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Big Spring, Coahoma homecomings 2016



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Big Spring and Coahoma both capped off a week of homecoming activities Friday. At top, a crowd at the Big Spring High School (BSHS) pep rally Friday gets into the spirit. At left, Annie Chandler is crowned the 2016 Coahoma High School Homecoming Queen. At right, BSHS Homecoming Queen and King Gabriella Rubio and Daniel Luna smile for a photo. See more photos of the BSHS pep rally and parade on Page 9A

Long-time county employee to retire

County commissioners to consider new indigent healthcare director

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

One of Howard County's longest-tenured employees is calling it a career. Irene Dominguez, who has directed the county's indigent healthcare department for the past 30 years, will officially tender her resignation to county commissioners when they meet at 4 p.m. Monday. Dominguez started work for the county in 1983 and



Dominguez

was named director of the indigent healthcare office three years later. "It's time," Dominguez said. "I've been here long enough and it's time for me to do something different and go on to the next phase of my life. It's been a great experience. The commissioners gave me the opportunity to run this program ... and it's been an honor and privilege to have served the community." Dominguez' resignation is effective Dec. 31. "We really, really will miss Irene," County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said. "She has been very successful running

the indigent program in Howard County, as well as helping with health care of the prisoners at the county jail." Commissioners will consider naming a replacement for Dominguez during Monday's meeting. In other business Monday, commissioners will consider: • Appointing a pro-tem county judge. • Approval of the county's property and casualty insurance proposal. Commissioners will convene in the third-floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse.

Howard College fall enrollment numbers break trend

Special to the Herald

Following recent years in declining enrollment, Howard College may be seeing the spark to better days through a 9.24 percent increase in enrollment across the district, based upon preliminary reports. Enrollment numbers were on the rise for three of the district's four sites with the highest increase seen on the San Angelo site. "We are excited to see this increase in enrollment for the district," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks. "There

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are so many factors that feed into the growth and decline of the student population and I am very encouraged by this change taking us out of the decline and into the growth column." Big Spring enrollment tallied in at 1,524, representing a

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HC Trustees to adopt tax rate Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees are expected to approve a new tax rate of 31 cents per \$100 valuation when they meet Monday for their regular board meeting. The proposed rate is about a one-penny increase from this year's effective rate of 30 cents per \$100 taxable valuation. Effective rate is the figure that raises the same

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Coahoma ISD trustees OK Campus Guardian Program

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Trustees with the Coahoma school district said yes to a program that will allow select faculty and board members to be armed on campuses and at school functions. By a unanimous vote of the board Thursday, Coahoma will join Forsan ISD and a growing list of rural Texas school districts that have adopted programs allowing armed staff to respond to an on-campus active shooter scenario. "Next we will update our policy that it effects and we

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Big Spring falls in close game

Steers play well, but lose 21-14 on homecoming night to Andrews Mustangs

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Steers didn't get the win Friday, but they gave the fans their best performance of the season.

Big Spring lost 21-14 on homecoming night to an undefeated Andrews team that made scoring points look easy in its first four games, but the Steers' defense was solid and opportunistic, not letting that happen against them.

"We're learning how to compete. They're playing to win, they're playing hard, they understood and they did a great job of studying the game plan, and they did a great job of executing it. We've got more people stepping up and providing some depth. Jack Everett, (Jeremiah) Cooley, they're all stepping in on the offensive side of the ball and helping out on the defensive side. That's providing more people that are fresh on both sides of the ball," Big Spring head coach Clint Finley said.

After a touchdown drive on the Mustangs' second possession, Big Spring got right back into it with a 76-yard touchdown run from running back Robert Valencia, who looks to be the new starting running back with Preston Alexander out of the lineup. Big Spring would fumble the snap and miss the extra point, and trailed 7-6.

After battling for field po-



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Mikey Renteria makes a tackle in Friday's game against Andrews.

sition the majority of the second quarter, Big Spring looked to be in trouble when Andrews completed an 87-yard pass down the sideline. Cornerback and Big Spring track star Leon Mathews used his speed to chase the receiver out of bounds at the three-yard line, and two plays later Big Spring's Cameron Mikels recovered a fumble to keep the Mustangs out of the end zone before halftime.

Big Spring opened the second half with a 70-yard

touchdown drive, capped off by another Valencia rushing touchdown. Valencia then converted the two-point conversion to make the score 14-7.

Following the touchdown, the Big Spring defense looked nearly unstoppable. CJ Harris intercepted an Andrews pass the next possession. Cameron Mikels recovered another fumble the possession after that as part of a defensive line unit that got to the quarterback consistently

throughout the night. The only problem was the offense couldn't turn any turnovers into points for a two-possession lead.

When Andrews was finally able to get near the Steers' end zone, the defensive line came up big again by sacking the quarterback and forcing a 4th and 19 on the Big Spring 25-yard line. The next play was arguably the biggest play of the game. Andrews went for it, and Big Spring again got pressure on the quarter-

back, forcing him to roll out to his left. What looked like a desperation throw into triple coverage was tipped high into the air by a Big Spring player and into the arms of the only camo jersey in the area for an Andrews first down at the five-yard line. Andrews would tie the game at 14 on the next play, and take the lead at 21-14 with less than two minutes left on their next possession.

But Big Spring came back. Quarterback Dylan Cantu found Daniel Luna and Jeremiah Cooley for big plays on the final drive to set up a first and 10 from the Andrews 12-yard line with under a minute left. On the next play, Cantu looked for Luna in the end zone, who was interfered with and drew a flag, which would have set up a first and goal from the one-yard line. The referees, however, signaled for a false start on the offense, cancelling out the pass interference and forcing a replayed first down. Finley later said the call was actually offside on the offense, as a false start penalty would have blown the play dead.

On first and 10 from the 12, Big Spring then committed two false starts in a row to set up a first and 20 from the 22. They eventually got to the

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Big Spring's Logan Terrazas (left) and Kloe Gang (right) spike the ball in Friday's loss to Brownwood.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Lady Steers beat in district opener against Brownwood

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The problem with the Lady Steers isn't talent, but their inability to close out games. It has gone from a seemingly unfortunate trend to something that may be on the verge of defining the team if they can't turn it around.

In Big Spring's first district game of the year, it was a back and forth affair in the first set un-

til the Lady Steers pulled away with the biggest lead of the game at 20-17 and Brownwood called a timeout.

Tuesday, it was a 20-16 lead against Levelland before Levelland called a timeout and went on to win the set 25-21. Big Spring head coach Sunni Strickland later said "it's too bad our games don't go to 20," when referencing the leads her team has given up over the season, and it was on

display again Friday.

Brownwood came out of the timeout with two straight points to get within one at 20-19, but Big Spring scored two straight to get the lead back to three at 22-19. Brownwood, however, would score six of the next seven points to take the first set 25-23.

The momentum carried over to the next two sets in a big way as Big Spring was swept, losing 25-9 and 25-13.

District scoreboard

District 3-4A	City 7
Brownwood 36, Giddings 35	Merkel 28, Stanton 0
Levelland 55, Snyder 2	Lubbock Roosevelt 42, Floydada 40
District 4-2A	
Stephenville 55, Graham 28	Post 49, Slaton 0
Abilene Wylie 53, Brownfield 7	Forsan 35, Morton 7
District 2-3A	Anson 31, Roscoe 14
Muleshoe 31, Idalou 9	Mason 62, Hawley 27
Iraan 35, Colorado 2	Hamlin 28, Stamford 2

Rangers clinch AL West with 3-0 win over Oakland

By GIDEON RUBIN

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Adrian Beltre and the Texas Rangers were subdued as they began the celebration, exchanging hugs near the pitcher's mound at Oakland Coliseum.

Things got more raucous in the clubhouse, with cigar smoke and champagne everywhere.

The Rangers are getting pretty good at this division title thing. Now it's time to chase some more important hardware.

Beltre hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and the Texas Rangers secured their second straight AL West title, becoming the first American

League team to clinch a playoff spot with a 3-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Friday night.

"It's just the first step, it's just the first step," Beltre said.

"It's not easy to get where we are right now. We took the first step to win the division and get into the playoffs. We have a good enough team to win the World Series. That's our goal. We're going to celebrate today, but we know this is not just what we accomplished. We want to accomplish a lot more things."

This is Texas' seventh AL West title — not including the strike-shortened 1994 season

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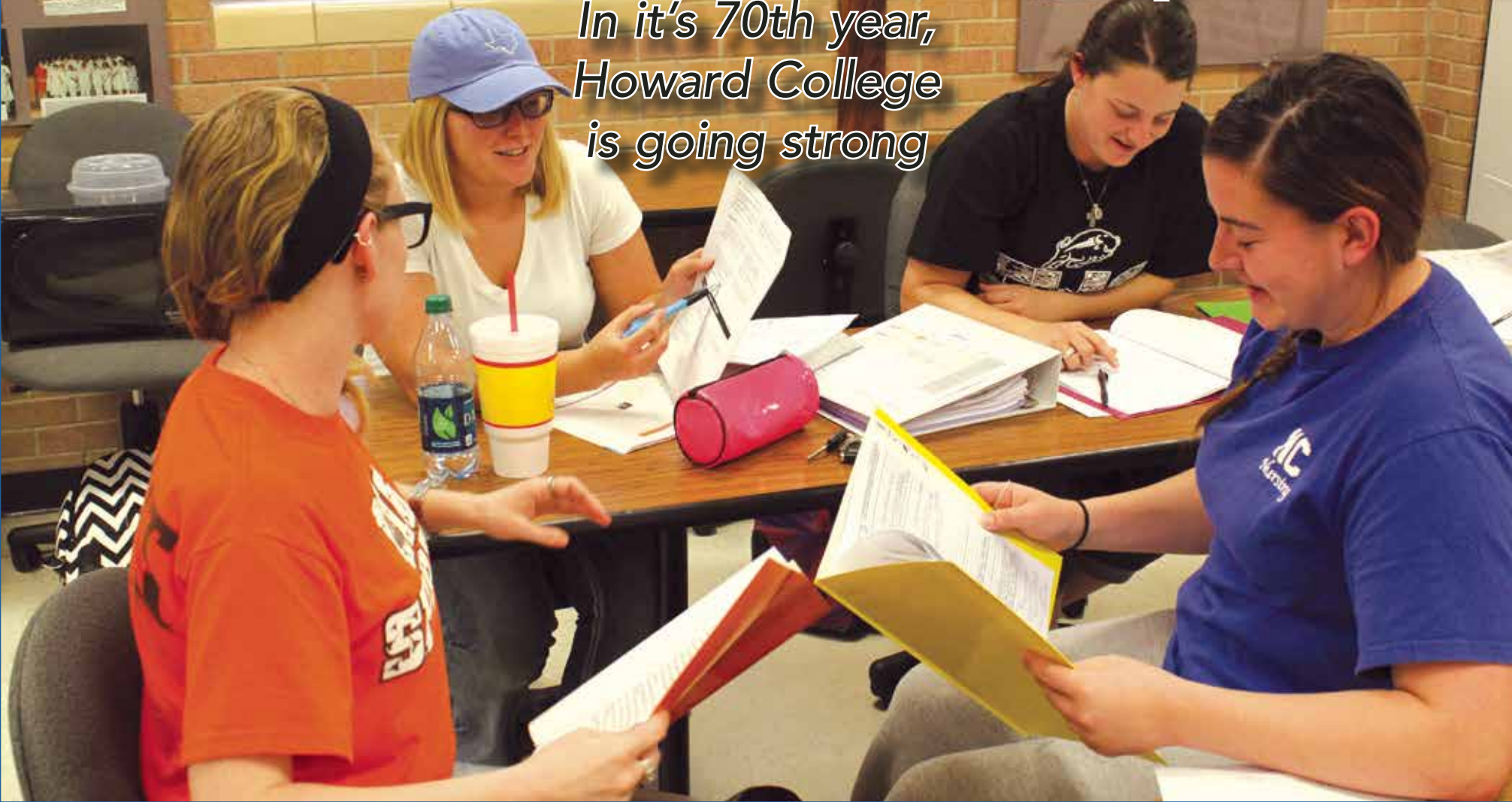
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By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

At 70, Howard College is doing fine.

The community college headquartered in Big Spring has experienced ups and downs, decline and growth during its tenure, and now is the designated community college for 13 West Texas counties, said College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

"We're one of the largest in the state," she said. "We are a rural-serving community college, because obviously, the majority of the communities in our service area are small. But our outreach, geographically, is large. And then we have the school districts

that are within that. I think there are 28 of them that we work with."

Howard's regional dominance started from a position of need. In 1977, Webb Air Force Base closed, putting an immediate economic crunch on Big Spring and Howard County. Howard College was no exception to the financial crisis. As a strategy to replace students lost following the base closure, Howard began to aggressively recruit students in Howard County and surrounding counties.

"That recruiting that we started doing after the closure of the base, what would eventually end up happening...we were recruiting those areas, and that became our service area," Sparks said.

After forming partnerships to provide vocational education in Lamesa and San Angelo; and creating the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, the only community college in the nation targeted specifically to deaf students, Howard College had dealings across a wide swath of West Texas.

In 1993, the Texas Legislature formalized community college "service areas," and Howard's far-reaching territory was set in legal stone.

"That's one way Howard College of today is different from what was in the beginning," Sparks said.

With the mandate to serve those 13 counties, Howard also began reaching out to their public school districts, she added.

"We very quickly found ourselves moving into a time when dual credit was also beginning to be a popular option, and a new opportunity for high

school students," Sparks said. "So because of our designated service area, we started working with all the high schools. The dual credit movement was growing."

Dual credit is an option that allows high-school age students to take courses which provide college credit as well as counting toward completion of high school.

"We have students that are accomplishing several hours of college work before they complete high school, which is giving them a head start on their higher ed degree," Sparks said. "It was a movement that really started in the '90s. There had been some early admission, people would take courses during the summer, but that's dif-

After forming partnerships to provide vocational education

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Courtesy photos
Clockwise from top: A study group of nursing students hit the books; instructor Belinda Lendermon demonstrates dental hygiene techniques in the F. Marie Hall SimDental Center; a new graduate celebrates his accomplishment; the Howard College Hawks basketball team battle hoopsters from New Mexico Military Institute; A Lady Hawk softball pitcher winds up a fastball; a Howard College cosmetology student practices her craft.



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- **MICHAEL DWAYNE RENTERIA**, 46, of 1700 W. First St. was arrested on warrants for failure to yield right-of-way at a yield intersection, driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **ALVIN JOHN GILLION**, 29, of 3509 E. Interstate 20 Lot #4A was arrested on warrants for defective head lamp(s) and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **VERONICA MARIE ORTIZ**, 33, of 2202 Williams Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **MARIELLA FLORES RIOS**, 25, of 104 Sprayberry in Midland

was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **PAULA ISABLE RIVERA**, 35, of 804 E. 18th St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **CLINTON AARON MUSE JR.**, 66, of 700 Ohio was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and on another outstanding warrant.
- **ANGELICA MARIA WAL-LACE**, 33, of 1303 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury/family member.
- **LUIS ADOLFO PENA**, 41, of 2630 Langley Dr. was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **YVETTE YVONNE LOZANO**, 36, of 1710 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a warrant for speeding.
- **ADRIAN ALBERTO REY-NA**, 24, of 910 Fourth St. Apt. A

was arrested on a warrant for speeding.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of Northwest 10th Street and the 1700 block of South Austin Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio Street and the 2500 block of Lynn Drive.

Take Note

• Do you have an antique or classic car, truck, or motorcycle you want to show? Midway Baptist Church is hosting a car show and silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6200 S. Service Road. The church is looking for 20 cars to display. Entry fee is \$10 and includes a dash plaque and lunch for the owner. Contact Greg Moore at 432-816-3375 by October 7th to reserve your spot. Contact Carole Madry at 432-268-919 if you would like to donate items or baked goods for the silent auction.

• The Howard County Court, under Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman, is cancelling the jury panel called for Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 2:30 p.m.

• Tex-Span Bilingual Safety Solutions is hosting a Q&A food safety seminar to address the new food handling requirements that took effect Sept. 1. The seminar is free and is being held to answer questions business owners may have in regard to the changes in requirements. The seminar is Monday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information or to RSVP call 432-349-2996.

• Aircraft owners from all around West Texas and Eastern New Mexico have been invited to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport Saturday, October 8 from 8 a.m. until noon for the 11th annual Prairie Dog Fly-In and Fly Market.

We will be serving a \$5 breakfast of pancakes and all the fixings at the airport terminal. Pilots who attend will be served free. Numerous door prizes will be awarded.

The first annual Fly Market will be open for the purchase of aviation items including man cave décor, entertainment, and aircraft parties at flea market prices.

For more information, see our website at prairie-dogflyin.com, on Facebook at #BigSpringPrairie-DogFlyin or contact Phillip Welch at 432-264-2362.

• The Coahoma Lion's Club will host their second annual Coahoma Trade Day on Saturday, Oct. 15. The Lion's Club is currently booking vendors for the event: Food, arts and crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry, and gift items are all welcome. 10-foot by 10-foot lots are available for \$15, while 10-foot by 20-foot lots are \$25. Contact Tammy or Lisa at Coahoma City Hall, 432-394-4287, for more information or to rent a lot.

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

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) September 18 and 19.

Sacking locations is at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting

your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

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

Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

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

Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Obituaries

Pamela "Pam" Hass

Pamela "Pam" Hass, 62, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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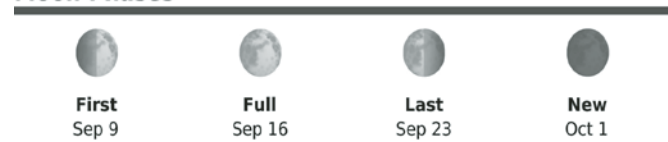
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Brownsville	93	78	M Cloudy	Lufkin	92	70	M Cloudy
Brownwood	89	71	Cloudy	Midland	89	67	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	92	79	P Cloudy	Raymondville	97	77	M Sunny
Corsicana	92	72	Cloudy	Rosenberg	86	73	Sunny
Dallas	92	74	Cloudy	San Antonio	93	76	P Cloudy
Del Rio	93	74	M Cloudy	San Marcos	90	73	Cloudy
El Paso	83	62	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	72	Sunny
Fort Stockton	89	65	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	88	67	P Cloudy
Gainesville	89	70	P Cloudy	Tyler	93	70	M Cloudy
Greenville	93	71	Cloudy	Weatherford	89	71	Cloudy
Houston	88	77	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	89	71	Cloudy

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	69	Sunny	Miami	88	78	P Cloudy
Boston	67	49	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	75	66	Cloudy
Chicago	71	64	Cloudy	New York	75	55	Cloudy
Dallas	92	74	Cloudy	Phoenix	90	70	Sunny
Denver	69	45	M Sunny	San Francisco	73	55	Sunny
Houston	88	77	P Cloudy	Seattle	67	53	Cloudy
Los Angeles	88	66	Sunny	Saint Louis	91	69	Sunny

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Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• 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.

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Game Day Tote

Cowboys' Prescott always said he was ready, and showing it

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott converted a long third down on the go-ahead drive in his first NFL win by changing the protection and the route at the line of scrimmage.

Later, the rookie Dallas quarterback wisely slid to take a sack on a bootleg that didn't work when the most important thing for the Cowboys was forcing Washington to use its last timeout in the final two minutes.

The former Mississippi State standout keeps telling people he felt ready for the NFL from the beginning. And he keeps showing it after injuries to Tony Romo and Kellen Moore suddenly made him the starter.

"This isn't a dream where I'm like wowed every day," Prescott said with the same demeanor he had as a third-teamer during offseason workouts. "I feel like this is where I belong, so I've got to continue to get better."

Prescott has an NFL-record 75 pass attempts without an interception to start a career, although he's still looking for his first touchdown pass.

He'll shoot for a number much more important to him when the Cowboys host Chicago on Sunday night.

With a win, the 23-year-old will have double the number of victories the Cowboys had without Romo in 14 games over the three seasons before the fourth-round pick showed up.

Prescott inherited starting jobs in high school and college because of injuries and didn't surrender it either time.

At Mississippi State, he finished as the school's passing leader while joining Tim Tebow as the only SEC quar-



AP Photo/Alex Brandon, File

In this Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 file photo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) passes the ball during the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins.

terbacks with at least 70 touchdowns passing and at least another 40 rushing.

A day after getting his first win 27-23 over the Redskins, naturally Prescott was asked what he thought if the wins kept coming while Romo recovers from his fourth back injury in less than four years. He was quick to call it Romo's team, another thing he has said all along.

"I think Dak said it best," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said on his radio show this week.

"Tony would be the first to tell you it's everybody's team. But still, it's Tony's team. Tony has the experience and he has the ability to make us a better team. And that's the only way

you look at it right now."

Prescott became the backup when Moore broke his right ankle in training camp. And he became the starter when Romo broke a bone in his back in the third preseason game at Seattle.

Along the way, Prescott led the NFL in passer rating in the preseason, helping the Cowboys change their mind about adding a new backup to Romo. Eventually, Dallas signed Mark Sanchez as the No. 2 behind Prescott, who had a rushing TD against Washington.

After receiver Dez Bryant had just one catch in an opening loss to the New York Giants, Prescott found the 2014 All-Pro seven times for 102

yards against the Redskins. The critical third-and-11 conversion against Washington was to Cole Beasley, who has a team-high 13 catches through two weeks.

"I didn't really see him much until we got into camp just because we'd go with the 1s," Beasley said. "He was a very poised and confident guy in the huddle. And that's what you like to see. It's like he wasn't even a rookie."

Before beating Washington, the Cowboys were 1-14 without Romo — including the opener with Prescott — going back to the season finale in 2013.

If Prescott beats the injury-riddled Bears, he'll have one more victory than veterans Brandon Weeden, Matt Cassel and Moore managed in 12 starts last season.

And the Cowboys will have a winning record while being a week closer to Romo's return with a young quarterback who's looking like the future beyond the 36-year-old and 10-year starter.

"We've had success, he's handled that well," coach Jason Garrett said of Prescott. "We've had some adversity, he's handled that well. We've been ahead, he's handled that well. We've been behind, he's handled that well."

"So I think you put all of those things together, and you feel good about where he is in all aspects of his game."

NOTES: CB Orlando Scandrick was held out of practice and said he's dealing with soreness in both hamstrings. ... DE Charles Tapper (back) still isn't practicing, making it likely he'll miss the third straight game at the start of his career.

Texans look to regroup after embarrassing loss to New England

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans won't dwell on their 27-0 loss to the New England Patriots.

Sure, it was embarrassing and unexpected to get dominated like they were. But they know they'll have to get over it quickly to avoid it carrying over into their next game.

"We've got Tennessee, a division game, coming up, so we've got to get our head screwed on right," said Houston nose tackle and former Patriot Vince Wilfork. "We want to win every game. Unfortunately that doesn't happen a lot, so you move forward. That is what we have to do now."

Coach Bill O'Brien isn't worried about his team bouncing back from the shut-out.

"We have a resilient bunch of guys," he said. "They know that it's only the third game of the season and they're going to work very, very hard to correct the mistakes, and they're going to work very hard on Tennessee."

Although he doesn't want his team to wallow in what happened against the Patriots, O'Brien and his coaching staff will study film to try and figure out how things went so wrong.

"You have to think about

how you're going to correct your mistakes, the players' mistakes, and learn from it and then move on," he said. "You can't just bury the tape and then move on to Tennessee."

The Texans (2-1) were done in by a number of things Thursday night, none more glaring than turnovers on special teams. Houston lost two fumbles on kick-offs, which led to 14 points by the Patriots. One of the fumbles was by Charles James and the other came from primary kick returner rookie Tyler Ervin. O'Brien said Ervin will continue to get the bulk of the returns despite his miscue.

"He's a rookie and he's had some decent returns for us," O'Brien said. "He'll learn from it. He'll get better from it and we'll really work with him to improve on it."

Of course he and James were far from the only players who made mistakes against the Patriots. Brock Osweiler threw an interception and failed to get Houston's offense

on New England's side of the field until late in the third quarter after looking solid in the first two games. O'Brien was quick to point out that the struggles of the offense weren't all on Osweiler.

"I do not think he took a step back," O'Brien said. "I think he obviously has to limit the turnovers, but I think overall, I thought that

he hung in there pretty well. I think it's the rhythm of the offense, everybody doing their job, the protection, the running game, the route running, catching the football."

O'Brien is looking for improvements in his running game after Houston was out-gained 185-109 on Thursday night. New running back Lamar Miller had 80 yards

rushing behind a line still without veteran left tackle Duane Brown. O'Brien saw some progress by the group through the first two games, but that didn't carry over into Thursday night's game.

The unit could get a boost soon with Brown, who has been out since quadriceps surgery in January, inching closer to a return.



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Tennis stars Williams, Djokovic take their game to Armani



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U.S. tennis star Serena Williams poses for photographers prior to the start of a Giorgio Armani women's Spring-Summer 2017 fashion show in Milan, Italy.

MILAN (AP) — If even Giorgio Armani has a negligee-inspired dress, then baby doll looks are definitely a trend.

Armani's take featured a layer of black sheer pleating over a dark floral pattern, finished with poufy translucent shoulders. Baby-doll looks are hot this season on the runways at Milan Fashion Week, with a parade of lacy eyelet and pleated mini-dresses, many featuring feathery touches.

The flighty, breezy looks are often accompanied by sturdy shoes, balancing a young women's desire to be sure-footed with her more romantic side.

Highlights from Friday's womenswear previews for next spring and summer, with shows from Armani, Diesel Black Gold and Versace:

LOVE SET

Tennis stars Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic took their game to Milan Fashion Week, taking front row seats Friday at the Giorgio Armani show.

Williams, wearing a sleeveless pearl-beaded top that showed off her powerful arms and high-waisted black trousers, gushed over Armani,

saying his creations are "so amazing, so exciting."

She described her own style as classic "but I always add a little bit of a young fun trend to it."

Djokovic and his wife Jelena hosted a gala dinner earlier in the week to raise money to support early childhood education in disadvantaged communities. The event was attended by Anna Wintour and Armani's niece Roberta Armani, who won bids to play tennis with Serena Williams in a matchup dubbed "The Queen of Tennis vs. The Queens of Fashion."

FEMALE POWER

Donatella Versace is out to empower women, with the soundtrack for the runway show for spring/summer 2017 urging woman to "take the leap. If we do nothing, we get nothing."

The designer dedicated this season's runway show "to the women making changes."

And she got a little help from friends Naomi Campbell and Gigi Hadid, who did turns on the runway. Campbell looked fierce in a red-white-and-blue track jacket and matching high-slit skirt with lace up boots. Hadid sported a mini dress with lace details

designer called "the future of fashion." Versace has taken on the challenge to make sportswear both luxurious and glamorous.

The looks promoted power and action, without being overtly athletic. The colors were strong hues of blue, white, green, red and black, and stripes were prevalent, often on the diagonal. Skirts and tops retained their femininity with vertical stripes of color dangling like pretty ribbons. Versace's body conscious knits clung to the figure, and showed off the midriff. Technical fabric rushed around the figure, revealing leg with a zip and tightening with draw strings.

CHARMANI

Giorgio Armani seems to have harnessed celestial energy for his next collection, an ode to multi-culturalism.

The silhouette was soft, swathing the Armani woman in sarongs, fringe and tassels. The prints, in deep blue and black, contributed to the mood with a swirling effect. A crystal encrusted evening dress recalled the night sky.

Armani has applied hippie and ethnic touches to his classic tailoring this round. A notch-collar jacket defies convention with a cascade of fringe. Tassels swing freely from a belt, layering a short skirt. Head scarves wrapped like turbans complete the look, offering a slightly exotic vibe.


The Versace collection for next spring and summer focused on sports-wear, which the

designer bared the leg with gathered shorts that are more bloomier than Bermuda, cut from sheer fabrics for lightness. The shape was echoed in a short bubble dress.

Armani dubbed the collection "Charmani," defining it as "the lightness of the body, seductively revealing itself, finding a new balance between discipline and freedom."


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Tuesday: Breakfast: Maple pancakes, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Crispy tacos, ranch beans, Mexicali corn, veggie cups, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Tuscan vegetables, roll, fruity Jell-O, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Teriyaki sandwich, baked chips, carrots, garden salad, veggie cups, strawberries, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Southwest chicken mac, roll, sweet potato tots, twisted applesauce, fruit cup, veggie cups, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Morning sausage roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled pineapple, 100 percent fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Chili dog basket with tots or mandarin chicken salad or homestyle chicken patty with cream gravy or meatloaf with tomato sauce, au gratin potatoes, turnip greens, Romaine spinach garden salad, apples and grapes, chilled mixed fruit, whole-grain roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with buttered toast, chilled apricots, seasonal fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Cheesy chicken Philly sandwich basket with seasoned fries or chef salad with diced ham, or beef ravioli or chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, Romaine spinach garden salad, bananas and watermelon, 100 percent fruit slush cup, whole-grain garlic breadstick.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast stick or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, cinnamon applesauce, seasonal fresh fruit, milk, syrup; Lunch: Chicken ranch wrap basket with Sun Chips or strawberry grilled chicken salad or homestyle pizza (cheese, pepperoni, or Mexican), seasoned corn, Romaine and spinach garden salad, oranges and grapes, chilled mandarin oranges, peach crisp.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or cereal with buttered toast, chilled mixed fruit, seasonal fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Burrito basket with chips and salsa or loco Dorito beef taco salad or chicken nachos or chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce and to-

mato salad, seasonal fresh fruit, 100 percent fruit slush cup, bananas and watermelon, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast: Homestyle cinnamon roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, 100 percent fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Cheeseburger basket with seasoned fries or chicken salad or barbecue meatball or roasted ranch chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled pineapple tidbits, apples and grapes, whole-grain roll.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap with yogurt or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup, seasoned corn, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry mini-pancakes or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hot dog or mini-corn dogs, savory green beans, garden salad, cookie, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or chef salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Barbecue pork sandwich or sloppy Joe sandwich, pinto beans, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or fish sticks with roll, waffle fries, California blend, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or muffin and

yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk; Lunch: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pita pocket, breakfast, fruit juice, fruit, milk; Lunch: Chili tots, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit, pudding, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken-n-waffles or breakfast parfait, fruit juice, fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza, garden salad, tiny tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk; Lunch: Asian stir fry, flat bread, broccoli, apple slices, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle and bacon, or muffin and yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, fries, baby carrots, sliced peaches, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Baked chicken and dressing, zucchini and yellow squash, cranberry sauce, peaches, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue beef on a bun, baked beans, potato salad, onion slice, cherry pepper, sliced pears, milk.

Wednesday: Taco salad with taco meat and beans, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, chips and salsa, mandarin oranges, milk.

Thursday: Teriyaki chicken, brown rice, Capri vegetables, fruited strawberry gelatin, egg rolls, milk.

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Mr. Logan was famous as a bluegrass fiddler under the stage name of "Tex Logan." The memorial service will be a worshipful service with special bluegrass and gospel songs by the Logan family and friends.

Tex is best known for his immortal song, "Christmas Time's A'Coming."

The Reverend Rick Mang of the Crowley First United Methodist Church will officiate, along with Tex's brothers, Russ and Sam Logan.

A detailed obituary was published in the New York Times on May 5, 2015.



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dren, parents should bring a picture ID, proof of address, and birth certificate, and proof of government assistance (food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc.). Those who don't receive government assistance must show proof of income. Seniors do not need to provide proof of assistance or income, but should simply bring a picture ID showing proof of age.

In addition, clothing sizes and a wish for one desired toy or gift should be provided.

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HC

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amount of tax revenue as the previous year. It's also a 6-cent hike from its current rate of 25 cents per \$100 valuation. The increase is expected to raise slightly more than \$538,000 in new revenue.

Trustees have directed college officials to use the extra revenue

for employee raises and increase the college's repair and maintenance schedule.

The meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room, located in the Student Union Building on the Howard County campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Also on the agenda, trustees will consider:

- Preliminary contact hours.

NUMBERS

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4.60 percent increase over the fall 2015 semester, while the Lamesa site realized an 11.36 percent increase with 147 students enrolled.

The SouthWest Collegiate School for the Deaf (SWCID) saw a slight decrease of 11 students representing an 8.09 percent decrease.

Based on previous trends, one area of particular growth showed up again in San Angelo enrollment as it grew by 317 students or 12.80 percent over the fall 2015 semester.

"San Angelo is our largest site serving a total of 2,793 students this semester," said Sparks. "We have been working very hard to listen to our students, businesses and local communities to respond to their needs and I believe we are stepping up to that challenge, across the district."

Sparks said the increase shows a positive trend for the college in terms of contact hours, the amount of hours a student is in a classroom. In the current state funding formula, contact hour figures are heavily used in determine state appropriations to community colleges.

A booming oil economy has been pointed out as one of the reasons for previous declines in enrollment and now that the oil economy has seen some decline, the number of students seeking higher education has been on the rise.

"When people are losing jobs or not able to find jobs with their current skills, they will often consider returning to college and furthering their education," said Sparks.

"And community colleges offer a great resource. We're affordable, accessible and target all different types of learners."

While the economy is still

in a rough spot in Texas, college administrators have been working hand-in-hand with local agencies to meet the growing demand for more skilled workers and new career technical education programs.

"We have been further developing our Career Technical Education (CTE) programs to serve all different levels of students," said Sparks. "Our traditional and non-traditional students are both finding value in the CTE programs as they are learning skill sets that make them immediately employable."

The enrollment numbers also continue to support HC's designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) which allows the college to qualify for certain federal grants such as the Title V grant recently awarded to the institution. The fall 2016 report shows an approximate 46 percent Hispanic student enrollment.

"This designation is important for us as it allows us to compete for funding to develop and improve services to our students," said Dr. Sparks. "As we continue to experience significant state funding shortages, it is important for us to access every funding source possible to continue to meet the needs of all learners. We can do a better job of that with additional grant funding through the HSI programs."

As the state of Texas gears up for the upcoming legislative session in January, community colleges will be advocating for conservative funding approaches to address decreased funding over the last few sessions.

"The community college system has strong data to support our case," said Sparks. "And we will be front and center to advocate for our

funding as we continue to be a primary resource for higher education in Texas."

Community support for Howard College has always provided a strong base for growth and productivity through partnerships with school districts, economic development boards, local hospitals, counties, cities, and educational councils.

"These partnerships are becoming more important to all of us in rural West Texas than ever before and we are grateful for the ongoing, stable relationships we have built over the years. Whether we are in Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, or another community located in our 13 county service area, we have an opportunity to make a difference for our communities as well as our students and that is our vision and mission," said Sparks.

BSHS Coming Home queen



Photo by Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Shelley Brase was crowned the Big Spring High School coming home queen before the varisty football game Friday evening.

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will bring that back to the board," said Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs. "We will also go through the process of identifying our volunteers for the program. That will start the process. It's a very extensive but not a long, drawn out process. The candidates will have to undergo physiological evaluation, training and then preparedness they need with the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

"Once the policy is set in place, we will share that policy out as much as we are able to

without compromising the program," she continued. "We don't want our students or parents to have any additional fears that this is something they need to worry about, but we also want to inform our community and make sure we are sharing it out. That will come in the next couple of months. We will get all of that communication done."

Trustees approved the Campus Guardian Program which gives the board the authority to allow specific employees from time to time to carry arms on school campuses, school-sanctioned events and at board meetings.

The vote comes after a

2½ year discussion and research from school officials and trustees.

"We decided last year to go forward with the program after visiting with staff," Jacobs said in an earlier article with the Big Spring Herald. "We wanted to make sure we had interest from our faculty and staff."

The program is a completely voluntary for assignment for approved staff members and requires candidates to undergo psychological assignment along with joint training with the Howard County Sheriff's Office. The number and identity of the guardians will remain confidential, Jacob said

and "every campus will be represented."

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Bullpen collapse dooms Astros in costly 10-6 loss to LA Angels

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON — Houston manager A.J. Hinch summed up the Astros' ninth inning on Friday night succinctly.

"Toughest inning of the year," he said. "For a lot of reasons."
Yunel Escobar hit a two-run homer and pinch-hitter Rafael Ortega had three RBIs during a six-run ninth inning, lifting the Los Angeles Angels over the Astros 10-6.

The loss dropped Houston to 2 1/2 games behind the Tigers for the second AL wild card, a tough blow after clawing back with a five-run sixth inning to make it 6-3 prior to the late-game collapse.

Houston led 6-4 when Escobar sent a slider from Ken Giles (2-5)

into the seats in left field to start the ninth. Giles walked Mike Trout with one out before intentionally walking Albert Pujols. C.J. Cron followed with a bloop single to score Trout and put the Angels on top.

Giles was replaced by Michael Feliz after loading the bases with a walk. Ortega cleared the bases with his two-out double, which deflected off shortstop Carlos Correa's glove to extend the lead.

"A lot happened in that inning; none of it was in our favor," Hinch said.

It's the fifth blown save for Giles, who allowed three hits and six runs in 1/3 inning.

"I didn't do my job," he said. "I put us in a hard position right now, and ... I'm going to make up for it."

Nick Buss had two RBIs for Los

Angeles and Cron had an RBI double in the first. The Angels have won three in a row.

Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run single in the sixth that tied it before pinch-hitter Tyler White laced an RBI single to center field to make it 4-3. Jason Castro hit a third straight single to send home another run. Mike Morin took over and Houston got another run home on a passed ball to extend the lead.

Buss drove home a run with a groundout in the eighth to cut the lead to 6-4.

Houston starter Doug Fister allowed five hits and two runs in five innings.

Los Angeles starter Alex Meyer yielded four hits and four runs with three walks in 5 1/3 innings in his seventh major league appearance.



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Houston Astros starting pitcher Doug Fister throws against the Los Angeles Angels during the first inning of a baseball game Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, in Houston.

TEXAS

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— and fourth since 2010. The Rangers have won division titles in both seasons since manager Jeff Banister took over after losing an AL-high 95 games in 2014.

"It's a lot of fun to be part of, honestly," Banister said. "Hard to describe unless you're there every day, but everyone would rather go to work where you love the people that you're working with, you enjoy the culture, the camaraderie, and we're fortunate that what's we got right now."

That camaraderie is a big part of how they got there.

"I feel like we've always had a lot of emotion," Rangers pitcher Colby Lewis said. "We play with a lot of passion, and that's what it's all about; that's what makes us good."

Beltre's homer came during a three-run seventh after Oakland starter Kendall Graveman (10-11) began with six perfect innings. Texas got its first baserunner when Carlos Gomez beat out an infield hit to lead off the seventh against Graveman.

"He was throwing the ball really well," Beltre said. "His fastball was moving really well. He got us off-balanced for about six innings. We got lucky. We got a couple of balls that found some holes. We scored just when we needed to win the ball game."

Beltre unloaded on what he believes was Graveman's first slider

of the game. "I was not suspecting that pitch, but he left it right over the plate," Beltre said. "I was lucky enough to put a good swing on it."

All-Star left-hander Cole Hamels (15-5), acquired prior to last year's non-waiver trade deadline, pitched the division-clinching game for the second year in a row. Last year, he threw a three-hitter in the last game of the regular season to beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Hamels struck out seven and allowed no walks in seven innings of six-hit ball in what for him was an important bounce-back after allowing 21 earned run in 18 innings over his previous four starts.

Graveman allowed three runs and four hits over seven innings. He threw 77 pitches and

went to just one three-ball count, to Nomar Mazara leading off the third.

The A's brought the tying run to the plate with two outs in the ninth but closer Sam Dyson got pinch-hitter Yonder Alonso to hit into a fielder's choice for the last out to record his 36th save.

"It feels really good," Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "Last year was a little hard the way everything ended up, especially for myself, but I tried to use it to motivate me, and that's what I did all offseason. Really happy everything we did as a team, and we've got to keep going."

BEST IN THE WEST

This is the third time the Rangers have won back-to-back titles, having also done so in 1998 and 1999 and then in 2010 and 2011. Current



AP Photo/Ben Margot

Texas Rangers celebrate after clinching the American League Western Division after a baseball game against the Oakland Athletics Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, in Oakland, Calif.

A's third-base coach Ron Washington was their manager for the most recent back-to-back, when they made their first two World Series appearances.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: OF Shin-Soo Choo took batting practice for the first time since going on the disabled list Aug. 16 with a left forearm

fracture. Choo hopes to play in next weekend's series against Tampa Bay, which could be his last chance to show the Rangers he's ready to be on their playoff roster.

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Roger's Reviews: *Blair Witch*

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Do me a favor, Quadruple Rs (Regular Roger's Reviews Readers, as you'll recall). If you choose to go



see a movie in the near future, please don't let it be "Blair Witch." The sequel to 1999's "The Blair Witch Project" tries to capture the magic that made the original a success and fails like a college student trying to survive the night in the woods near Burkittsville, Md.

A quick word of warning: This edition of Roger's Reviews might contain a few more spoilers than usual, but I don't really care because it's such a clunker. If you're determined to make a futile attempt to enjoy this bomb, you might want to hold off reading this review until afterward; although, believe me, it really won't matter.

As you recall, in the original "Project", Heather Donahue (played by somebody actually named Heather Donahue, as a fictionalized version of herself) and a couple of other guys - Josh Leonard and Mike Williams (both played by fictionalized versions of themselves) - go into the woods near Burkittsville to film footage for a documentary about the legend of the Blair Witch, a local bogeyperson who supposedly haunts those parts. They get lost, wander around, hear some weird noises, see some weird piles of rocks and crude dolls made out of sticks, get separated, find a creepy house, and somehow wind up dead. The point is, we're never entirely sure exactly what happens, because all of the footage in the movie is supposedly being filmed by the characters themselves, and they don't always do the best job of focusing on the thing that you need to see to understand what's happening. And that's cool to an extent - it certainly adds to the suspense and spine-tingliness of "The Blair Witch Project."

The new "Blair Witch" picks up some time later, and centers on James Donahue (James Allen McCune), Heather's brother. He has been obsessed with Heather's disappearance, and discovers some video online that seems to show what happened to her (It's the actual footage in "Project"). Hopeful that Heather might still be alive, James gathers his best friend Peter (Brandon Scott), Peter's girlfriend Ashley (Corbin Reid), and film student Lisa (Callie Hernandez) who is eager to make a documentary (sound familiar?) about the excursion and pays a visit to Lane (Wes Robinson) and Talia (Valorie Curry), Burkittsville residents who supposedly discovered the video, and have offered to lead the group to where it was found. The group ignores spooky legends spouted by Lane and Talia, and signs warning them to keep out after dark, and plunge into the woods. This time they're armed with ear-mounted radios/video recorders and a quadcopter camera drone. And, once again, predictably, they get lost, wander around, hear some noises, see some weird piles of rocks and crude dolls made out of sticks, get separated, find a creepy house and... well, you can probably see where this is going, but I won't spoil the ending for you.

So where does "Project" succeed and "Blair Witch" fail? Well, part of it is simply originality. When "Project" came out, it was new and fresh. Yes, there had been some halting experimentation with found footage movies, but nothing memorable. Also, "Project" had a spectacularly inventive and smart viral marketing campaign that had many of its viewers thinking it was actually real found footage and a true story. But "Project" came out 17 years ago. In 2016, "Blair Witch" simply brings nothing new to the table. It is one of a kerjillion shaky-cam, found footage horror films (I'm looking at you, "Paranormal Activity" saga...and all the other similar clones). And, naturally, after a kerjillion found footage horror films have come and gone... we know the secret. There's no credible rumor floating around that Heather's brother and his friends actually died out in the Burkittsville woods... we know for a fact that it's fiction. But those points are just the beginning of the bad-

ness that is "Blair Witch".

Part of the genius of "Project" was that (as I may have mentioned above), we never knew what was going on. Was there an actual witch's ghost flitting

around abducting, torturing, and killing college kids who dared to trespass in her woods? Maybe. But there was nothing in the movie that you could point to and say "That's definitely supernatural." The events could just as easily have been explained by a demented serial killer. I even saw one theory online that presents a case that Josh and Mike lured Heather into the woods planning to kill her for some reason. The lack of knowledge is spooky in "Project".

"Blair Witch" is different. Yes, you still don't know what's going on half the time, but one thing you know for certain after a point somewhere in the middle of the movie: There is supernatural stuff happening. And that knowledge destroys the suspense that simply not knowing delivers. In "Blair Witch," you don't know what's going on because the things that happen are seemingly random and make no sense. That's another departure from "Project," where yes, some weird stuff happened, but the sun still rose every morning - the light of dawn usually revealed some new weirdness for the characters to deal with. The flow of time continued to move forward and (perhaps most importantly), we never saw the Blair Witch.

"Blair Witch" just never makes any sense, and in an annoying way, not a scary way. Why are there loud booming roars at night (except entirely to make the audience jump)? Why does it stay dark in the middle of the day? Why does Ashley get infected with a huge invasive worm burrowing into her leg? What does any of this have to do with the Blair Witch as presented in the original movie?

It's a muddled mess. I didn't like it. 3.5 stars out of 10.

Blair Witch

Director: Adam Wingard

Writer: Simon Barrett

Production company: Room 101, Snoot Entertainment, Vertigo Entertainment

R, 1 hr 29 min, Horror/Thriller, Sept. 16, 2016

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information and showtimes, visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP Code 79720.



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FBI evaluating abuse allegations against Pitt

By **ANTHONY McCARTNEY**

AP Entertainment Writer
 LOS ANGELES (AP) — The FBI is gathering information about an incident involving actor Brad Pitt and his family aboard a private flight last week, the agency confirmed Thursday.

Spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said the FBI is still evaluating whether to open an investigation into allegations Pitt was abusive during the flight toward one of his six children with actress Angelina Jolie Pitt, as several media outlets have reported.

The news reports from anonymous sources contend the actor is under investigation by a child welfare agency because of the Sept. 14 airborne incident.

Amara Suarez, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, said the agency could not confirm whether it was investigating Pitt or the well-being of the former couple's children.

A representative for Pitt declined comment Thursday.

Jolie Pitt filed for divorce Monday and her lawyer released a statement the following day saying she came to the decision "for the health of the family." She listed their separation date as Sept. 15, the day after the alleged plane incident, and the actress is seeking sole custody of all six of the children.

A phone message left for Jolie Pitt's attorney Laura Wasser was not returned Thursday.

Koochiching County, Minnesota, Sheriff Peryn Hedlund told The Associated Press on Thursday that Brad Pitt was on a plane that landed at the International Falls, Minnesota, air-

port near the Canadian border on Sept. 14.

Hedlund said his sheriff's deputies were not called to the airport, and International Falls police were also not called.

"There's no incident whatsoever reported to law enforcement," Hedlund said.

He said he didn't know why the plane landed in International Falls, but said it's not uncommon for hockey players or other celebrities to stop at the airport.

Messages left with the airport's manager were not returned Thursday.

Pitt and Jolie Pitt — known as "Brangelina" — were together for 12 years but only wed in August 2014. They married privately at their French chateau in the Provence hamlet of Correns with their children serving as ring bearers and throwing flower petals. They announced the ceremony days later.

Their six children include 15-year-old Maddox, 12-year-old Pax, 11-year-old Zahara, 10-year-old Shiloh, and 8-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne.

This is the second marriage for Pitt, 52, who previously wed Jennifer Aniston. It's the third for Jolie Pitt, 41, who was previously married to Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.

In 2006, they formed the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, to which they funneled many of the millions they made selling personal pictures to celebrity magazines.

In addition to their philanthropy, much of their off-screen public image has been about their role as parents.

Both actors have, in separate statements, said their primary concern was their children and asked for privacy.

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Klondike ISD: Small, clean, wholesome

Klondike is a small place fifteen miles south of Lamesa. It has a church and a school. It used to have a gin, but it closed. The closest house is half a mile from the school. Klondike got its name because some strong water wells were in the area and around 1900, water was as valuable to the settlers as gold was to prospectors during the Klondike gold rush.

"The school is the hub of the community," says Teresa Roberts, business manager of the Klondike Independent School District. "Parents come to our sporting events not just to cheer the team, but to visit and get some of our homemade Frito pie and homemade ice cream. We have the best concession stand in the state, bar none."

Klondike ISD is a National Blue Ribbon school. It has ranked exemplary fifteen of the last twenty years. 258 students attend pre-K through twelfth grade. 145 are from Lamesa. The remaining students are from surrounding communities within the district. Many of the twenty-four teachers reside in teacherages next to the school.

Steve McLaren is superintendent and says the main disciplin-

ary problems are getting the boys to shave and getting girls to wear jeans that don't have any holes in them. "Our sheriff comes by every once in a while with his drug-sniffing dog, but it has never sniffed any drugs in the school," says Steve.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Steve says some eighty percent of Klondike graduates begin college, many of them on scholarships. "We get terrific support from parents. Some say this is like a private school. These students are like our own kids." I noticed them to be courteous and respectful as well as industrious.

Teresa grew up in Klondike and went through all twelve grades at the school, as did her three children, her father, husband and mother in law. She gave me a tour of the school, which covers a large area and has three gyms. The newest one, built three years ago, looks like the Dallas Mavericks could play there. The auditorium reminds me of the Bass Hall in Fort Worth. The hallways and classrooms are spotless and Ro-

salinda Padilla prepares lunches like she was cooking for royalty. Display cases are bulging with trophies won by students in athletics, agriculture, the arts and academics. Many of them are from national competitions.

"Our kids take speech classes and become accomplished public speakers," says Teresa. "It teaches them confidence and that shows up when they go to college." Steve says some eighty percent of Klondike graduates begin college, many of them on scholarships. "We get terrific support from parents. Some say this is like a private school. These students are like our own kids." I noticed them to be courteous and respectful as well as industrious.

The Klondike Cougars excel in basketball, volleyball, six-man football and track. Their opponents are from schools in Ackerly, Borden County, O'Donnell, Dawson, Loop, Grady and Wellman.

At all-class homecomings, as many as 750 alumni come back to walk the halls and see the gleaming improvements. Pictures on the walls show the school from its beginning days in 1904. During an annual bike race from Midland to Lubbock, riders stop in Klondike and get Klondike bars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"In God I Trust"

To the Editor:,

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Sr. Chaplain Joel Miller
Big Spring

To the Editor:

My name is Charles Porch and I'm 84 years old. On September 7th, I was at the DPS office to renew my driver's license. I fell outside on the concrete and asphalt, hit my head, and was bleeding really badly. There was a young man sitting on the curb who rushed to my aide and called the ambulance. I was taken to SMMC ER and then transported to UMC in Lubbock for five days. I had terrible injuries to my face, head, and nose. I don't know the young man's name but he was an angel that day. I sure want to thank him a lot and wish him the best. There are still a lot of good people in this country.

Charles Porch
Big Spring

Good Samaritans in Big Spring

Attention men: Guinness Record in reach

Samsung scientists who packed too much charge into the latest smartphones may be graduates of the "Duracell School of Battery-Making." Who knows what happened, but my Uncle Mort-reaching into the deepest crevice of his unbounded wisdom-believes some of 'em want to both "burn something as well as start something."

The 104-year-old denizen of the thicket in East Texas continues to be amazed about the far-reaching news topic making big splashes in public and social media.

Company leaders now are recalling Samsung Galaxy Note 7s. Mort believes they'd call the battery folks on the carpet if not for fear of their setting it on fire....

Mort's not saying the Samsung folks are grandstanding. "This is a serious matter, and people who would quickly settle for '15 minutes of fame' could wind up facing '15 years of law suits'."

Mort has dealt with multiple dozens of so-called "inventions" that shook his work shop to numbers just short of the Richter Scale.

"There are safer ways to make the Guinness Book," he claims. "Just the other day, an 81-year-old guy in China had eye brow hair measuring 7.2 inches."

Guinness believes this to be a world record, but this heralded bunch of record-keepers had best take note: Guys around the world will challenge this record, figuring it would involve no exercise, no money and no great thought.

During my college years, I spent summers editing a small

weekly newspaper called The Brown County Gazette." It fell on hard times later, and is now defunct. It was published in Bangs, TX, something of a "Mayberry" community, where weekly headline stories were sometimes hard to come by.

One week, a farmer showed up with what he called "the largest watermelon ever grown in Brown County." I repeated his claim in the caption under a photo

that's another story.

Think of the possibilities if efforts to cultivate long eye brow hair catches on. Men long since bald have new hope. Many, no doubt, have abandoned hope.

Mort figures this to be the perfect time for him to set out on developing a "potion" to spur eye brow growth, with this leading to new hair styles. "We'll have guys trying 'comb-backs' instead of 'comb-overs,'" he cackled.

And he has strong advice for people holding stock in companies that manufacture hair pieces. "Sell now," he advises.

Mort mentioned participants eager to participate can do so no matter their age or no matter their station. "Rich or poor, at home or in care centers, guys with no head hair will be welcome," he bragged.

He warned, though, that if the eye brow rage catches hold, we may have to consider furrowing other parts of the body, since brows will be busy.

I guess we can't have it both ways. Maybe some guys with heads absent of hair will have to decide whether to content themselves in being bald or reveal worry in some other manner.

Before leaving the subject of hair, I must share a vignette observed recently. At a school luncheon on "grandparents' day" (when we're permitted to bring food of grandchildren's choice and then go to the bookstore to buy them presents), a kindergartener couldn't find his granddad.

The principal asked him to describe the missing grandpa.

"Well, he's got a bunch of hair on his chest."

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DAILY PRAYER

May we listen to Your advice, Lord, for our heavenly future.

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DR. DON NEWBURY

At a school luncheon on "grandparents' day" (when we're permitted to bring food of grandchildren's choice and then go to the bookstore to buy them presents), a kindergartener couldn't find his granddad. The principal asked him to describe the missing grandpa. "Well, he's got a bunch of hair on his chest."

to that made the front page on a sleepy summer day.

Woe was me! As the weeks rolled by, other farmers delivered melons, each claimed to be still bigger.

In those days, running newspaper photographs involved engraving costs, and the publisher was hesitant to expend such funds, except maybe to run with an obituary.

And even then, whether a photo ran sometimes rode on whether the person was a luminary, but

STEERS

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10-yard line for a 4th and 8 last chance, but Cantu led Cooley about a step too far in the end zone, and Andrews held on for the 21-14 win.

"It's a tough loss, but I'm proud of our team. They played hard. They're very young, and that situation there at the end was not something they've been in before. We need to learn how to go down and finish it off, and they panicked a little bit, and we just haven't been in that situation. It's a good experience for us, so hopefully we'll be able to utilize that when we get into district," Finley said after the game.

He also had high praise for Mikels and his defense.

"He's a good football player. The defense is getting better and better and better. We've just got to keep sticking together, not letting anybody tear us apart, and keep working to be better. And we're getting better all the time, so we've just got to keep our head up and come to work on Monday," Finley said.

Cantu finished 9-of-22 for 83 yards and an interception, and added 33 yards rushing on nine attempts. Valencia finished with 164 yards rush-



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Quarterback Dylan Cantu throws a pass during Friday's game against Andrews.



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Coahoma's Adam Clark breaks a tackle in Friday's game against Grape Creek.

ing on 24 carries and two touchdowns.

"He plays hard, and he's a small guy. I'm proud of him. It's the first time he's had to carry the load, and that's a little bit different than just stepping in," Finley said of Valencia. "It's the first time he's had the pressure of carrying the load throughout the week, so I was proud of the way he played."

Despite the best effort from the Steers this year, Finley

said his team was disappointed they weren't able to come away with a homecoming win. They won the turnover battle 4-2, and outgained Andrews 355-337 in yardage, but Big Spring committed 13 penalties in the game while Andrews committed seven.

"They were very disappointed. They wanted to please the crowd and please everybody that came home to watch us play. We're a very young football team, and it's an opportunity for us to learn from. That last situation where we were going backwards when the pressure was on, it just comes down to focusing and finishing," he said. "The kids are disappointed because they didn't get it done for everybody else, but I'm proud of them because we're getting better. That's the best game that we've played so far, and I'm looking forward to more improvement and more success."

Now it's back to work for the Steers, who will look to improve again next week when they travel to Graham. Finley said situational football will be one of the main priorities

this week in practice.

"We've just got to work on everything. Situations, understanding how to keep our composure and execute when the pressure is on and when the clock is running out. We've just got to work on situations, and we're going to use this experience," he said.

Big Spring and Graham will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Graham.

Coahoma loses homecoming game, 78-50.

Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz was happy with the way his offense played, putting up 50 points, but the defense surrendered 78 to Grape Creek in the Bulldog's fourth loss of the season.

"We gave up too many big plays defensively," Dietz said. "Those guys are explosive, and we knew they were explosive. They can really run and we didn't do a very good job of tackling tonight."

Dietz said the reason for the score was the inability of the Bulldogs to tackle and stop big plays on the ground.

"They really can fly. The

quarterback is a really good football player. He can really run, and they have two running backs, and all three of those guys are really hard to handle and they can really run," Dietz said. "We were in the right spot a bunch of times, we just didn't make the play."

Dietz also said the momentum shift just before halftime was huge for Grape Creek. Coahoma was leading 21-14 just before the half, but a Grape Creek scored, recovered and onside kick, and scored again to take a 28-21 lead into the break.

"We went into halftime down 28-21, but the problem was there was a big 14-point swing at the end. So even though we were only down a touchdown, it kind of felt like more," Dietz said.

Despite the loss, it was the best the offense has looked all season. Dietz said starting running back Braden Pearson, along with Joe Isaack and Justin Cuellar, did most of the damage in the running game.

"We definitely had a good night offensively. We kind of ran the football at will. They had a hard time stopping us on the ground," he said. "We threw it pretty well, too. We had several big plays in the passing game."

Coahoma will look for its first win when they travel to San Angelo TLCA Friday. Kick off is at 7:30 p.m.

Sands Mustangs fall to Meadow, 58-53

Sands entered the fourth quarter down 58-37, but its comeback attempt came up just a bit short in a five-point loss to Meadow.

Sands' Juan Diaz finished with a game-high 163 yards and five touchdowns on 16 carries to lead the Mustangs. Quarterback Nick Garcia finished 10-of-11 passing for 70 yards, and added 29 yards rushing and a touchdown.

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 Cornerstone Covenant Church, 704 E. 12th St., Demolition, Val.: \$1, Fee: \$25
 K Donuts, 1901 S. Gregg St., Com HVAC, Val.: \$5,500, Fee: \$45
 Michelle Haro Fierro, 3310 Drexel Ave., Res re-roof, Val.: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
 Alex Avila Flores, 1802 E. 11th Place, Res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Donna Elaine Carey, 2501 Alabama St., Structure (Fence), Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Diana Bailey, 1910 Runnels St., Res elec, Val.: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 David E. Pope, 3215 Drexel Ave., Res plumb, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 April Michelle Huit, 909 Mountain Dr., Res re-roof, Val.: \$10,000, Fee: \$60
 George Griffith, 2718 Central Dr.,

Res re-roof, Val.: \$13,000, Fee: \$75
 Danny Keeton, 4040 Vicky St., Res re-roof, Val.: \$6,300, Fee: \$45
 Best Home Care, 111 E. 7th, Com elec, Val.: \$1, Fee: \$25
 Jack Stovall, 4214 Bilger St., Res re-roof, Val.: \$5,500, Fee: \$40
 Richard Waters, 2600 Langley Dr., Res re-roof, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Kerr Management Inc., 2515 Ent Dr., Res. re-roof, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Floyd E. Earles, 4016 Parkway Rd., Res elec, Val.: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Ruel Lyn Metcalf, 400 Nolan St., Commercial alt./addition, Val.: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Morris Fraley, 1607 E. Sixth St., Res re-roof, Val.: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 Dolores G. Gomez, 402 N. Aylesford St., Res gas, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$32
 Sovereign Land and Properties, 2401 Carleton Dr., Res elec, Val.: \$1,600, Fee: \$25
 Joanne H. Poynor, 1308 Runnels St., Res re-roof Val.: \$6,000, Fee: \$40

Public records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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 Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
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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
 Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
 Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd 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
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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

Cirenio Galvan Diaz, 50, Garden City, and Francesca Oballe Cerna, 50, Big Spring
 Samuel Christopher Castro II, 29, and Angie Marie Castro, 28, both of Big Spring
 David Lee Kirkland, 60,

and Teresa Olivia Williams, 59, both of Wichita Falls
 Hector Eduardo Moreno, 24, and Angel Ashley Perez, 23, both of Big Spring
 Rolando Hilario Ledesma, 35, and Brandy Olivias Johnson, 29, both of Big Spring
 Homer Baeza Prieto, 22, and Samantha Aguirre Leyva, 21, both of Presidio
 Lance Tyler Gross, 27, Big Spring, and Victoria Sloane Glander, 23, Kermit

County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)
 Nestor M Rivera, assault causing bodily injury: 180 days in jail/probated for 24 months; \$750 fine.
 Zachary Alexander, failure to identify fugitive: 30 days in jail, \$00 fine.
 Johnny Ellis, possession of a dangerous drug: 180

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Life is risky, consider insurance

September is National Life Insurance Awareness Month, an annual campaign aimed to educate and emphasize the importance of having life insurance. While it's easy to get caught up in our day-to-day lives, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises consumers to prepare for the unexpected and consider getting insured.



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Whether you are young or approaching retirement, life insurance can be a tool to make sure your final expenses are paid. However, it's important to do your research to find out if life insurance is right for you and which policy is a good fit for your needs.

Most insurance policies contain a page in front of the insurance contract that gives a policy summary. That will contain most of the information you will want to review. The easiest way to organize and review your insurance policies is to read over this summary for each insurance policy.

An insurance policy summary should contain a section that has the basics of your policy and a section with details on the benefits and restrictions. When conducting a review of your insurance policies, pay the most attention to the benefits and restrictions.

BBB advises policyholders:

- Research the company. Check a company's BBB Business Profile first at bbb.org. You can view the company's background, how they handle complaints, licensing and certifications, and advertising-related information. Know what company you're applying with and look over the insurance application carefully.

- Research the type of policy. For example, if it's a life insurance policy, what type of life insurance policy it is: term life, whole life, universal life or variable life? The Texas Department of Insurance recommends getting a sample copy of the policy for which you're applying. Make sure you know your policy number, as this is needed for any questions or claims when you inquire about an insurance policy. Also, understand that the policy may count as an asset when determining eligibility for public benefits, such as Medicaid.

- Know the insurance carrier. What insurance company provides the insurance? Note the customer service number, or the contact information for your insurance agent. You may want to consider adding this information to your phone address book in case of an emergency. Be cautious if your application is being sent to more than one company and if multiple insurance policies are being bought on your life.

- Understand who the policy insures. Who do the benefits apply to; you, your spouse, or a dependent child? Also, find out if life insurance is offered through your employer, as many cover their employees at little to no cost.

- Find out if a premium required. Always keep track of the premium you pay and how frequently it is paid. Note whether payments are paid by dividends within the policy or paid monthly from your bank account.

- Keep a copy of your policy. Consider keeping a signed copy of your policy in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box or in-home safe. Make sure a close family member or emergency contact has a copy in case anything unexpected happens to you.

- Review your beneficiaries regularly. If you had a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or birth of a child, make sure the beneficiary information is up-to-date. Remember, whoever is listed as the beneficiary on your policy will receive the life insurance money.

After you have finished reviewing these basics, be sure to call your insurer and get clarification on any remaining questions or issues. If any promises or clarifications are made and are not in your policy, ask for a printed copy of the information.

When in the market for insurance, visit check-bbb.org for a list of BBB Accredited insurance agencies in your area.

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UPS testing drones for use in its package delivery system

MARBLEHEAD, Mass. (AP) — One of the world's largest package delivery companies is stepping up efforts to integrate drones into its system.

UPS has partnered with robot-maker CyPhy Works to test the use of drones to make commercial deliveries to remote or difficult-to-access locations.

The companies began testing the drones on Thursday, when they launched one from the seaside town of Marblehead. The drone flew on a programmed route for 3 miles over the Atlantic Ocean to deliver an inhaler at Children's Island.

The successful landing was greeted by jubilant shouts

from CyPhy Works and UPS employees on the island to witness the test.

"I thought it was fantastic," said John Doder, UPS vice president for industrial engineering.

CyPhy Works founder Helen Greiner, who previously co-founded robot-maker iRobot, said the drone tests with

UPS allow her company to gather engineering and cost information and then work with UPS to look at where drones can add the most value to UPS' extensive network.

Still, the robot-maker doesn't see drones replacing delivery trucks, bikes, buggies or gondolas anytime soon.

"Drones aren't going to take the place of all delivery, but there are places where you have inaccessible location, an emergency situation where the infrastructure is down, you want or need the package quickly — these are the areas where drones will be the best way to get a package to a location," Greiner said.

Odds and ends

Driver caught using mannequin to drive in carpool lane

BREA, Calif. (AP) — A California driver has been cited for using a mannequin — not the required human being — to drive in the carpool lane.

The Orange County Register reports Brea police found the mannequin Wednesday inside a truck on the congested 57 freeway.

The truck veered out of the carpool lane close to an officer's motorcycle. As the officer attempted to warn the driver to be careful, he noticed the passenger wasn't a passenger.

Police say the driver acknowledged using the mannequin in the carpool lane for some time. The driver told police that he would now accept that he needs to sit in traffic like everyone else.

California requires that a vehicle have a minimum of two people for carpool lanes. Driving alone requires a fine of at least \$481.

'Lucky' to be alive: Calf with 2 faces born at Kentucky farm

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Visitors to a central Kentucky farm may do a double-take when they see the newest addition: a two-faced calf.

Stan McCubbin of Campbellsville told WDRB-TV that he thought he had twins when he first saw the calf on Friday, but quickly realized he had something far more unusual.

The female calf has two noses, two mouths and four eyes, though the middle two eyes don't function. Although she can walk, the McCubbins say she ends up going in circles and falling over.

The family says most calves with such a genetic mutation are stillborn, but so far this one is eating and seems healthy.

McCubbin's wife, Brandy, said their 5-year-old daughter, Kenley, named the calf Lucky.

German girl bicycles to Poland to see her grandmother

BERLIN (AP) — German police say a missing 14-year-old girl has turned up safe and sound in Poland, after bicycling and hitchhiking some 400 kilometers (250 miles) to see her grandmother.

Lueneburg police said Friday that the girl, identified only as Nikola, set off from her rural town in northern Germany on Tuesday with her bicycle and a backpack.

Police searched the whole region, but found no trace of her until she appeared Thursday at her grandmother's house in western Poland.

Sold: New York mansion of 'Keeping up with the Joneses' fame

RHINEBECK, N.Y. (AP) — A dilapidated New York mansion believed to have inspired the phrase "Keeping up with the Joneses" has sold at auction for \$120,000.

Long Island-based Maltz Auctions says the 24-room Wyndclyffe Castle sold Wednesday.

The mansion was built in 1853 in Rhinebeck as the country house of Manhattan socialite Elizabeth Schermerhorn Jones, a member of a wealthy family and aunt of American novelist Edith Wharton. The property's elegance is said to have prompted owners of nearby Hudson Valley estates to build even bigger mansions, giving birth to the idiom "Keeping up with the Joneses."

Wyndclyffe fell into disrepair under various owners and was abandoned in the 1950s. It was bought in 2003 and was put up for sale by its owner.

Out of the wild: Police chase bear through city

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A young black bear led police on a two-hour chase through the streets of downtown Anchorage, Alaska —

scurrying down sidewalks and across lanes of traffic and even ducking behind a Pizza Hut along the way.

The Anchorage Police Department said they first received a call about the four-legged suspect around 6 p.m. Thursday. Police followed the bear until after 8 p.m., when the state Department of Fish and Game ended the animal's city tour.

Video of the bear's exploits posted on Facebook by Anchorage police had been viewed more than 1 million times.

God's got mail: Letters arrive at Western Wall

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's postal service is delivering letters to a unique address that hasn't changed in thousands of years.

Ahead of the Jewish high holidays, it took some of the dozens of letters it receives each year that are addressed to God and delivered them to the Western Wall, where visitors traditionally place handwritten notes of prayer and wishes in the cracks between its stones.

The postal service says the letters arrived from all over the world, including Russia, China, France, Nigeria and the United States. Most had no return address.

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Weekly Oil Report

Borden County

#1 LMT, drill, EI: NA
U-Lazy "S" (Ellenburger) Field
12.30 miles north of Gail
A-1458, Section 1, J.T. Beal survey
Total Depth: 8950 feet
2587' FNL, 1394' FWL of 320-acre lease
60' FSL, 1394' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Glasscock County

#1 Patterson "44", re-completion, EI: NA, API #42-173-33287
Blalock Lake (Strawn) Field
11 miles west of Garden City
Section 44, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,567 feet
1981' FSL, 660' FWL of 648.06-acre lease
1981' FSL, 660' FWL of the survey

#4 Patterson "44", re-completion, EI: NA, API #42-173-33372
Blalock Lake (Strawn) Field
10 miles west of Garden City
A-1045, Section 44, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,511 feet
1600' FNL, 1600' FEL of 648.06-acre lease
1600' FNL, 1600' FEL of the survey

#5 Patterson "44", re-completion, EI: NA, API #42-173-33428
Blalock Lake (Strawn) Field
10 miles west of Garden City
A-1045, Section 44, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,505 feet
2337' FSL, 936' FEL of 648.06-acre lease
2337' FSL, 936' FEL of the survey
#55 Ingram Farms "A", drill, EI: NA
Cedar Flats (Mississippian) Field
9.50 miles southeast of Stanton
A-525, Section 5, Block 35, R.R. Wade survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
534' FWL, 1709' FNL of 559.8-acre lease
534' FWL, 1709' FNL of the survey

#2604HB Matthew, drill horizontal, EI: NA
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field
14.30 miles northwest of Garden City
A-855, Section 26, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9100 feet
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San Bernardino struggles out of bankruptcy

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — When Betty Saffi moved to San Bernardino a year ago, she was thrilled to slash her commute time and slice \$400 off her monthly rent.

Now, the 57-year-old medical marketing saleswoman is yearning to leave. She said dealers peddle drugs in broad daylight outside her home, a naked woman sifts through a nearby trash bin and she reads news headlines almost daily about shootings in the city 55 miles east of Los Angeles.

"There's killings almost every day," said Saffi, who moved from neighboring Riverside County. "You just have to watch yourself."

The city of 216,000, which has struggled to emerge from bankruptcy and still is trying to recover from last December's terror attack that killed 14 people, is grappling with a spike in violent crime, homicides especially.

So far this year, the city has reported 49 killings, already more than last year's total, which included the victims

killed when a husband and wife inspired by Islamic extremists opened fire on a luncheon of health inspectors.

Its homicide rate tops that of Chicago, which has become the poster child for big-city violent crime and is on pace for more than 600 killings this year.

San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said the crime wave isn't unique to the city, where empty storefronts and pawn shops have long lined downtown streets. While violent crime is nowhere near the levels of the 1990s, many major cities are seeing big jumps in homicides.

In San Bernardino, California's relaxation of certain drug penalties and a shortage of local police officers have helped fuel the increase, Burguan said.

"It was much easier before to flood the streets when we see an increase," he said, adding that most killings are retaliations for recent crimes. "Right now, we do not have the capacity."

In more than 70 percent of

this year's homicides, the suspect had a criminal record, and in more than 60 percent of cases, so did the person killed, the police chief said.

Burguan said he's fusing his drug and gang teams to try to bolster crime-fighting. He's also hiring 30 new officers and hopes to bring the 220-officer force back up to at least 300 once San Bernardino emerges from federal bankruptcy protection.

That could happen next year, city spokeswoman Monica Lagos said. San Bernardino already is restoring services lost during the downturn, such as youth sports and economic development. That should help boost public safety, but the rash of killings doesn't help efforts to draw new businesses, she said, noting the recent additions of a medical center and retail stores.

Just Thursday, television news crews converged on a neighborhood where a nearly naked man covered in blood was arrested a night earlier on suspicion of killing a man

found in a backyard. Neither one was from San Bernardino, but it happened on a street lined with chain-link fences and broken-down cars — a rundown neighborhood that draws a stark contrast to new developments elsewhere in the sprawling suburbs east of Los Angeles.

San Bernardino has long struggled with poverty and was hit hard by foreclosures and dwindling tax revenue following the economic downturn in 2008. About a third of its residents are poor — making its poverty rate twice that of the state of California, according to Census Bureau estimates.

The city filed for bankruptcy in 2012 after struggling to pay its employees despite steep cuts to the budget.

Burguan said his department had 350 officers in 2009 but was forced to downsize due to economic woes. Historically, homicides were high during the 1990s and early 2000s but extra policing had helped curtail crime, he said.

Not all neighborhoods in San Bernardino are marked

by violence but residents everywhere are concerned about the recent spike in killings, said Amelia Lopez, president of the city's Neighborhood Association Council. She said neighborhood groups are trying to work with local crime watchers to help step up public safety.

Restaurant owner Tony Canul has lived in San Bernardino for more than three decades and remembers when life was quieter and neighbors knew each other. After the housing crisis, families lost their homes and moved away, and property companies began renting them to newcomers who brought loud music and trouble, he said.

In recent years, business has slowed a little at Canul's downtown restaurant, Molly's Cafe, with fewer city employees to feed. In 2011, his teenage nephew was shot and killed.

Still, the 52-year-old can't imagine going anywhere else, saying violence isn't confined to his hometown but can be seen across the country on nightly newscasts.

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days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$500 fine.

Noah S. Brake, theft less than \$750: 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$500 fine.

Brittany Schultz, bail jumping and failure to appear: 15 days in jail; \$100 fine.

David J. Case, possession of marijuana under 2 ounces: 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$250 fine.

A.L. Thompson, possession of marijuana under 2 ounces: 30 days in jail; \$100 fine.

Alfredo Harper, evading arrest or detention: 30 days in jail; \$100 fine.

Lewis Jay Armstrong, driving while intoxicated: 30 days in jail; \$100 fine.

Jerry M. Jones, deadly conduct: 180 days in jail/probated for 24 months; \$250 fine.

Bryan L. Mata, duty on striking unattended vehicle: 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$500 fine.

Joe Anthony Bustamante, theft under \$500: 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$500 fine.

Anthony Garza, evading arrest or detention: 90 days in jail; \$100 fine.

Brandon Joe Robinson, illegal dumping, less than

500 pounds: 90 days in jail, \$100 fine.

Anthony Garza, theft under \$2,500: 90 days in jail; \$100 fine.

Jose Avina, theft by check: 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$100 fine.

Irene L. Trevino, cruelty to an animal: 180 days in jail/probated for six months; \$250 fine.

Kenneth Lee Murphy, violation of protective order: 60 days in jail, \$100 fine.

Jeremy Blake Smith, driving while intoxicated: 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months; \$500 fine.

District Court Filings

Alan Noble Wright vs.

Bethel Wright, divorce

Midland Funding LLC vs. Alvin Corley, contract

Midland Funding LLC vs. Clifford Stinson, contract

Ricky Diaz vs. Re-new Sealers of Arizona, Inc., civil

Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Zeanna McWhirt, contract

Sherry Brock vs. Rondel Brock, divorce

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Juan and Car-

men Aguilar

Grantee: Noe Quiroz
Property: two tracts out of southeast quarter of section 42, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey

Date: Sept. 12, 2016

Grantor: John Paul Mill-sap

Grantee: Jesus and Mario Lopez

Property: tract out of southwest part of section 27, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey

Date: Sept. 2, 2016

Grantor: Kathy A. Sayles

Grantee: Albert S. Rodriguez

Property: Lot 1, block 5, Central Park Addition

Date: Sept. 13, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: HET, LLC

Grantee: John and Melanie Lawdermilk

Property: tract out of section 105, block 29, W&NW Railroad Co. survey

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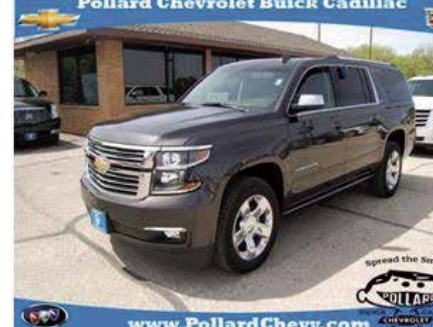
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#4101HC Thomas, drill horizontal, API #42-173-37402
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, El: NA
10.50 miles northwest of Garden City
A-215, Section 41, Block 34, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9100 feet
440' FNL, 4760' FWL of 2,894.83-acre lease
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#2SH Hamlin "20-29", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
7.25 miles northeast of Knott
A-1242, Section 20, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
961' FNL, 380' FWL of 884.59-acre lease
1663' FSL, 380' FWL of the survey

#1LS Papagiorgio "33-40 B", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.10 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-142, Section 29, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
1133' FSL, 491' FEL of 641.35-acre lease
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#1AH Newton "06-43", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
6.50 miles northeast of Knott
A-1067, Section 6, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
320' FSL, 330' FWL of 958.45-acre lease
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#4 NW Ira "C", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-415-33844
Emily's (Canyon Reef) Field
9 miles southwest of Snyder
A-1986, Section 167, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
792' FSL, 977' FWL of 80-acre lease
1168' FSL, 152' FWL of the survey
#2W N.E. Ira "2", re-enter, El: NA, API #42-415-33683
Ira, N. (Canyon Reef) Field
1.80 miles north of Ira
A-1913, Section 137, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7350 feet
155' FWL, 516' FSL of 68-acre lease
155' FWL, 966' FNL of the survey

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#1005 Sullenger, drill, El: NA
Funk (San Andres) Field

Vattenfall gets EU green light
to sell German coal assets

BERLIN (AP) — Energy company Vattenfall AB says it has received approval from the European Commission to sell its loss-making coal assets in Germany.

The Swedish state-owned company said Thursday that it expects the transfer to Czech energy company EPH and private equity group PPF Investments to be completed in the coming weeks.

The assets include four active mines and one former open-cast lig-

nite mine in the eastern German states of Brandenburg and Saxony.

Vattenfall is also selling three coal-fired power plants and a 50 percent share in a fourth to the Czech consortium.

The Swedish company has been under pressure to stop producing energy from non-renewable forces, but environmentalists had hoped Vattenfall would shut down the coal mines and plants rather than sell them.

Lawyers, company agree on documents in ongoing Gulf oil leak

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Environmental attorneys and a New Orleans energy company agreed Thursday to work out differences over the confidentiality of documents related to an ongoing Gulf of Mexico oil leak from an offshore site damaged by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

Environmental groups including Waterkeeper Alliance, Apalachicola Riverkeeper and the Louisiana Environmental Action Network agreed in federal court with Taylor Energy to negotiate supplemental language for a 2015 settlement agreement over how and when to release information on Taylor's response to the leak.

At issue are volumes of documents that Taylor Energy says include confidential information about oil spill containment technology developed for the company.

A 2015 Associated Press investigation revealed evidence that the leak was worse than the company or the federal government had earlier reported.

Government experts believe oil is still leaking at the site where waves whipped up by Hurricane Ivan in 2004 triggered an underwater mudslide, toppling a Taylor Energy-owned platform and burying a cluster of its oil wells under mounds of sediment. Last year, regulators estimated the leak could last a century or more if left unchecked.

Taylor Energy has said nothing can be done to completely eliminate persistent slicks from the site. The company has said the sheens sometimes seen off Louisiana's coast are coming from residual oil oozing from sediment on the seafloor.

China's oil demand shifting
to consumers, not falling

By Collin Eaton

Houston Chronicle writer

China's oil demand isn't really slowing — it's just changing, and that will help global energy demand to exceed supply by the end of the year, says energy research firm Wood Mackenzie.

The world's second-largest economy is maturing, increasingly supported by a growing middle class whose appetite for energy is offsetting waning demand in Chinese manufacturing, Wood Mackenzie says. Household consumption of gasoline and other petroleum products accounted for 90 percent of the country's total oil demand growth this year, compared to less than half the demand growth five years ago. Meanwhile, demand growth for diesel and other fuels used by industrial buyers has dropped from more than half to 10 percent over the same half-decade, according to energy research firm Wood Mackenzie.

"Oil has maintained its growth; in fact, it's the exact same rate as 2011 despite the slowdown and the collapse in demand we saw in coal and gas," said Ann-Louise Hittle, oil market analyst at Wood Mackenzie, during a recent meeting with journalists in Houston.

Chinese car retailers sold 21.1 million vehicles last year, and about 40 percent of those were gas-guzzling SUVs and multipurpose vehicles. Wood Mackenzie estimates China's oil demand will grow between 350,000 and 450,000 barrels a day this year, the same rate as 2011.

"Despite the lower [economic] growth, there's still a rising middle class, and with increasing income there's a drive for personal mobility," Hittle said.

If Wood Mackenzie's assessment is correct, China's consistent oil demand growth could be one factor that underpins the oil market's return to

normalcy.

At first glance, Wood Mackenzie's conclusion appears starkly different from the recent gloomy report by the International Energy Agency, which on Tuesday predicted oil markets will remain oversupplied for at least the first half of next year, as demand slips further than expected. The report has sent crude prices lower.

One key element of the IEA's forecast was its downward revision of global oil demand growth, by 100,000 barrels a day this year. It pointed to China and India as two large players contributing to the slowdown. China, in particular, has had an outsized impact on global energy demand in recent years; crude prices fell to 12-year lows in February in part because of heightened fears that both China's economy and demand for energy were weakening.

But the IEA's revised numbers puts global oil demand growth at 1.3 million barrels a day this year — the same figure Wood Mackenzie has forecast for months.

The IEA also said increased oil production from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has "more than offset" declining output from non-OPEC nations like the United States.

Similarly, Wood Mackenzie believes these offsetting trends will keep oil supply growth flat this year. Where they differ is when they believe the oil market will come back into balance. While the IEA said Tuesday demand and supply will realign after the first half of next year, Wood Mackenzie believes total worldwide oil demand will climb above supply in the fourth quarter of 2016.

"It's September, and it's looking like we're going to end up with a slight (oil storage inventory) draw," Hittle said. "We've got a rebalancing underway."

Iran to IAEA: West needs to normalize economic relations

VIENNA (AP) — Iran's delegation to the International Atomic Energy Agency says Western nations need to normalize relations with his country, saying Tehran has been living up to its end of a deal meant to crimp the country's

ability to make atomic weapons.

Iranian representative Reza Najafi noted Wednesday the United Nations agency monitoring the nuclear pact between Iran and six world powers earlier

this month reported no violations of the deal.

But he says it was agreed lifting sanctions "should lead to further cooperation with Iran in all fields, which regretfully yet to be materialized in full."

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News in brief

SpaceX: Accident points to breach in rocket's helium system

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX said Friday that evidence points to a large breach in the rocket's helium system during a routine pre-launch test that turned into a devastating fireball three weeks ago.

The Falcon rocket and a satellite were destroyed in the Sept. 1 explosion, which occurred on the pad two days before the scheduled liftoff. Most of the wreckage has been recovered and is being analyzed.

In an update Friday, SpaceX said it's still poring through video, audio and data from the moment the first sign of a problem occurs, until the actual fireball. That timeline covers less than one-tenth of one second. The data and debris indicate "a large breach" in the helium system of the second-stage liquid oxygen tank.

"All plausible causes are being tracked," the company said on its website. There is no connection, the company stressed, with last year's failed launch. That Falcon 9 rocket was enroute to the International Space Station with supplies when it ruptured a few minutes into flight.

In that case, a support strut for a helium bottle apparently snapped in the second-stage oxygen tank, dooming the rocket. Helium is part of the pressurization system.

While the launch pad was damaged, nearby support buildings and fuel tanks were unscathed, according to the company. The control systems at the pad are also in decent condition. No debris appears to have strayed beyond the SpaceX-leased Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Ground crews had been fueling the Falcon for a brief test-firing of the rocket's engines; the launch pad was clear of workers for the test.

SpaceX continues to work on another pad, this one at neighboring Kennedy Space Center and once used to launch shuttles. It could be ready to support Falcon launches as early as November, depending on how the investigation goes. It is also preparing a launch pad in California.

Launches will resume "as quickly as responsible" once the cause of the accident is pinpointed, the company said.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk has called this the most difficult and complex failure in the private company's 14-year history. Meanwhile, he is scheduled to address the International Astronautical Congress in Mexico on Tuesday, presenting his ideas for colonizing Mars and making humans an interplanetary species — his overriding ambition.

Utah heir-tracing firm pleads not guilty in antitrust case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake City company specializing in the little-known business of tracking down heirs to unclaimed inheritances pleaded not guilty Friday in a federal antitrust case that's part of a wider U.S. Department of Justice probe into the industry.

Kemp & Associates is accused of conspiring with fellow heir-tracking companies for more than 14 years so the firms wouldn't have to compete with each other and driving up costs for heirs who are rightly entitled to the money.

The company and executive Daniel Mannix have denied any wrongdoing. Their lawyers contend the firm provides an important service for people who wouldn't otherwise know about estates they are entitled to, often from long-lost relatives.

Mannix and the company are each facing one antitrust count. Each defendant could face a fine of up to \$1 million or twice the loss to the victims. Mannix could face up to 10 years in prison.

A two-week trial was set for late November, though that's expected to be delayed because of the complexity of the case.

Defense attorneys declined additional comment Friday.

The industry defends its practices, saying it has helped heirs secure millions of dollars in inheritances. Companies like Kemp employ workers who sift through probate filings in search of people who have recently died and who may have missing or unknown heirs.

Using court records, genealogical documents and other public data, they track down whoever would

be the beneficiaries, then reach out to them and offer to help them document their connection to the deceased and claim the money that would otherwise go to the state.

If they're successful, the company collects a fee.

McDonald's testing

Happy Meals for breakfast

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's is considering another addition to its all-day breakfast menu: Happy Meals.

The fast-food chain says it will begin testing breakfast Happy Meals in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sept. 26. The Happy Meals come with either two McGriddles cakes or an egg and cheese McMuffin. McDonald's says the latter option is the same size as a regular Egg McMuffin, except without the slice of Canadian bacon or butter.

McDonald's Corp., based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has been trying to win back customers since CEO Steve Easterbrook took over last year and said he wanted to transform it into a "modern, progressive" burger company. The company had conceded that it failed to keep up with changing tastes, with sales slumping in recent years.

One of the company's biggest moves since Easterbrook took over was the rollout of an all-day breakfast menu in the U.S. last fall. It's not clear what affect the addition is having. Although U.S. sales have been up at established locations in the last four quarters, McDonald's hasn't said how much of that has come from an uptick in customer visits, versus factors such as higher pricing.

McDonald's is known for getting more business from families with children relative to its traditional rivals, such as Burger King and Wendy's.

The company says the McGriddles cakes in the Happy Meals have 240 calories, and the egg and cheese McMuffin has 260 calories. The Happy Meals also come with side apples, yogurt or hash browns. In the afternoon and evenings, fries are also an option.

If the test is successful and goes national, it would be the first new entree for the Happy Meal in more than 30 years, said McDonald's spokeswoman Becca Hary. The test of breakfast Happy Meals was first reported by USA Today.

Marriott buys Starwood, becoming world's largest hotel chain

NEW YORK (AP) — Several of the best-known names in travel are now united in one hotel company.

Marriott International closed Friday morning on its \$13 billion acquisition of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, bringing together its Marriott, Courtyard and Ritz Carlton brands with Starwood's Sheraton, Westin, W and St. Regis properties.

In total, 30 hotel brands now fall under the Marriott umbrella to create the largest hotel chain in the world with more than 5,700 properties and 1.1 million rooms in more than 110 countries. That's more than 1 out of every 15 hotel rooms around the globe.

Marriott now eclipses Hilton Worldwide's 773,000 rooms and the 766,000 that are part of the Intercontinental Hotels Group family, according to STR, a firm that tracks hotel data.

"We've got an ability to offer just that much more choice. A choice in locations, a choice in the kind of hotel, a choice in the amount a customer needs to spend," Marriott CEO Arne Sorenson told The Associated Press in an interview.

Starwood's guest loyalty program — Starwood Preferred Guest — was also a "central, strategic rationale for the transaction," Sorenson said. The program's members are deeply loyal to it, have generally higher incomes and tend to spend many nights on the road.

"The most important piece of this is the loyalty program," said. The more choice that guests have, the stronger that program is.

Starting Friday, members of Starwood and Marriott's two loyalty programs will be able to link their accounts together. Gold elite members in one program will get gold status in the other. Platinum elite members will get platinum in the other. Marriott silver members will see Starwood's lowest category, Preferred Plus.

Each Starwood point will be worth three Marriott Rewards points.

Fed wants to put new limits on banks' commodities activities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve wants to put new limits on big banks' activities in physical commodities businesses, with an eye to reducing financial risks from volatile trading and transport of sensitive materials.

The Fed's governors are proposing restrictions for banks' holding, transporting and trading of commodities like oil, aluminum and coal. Banks would be required to beef up the capital they hold against potential losses in commodities and would face limits on the amount of their commodities trading.

The Fed is opening the proposal to public comment for 90 days.

Wall Street banks have sharply reduced their involvement in physical commodities in recent years, under pressure from regulators and lawmakers. The biggest players in the field have been Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley.

Regulators say disasters like the massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico show the potential risks to banks. Though that accident only affected BP and the oil-service companies involved, banks that engage in transport of oil in tankers could take heavy financial hits, the regulators say.

Also, critics of Wall Street say that owning and storing commodities like aluminum in warehouses or oil in storage tankers enables banks to drive up prices for basic products made from them — like gasoline, canned soft drinks and beer, and electricity.

"As a general matter, (major banks) should be prohibited from owning physical assets like warehouses, pipelines and tankers," Democratic Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts have told the Fed.

The proposed new requirements would mean banks would have to salt away up to \$4 billion in additional capital, Fed officials estimate.

In addition, banks would no longer be allowed to engage in physical activities involving power plants. Banks no longer could own and store copper, because regulators now deem copper to be an industrial metal, rather than a precious metal like gold and silver.

French rogue trader damages slashed to 1 million euros

VERSAILLES, France (AP) — Former French rogue trader Jerome Kerviel will not have to pay 4.9 billion euros (\$5.5 billion) in damages to the bank that used to employ him, but a more modest 1 million euros (\$1.1 million), a court ruled Friday.

The court said Kerviel was "partly responsible" for huge losses suffered in 2008 by Societe Generale through his reckless financial trades. But it also ruled that the bank's "deficiencies" in its management, controls and security systems contributed to the losses, which Kerviel would have had no realistic way of reimbursing.

"I'm hoping to get to zero (civil damages) in the end because I still think I do not owe anything to Societe Generale. The battle continues," Kerviel told reporters following the ruling. His lawyer David Koubbi said they will decide later whether to appeal Friday's decision.

Societe Generale's lawyer Jean Veil said the bank was satisfied with the ruling. He said that the court's decision means the damages are now realistic and "enforceable."

In one of the biggest ever trading fraud cases, Kerviel was sentenced to three years in prison for nearly bringing down the bank with the losses, just before the financial market meltdown in 2008.

The 39-year-old was found guilty of forgery, breach of trust and fraudulent computer use for covering up bets worth 50 billion euros — more than the market value of the entire bank at the time.

In 2014, France's highest court upheld Kerviel's criminal conviction and three-year sentence, but annulled the 4.9 billion euros in civil damages, saying they were "disproportionate" and that the bank had its share of responsibility in its own losses.

The initial amount of damages, which were equivalent to the total losses reported by the bank in the fraud, was so huge that Kerviel wouldn't have been able to pay them anyway.

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Some positions require participation in crisis call rotation. These positions must have a Bachelors degree with a major in Social work or a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. All Employees must live within 70 miles of the duty site. Employees will be required to have a personal vehicle available with WTC reimbursement provided. Travel requirements depend upon the position. Extensive training is provided. Flexible Schedules.

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Farmer/Land owner workshop and tour

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Changes in technology and overall ways to keep soil healthy and conserve water for area farmers are on tap for the upcoming Farmer/Landowner workshop scheduled for Thursday.

According to Eddy Spurgin, resource team leader with the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD), the tour is aimed at both dry and irrigated land farmers.

“On the tour itself, we will

look at technology to help improvement of soil health, increase organic matter in the soil, microbes in the soil that comes from new practices,” Spurgin said. “We’re focusing on soil and water improvement and soil health.”

The tour is set for Thursday with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Farmers Coop Association Plant 2, 12802 W. FM 818, Lomax. Participants will visit sites and farms in both Howard and Martin County and end with a complimentary lunch

at Flying Y Farms. The tour is free. To RSVP, contact the HCSWCD at 432-267-1871.

According to a release from the HCSWCD, experts will be available to provide technical assistance and discuss governmental conservation programs, soil health, cover-cropping, small farm economics, erosion control and season high tunnel structures.

According to the Southwest Farm Press website, a publication which covers agriculture issues, season high tun-

nels are basic greenhouses without the controlled environment. They are easier and less expensive to construct and helps to extend the growing season for horticultural crops.

Soil and Conservation Districts were formed in the 1930s following the Dust Bowl period when the country experienced some of the worst dust storms in recorded history causing great agricultural damage. A severe drought along with a lack of soil conservation methods used on

farm land are considered the cause of the phenomena.

The Farmer/Landowner Workshop is sponsored by the the Howard County Soil and Conservation District, Mustang Soil and Water Conservation District, Midland Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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A-8569, Section 10, Block 5, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 2000 feet
863’ FSL, 3016’ FEL of 1,238.12-acre lease
1650’ FNL, 3016’ FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#3908 Devon, drill, El: NA
Funk (San Andres) Field
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A-921, Section 39, Block 5, H&TC RR Co. survey
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#101H Pecos “SN 43-31 01”, API #42-173-37281
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 7800’ GR
13.87 miles southeast of Garden City
A-190, Section 43, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
200’ FNL, 660’ FWL of the survey
Latitude 031.6722333, Longitude -101.4093596
Total Depth: 7800 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: RCBL/GR/CCL
Daily Potential: 661 Bbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 1,146 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 661
Spud: 12-02-15. Completed: 6-26-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8” @ 5622 feet w/ 1,700 sx.
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Perfs: 7939-15,413

#102H Angelina “SN 33-28 02”, API #42-173-37245
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2708’ GR
9 miles southeast of St. Lawrence
A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
1407’ FWL, 2339’ FSL of the survey
Latitude 031.7000670, Longitude -101.3805805
Total Depth: 7469 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 1,412 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,142 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1124
Spud: 8-25-15. Completed: 3-07-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8” @ 5609 feet w/ 1,700 sx.
5-1/2” @ 15,488 feet w/ 1,885 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 7214 feet
Perfs: 7740-15,413

#103H Angelina “SN 33-28 03”, API #42-173-37254
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2702’ GR
13 miles southeast of Garden City
A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
2349’ FWL, 2339’ FSL of the survey
Latitude 031.7006510 Longitude -101.3776294
Total Depth: 7447 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 1,468 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 1,591 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 779
Spud: 9-03-15. Completed: 3-03-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8” @ 5634 feet w/ 1,700 sx.
5-1/2” @ 15,362 feet w/ 1,990 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 7019 feet
Perfs: 7563-15,287

#104H Angelina “SN 33-28 04”, API #42-173-37255
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2696’ GR
9 miles southeast of Garden City
A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
1990’ FEL, 2339’ FSL of the survey
Latitude 031.7012370, Longitude -101.3746744
Total Depth: 7434 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 1,494 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 613 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1069
Spud: 10-05-15. Completed: 2-25-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8” @ 5609 feet w/ 1,700 sx.
5-1/2” @ 15,330 feet w/ 1,915 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 6942 feet
Perfs: 7676-15,239

Free seminar on new state laws governing food safety is Monday

Tex-Span Bilingual Safety Solutions is hosting a Q&A food safety seminar to address the new food handling requirements that took effect Sept. 1. The seminar is free and is being held to answer questions business owners may have in regard to the changes in requirements. The seminar is Monday, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information or to RSVP call 432-349-2996.

Agrilife crop tour Tuesday

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Howard County Crop Tour will be held Tuesday at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex, 2411 Echols St. The tour begins at 3 p.m. It includes topics on dryland, fertilizer study, harvest aid, irrigated variety trial and a meal. For more information, contact Tommy Yeater at 432-466-3131.

US rig count up 5 this week to 511

HOUSTON (AP)—The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by five this week to 511.

A year ago, 838 rigs were active. Depressed energy prices have sharply curtailed oil and gas exploration.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday that 418 rigs sought oil and 92 explored for natural gas this week. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and

gas-producing states, Texas and Oklahoma each gained two rigs and Alaska, California, North Dakota and Pennsylvania each was up one.

Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia each declined by one rig.

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Ohio, Utah and Wyoming were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. It bottomed out in May at 404.

World briefs

Charlotte has 4th night of protest over police shooting

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Demonstrators carried signs, chanted and marched in a peaceful protest hours after the family of a black man shot by police released video showing the events leading up to his death.

Friday’s march through Charlotte’s business district was the fourth night of demonstrations over the shooting of Keith Lamont Scott earlier in the week.

After darkness fell, dozens of people took to the streets to urge police to release dashboard and body camera video that could show more clearly what happened. Police have said Scott was armed, but witnesses say he held only a book.

The group, which appeared smaller than previous nights, carried a banner that said “Just Release the Tapes.”

Earlier in the day, footage recorded by Keith Lamont Scott’s wife and released by his family shows his wife repeatedly telling officers he is not armed and pleading with them not to shoot her husband as they shout at him to drop a gun.

Police hunt gunman who killed 4 at Washington state mall

BURLINGTON, Wash. (AP) — Police searched Saturday for a gunman authorities said opened fire in the makeup department of a Macy’s store at a mall north of Seattle, killing four females, before fleeing toward an interstate on foot.

People fled, customers hid in dressing rooms and employees locked the doors of nearby stores after gunshots rang out just after 7 p.m. Friday at the Cascade Mall. A helicopter, search teams and K-9 units scoured the area for a rifle-carrying man.

“We are still actively looking for the shooter,” Washington State Patrol spokesman Sgt. Mark Francis said at a news conference.

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Scenes from the Big Spring High School 2016 Parade and Pep Rally

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Howard County fair results

Fine Art

Best in Show - Sandra Lockhart (Wild Horse Lilies)

Division 1 - Oil:
Grand Champion - Daphne Crane- (Landscape), Reserve Champion - Dot Darling (Indian Woman), 1st - Belle Schooler (Boots), 2nd - Belle Schooler (Boat), 3rd - Belle Schooler (Signal Mt.)

Division 2- Acrylic:
Grand Champion - Rae Ripple (Hummingbird), Reserve Champion - Linda Rupert (House), 1st - Linda Rupert (Dog), 2nd - Rae Ripple (Woman), 3rd - Sandrena Spencely (Abstract)

Division 3- Drawing:
Grand Champion - Leatrice Brown (Still life), Reserve Champion - Sandrena Spencely, 1st - Courtney Young (Halloween), 2nd - Frankie Conklin (Bottle), 3rd - Frankie Conklin (Eagle & flag)

Division 4 - Pastel:
Grand Champion - Leatrice Brown (Rodeo clown), Reserve Champion - Leatrice Brown (Frog), 1st - Leatrice Brown (Little girl)

Division 5 - Watercolor:
Grand Champion - Sandra Lockhart (Wild Horse Lilies), Reserve Champion - Sandra Lockhart (Peach lilies), 1st - Frankie Conklin (Rose), 2nd - Frankie Conklin (Landscape)

Division 6 - 3D Metal Sculpture:
Grand Champion - Rae Ripple (Wedding dress), Reserve Champion - Rae Ripple (Heart), 1st - Rae Ripple (Headdress)

Favorite Pets Results

Grand Champion - Elizabeth Gross (dog), Reserve Champion -

Daphne Crane (dog), 1st - Kelley Paige, 2nd - Valarie Estill, 3rd - Daphne Crane

Grandparents Corner

Grand Champion - Sandee Lockhart, Reserve Champion - Laurie Peterson, 1st - Sandra Lockhart, 2nd - Valarie Estill, 3rd - Daphne Crane

Kids do the Darndest Things
Grand Champion - Elizabeth Gross

Photography
Best in Show - Ramon Holguin (Couple & horses)

Prof. BW Architecture
Grand Champion - Zack Campbell (Settles), Reserve Champion - Greg Bodin (Old house)

Prof. BW Misc.
Grand Champion - Toni Bodin (Indian on horse), Reserve Champion - Greg Bodin (Horses), 1st - Valarie Estill

Prof. BW Portrait
Grand Champion - Kelsey Piper

Prof. Color Misc.
Grand Champion - Ramon Holguin (Couple & horses), Reserve Champion - Emma Jenkins (Man & horse), 1st - Greg Bodin (Bridge), 2nd - Ramon Holguin, 3rd - Daphne Crane (Iris)

Prof. Color Landscape
Grand Champion - Bruce Schooler (The Spring), Reserve Champion - Robert Spiller (Windmill), 2nd - Bruce Schooler (Refinery), 3rd - Bruce Schooler (Wa-

Professional Portrait Color
Grand Champion - Kelsey Piper (Girtathe Spring), Reserve Champion - Kelsey Piper (Flag Draped Girl)

Professional Color Architecture
Grand Champion - Ramon Holguin (Settles at Night), Reserve Champion - Ramon Holguin (Street Scene), 1st, Greg Bodin (Bridge)

Amateur Black and White Architecture
Grand Champion - Toni Bodin (Stairs)

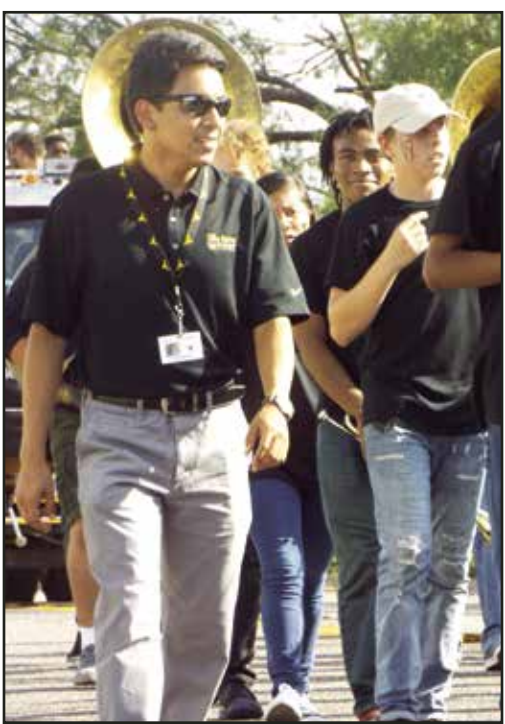
Amateur Black and White Portrait
Grand Champion - Anita Guiette

Amateur Black and White Miscellaneous
Grand Champion - Jeremiah Peters (Hand), Reserve Champion, Jeremiah Peters (Man), Jeremiah Peters (Pier)

Amateur Landscape
Grand Champion, Heather Jennings (Mountain), Reserve Champion, Stacy Gogan, 1st, Jimmy Foresythe (Lake), 2nd, Stacy Gogan (Skyscraper); 3rd, Deanna Foresythe (River).

Amateur Color Miscellaneous
Grand Champion, Brandi Escanuela (Woman's Face); Reserve Champion, Heather Jennings (Canal Scene); 1st, Jimmy Foresythe (Owl); 2nd, Deanna Foresythe, (Osprey); 3rd, Stacy Gogan (Prairie Dog)

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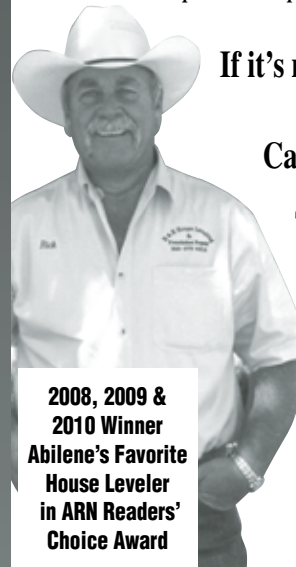
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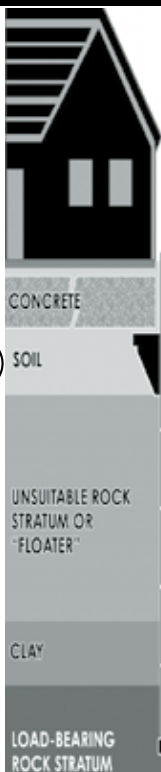
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Howard County fair results

Baked Good Results 2016

Division 1 — Cakes: 1st - Brenda Sczesny, Betty Honea; 2nd - Betty Honea

Division 2 — Breads: 1st - Betty Gross, Cristy Archer, 2nd - Cristy Archer, 3rd - Betty Honea

Division 3 — Cookies: 1st - Brenda Sczesny, 2nd - Cristy Archer, 3rd - Jennifer Cox, Betty Honea.

Division 5 — Decorated Cakes: 1st - Jessica Rivera (Grand Champion).

Division 6 — Pies: 1st - Betty Honea

Canned Good Results 2016

Class 1 — Fruits: 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Class 2 — Vegetables: 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds; 3rd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Class 3 — Pickles and relishes: 1st - Mike Jennings (Grand Champion), Rikki Roberts, Donna Menges, Terry Fryar, Kandace Baucum, Mamie Lee Dodds; 2nd - Mike Jennings, Mamie Lee Dodds, Kandace Baucum, Terry Fryar; 3rd - Mamie Lee Dodds, Helen Crandall

Class 4 — Jams, Jellies, Preserves: 1st - Rikki Roberts, Candace Baucum, Michelle Grace; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds, Kandace Baucum; 3rd - Mamie Lee Dodds, Donna Menges

Class 6 — Juice and Syrup: 1st - Donna Menges; 3rd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Creative Arts Results 2016

Hobbies and Crafts — Adults

Division 1 — Christmas Crafts: 1st - Debra Franklin,

Deanna Foresyth, Mamie Lee Dodds, Janette Clark; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds, Deanna Foresyth

Division 2 — Holiday Crafts: 1st - Deanna Foresyth; 2nd - Deanna Foresyth

Division 3 — Dolls: 1st - Sue Crispin

Division 4: Framed and Hanging Crafts — 1st - Debra Franklin (Reserve Champion), Deanna Foresyth (Grand Champion), Courtney Young.

Division 5 — Flowers: 1st - Ludeana Neagle

Division 6 — Miscellaneous Hand Crafts: 1st - Deanna Foresyth (Grand Champion), Mamie Lee Dodds, Miranda Jennings, Sandra Spencerley, Maggie Brasel, Sue Crispin, Billie Ziegler, Tex Irvin, Elizabeth Gross (Reserve Champion), Terri Myrick; 2nd - Deanna Foresyth, Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 8 — Non-Professional Jewelry: 1st - Deanna Foresyth, Sandra Spencerley; 2nd - Sandra Spencerley

Division 9 — Kiln Products: 1st - Maggie Brasel, George Luna, Deanna Foresyth

Division 10 — Wood Crafts: 1st - Sandi Cockerham (Reserve Champion), Sandra Spencerley, Courtney Young, Elizabeth Gross; 2nd - Clinton Treadway, Sandra Spencerley, Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 11 — 1st - Sandra Spencerley

Division 13 — 1st - Sue Crispin

Crafts by Kids — 1st - Brian Rich, Kaleb Denton (Grand Champion in Wood Division); 2nd - Nathaniel Barreas, Jacob Morgan

Handwork and Needle Work

Division 1 — Afghans: 1st - Margaret Darling (Grand Champion), Mamie Lee Dodds, Kristina Stiles

Division 2 — Pillowcases: 1st - Mamie Lee Dodds; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 3 — Tea Towels: 1st - Cleonia Burger

Division 4 — Tablecloths: 1st - Mamie Lee Dodds; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 5 — Scarves and Doilies: 1st - Cristy Archer, Mamie Lee Dodds, Cleonia Burger; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds, Cristy Archer

Division 6 — Potholders: 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 7 — Quilts: 1st - Lois Ellison, Jeanne Vandeweerd, Sandra Spencerley, Katherine Cline

Division 8 — Throw Pillows: 1st - Mamie Lee Dodds; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 9 — Miscellaneous Handwork: 1st - Mamie Lee Dodds, Jeanne Vandeweerd, George Luna, Lois Ellison, Elizabeth Gross; 2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 10 — Baby Accessories: 1st - Debra Franklin, Helen Crandall (Reserve Champion), Jeanne Vandeweerd, Kristina Skiles

Division 11 — Crocheted

or Knitted Wearing Apparel: 1st - George Luna, Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 14 — Wall Hangings — 1st - Terri Myrick

Sewing and Clothing — 1st - Toni Bodin (Grand Champion) Mamie Lee Dodds (Reserve Champion); 2nd - Toni Bodin, Mamie Lee Dodds

Angels — 1st - Deanna Foresyth, Mamie Lee Dodds, Donna Menges, Maggie Brasel

2nd - Mamie Lee Dodds

Adult Coloring — 1st - Deanna Foresyth, 2nd - Jesi Coates, 3rd - Debbye Valverde

Produce Results 2016

Watermelons: 1st - Terry Fryar - Overall Produce Grand Champion, 2nd - Terry Fryar, 3rd - Stephanie Ferguson, 4th - Stephanie Ferguson

Cantaloupes: 1st - Marvin Gross - Overall Produce Reserve Champion, 2nd - Marvin Gross

Peppers — Sweet: 1st - Terry Fryar-Reserve Champion Peppers, 2nd - Chris & Megan Mason, 3rd - Terry Fryar

Peppers — Hot: 1st - Marvin Gross - Grand Champion Peppers, 2nd - Mike Jennings, 3rd - Mike Jennings, 4th - Chris & Megan Mason, 5th - Joel Ornelas

Onions — Red: 1st - Chris & Megan Mason-Reserve Champion Onions

Onions — Bunch: 1st - Terry Fryar - Grand Champion Onions

Okra: 1st - Marvin Gross, 2nd - Terry Fryar, 3rd - Chris & Megan Mason, 4th - Terry Fryar, 5th - Chris & Megan Mason

Beans/Peas: 1st - Chris & Megan Mason

Squash/Zucchini: 1st - Terry Fryar, 2nd - Joel Ornales, 3rd - Terry Fryar, 4th - Terry Fryar

Tomatoes: 1st - Terry Fryar, 2nd - Chris Mason, 3rd - Megan Mason

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Evaluation of all purchases from this multi-vendor bid shall take into account the following considerations before a purchase order will be issued: purchase price, reputation of the vendor and the vendor's good and services, quality of the vendor's goods or services, extent to which the goods or services meet the DISTRICT's needs, vendor's past relationship with the DISTRICT, impact on the ability of the DISTRICT to comply with laws relating to historically underutilized business, total long term-cost to the DISTRICT to acquire the goods and services, any other relevant factor specially listed in the request for bid or quote documents. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

#9186 September 25 & October 2, 2016

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#9186 September 25, 2016

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

ESTATE OF ALMA COBBS WRIGHTSIL
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DATED the 20th day of September, 2016

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♥ Q J 4 3
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ K 9

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♥ A 10 7
♦ J 9 8
♣ 8 5 3

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West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♣ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — two of hearts.
Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the heart deuce. It's not difficult to make the contract if you see the East-West cards. All you have to do is win the heart with the ace and play the A-2 of clubs. Nine tricks, easy as pie.
But making three notrump is not that easy if you see only the North-South hands. You might, for exam-

ple, win the third heart and finesse the queen of clubs. East would win with the king and return a heart, and the defender on lead would probably shift to a diamond. Eventually, you'd go down two.
However, there is a much better way to play the hand, if you put your mind to it. To begin with, you note that West's opening lead is the deuce of hearts. If West is a player who leads fourth-best, it is reasonable to assume that both he and East have four hearts. On this basis, therefore, you should win the opening heart lead with the ace.
Your next play is also important. You should lead a low spade to dummy's nine and return the deuce of clubs! In the actual deal, there is a good chance that East will go up with the king — rightly or not — and thereby hand you the contract.
The point is that by leading a low club from dummy at trick three, instead of taking an immediate finesse, you give East the chance to make a mistake (if he has the doubleton king of clubs). And the more opportunities you give the defenders to make a mistake, the more likely they are to oblige.

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

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ANSWERS

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

sense of wanderlust and no solid plans. Very quickly the people around you will want to change this status by giving you somewhere to get to and something to accomplish there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is never a day when it's a bad idea to seek balance and align yourself with the best and highest within you. However, some days you need the adjustment more than others. This is one of those days.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not running scared from conflict. You're not afraid of it; you just know that it's not something you need to be a part of. As you retreat from the drama you advance toward your own peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some people get nervous when they see you regrouping. It means you're about to go somewhere new, and there will be those who don't want you to leave. It will present a social bugaboo to work out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It just doesn't always work out so neatly that the

punishment fits the crime. This is why the bit of righteousness that happens today is particularly savory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some days you have to earn. Good. It makes those days that come seemingly for free a total joy. This day isn't exactly a free day; it's just that you earned it long ago. Sit back, and be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is not a "me, too" situation. You can afford to give your two cents: In fact, it's your responsibility to do so. If you withhold your distinct point of view, the whole group will suffer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Watch for the trail markings of those who have journeyed here before you. They will alert you to danger, point the way to sustenance or, at the very least, remind you that you're not the only one who has been here.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You respect those moody people who have the decency to try and hide their moodiness so it

doesn't bring others down. You still sense the pain, though, and it will be healing to touch on it for a moment today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Uncertain situations are not always dangerous situations, though you may have to convince your brains otherwise this afternoon when anxiety is a natural (though not very helpful) reaction to what's going on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your taste and training will make it difficult for you to accept mediocre results. Take a step back. Maybe this is just a mismatch of standards. Or maybe you can do something easy to make it better for all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25). Your birthday gift from the sun is powerful focus. You'll grow in fame for the very thing you most want to be known for. The lifestyle upgrade in October happens as a byproduct of something you'll do for the community. Finances get sorted out in December and January, so you can see more of the world in June.

Leo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 8, 18, 3 and 45.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Many environmental refinements happen under the aesthetic Libra sun. This is the sun that designers such as Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan and Yohji Yamamoto were born under. Libra energy is graced with charms of Venus and concerned with delighting the senses in surprising and beautiful ways. "Update" is such a tricky word, because what's considered the fashion of the moment could very well be a downgrade from the last fashion. With more functionality often comes more complication. You prefer to be surrounded by stylishness, but at the end of the day what really counts is that you're surrounded by good vibes. What's loveable and livable is more beautiful than any amount of fantastic, sensational glamour.

The other important theme here is justice. One would think that the delivery of justice would bring elation, but it seldom

does. The relief is often tinged with the reality that the conflict that happened is a part of life that no one will get back. It's nice to have the fiasco in the rearview, though many wish it had never been in any view at all. Spiritual evolution will depend on finding something good in all that occurred. Truly, every experience has a lesson and a gift inside, if we are willing to search for it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Catherine Zeta Jones shares a Sept. 25 birthday with her husband Michael Douglas. Both are ruled by a Libra sun. Jones has a passionate Aries moon and Douglas has a determined Capricorn moon. Jones has Venus in Virgo, foretelling a certain practicality in matters of love that responds well to Douglas' Mercury in Virgo. Look for Jones in the upcoming series "Feud," based on a legendary Hollywood rivalry.

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Cosmic Test Prep

It is said that a very excellent way to prepare for a test is to study hard and long for many days, and then, the day before, make sure you have good nutrition, plenty of rest and an optimistic attitude toward it. Use this formula to get ready for the moment of truth that will be coming with the new moon on Friday, Sept. 30.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your role in the group project is vital. You will not be solely responsible for the success or failure of your team, but you will definitely be a key influence and take your responsibility there rather seriously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll go into this day with a

No, I'm Not Inbred

Dear Annie: The first meeting of my girlfriend and a couple with whom I am friends caused me to want to retreat into a hole.

My male friend is an intelligent, educated man who is extremely successful in business and recognized as such in the community.

My girlfriend's parents live in West Virginia, of which my male friend became

aware. On this, their first meeting, he felt it appropriate to tell West Virginia jokes during dinner, focusing on the offensive stereotypes that residents of the state commonly commit incest and have few or no teeth.

I later apologized to my girlfriend on his behalf. She graciously said that she is accustomed to such "humor."

What does one do in a situation such as this to avoid having the evening collapse? -- Unamused

Dear Unamused: The joke is on your friend, who fancies himself a cultured man of the world yet showed just how incredibly close-minded he is. Grace doesn't have a ZIP code. True class, intelligence and poise can come from anywhere. Your girlfriend is living proof. It was kind of her to take his remarks in stride.

Your friend should be embarrassed for telling such jokes. They're even more trite than they are insulting. Talk to him about retiring this material.

Dear Annie: I spent some time in the hospital and befriended the woman in the room next to me. We also became friends on Facebook and have kept in touch that way.

I have been having some family problems and decided to move out

of my situation, but I couldn't afford to live on my own. A friend from school was also looking to move out of her situation, so we thought that maybe we could share an apartment together. The problem is that when my school friend and I started looking for apartments, my hospital friend suggested we check out an apartment in the building her daughter manages. But the apartment was very disgusting, and we decided not to take it. Well, my hospital friend got very angry and said she didn't want to talk to me anymore. But a few days later, she started chatting with me again.

Now she's back in the hospital, and I have been trying to visit with her, but she's kind of far from my new apartment, and it's been hard. I did visit with her on a Wednesday for three hours. The day after that, I had to go back into the area to pick up a prescription. But I didn't stop in for a visit because I had visited the day before. When she found out that I was in the area and didn't visit, she

got angry and asked why. I told her it was because I had just visited the day before. She told me that if it's such a bother to visit, then I should stay away and never visit or talk with her again.

What should I do, apologize and try to visit or do as she said and stay away? -- A Questionable Friend

Dear Questionable: You made it out of the hospital, but you picked up a bug while you were there. I'm sure this woman is lonely. But that doesn't make it OK for her to try to control you. You've been plenty kind, but it's still not enough for her. She won't be happy until she's sucked up all your time and energy; sounds more like a parasite than a friend. Detox and rid yourself of this unhealthy "friendship."

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- 1 Matched in a contest
- 7 Shield from enemy eyes
- 15 Glorify
- 16 More than fond
- 17 Top male R&B artist of the '90s
- 18 Audio storage units
- 19 Ration
- 20 Humbugs
- 22 Unconvincing
- 23 "Of hasty love or headlong ___": Scott
- 24 You-vs.-gravity game
- 25 Bavaria neighbor
- 26 Early home of the Cuban sandwich
- 28 How some townhouses have gone
- 30 Ghost avoider since 1982
- 32 Raconteur in Ken Burns' *Baseball*
- 36 Exoticleather.biz offering
- 37 State of succession
- 39 Forest harvest
- 40 Past
- 41 Leverage
- 43 Schumann works
- 44 Nietzsche antagonist
- 48 Tolkien trilogy, essentially
- 50 Bills are frequently paid for them
- 51 British bubbly-texture chocolate bar
- 52 Traditional three-layer product
- 53 6 Down, for one

- DOWN
- 1 Thoughtful offering
- 2 Prismacolor Magic Rub, e.g.
- 3 Ezra recounts its rebuilding
- 4 Improbable concoction
- 5 Himalayan center
- 6 "... however improbable ...": author
- 7 Shape of some foreign coins
- 8 Evaded
- 9 Major macronutrients
- 10 Brief qualifier
- 11 Plebeian
- 12 Toward where you just were
- 13 Med. specialty
- 14 VIP at fordhouse.org
- 21 1500s conqueror/conquerer
- 24 She edited Princess Grace's book
- 25 Least stale
- 27 Late ___
- 29 Actor
- 31 Sort of troublemaker
- 33 "Logically, then ..."
- 34 Anagram of "redaction"
- 35 13
- 37 Shuttle destination, often
- 38 Setting for any M*A*S*H movie
- 40 Memorable plain preceder
- 42 Veterinary specialty
- 44 Strands in hot water
- 45 Statue toppled in Kiev in 2013
- 46 Product of some plants
- 47 Certain hair dryer
- 49 Cut out suddenly
- 52 Grill
- 53 Setting for London's *People of the Abyss*
- 55 Artful
- 57 Rural sound

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ferent from what would happen with dual credit.”

Advances in technology have also made a big difference in modern education versus college life at Howard’s inception in the 1940s.

“Technology was advancing to a point where it could connect us through ITV at that point,” Sparks said. “In 1998 we were fortunate to receive a grant from Marie Hall that would allow us to have interactive classrooms constructed on the Big Spring site, the Lamesa site, and the San Angelo site.”

ITV is a technology that connects students and professors via video link, allowing students to attend a class remotely. The push for ITV in Howard’s case was pragmatic due to the large area the college serves.

“Because of the expansiveness of our college district we would begin to connect up with those school districts through ITV,” she said. “Those students are able to communicate through the technology, and see each other

because of the I-TV in the classrooms.”

The internet was another advance in remote learning, she added.

“As the technology continued to expand, we moved from not only the ITV environment, we moved to the online environment,” she said. “We now offer courses that are entirely online. So the technology has advanced during this time period which gives us the opportunity to take classes to students where they may be located instead of having to come on-site. That has changed up the learning environment greatly when you compare it to 1945. Now, that’s what we’re doing we have our Big Spring site, our SWCID site, Lamesa, San Angelo, and we are working with all those school districts within that 13 county area. And then students, if they are taking an online course, they could be anywhere.”

And students are taking advantage of the new options, big time.

“Probably about half of our enrollment is dual credit now,” Sparks said. “That option was not available to them years ago. It’s a very different pattern. Peo-

ple would complete high school, and then they would go to college. There was a very definite break. Or they might go to the workplace and then return to college at a later time.”

Dual credit is encouraging some students to attend college that might not have opted to previously.

“We have students that perhaps would not have opted to go to college, period,” she said. “But they have dual credit and that gives them the opportunity to get that first college credit, so they continue. Or you have students who would not have chosen Howard College in the past because they would have gone straight to a university. So it’s changed our mix of students in that we’re getting students that we perhaps would not have had as a part of our student body in the past. But yet, some of those students are completing enough hours while they’re in high school that opposed to completing high school and coming to Howard College, they already have 30 or 45 hours. They’re going on and going to the university. So it’s changed our student body mix.”

In full bloom



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

This *Lycoris radiata*, known as the red spider lily, was a part of several of its kind blooming in the back yard of Elton and Shirley Weaver of Big Spring Monday. Shirley said the plant was there when she bought the home 38 years ago and continues to thrive. According to *Perennial Gardens of Texas* by Julie Ryan, the plant is originally from China and has adapted well to the south. It is a part shade/part sun plant that blooms in late summer and can grow from 15- to 18-inches tall.

J.K. Rowling: Harambe isn’t part of Harry Potter universe

AP — Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling has clarified that slain Ohio gorilla, Harambe, is not a part of her fictional universe.

A new feature on Rowling’s Pottermore website allows users to find out what Patronus they would use in Harry Potter’s world. A Patronus is an animal used to ward off soul-sucking creatures in the series.

Humor site The Chive put a fake picture on Twitter of Harambe the gorilla as a result on the Patronus page. Rowling retweeted the picture. A bit later she posted, “I’ve been asked to make it clear that Harambe is not a Patronus you can actually get on @pottermore.” But she added that she thought the joke was “very funny.”

Rapper Puff Daddy donates \$1 million to Howard University

WASHINGTON (AP) — Puff Daddy is donating \$1 million to Howard University, where he once was a student.

The rapper and music mogul, whose real name is Sean Combs, made the announcement alongside Howard President Wayne Frederick at his Bad Boy Records reunion tour show Thursday night in Washington, D.C., where the historically black college is located.

Howard says the money will go toward creating a Sean Combs Scholarship Fund, which will award money to undergraduate business majors with a financial need.

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Charles Boyles looks at the exhibition at the DuSable Museum of African American History Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, in Chicago. The dedication of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of African American History and Culture will be celebrated on Saturday in Washington and on Chicago’s south side at one of the oldest museums of its kind.

National black history museum could spur interest locally

DETROIT (AP) — The dedication and official opening of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of African American History and Culture won’t just be celebrated in Washington.

On Chicago’s South Side, it will be viewed during a free watch party Saturday at the 55-year-old DuSable Museum of African American History, one of the oldest museums of its kind. Officials there — and at other local and regional venues that offer more local stories on the struggles and contributions of blacks in the United States — expect the new national museum to spur interest and steer more visitors their way.

“It’s become an incredible opportunity in terms of raising awareness,” said Leslie Guy, chief curator at DuSable, where attendance dropped by nearly 20,000 visitors from 2014 to last year.

The dedication ceremony on

Saturday at the \$540 million museum on the National Mall is expected to be attended by President Barack Obama. Exhibits include a slave cabin from South Carolina, pieces of a slave ship, a reproduction of Oprah Winfrey’s television show set and artifacts from Obama’s first presidential campaign.

“There will be tens of thousands of people there in person and around the world watching,” said Andrea Taylor, president and chief executive of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Alabama. “Once people have that experience they will want to know more about what’s happening in their local community.”

The Birmingham museum gets about 150,000 visitors per year. Annual attendance at the African American Museum in Philadelphia rose from about 70,000 to 82,000 last year.

Both could see even more

guests as people seek to learn more about black history.

The audience that needs to see and hear the stories of African-American struggles and contributions “is large enough for all of us,” said Patricia Wilson Aden, president and chief executive of the Philadelphia museum. “It’s not a matter of one versus the other. It’s a matter of shared mission.”

The museums in Philadelphia and Birmingham are part of the Smithsonian community, which means they have the opportunity to share with the new museum and access its collection and other Smithsonian exhibits and items.

Smaller museums can benefit “if the local directors are savvy enough to take advantage of this moment,” said Farah Griffin, professor of English and African-American studies at Columbia University.

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