paintbrush and such,” said museum director/curator Tammy Schrecengost. “He's very motivationally charged. He's just a gifted and talented person. He hasn't let this get him down. He has a very good spirit. He feels that God has called him to show life through these paintings and through his artwork.”

And that's Beene's message: Giving God the glory.

“The Lord will tell me what to do on each painting,” he said. “He'll tell me where to put the paint. I don't use a palette. The canvas is my palette.”

Beene said he doesn't know what category or artistic style his colorful paintings belong to.

“It's different,” he said. “I haven't seen anything like it before. I'm not saying I'm better than anyone, it's just what the Lord tells me to paint.”

“We are excited to have him here at the museum, to have his art here,” Schrecengost said. “Hopefully it will be an inspiration to others who have suffered through different means, physically and mentally. That you can pick yourself up and start again, or just continue on and persevere.”

Schrecengost said the museum hosted a reception to kick off Beene's art exhibit at the museum on Saturday, and that the exhibit will continue through July 9.

For more information contact the Big Spring Heritage Museum at 267-8255.



**Big Spring Heritage Museum Director Tammy Schrecengost prepares for Odessa artist Joe Beene's exhibit, which opened at the museum Saturday. The exhibit will run through July 9.**

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## Ortiz on Dean's List at Tech-San Marcos



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**Maria Ortiz, daughter of Big Spring's Danny and Roxanne Ortiz, recently made the Dean's List at Texas Tech University in San Marcos, Texas. Maria is a graduate of Forsan High School.**

## Senior Center plans nutritious menu

The Big Spring senior Center, 1901 Simler Drive, plans to serve the following items for lunch this week. The menu is subject to change due to availability of food. For more information, call the Center at 267-1628.

**Monday, June 6:** Beef broccoli, steamed rice, stir-fry vegetables, egg roll, cherry cobbler, and milk.

**Tuesday, June 7:** Meat loaf, roasted potatoes, carrots, cantaloupe and watermelon, rolls, and milk.

**Wednesday, June 8:** Oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green peas, fresh oranges, bread, and milk.

**Thursday, June 9:** Pepper steak with mushroom gravy, corn and lima beans, stewed tomatoes, tapioca pudding, rolls, and milk.

**Friday, June 10:** German sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, apple crisp, bread, and milk.

## 'Survivor' contestant to face trial on child porn charges

CLARKSTON, Mich. (AP) — Former "Survivor" contestant Michael Skupin has been ordered to trial in Michigan on child pornography charges and other crimes.

A suburban Detroit judge on Friday said there's enough evidence to send Skupin to Oakland County court. He was charged in February.



SKUPIN

Investigators say child porn was discovered on Skupin's laptop while they were looking into an alleged Ponzi scheme in which money from new investors is used to pay earlier investors.

Defense attorney Steven Lynch says police can't prove that Skupin owned or even used the computers.

Skupin was rescued by helicopter after falling into a campfire and burning his hands in 2001 on "Survivor II: The Australian Outback." He returned for "Survivor: Philippines" in 2012.

## "Ghostbusters" TV spots hide female cast



AP Photo  
**Recasting the "Ghostbusters" reboot with female main characters has proven to be a contentious decision.**

NEW YORK (AP) — To sell "Ghostbusters," who are you going to call? In the film's initial nationwide TV spots, not its female stars.

Sony Pictures trotted out commercials Thursday night that promoted the female-led reboot not with cast members Melissa McCarthy or Kristen Wiig, but basketball stars Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony. The ads ran on ABC during game one of the NBA Finals, which is watched by a largely male audience.

Targeting different demographics through varied marketing strategies is commonplace for Hollywood films. Rarer are ads that replace a movie's actual cast wholesale.

The ads, which drew mixed reactions from viewers Thursday night, exhibited the anxiety Sony may have in getting enough male moviegoers to buy tick-



ets for the big-budget comedy. A lot is riding on the film, due out July 15, which cost more than \$150 million to make.

Since its inception, Paul Feig's "Ghostbusters" — which also stars Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones — has proven unexpectedly divisive online. Some have objected to the 1984 original being remade at all, while others have voiced criticisms of the female-led cast that have been called sexist. Much attention has centered on the high number of "dislikes" the film's trailer received on YouTube.

The spots Thursday featured one New York Knicks-centric ad with Anthony, Spike Lee, Kristaps Porzingis and Clyde Frazier strapping on proton packs. In the other, the newly retired Bryant wages war in a "Ghostbusters" jumpsuit. The East Coast-West Coast ads were made jointly by Sony Pictures and ESPN.

The promotional push for "Ghostbusters" is going into hyperdrive. Sony also announced that Wednesday will be "Ghostbusters Day."

At least then the "Ghostbusters" cast will get part of the marketing spotlight. Jimmy Kimmel will host the stars, along with appearances of original cast members Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Ernie Hudson and Annie Potts on Wednesday.

## Ricky Martin visits Syrian refugees in Lebanon

MINNIEH, Lebanon (AP) — Ricky Martin, the world-renowned singer and UNICEF goodwill ambassador, said that the word "refugee" had lost its value but that the international community should "open its heart."

The 44-year-old Puerto Rican spoke during a visit to Lebanon with UNICEF to meet Syrian refugee children.

"At this point what we want is to make sure children get their rights. Some children unfortunately are not going to school," he said Thursday in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press in Minnieh, north Lebanon. News of the visit was released by UNICEF on Friday because of an embargo.



AP photo  
**Singer and UNICEF Ambassador Ricky Martin, right, cheers with Syrian children during his visit to an informal Syrian refugee camp in Lebanon Thursday.**

The singer met with Syrian children in Zahleh, in the Bekaa Valley on Wednesday, and in the Minnieh informal settlement, near the northern city of Tripoli, the following day.

In Minnieh, the children performed "Maria," the singer's hit tune, and played a game of soccer with the star. During his visit, Martin also met teenagers attending life-skills training.

The star, whose charity and advocacy work has focused on combating child labor and human trafficking, said he was moved by a Syrian refugee he met in Lebanon.

He says the 11-year-old refugee, named Batoul, is "working in agriculture, 12 hours a day. And she's getting paid with water."

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# Roger's Reviews: Alice Through the Looking Glass



By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer



Watching Tim Burton's unmasterpiece "Alice Through the Looking Glass" Thursday night, I felt if I was in some bizarre mirror universe in which the Alice stories had been penned not by the great maestro of Victorian fantasy/nonsense literature Lewis Carroll, but by some great ticking automaton from a magical wonderland a few states west of here and filtered through the magical prism that is Burton's fevered brain.

First, the good. The movie is absolutely visually stunning. The computer graphics are almost too strong with this one; every set is well-designed to fit the scene it hosts. Color saturation is ramped up to 11. This movie is a visual feast.

Also, it's competently acted, with truly outstanding performances by Sacha Baron Cohen as the Embodiment of Time and Helena Bonham Carter as The Queen of Hearts. The film also included memorable performances by Johnny Depp as The Mad Hatter, Mia Wasikowska as Alice, and Anne Hathaway as the queen's "good" sister, Mirana. Other names of note in the movie are Stephen Fry voicing the Cheshire Cat; Michael Sheen voicing the White Rabbit; and Alan Rickman, putting in his final movie performance as the voice of Absolem, the caterpillar from "Wonderland", metamorphosed into a butterfly for this movie.

Now the bad. A caveat: I have not actually read "Through the Looking-Glass", but in preparation for this viewing, I did read the plot synopsis on Wikipedia. I know that's not enough to impart a thorough understanding of the intricacies of the novel. But it is enough to know that neither the Mad Hatter nor the Queen of Hearts is a central character.

There is no incarnation of Time in the book! There is no time travel! The plot of the book instead centers around a chessboard writ large across the countryside of the land beyond the mirror, and Alice's quest is to progress to the final row where she will be promoted from a pawn to a queen in the war between red and white living chess pieces. There are living chess pieces in Tim Burton's movie...for about 10 seconds. They are in no way central to the plot, serving instead as an obvious wink at the book the whole movie is supposed to be.

In the movie, Alice has become a daring, world-traveling ship's captain (!), returning home after a harrowing "impossible" escape from pirates. She learns that her mom has sold her shares in the shipping company and Hamish Ascot (remember him? He's the dweeb Alice was supposed to marry in the last film, but didn't) has become Lord Ascot, head of the company. He forecloses on Alice and her mom's home, offering to let them keep it if Alice signs over her ship to him and becomes a clerk at his office.

After this jarring news, Alice follows Absolem (the butterfly) into an empty room in Hamish's estate, and through a less-than-solid mirror into... well... Not the land beyond the mirror from the book; rather, back to Wonderland, with all the old gang you remember from the first movie.

The gang informs Alice that Hatter is fading fast. She learns that she has to find a way to resurrect his dead family to drag him out of his life-threatening depression. This seemingly impossible mission sends her off to the Castle of Time to steal a time machine to stop

them from being killed. Problem is, the time machine is actually the doohickey that is keeping all of Time ticking, so stealing it risks the entire universe.

There's some fun stuff, particularly Time's visit to the Mad Tea Party. Problem is, all the Hollywood flash and glitz can't mask the fact that Tim Burton's "Alice Through the Looking Glass" is a mediocre, derivative story with bits and pieces pulled almost directly from other sources. The "Chronosphere" (that time doohickey) could stand in for H.G. Wells' Time Machine any day. The childhood spat between the Queen and Mirana is something straight out of "The Brady Bunch" or "Eight is Enough." Cohen's Incarnation of Time was better done by David Bowie's Goblin King in "Labyrinth" or Ultimate Evil from "Time Bandits."

On top of all that, the movie is just as sickly-sweet in tone as the over-frosted cakes at the mad tea party, neatly resolving all problems and converting bitter enemies to friends in a way that certainly has Lewis Carroll spinning in his grave.

After I told a family member my take on the movie, she suggested I might "...forget you read the book and just enjoy the movie." The fact that I didn't read the book notwithstanding, it's good advice. But I didn't enjoy the movie that much. It was mediocre, something Lewis Carroll never was. 4 stars out of 10.

Director: James Bobin  
Writers: Linda Woolverton (Screenplay), Lewis Carroll (Book)  
Production: Walt Disney Pictures, Tim Burton Productions, Team Todd, Roth Films  
PG; 113 minutes; Adventure, Family, Fantasy; May 27, 2016

Roger watched this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700. For more information about the theater, visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.

## Nixon-Carrell



Photo courtesy Stephanie Carrell  
Stephanie Dawn Nixon and Brandon Mason Lee Carrell, both of Big Spring married at 1 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2016. The maid of honor was Liz Gross of Big Spring, and the best man was Cody Moore of Big Spring.

## Blaggrave-Haisten



Photo courtesy Carla Blaggrave  
Britni Marie Blaggrave of Ackerly, daughter of Stan and Carla Blaggrave; and Bryce Edward Haisten of Wichita Falls, Texas, son of Eddie and Jennifer Haisten and Kyle and Fonda Few, announce their engagement. The couple plan to wed July 16, 2016, in Ackerly. Blaggrave attended Sands High School, graduating in 2009. She then attended Midwestern State University, graduating in 2014. She is currently employed as a physical therapist's assistant. Haisten attended Rider High School in Wichita Falls, graduating in 2006. He is currently employed with the Coca-Cola Company.

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Kindred at Home employees were joined by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of the health care agency.

## Choosing the right camp for your child

Summer camp can be an exciting time in a kid's life when memories and friendships made last a lifetime. Many summer camps offer various activities, such as horseback riding and canoeing, and may even teach outdoor living and survival skills. Whether it's a day camp, sports camp at a local university or a private overnight camp in the mountains, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends that you research the camps you are considering.



HEATHER MASSEY

According to the American Camp Association (ACA), more than 11 million children and adults attend camp each year, and there are more than 12,000 day and resident camps across the U.S. It's great to have options, but with so many to choose from it can definitely be an intimidating task.

Before making a decision, it is important to know your child's personality to identify which camp program will benefit him or her most. Include your child in the decision-making process when looking at camps.

BBB offers the following advice for parents searching for the right camp:

- Start with research. Find trustworthy camps by checking the company's BBB Business Review on [bbb.org](http://bbb.org). You will find important background information, such as how long the camp has been in business, advertising issues, ownership information and complaint history. Also, you may want to find out if the camp is certified by the ACA. The organization requires camps to meet up to 300 nationally-recognized standards.

- Protect your child's personal information. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), signing up for a summer camp or program may require you to provide you child's personal information, like their Social Security number. While filling out forms are routine, it's important to protect sensitive information from falling into the wrong hands. Find out who has access to your child's personal information, and how it will be used, stored and disposed of.

- Visit the camp in person. This will be your opportunity to check out living, dining, recreational facilities and meet staff members. Be sure to ask about safety procedures and how rules are enforced.

- Assess the quality of staff. Find out the camp director's background, the criteria used for hiring staff and whether certification in CPR and First Aid is required. It is also important to know the ratio of staff to campers. Parents sending children to specialty camps should inquire about the staff's level of expertise in the specialized area.

- Know the fees and payment policies. What is the total cost of tuition? Is your money refundable should the camp be canceled? Are there extra charges for any activities? Are meals and transportation included? Make sure all these details are included in your contract.

- Ask about medical care. Find out if an infirmary and/or nurse or doctor is on-site. Inquire about the procedures for transporting injured or sick children to nearby medical facilities and under what circumstances you will be notified of any problems.

- Consider a backup plan. In case the camp you choose gets canceled for unexpected reasons, be sure to have another camp or two in mind. It is ideal to also visit and research those backup camps in advance in the event of a last-minute change in plans.

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## Is Wal-Mart's multi-front fight enough? Shareholders meet

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart executives pushed the message to shareholders and employees Friday that it's making big changes in a fast-shifting retail landscape that will position the company for more success.

The company is at a crossroads. Its long-held dominance in pricing has been chipped away at both by Amazon.com and dollar stores. But it's fighting back on multiple fronts, growing more aggressive with prices and going after Amazon, both online and on the doorstep, by expanding delivery services.

"Change is never easy. It takes time. ... But we are optimistic about the future," said Chairman Greg Penner, the son-in-law of board member



Robson Walton, who is the son of Wal-Mart's late founder Sam Walton.

Penner spoke at the company's annual shareholders' meeting, hosted by comedian James Corden and packed with 14,000 people including nearly 6,000 Wal-Mart workers.

Wal-Mart is also spending money on its stores and its staff. It's in the second year of a \$2.7 billion investment in training and higher wages, with the goal of making Wal-Mart a place people want to be.

Changes have been painful at times. The

company announced this year it would shutter 269 stores worldwide, about half of them in the U.S. That's a tiny fraction of its locations worldwide, but was a rare pruning for Wal-Mart, particularly on its home turf.

Yet those maneuvers to spruce up stores and increase wages appear to be paying off.

The company, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, posted its seventh consecutive quarter of rising comparable-store sales at Wal-Mart locations in the U.S., which account for 62 percent of annual revenue. It

expects sales to grow again this quarter. Traffic counts are up for the sixth straight quarter.

Amid a disastrous quarter for many retailers as a whole, Wal-Mart excelled.

But red flags have appeared have as Wal-Mart digs in to fend off Amazon.com. Overall revenue in the fiscal year ended in January declined slightly to \$478.6 billion, excluding revenue from membership fees and other income. That marked the first annual drop since the company went public 45 years ago.

Wal-Mart's e-commerce growth has slowed dramatically even as it escalates investment there. Global e-commerce sales

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Complex Community Federal Credit Union was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

## Public Records

### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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  
Eida Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, 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 Atlasca

Oaks Dr., Humble  
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder  
Selena Bethani Enriquez-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  
Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder  
Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo  
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

George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring  
Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big 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

Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

### Marriage Licenses

Jason Lee Watlington, 30, and Patricia Shavawn Bennett, 27, both of Big Spring  
Russell Colton Kreider, 25, and Kaycie Elizabeth Devereaux, 21, both of Big Spring.  
Rodolfo Munguia, 17, and Rosemary Yanez, 18, both of Big Spring.  
Randolph Lynn Carroll, 65, and Kathryn McDonald Carroll,

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# US stocks, dollar slide after weak jobs report

(AP) — A slide in financial and consumer stocks led U.S. indexes lower in midday trading Friday as investors weighed the implications of a key government report showing that hiring slowed sharply in May. The downbeat job survey was a sign of economic weakness that could dissuade the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates this month. The dollar fell sharply against most major currencies, while bond prices surged as investors sought safety in U.S. government-backed debt.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The Dow Jones industrial average fell 41 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,796 as of 12:16 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed eight points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,096. The Nasdaq composite index lost 32 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,939.

**US ECONOMY:** The Labor Department reported that the U.S. economy added only 38,000 jobs in May, the lowest amount in five years. The unemployment rate fell to 4.7 percent from 5 percent, but mainly because about half a million unemployed people stopped looking for work. Separate reports out Friday also showed a mixed snapshot of the economy. The

Institute of Supply Management said U.S. services firms grew in May at the slowest pace in more than two years, while the Commerce Department said orders to U.S. factories rose in April by the largest amount in six months. "It certainly takes off the table any kind of chance of a rate movement at all in the month of June," DuFrene said. "Now that's got to be pushed out until maybe the early fall before there's any sort of rate movement at all."

**GOLD RUSH:** Mining companies were among the biggest gainers as the price of gold, silver and copper surged. Newmont Mining gained \$2.66, or 8.2 percent, to \$35.01, while Freeport-McMoRan added 35 cents, or 3.3 percent, to \$11.01.

**GOOD QUARTER:** Investors bid up shares of Broadcom after the communications chip maker posted a bigger-than-expected profit in its fiscal second quarter. The stock climbed \$8.92, or 5.8 percent, to \$163.86.

**NOT SO BAD:** Gap rose 4.1 percent a day after the clothing chain operator said sales at established stores declined 6 percent in May, better than the 7 percent drop forecast by financial analysts. The stock added 75 cents to \$19.08.

## RECORDS

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59, both of Big Spring.

### District Court Filings

State of Texas vs. Anselmo Vega, civil cases relating to criminal matters.

Corey Wood vs. Karen Wood, divorce.  
Noel Garcia II vs. Leeanna Garcia, divorce.

Kaela Mize vs. Corey Dancer, divorce.  
State of Texas vs. Francisco Olivarez III, seizure.

### County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Dewayne N. Glenn  
Offense: Driving with license suspended with previous conviction or suspension, without financial responsibility  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287.10 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
Date: May 31, 2016

Defendant: Fausto Maltos-Romero  
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500  
Sentence: Six months probation/deferred adjudication  
Date: May 31, 2016

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Rene Becerra, aka Rene Beserra

Grantee: Pinney Property Holdings L.L.C.  
Property: N/43 feet of Lot 5 and S/49.5 feet of Lot 6, Blk. 17, Cedar Crest addition  
Date: May 24, 2016

Grantor: Sylvia Martinez  
Grantee: Medrano Ramirez, aka Javier Francisco  
Property: Lot 13, Blk 4, Cedar Crest addition  
Date: May 23, 2016

Grantor: Executive Excellence Inc.  
Grantee: Dwain Fox  
Property: Tract 1: West portion of Lot 2, Blk. 97, Original Town of Big Spring. Tract 2: A portion of Main Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street in City of Big Spring  
Date: May 20, 2016

Grantor: James C. Sinclair  
Grantee: Zaxtra Properties L.L.C.  
Property: W/70 feet of Lots 5 and 6, and E/50 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 53, Original Town of Big Spring.  
Date:

### Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Tabytha Kuykendall  
Grantee: Justin Blackwell  
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 5-A, Amended Central Park addition  
Date: May 20, 2016

Grantor: Gerald Lee Harris III and Tonya D. Harris  
Grantee: Thomas and Courtney Irwin  
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 6, corrected plat of Highland South Addition No. 2  
Date: May 23, 2016

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growth slowed to 7 percent during the first quarter, a notable downturn from nearly 30 percent two years ago.

"Domestically, Wal-Mart's challenge remains unchanged as it attempts to adapt to a changing retail environment in which stores are only 'part' of the environment and not 'only' the environment," wrote Credit Suisse analyst Michael Exstein.

Still, Wall Street appears optimistic. Wal-Mart shares are up 16 percent this year, while the Standard & Poor's index for multiline retail is up only 2.5 percent.

Here are some steps Wal-Mart is taking:

- **REASSERTING IT'S A LOW-PRICE LEADER:** Wal-Mart is cutting prices on an array of products over the next few years, though it's not releasing specifics. Executives said that in the past few years, it hadn't been as aggressive on prices as it should have been.

Also, looking back at formulas that worked, the company is bringing back the smiley face in its stores and on TV ads after a decade in the shadows.

The company said nearly 70 percent of customers still equate the image with savings.

- **EXPANDING ONLINE:** Wal-Mart is increasing its online options, including groceries. Starting this week, it added 14 new markets for online grocery pickup for a total of about 200 stores in 54 markets. Wal-Mart also plans to test grocery

deliveries in Denver and Phoenix using ride-hailing companies Uber and Lyft. That's in addition to a pilot program that started quietly in March, making the online delivery service Deliv available to Sam's Club customers in Miami.

Wal-Mart trimmed the delivery time for its free-shipping pilot program to two days from three, and it's cutting a dollar off the membership price to \$49 a year. Amazon membership costs \$99, but it comes with other perks including product subscrip-

tions, one- and two-hour Prime Now delivery, streaming music and video, photo storage and more.

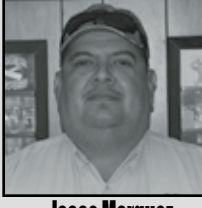
- **SPRUCING UP STORES:** Wal-Mart is focusing on improving its fresh produce offerings at its U.S. namesake stores, which drives frequent traffic. It's also refining its baked goods area and lowering store sight lines to help shoppers navigate. Wal-Mart has said customer scores on satisfaction have improved.

- **MAKING DISTRIBUTION CENTERS MORE EFFICIENT:** Wal-Mart

ships goods directly to customers from 80 stores and uses 4,500 stores as pickup points. But it's also trying to fulfill orders more quickly at distribution centers. It offered a peek at a drone it's testing that skitters around the massive center, taking 30 pictures per second and flagging misplaced items. Wal-Mart says drones allow it to confirm inventory in about a day or less, rather than a month using traditional means. The technology could be rolled out in the next six to nine months.

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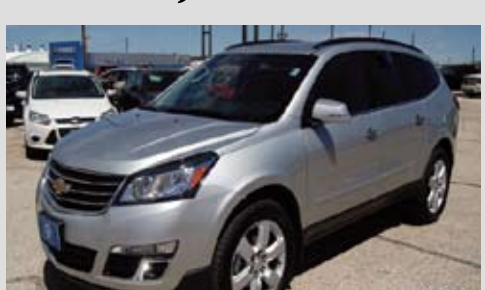
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# Overdose antidote becoming easier to buy

(AP) — It is becoming easier for friends and family of heroin users or patients taking strong painkillers to buy an antidote that can reverse the effect of an overdose, as policymakers look for ways to fight a growing epidemic.

Naloxone, which is known by the brand-name Narcan, can quickly revive someone who has stopped breathing after overdosing on so-called opioids, highly addictive drugs that include prescription painkillers like Vicodin as well as illegal narcotics like heroin. In the past, naloxone has been available mostly through clinics, hospitals or first responders like paramedics.

Now, nearly every state has passed laws that allow people to buy naloxone without requiring a prescription from their doctor, and drugstores and other retailers around the country are making it

easier to buy the drug.

"This saves lives, doesn't seem to have any negative impact that we can identify, therefore it should be available," said Dr. Corey Waller of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, Target and Wal-Mart have joined independent drugstores in either relaxing access to naloxone through their pharmacies in dozens of states, or are making plans to do so. The grocer Kroger is also selling it without requiring a prescription in a few states.

Deaths linked to opioids soared to more than 28,000 in 2014, the highest number on record. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 78 American die every day from an opioid overdose.

Autopsy results released Thursday show that the mu-

sician Prince died in April from an accidental overdose of fentanyl, an opioid painkiller that is up to 50 times more potent than heroin. Prince, 57, died less than a week after his plane made an emergency stop for medical treatment as he was returning from an Atlanta concert, where first responders gave him a shot of naloxone.

Naloxone can restore a person's breathing after it is injected or sprayed in the nostrils, bringing overdose victims back from near-death inside a few minutes.

Increased access to it through drugstores and other retailers comes with some limitations.

The drug can cost around \$80 per dose or more, which might make it unaffordable for someone with little disposable income and no insurance coverage. Customers also have to ask a pharmacist

for it.

"You can't treat it like an over-the-counter decongestant," said John Beckner, a pharmacist with the National Community Pharmacists Association, a trade group for independent pharmacies. "It's a powerful drug product that's going to require some instruction on how to use it."

Beckner said pharmacists can teach the average customer how to recognize signs of an overdose and administer the drug and about what side effects to expect.

Only five states — Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri, Montana and Wyoming — have yet to pass a law improving naloxone access, according to The Network for Public Health Law, a nonprofit that helps government agencies.

Legislatures in two of those states, Hawaii and Missouri, have passed bills that await governor signatures, and

Montana regulators have worked out an agreement with CVS to allow for wider access at its stores.

Opponents of this push, like Maine Gov. Paul LePage, have noted that naloxone doesn't treat addiction and have said it discourages people from seeking treatment by essentially offering a safety net if they do overdose.

Waller doesn't buy that argument.

He said research shows that greater access to naloxone doesn't draw people to illegal drug use or foster an addiction. He said naloxone is a drug that simply keeps someone from dying from their disease. He compared it to an EpiPen, which is used for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions.

"If you have an EpiPen, it's not going to make you go out and seek out your allergy more often," he said.

## US gains just 38,000 jobs, fewest in 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers drastically slowed their hiring in May, adding just 38,000 jobs, the fewest in more than 5 years and a sign of concern after the economy barely grew in the first three months of the year.

At the same time, the unemployment rate tumbled to 4.7 percent from 5 percent, the Labor Department said Friday, its lowest point since November 2007. The rate fell for a problematic reason: Nearly a half-million jobless Americans stopped looking for work and so were no longer officially counted as unemployed.

The much-weaker-than-expected jobs report will raise doubts that the Federal Reserve will increase the short-term interest rate it controls at its next meeting in mid-June or perhaps even at its subsequent meeting in late July. Many analysts had expected an increase by July.

"The shockingly low payrolls gain in May provides further evidence that the economy is showing clear signs of slowing," said Laura Rosner, an economist at BNP Paribas.

It is also likely to roil the presidential race, as the expected GOP nominee Donald Trump called it a "terrible jobs report" and a "bombshell" on Twitter. The figure comes just days after President Obama touted his economic record in Elkhart, Indiana.

Hiring in March and April was also revised lower, with job gains now just 123,000 in April, down from an initial estimate of 160,000. March was downgraded to 186,000 from 208,000.

Job gains have now averaged just 116,000 in the past three months, down sharply from an average of 230,000 in the 12 months ending in April.

Investors reacted to the report by selling stocks and buying bonds, which tend to hold up better during times of economic weakness. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 100 points, or 0.6 percent, in early trading, and the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.71 percent from 1.80 percent the day before, a large move.

The May figure was lowered by the Verizon workers' strike, which depressed hiring in the telecom sector by 34,000.

Still, job losses were widespread: Manufacturers cut 10,000 positions, while construction firms cut 15,000. Temporary help firms shed 21,000 jobs. Retailers, hotels and restaurants added jobs, but at a slower pace than recent months.

The proportion of adults working or looking for work dropped to 62.6 percent, near four-decade lows. Millions of Americans had come back into the labor market over the fall and winter, but that trend has partially reversed in April and May.

## News in brief

### US services firms grew at slowest pace since 2014

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. services firms grew at the slowest pace in more than two years last month.

The Institute for Supply Management said Friday that its services index fell to 52.9 last month from April's 55.7. It was the lowest reading since February 2014. Anything above 50 signals growth.

A measure of employment in services fell last month for the first time since February. Services firms reported slower growth in production and new orders.

The ISM report followed a disappointing report on job creation last month. The Labor Department reported that employers overall added just 38,000 jobs in May, the fewest in five years. Services, which account for more than 70 percent of U.S. jobs, have been a source of U.S. economic strength. The ISM services index has signaled growth for 76 straight months.

The ISM is a trade group of purchasing managers. Its services survey covers businesses that employ the vast majority of workers, including retail, construction, health care and financial services companies.

"This report backs up the weakness story told by the small rise in payroll employment in May," Chris Rupkey,

chief financial economist at MUFG Union Bank, wrote in a research note. The drop in the services index "hints that the economy's troubles could just be starting."

### Factory orders up 1.9 percent in April, best in 6 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories increased by the largest amount in six months but much of the strength came from a rise in demand for commercial aircraft.

A key category that tracks business investment plans fell.

Factory orders in-

creased 1.9 percent in April, the biggest gain since a 2.4 percent rise in October, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

Orders had been up 1.7 percent in March after having fallen in February.

Demand in a category that serves as a proxy for business investment spending declined 0.6 percent after a small 0.3 percent increase in March and a 2.1 percent February decline.

Manufacturing has been hurt in the past year by a big plunge in investment spending in the oil industry and weakness in exports, which reflect a global slowdown and the strong dollar.

Orders for durable goods such as autos and appliances increased 3.4 percent, unchanged from a preliminary report, while demand for nondurable goods such as chemicals and paper, increased 0.4 percent after a 1.4 percent rise in March.

The increase was led by a 65.3 percent surge in orders for commercial aircraft, a volatile category from month to month, which was rebounding after two months of declines.

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Pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.153 and Texas Natural Resource Code §71.005, Big Spring Independent School District (the "District") hereby gives public notice of its intention to lease its mineral interest in approximately 143.5 acres of real property, set out in 13 separate tracts, all located in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas ("the Property"), which is more fully described as follows:

**Tract 1:** 8.0 acres, more or less, out of and part of the N/2 of the NW/4 of Section 4, Block 32, Township 1 South, T&P Ry Co Survey, Howard County, Texas, being the same land described in that certain Warranty Deed dated June 18, 1949 from Mary Joe Barnes to the Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District and recorded in Volume 147, Page 185, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 2:** 14.85 acres, more or

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less, out of Section 9, Block 32, Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas, being Block 14 of the Kentwood Addition Unit 2, more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed from Kentwood Development, Incorporated to Big Spring Independent School District, dated May 22, 1962 and recorded in Volume 311, Page 188, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 3:** 1.37 acres, more or less, out of Section 4, Block 32, Township 1 South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, being Lots 13, 14 & 15, Block 6, in the Worth Peeler Addition- Section 3, more particularly described in a Warranty Deed from Steve Waggoner and Sandra Waggoner to Big Spring Independent School District, dated December 15, 2004, recorded in Volume 957, Page 549, Official Public Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 4:** 20.19 acres, more or less, out of Section 5, Block 32 Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas and more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated December 28, 1956 from Pearl Cole and Joe Cole to the Big Spring Independent School District recorded in Volume 236, Page 493, Deed Records, Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 5:** 5.68 acres, more or less, out of Section 5, Block 32 Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas and more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated December 14, 1937 from W.E. Mittel and wife, Vera Mittel to the Big Spring Independent School District recorded in Volume 99, Page 413, Deed Records, Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 6:** 2.73 acres, more or less, out of Section 5, Block 32 Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas and more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated July 11, 1952 from W.E. Mittel to the Big Spring Independent School District recorded in Volume 179, Page 387, Deed Records, Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 7:** 43.414 acres, more or less, described as 46.67 acres, more or less, a part of Section 44, Block 32, Township 1 North, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, being the same land described in that certain Warranty Deed dated August 20, 1941 from Annabel Birdwell to Big Spring Independent School District and recorded in Volume 110, Page 272 of the Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; SAVE and EXCEPT: 2.38 acres, more

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or less, being the same land described in that certain Warranty Deed dated June 29, 1961 from Big Spring Independent School District to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Inc. and recorded in Volume 298, Page 309 of the Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; ALSO SAVE and EXCEPT .875 acres, more or less, being the same land described in that certain Warranty Deed dated July 18, 1952, from Big Spring Independent School District to Charles E. Long, Jr., Sr. Warden, his successors and assigns, for the use and benefit of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and recorded in Volume 182, Page 77, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 8:** 7.57 acres, more or less, a part of Section 44, Block 32, Township 1 North, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, being the same land described in that certain Warranty Deed dated November 8, 1934 from Annabel Birdwell to Big Spring Independent School District and recorded in Volume 91, Page 570, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 9:** 11.45 acres, more or less, being out of and a part of Section 45, Block 32, Township 1 North, A-150, Howard County, Texas and being more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed dated March 6, 1959 from H.S. Moss to Big Spring Independent School District and recorded in Volume 264, Page 71, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 10:** 5.50 acres, more or less, out of that certain 80 acre tract in the NW/4 of Section 3, Block 32, Township 1 South, T&PRR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, further described in Deed dated January 28, 1910, from J.W. Allen, Joe W. Barnett and W.G. Stiles to W.W. Philley, recorded at Volume 28 Page 193, Deed Records, Howard County, Texas; Said 5.50 acre tract being further described in Deed dated January 23, 1967 from Caprock Leasing Company to Big Spring Independent School District, recorded at Volume 376, Page 509, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

**Tract 11:** 10.00 acres, more or less, a part of Section 2, Block 33, Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas being more fully described in a Deed dated June 26, 1951 from Big Spring Cowboy Reunion to Big Spring Independent School District and recorded in Volume 170 Page 179, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

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**Tract 12:** 12.2549 acres, more or less, a part of Section 12, Block 33, Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas being more fully described in the following deeds:

Being all of Lot No. 3 of Tract No. 3 of Kennebeck Heights Subdivision, a part of Section 12, Block No. 33, Township 1 South and being more fully described in that Warranty Deed from H. F. Schwarzenbach, et ux to Big Spring Independent School District, recorded in Volume 250, Page 322, Deed Records Howards County, Texas.

Being all of Lot No. 5 of Tract No. 3 of Kennebeck Heights Subdivision, a part of Section 12, Block No. 33, Township 1 South and being more fully described in that Warranty Deed from Leroy Tidwell, et ux and R.B.G. Cowper, et ux, to Big Spring Independent School District, recorded in Volume 250, Page 324, Deed Records Howards County, Texas.

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**Tract 13:** 0.5 acres, more or less, out of Section 33, Block 32 Township 1 North, being the same land described in a Warranty Deed dated August 22, 2014, from James R. Koerber and Donald G. Koerber, Jr., Independent Co-Administrators of the Estate of Donald G. Koerber, Deceased, to Big Spring Independent School District, recorded in Volume 1413, Page 690,

Deed Records, Howard County, Texas.

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Bids will be presented to the Big Spring Board of Trustees at the regular Board meeting on June 9, 2016, at which time the Board will conduct a public hearing, pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code §71.004, for consideration of such bids. Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and all technicalities,

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#9062 May 22, 29, & June 5, 2016

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For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write to P O Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. For technical information on the proposals call Tom Weeaks, Superintendent, or Tony Gomez, maintenance director, or ReeAnn McKinnon, cafeteria director, at 432-354-2230. Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on July 7, 2016. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations take precedence.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

New-Moon Power Lives On

Yesterday's new moon was cozy enough with Venus to override the other

stressful aspects affecting the sky, proving once more that love really can change everything, heal the hurts and conquer all. It also doesn't go that way sometimes. Love can cause the hurts and be helpless over all. So at times like this, when it's going our way, celebrate.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your hard work does deserve a reward, though often you're not in the company of people who would think to give it to you. That's why you need to become your own advocate. There's nothing wrong with looking out for yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Serenity isn't the absence of thought; rather, it's a soft flow of thoughts

blowing in gentle waves through the screen of your mind. You'll have this kind of peace for moments today.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be schooled by everything that happens. It's all there to learn from and the lessons will keep coming as you interpret and reinterpret the day's events in weeks to come.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). As much as you would like to use every last one of the 1,440 minutes of this day to make life better for those you love, don't do this at the cost of your own self-care. The basics of sleep and nutrition allow you to keep giving.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your undivided attention is a valuable gift, and it doesn't come at a small price tag, either. It takes discipline and focus to listen and give your love at the level you do. Anyone who receives your attention is truly fortunate.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's something so magnetizing in your affection, and people around

you can't get enough. Physical attractions give you a zippy energy to carry you brightly through your usual tasks.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Relationships do have their tangles. You're still getting to know the complex matrix of joy and sorrow that makes up another person. You'll never know it completely, but you are growing in emotional intelligence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a lot of natural beauty around you, but the refinements are where you'll spend your time -- creating ease, flow and loveliness. It will be hard work but also very worth it to go the distance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When doubts creep in, just know that everybody has them. Articulate them as specifically as you can so you can create the remedy to oppose your fear and reinforce your many strengths.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Change is happening. Don't worry;

it's not necessary for you to decide right now if it's for the better or worse. It's more important to move with the flow of life and believe that in time it will all get sorted out.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're sure of your path, and you'll stick to it regardless of how narrow or lonely it looks up ahead. Don't suffer unnecessarily. There may be more than one right path.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll take an interest to the next level or learn a skill to perfection. If the difficulty level is high, all the better for you. You'll derive a great deal of pride from achieving a rare level of mastery.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 5). Your love loves you back, and there's nothing finer than this! The next six weeks will bring a shared adventure, and the project that comes out of it will start a new stream of income. There's a growth process in September and you'll be getting healthier then,

too. The best times for singles: December and March. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 29, 11, 2 and 17.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The sun and Venus are linked together in the sign of the twins, bringing a cosmic party atmosphere to the picture. Love and the possibility of love electrify the air. Laughter, newness, novelty, an excited buzz of conversation, the sharing of trends, the pop of effervescent ideas and an energizing lightness fill the atmosphere. Don't stay home and waste this social fizz -- that is, unless you're planning to host the party there! Those who've scheduled vacations during this first week of June are in for traveling ease and the kind of relaxation that can't be planned; it just has to be enjoyed.

Mars and Mercury pull into an opposition on June 9 that makes the rest of the week more challenging as far as interpersonal dynamics

go. There are sticking points in negotiations and mismatches of interest that would be almost silly to try and hash out, at least for a few days:

If you wait, chances are that new circumstances will arise and make all the back-and-forth of Thursday through Sunday seem futile. Put a pin in it instead.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Once upon a time, an underwear model took over Hollywood (true story), and his name was Mark Wahlberg. This witty Gemini followed his savvy instincts, making use of his superb communication skills as he transitioned roles -- from model to rapper to actor to producer and executive producer of entertainment such as "Entourage," "Boardwalk Empire," "Shooter," and "Patriots Day." And the hits keep coming.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I need help getting my stepbrother to like me. I am a 12-year-old boy. I grew up without a dad or siblings and really wanted them. When I was 11, my mom married my stepdad. I was excited because not only did I get a new father, but also a big brother.

Having a new dad is great. He is nice to me, takes me out to movies and ballgames and works hard. I like seeing my mom happy. The problem is my stepbrother. "Philip" is 17 years old and he hates me. I don't know why. I never have done anything bad to him and don't ever pester him.

When my mom and stepdad were dating, Philip barely spoke to me, although he wasn't mean. However, the day we moved into our new house together, he told me to stay out of his way and leave him alone. He also said we will never be brothers, and not to expect him to do things with me or ask for his help with anything. A month ago, I was having trouble with an older kid who was bullying me at school, knocking me off the bus and calling me names. One day, Phil saw this as he pulled up in his car. He grabbed this kid by the shirt and threatened to beat him up if he ever messed with me again. Phil then drove me home. I tried to thank him, but he said that he didn't do it for me. He did it because he hates bullies. After that, things went back to the way they were before. I guess the worst part is, I really look up to him. He's a great athlete at school and knows about cars and sports and girls. I think he could teach me a lot if I can just get him to stop hating me. Please tell me what to do. -- Phil's Stepbrother

Dear Step: We think Phil is still working on the idea of a younger sibling. He used to have his father's full attention, but now Dad spends time with you. This is wonderful for your relationship with your stepdad and we are glad he is close to you. But it probably makes Phil a bit jealous, which is no one's fault and not your responsibility. Please understand that this is normal. He doesn't hate you. In fact, he treats you the way a lot of older teenagers treat their younger siblings -- as an annoyance. We suggest you be patient with him until he can see what a great brother you are. And please talk to your parents about it, too.

Dear Annie: You've

printed a few letters from women whose husbands complain about what they cook. I once made a meal for my grandson, who was then 16. I asked how he liked the food. He said it was "OK." So I told him the following:

1. Making a meal for someone is like giving them a gift. You want them to like it, so you carefully figure out what will make them happy.

2. You "wrap" it, by preparing it to make sure it will taste delicious.

3. Then you present it to them. And hopefully their faces will light up when they take that first bite. -- Indiana Chief Cook and Bottle Washer

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Psyched up
- 7 Some sommelier suggestions
- 14 Vial adjunct
- 15 It comes off the rack
- 16 Where you may pay a steep price
- 17 Free of expectations, maybe
- 18 Union alternative to the NEA
- 19 Creature with eyespots on its wings
- 21 Shout with a quelling glance
- 22 "Pink trying to be purple," per Whistler
- 25 Perfunctory
- 26 Recipient of a tip
- 27 Join the club
- 29 \_\_\_ Street 3 (video game with a Yards for Points mode)
- 30 Bouncy
- 31 '39 film whose poster urged, "Don't pronounce it -- see it!"
- 33 "First Lady of Civil Rights"
- 34 Wonderland talker that Carroll based on himself
- 35 Old-school encouragement
- 37 It's about 200 miles southeast of Chattanooga on I-75
- 40 Songwriter with the most Oscar nominations
- 45 Add to the kudus for
- 46 \_\_\_ nut
- 47 Award of a sort
- 48 Bingo substitute
- 49 Holding a lot
- 51 AmeriCorps group of nearly a million
- 52 Author who kept journals for 60+ years

DOWN

- 1 Harlow in *The Aviator*
- 2 Glitchlessly
- 3 Special \_\_\_
- 4 9 Down meas.
- 5 8,028th-century humanoid
- 6 Where a line stops
- 7 1840s utopian community that Hawthorne joined
- 8 Fireplace support
- 9 Berlin subway
- 10 Range with tees
- 11 Symbol of Scotland
- 12 Designation with an agricultural etymology
- 13 Landing site for Columbus in 1493
- 14 Landing site for bees
- 20 Job on Martin Luther's resumé
- 23 Economic slur of the 1980 campaign
- 24 \_\_\_ 60 - Live at Madison Square Garden (2007 DVD)
- 28 What fills some faces, for short
- 30 Mechanical calculator inventor
- 32 Removed mud from, maybe
- 33 Kingdom segments
- 36 Speaker's place
- 37 Be snakelike
- 38 Pull off
- 39 Took the risk of
- 41 "Protect it from \_\_\_ that hack" (*The Lorax* advice)
- 42 Comics king of Atlantis
- 43 Bavarian collectibles
- 44 Lean Cuisine owner
- 46 Venerate
- 49 Name in Cockney rhyming slang for "spoon"
- 50 One in a concessionaire's "boat"
- 54 WWII "This is my war too!" org.
- 57 Concluding with
- 59 Fodder eaten by mudders
- 60 Group offering a Safe Proofing LLCs course

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
You just can't trust anybody

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 10 7 6 5 2  
♥ 5 4  
♦ 10 8 7 4  
♣ A Q

**WEST**  
♠ 9 4  
♥ A Q  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ J 10 9 6 4

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

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Opening Pass Pass Pass 4♥  
Passing lead — jack of clubs.

Dear Mr. Becker: Here is an interesting hand that came up in our regular Thursday night game. South opened fourth hand with four hearts, and West led the jack of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's queen and led a trump, finessing the jack. He had decided it was better to take a trump finesse rather than a diamond finesse at trick two because, if the heart jack lost to the queen, he would still have the diamond finesse to fall back on. He would not have the same advantage if he tried the

diamond finesse first and it lost. However, things didn't work out quite the way South planned. West, a shrewd cookie, won the jack of trumps with the ace (!) and returned a club to dummy's ace. Convinced that East had the queen of trumps, declarer led another trump and finessed the ten. This lost to West's queen, and South later lost a spade and a diamond to go down one. Declarer surely would have made the contract had West won the first trump lead with the queen. In that case, South would have tried a diamond finesse and gotten home safe and sound. You might marvel at West's sagacity in winning the first trump lead with the ace instead of the queen. But upon reflection, I think he made the right play. From West's viewpoint, it was far more beneficial to the defense to induce declarer to lead another trump from dummy at trick four than a diamond or a spade through East. I also think it's hard to blame declarer for having swallowed the bait by electing to repeat the heart finesse. They say that South's face, when West produced the queen of hearts at trick four, was not a pretty sight to see. I wouldn't know. I was South. Sincerely, Devoted Reader.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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# Poll: A third of people have done no long-term care planning



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**Robert Nadel from San Diego, sits in Balbo Park, a place he calls "one of the most beautiful parks in the world, Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in San Diego. Nadel says his concern about the future led him to prepare with savings and insurance." Demand for long-term care is expected to increase as the nation ages, but the majority of Americans 40 and older lack confidence in their ability to pay for it.**

By ALEJANDRA CANCINO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Demand for long-term care is expected to increase as the nation ages, but the majority of Americans 40 and older lack confidence in their ability to pay for it.

The annual cost of long-term care expenses range from \$17,680 for adult day care to more than \$92,000 for a private room in a nursing home, according to Genworth Financial.

Yet an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey finds that a third of Americans 40 and older have done no planning for their own long-term care needs, such as setting aside money to pay for a home aide, for help with daily activities or for a room in a nursing home.

Why?

The poll says about 4 in 10 don't think they will ever need long-term care.

"I'm very healthy at 68 and I really don't have any impending and current problems. I'm self-sufficient," said Brad Woolsey, of a small community near San Francisco, California.

That mindset runs counter to figures from the U.S. Administration on Aging, which says nearly 70 percent of people turning 65 will need help with daily activities in their golden years.

Medicaid, the health insurance for the poor and people with disabilities, is the primary payer of long-term care, spending \$146 billion in 2013. Nearly \$89 billion was just for seniors.

But the survey found that nearly 4 in 10 respondents mistakenly expect to turn to Medicare, which doesn't pay for long-term care. Respondents with incomes below \$50,000 were more likely to expect to rely on government programs.

Jeanie Powell, 58, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, said she was confident she could afford long-term care until about a year ago when she learned that her insurance policy would cover only \$1,000 per month in an institution.

"It won't even put a dent in the cost," Powell said.

Powell said she bought her policy in the 1990s, before she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Now she is worried and unsure about what she'll

do. She stopped working in 2002 and her health continues to deteriorate.

"I have good days and bad days and days I can't tolerate the pain," Powell said.

At the other end of the spectrum, 36 percent of older Americans expressed confidence in their ability to pay for long-term care, up from 27 percent in 2013, the first year of the survey. Those figures are consistent with other measures of consumer confidence following the Great Recession of a few years ago, according to a report by the Conference Board cited by the survey.

In the latest survey, another 36 percent said they feel just somewhat confident and 24 percent said they are not too confident or not confident at all.

Men were more likely than women to be confident, and so were older Americans with higher incomes, better health and more education.

Robert Nadel, of San Diego, said he has always feared not being able to care for himself later in life.

"In our family, we didn't send someone to the nursing home," Nadel said, adding that he grew up with his grandparents. "Nowadays, it isn't that way."

Nadel, 44, doesn't have children, and though he has nieces and nephews, he knows he will be on his own. This awareness has made planning for the future a priority, even in difficult times, he said. When he lost his job during the Great Recession, he borrowed money to continue making the monthly payments on his long-term care insurance policy.

"Even if I get sick," he said, "I'll be OK."

The more in control people feel about the world and their life, the greater the sense of confidence in their ability to plan for the future, said Kit Yarow, a professor emerita at Golden Gate University in San Francisco who specializes in consumer psychology.

The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey was conducted Feb. 18 through April 9, with funding from the SCAN Foundation. The nationally representative poll involved landline and cell-phone interviews with 1,698 Americans age 40 or older. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

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Online:  
AP-NORC polls on long-term care: <http://www.longtermcarepoll.org>

# Violin making thrives in the land of Stradivarius

MILAN (AP) — Acoustics aren't all that count when making a violin. Aesthetics are also a key element. And that's why the craft of making stringed instruments is thriving in Italy, a country known for its love of beauty and long history of violin-making.

Stradivarius made his prized violins in Cremona, but the craft is growing in other cities in the Lombardy region, including Milan and nearby Pavia.

Marco Brunello says the sculpting of the violin scroll is distinctive to the artist who makes it, his or her signature.

The 44-year-old violinmaker in Pavia took up the trade after a decade as an engineer. His shop on a quiet pedestrian street displays a few examples of his work in the window. But the magic happens in the instrument-making workshop at the back.

Brunello creates about 10 violins a year, each involving about 200-300 hours of work.

The starting price for a Brunello violin is 5,000 euros (\$5,600) — and the sky is the limit on the final tab. Brunello's customers are mostly from Asia.

At the Civica Scuola di Liuteria di Milano, a school for making stringed instruments, students dedicate the first two years to the technical foundations, learning how to properly use the tools. Only after that can turn their creative energies to violin design. Established in 1978, the school accepts just 15 students a year.

"For me, the greatest joy when making a violin is when I assemble the strings, when in fact I can play the violin," said Franco Ferloni, a fourth-year student in his final year.



AP Photo/Antonio Calanni

**Violinmaker Marco Brunelli, 43, was born in Rochester, Minnesota, United States, checks the shape of a violin inside his lab in Pavia, Italy, Friday, April 15, 2016. Here, in the quiet pedestrian streets of Pavia, is Marco Brunello's instrument boutique.**

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# Samsung challenges Fitbit with tracker

By ANICK JESDANUN  
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP)— Just in time for summer, Samsung is unveiling a new fitness tracker that aims to undercut gadgets from market leader Fitbit.

Beyond offering all-day step counting and automatic sleep tracking, the \$180 Gear Fit2 comes with GPS sensors for more accurate measuring of distance and pacing for runners and cyclists.

GPS is typically limited to higher-end devices, such as the Fitbit Surge and the Microsoft Band 2, both of which go for \$250. The Fit2 is also cheaper than the new \$200 Fitbit Blaze, which doesn't have GPS.

The main drawback: The Fit2 won't sync with iPhones, as Fitbits do. An Android phone — not necessary Samsung's — is required for sync-

ing music and workout data. While Samsung is the world's fifth-largest maker of wearable devices, according to technology market research firm IDC, most of those are Gear smartwatches, where fitness is an afterthought.

By contrast, fitness is front and center with the Fit2. Yet it will also have some smartwatch capabilities, including the ability to reply to messages from the device. Rival trackers at most tend to show you messages; replies are typically limited to smartwatches such as Apple Watch and Samsung's Gear S2.

Advance orders on the Fit2 will begin Friday in the U.S., with shipments a week later.

Later this year, Samsung will release its \$200 Gear IconX earbuds that, in addition to playing music, will track exercise and heart rate. They're designed as a stand-

alone tracker, rather than a companion to the Fit2.

Under Armour's upcoming heart-rate-tracking headphones are expected to cost \$250. Samsung's IconX goes further with built-in sensors to measure distance and pacing, though with less accuracy than GPS devices. There's no screen, so you get audio readouts every mile or whatever interval you set.

With Thursday's announcements, Samsung is trying to tap growing interest in health and fitness as sales of smartphones slow down.

In the first three months of this year, Fitbit shipped 4.8 million devices, or 25 percent more than a year earlier. That accounts about a quarter of all wearable devices worldwide. Samsung, by contrast, shipped about 700,000, an increase of less than 5 percent, according to IDC. Samsung's

devices require an Android phone, while Fitbits work with iPhones and Windows phones as well.

Samsung is taking a cue from Fitbit in creating leaderboards and challenges for family and friends to motivate each other. This has been one of Fitbit's strongest areas, and Fitbit has an advantage as the market leader: Someone you're trying to challenge — or taunt — will more likely have a Fitbit than another device.

Samsung's version works through its S Health phone app, meaning Android phone users will be able to participate without a dedicated tracker. But it could be tougher to motivate someone who hasn't made a commitment to fitness by buying a tracker.

Both the Fit2 and the IconX will let you leave your phone at home. You can download

hundreds of songs for phone-free workouts, but you can't tap Spotify and other online services without the phone. The phone needs to run at least KitKat, the 2013 version of Android. For the IconX, music syncing might not work with non-Samsung phones. A PC would be needed in such cases.

These devices represent Samsung's second effort at fitness tracking, not counting all its smartwatches with fitness capabilities. The original Gear Fit in 2014 had a beautiful, curved screen, but lacked many power features. The Fit2 addresses that with GPS and a wider, customizable screen to fit in more data on your workout. But like most trackers, the Fit2 lacks many stopwatch controls found on sports-specific devices such as Garmin Forerunners for running.

## Early heat wave hits the West

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Parts of the Western U.S. are getting an early taste of scorching summer heat, forcing officials in California, Oregon and desert Southwest states to heed the warnings of dangerous, triple-digit temperatures in this first week of June.

Organizers rescheduled California's state track and field championship events began in the evening hours Friday and Saturday. The competition is being held in Clovis in the San Joaquin Valley, where daily highs are expected to top 100 degrees through the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

Precautions are also in place ahead of Portland's Rose Festival on Saturday in Oregon, when the mercury is expected to rise to 99 degrees in the city and 103 degrees downstate in Medford.

Marching bands have asked event officials if they can ditch some of the pomp and circumstance by taking off their hats and changing their uniforms during judged performances to cope with the stifling heat, according to spokesman Rich Jarvis. The popular festival is also renting mist machines and handing out sunscreen around a carnival area on the Willamette River waterfront.

"We're telling people, 'Beware,'" Jarvis said. "It's going to be tough."

The severity of the heat wave in the forecast is also putting Southwest desert areas under an excessive heat warning. The life-threatening heat is expected Friday morning through Sunday night, from southern Nevada including Las Vegas, up to Death Valley and desert sections of San Bernardino County along the California border and over to Arizona's Lake Havasu and the Phoenix area, according to the weather service.

The dangerously hot temperatures was expected to peak Saturday, with highs between 105 and 110 in Sin City, 111 to 118 in Phoenix and 115 to 121 in Death Valley.

Phoenix's parks and recreation department is preparing for the heat by having rangers out during peak times at popular locations, like

the Echo Canyon Recreation Area and South Mountain Park. The city oversees nearly 200 miles of trails.

"That way a ranger can maybe spot a person

that needs water or help them make the decision on whether it's safe to hike or not," said Gregg Bach, a department spokesman.

National Weather Ser-

vice Meteorologist Clay Morgan said the heat impact level, which considers the temperature and duration of such soaring degrees, prompted the warning.

Gradual temperatures help the body get acclimated, so a sudden upswing and a steep climb in a short period can exacerbate health risks and the potential for heat exhaustion, stroke and even death.

It's a particular concern in Las Vegas, which faced its first triple-digit day this year on Wednesday, a week later than average, and had highs in mid-May swinging from 99 to 75 in a matter of days.

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