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El Paso's most wanted sex offender arrested by Big Spring PD

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

El Paso's "most wanted" sex offender is now behind bars after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department.

On Tuesday, the BSPD received information that a sex offender listed as Crime Stoppers most wanted in El Paso, Texas was possibly in Howard County, according to a release from the BSPD.

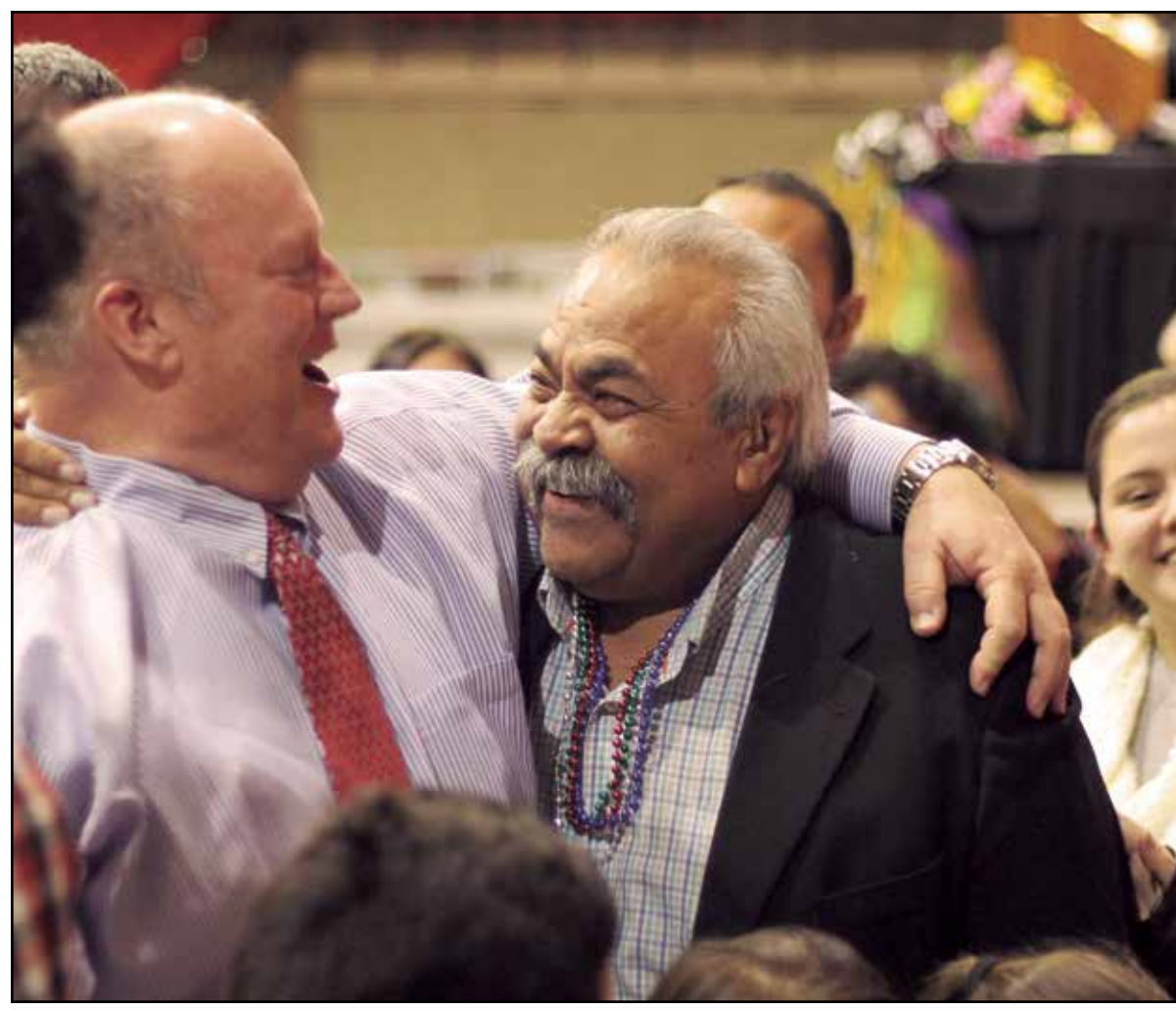
"Officers were advised that the suspect, Gregory Ezelle, 43, was operating a red Mercury Sable and was possibly enroute to Big Spring from Lamesa," the release stated.

A little after 8 p.m., an officer spotted a car matching the description, the release said.

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Chamber banquet honors local citizens

Marquez, Stewart named Chamber Man and Woman of year



HERALD photos/Sandrena Koning

At top, First United Methodist Church minister Bill Ivins embraces Raul Marquez after the announcement that Marquez was named as the Chamber Man of the Year. At right, Vicki Stewart, middle, receives a congratulatory hug from Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce after being named the Woman of the Year on Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.



By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

It was an emotional Tuesday night at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet when the community honored some of its own home-grown, standout citizens.

Raul Marquez and Vicki Stewart were named the Man and Woman of the Year in front of a packed audience at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"It is an honor for me. I want to thank my wife, my family and all my friends in Big Spring. I want to thank my dad and my mother and of course God," Marquez said while fighting back tears. "This is a great honor. Class of 68. A kid from the Northside that can come from Northwest 2nd and be Man of the Year, anybody can do it."

After graduating from Big Spring High School, Marquez joined the U.S. Navy and

served as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam. Following his discharge from the military, Marquez returned home and received his degree from Howard College using the GI Bill to pay for his education.

"This guy really loves this community," said JoAnne Forrest, a past Woman of the Year recipient. "His efforts in local, civic, and political issues are legend. Let's mention a few: Planning and Zoning Committee for the city of Big Spring; board member of the Chamber of Commerce; Big Spring State Hospital Council; Scenic Mountain Medical Center Board; and four years at the Northside Community Center."

Marquez has also served on the United Way, the Heart of the City Festival, and headed up celebrations for Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis de Septiembre. He has also served on the

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Making CHS history



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma High School senior Ashley Ferguson, middle, signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Cisco College Tuesday afternoon. Ferguson is the first player in the history of the four-year-old CHS volleyball program to sign a national letter of intent to play at the collegiate level. Also pictured from left, is Ashley's father Craig, Cisco College head volleyball coach Susan Moore, Ashley's mother Stephanie and CHS athlete sirector Fred Dietz. To read more, see Page 7.

Big Spring ISD

Renovation of kindergarten center on tap for next trustee meeting

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A facelift might be in the future for the old Anderson Kindergarten Center.

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District will consider using some of the leftover 2010 and 2011 Bond Series money to renovate the aging structure in preparation to house the district's alternative education placement program.

According Susan Bryan, CFO for Big Spring ISD, funding for the proposed renovation project will come from leftover bond money originally used to construct the four elementary schools and renovate Big Spring High School. Voters approved a little less than \$51 million for the 2010 bond series and \$6.7 million for the 2011 series.

Trustees are scheduled to meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th place.

Also on the agenda, trustees will:

- Consider approval of an amendment to the district innovation plan.
- Consider employee and financial matters.
- Call for the May 6 board of trustees election.



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Obituaries

Randall "Randy" Lee Peel



Randall "Randy" Lee Peel, age 65, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas after fighting valiantly against the complications of a leukemia transplant.

Randy was born on Aug 23, 1951, in San Angelo, Texas, to Kenneth Lee Peel and Sandra Sterlene (Stucke) Peel. He moved to Andrews in 1993, where he made his home in Andrews with his wife of 43 years, Darlene (Ellison) Peel. They were married on May 26, 1973, in San Angelo, Texas. They have a son, Scott Peel, who lives in Louisiana, and works for C & J Energy.

The family will receive family and friends on Thursday evening between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home, 705 North Main Street, in Andrews. Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at the Andrews Church of Christ, 201 N.W. Second St. in Andrews, with Ministers Bill Welsh, Don Davis, and Leslie Boone officiating. Interment will follow in the Andrews North Cemetery. The family and close friends will be having a meal at the church before the service. Please celebrate his life by visiting www.mcnettfuneralhome.com.

Randy grew up in Sterling City, Texas, where he graduated in 1969 and then attended Angelo State University. He graduated in 1973 and began coaching at Miles, Texas. Over the next 20 years he would coach several different sports in Hermleigh, Three Way, Guthrie, Higgins, Rocksprings, and Grady ISD. He loved all sports but he truly loved golf!! His

greatest joy was to get to watch the Andrews girls and boys play golf, and especially win state. The last 10 years of his teaching career he taught math at Andrews High School. After retirement from teaching, he began working in the In-School Suspension department every other day for the school district. He was also Co-President of the Andrews/Gaines Retired School Employees Association, along with his wife.

Randy is survived by his wife, Darlene Ellison Peel of Andrews; his son, Scott Allen Peel and wife Cindy of Louisiana, along with grandchildren Markie and Drew; his mother, Sandra Stucke Peel of Sterling City; his brother, Kenneth Lee Peel II and wife Renee of San Angelo; niece, Amye Peel Cobb and husband Michael of San Angelo, along with their children Lucy, Jacob, and Jace; niece, Cayla Freeman of San Angelo; nephew, Tyler Freeman of Austin; and niece, Megan Freeman Green and husband Skyler of San Angelo; and brother-in law Darrell Freeman of San Angelo; and one very amazing great-grandson Aiden.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shannon Peel (age 18) on Oct. 9, 1998; nephew, Aaron Peel; Randy's dad, Kenneth Lee Peel; and a sister-in-law, Carolyn Freeman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Randall Peel to the National Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org/>, Texas Retired Teachers Foundation, 313 East 12th Street, Suite 200, Austin, Texas, 78701; or to your favorite charity. I would also like to thank all the nurses, doctors, staff, and all extra support people from Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas that administered to, loved and supported Randy during his treatment process. May God bless you and keep you.

Paid obituary

Francisco L. Gonzales Sr.



Francisco L. Gonzales Sr. of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, at his home.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 10, 1944, in Pearsall, Texas, to Juanita Lita Gonzales and Bonifacio Gonzales.

He married Olivia Gonzales on Jan. 22, 1963, in Uvalde, Texas, and she preceded him in death on June 19, 2012. They came to Big Spring in 2000 from

Lamesa and had lived there since 1979. He was a retired farmer and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by four sons, Francisco Gonzales Jr. of Big Spring, Juan Gonzales of Lamesa, Jesse Ray Gonzales of Big Spring, and Jose Luis Gonzales of Ft. Worth; six daughters, Criselda Gonzales, Gracie Mojaca, Stella Gonzales, Adela Gonzales, Olivia Shanks, and Ofelia Gay, all of Big Spring; 19 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Dimas Young and Esperanza G. Hernandez.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Jose Hilario



Jose Hilario, 48, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He was born July 29, 1968, in Big Spring. He worked in management of Corporate Business Development for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife, Christy Hilario of North Richland Hills; one daughter, Natasha Hilario of North Richland

Hills; one son, Jovi Hilario of North Richland Hills; one granddaughter; parents, Victor and Maria Hilario of Big Spring; sister, Lisa Hilario of Big Spring; three brothers, Mike Hilario of Colorado City, John Christopher Hilario of San Antonio, and Victor Hilario of Midland; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jose and Jesusita Lopez; and paternal grandparents, Victoriano Sr. and Guadalupe Hilario.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Bobby Dennis Scott



Bobby Dennis Scott, 75, of Memphis, Texas, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 in Memphis.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Memphis. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Bobby was born July 9, 1941, in Memphis to Edward and Rosetta Henderson Scott. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He had been a resident of Amarillo before moving to Memphis 3 years ago.

He was preceded in death by his mother; 3 brothers, Henry Washington, Claude Thomas Harris, and James Edward Scott; and 3 sisters, Sheila Harris, Rita Turner, and Ruby Jewel Scott.

He is survived by his father, Edward Scott of Salt Lake City, Utah; two brothers, Gary Harris and wife Viola of Big Spring, and Terry Harris of Amarillo; two sisters, Delores Ann Toney and husband Everett of Austin, and Selena Hunt of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis. Please sign the online guest book at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PEDRO GONZALEZ**, 21, of 1003 Grand in Herford was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JEREMIAH ISAIAH HOLGUIN**, 19, of 2600 Chanute was arrested on a warrant for violation of a court order (public nuisances).
- **EDDIE JAY WHITE**, 24, of 1501 W. Cherokee was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **BENNIE ANDRESS ROBINSON JR.**, 48, of 609 Holbert was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 63, of 1905 Wason Rd. Apt. #41 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL LEE MORRIS**, 29, of 706 Nolan St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DEEANNA KAY WOODARD**, 35, of 504 N. Lancaster St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GREGORY LYNN EZELLE**, 43, of 1117 N. Arcola in Angleton was arrested on outstanding war-

rants.

• **ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO**, 51, of 1600 S. Nolan St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2900 block of West Eighth Street and the 1600 block of North Birdwell Lane.

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Flora Salazar

Flora Salazar, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at her home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• **LARON CHRISTIAN ALLISON**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury; and on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

• **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 30 was booked by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• **WILLIAM JEROD FRANKS**, 40, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **ALONZO GONZALES**, 26, was booked by HCSO on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

• **AUSTIN MICHAEL HENSON**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **ERIC DELFINO HINOJOSA**, 28, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

• **LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a bondsman off bond warrant for evading arrest or detention.

• **EDWARD GLEN MEYERS**, 51, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **HENRY RODRIQUEZ**, 50, was booked by HCSO on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750) and assault causing bodily injury.

• **ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO**, 51, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **GREGORY LYNN EZELLE**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation and on a warrant for failure to comply with sex offender registry.

• **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 63, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PEDRO GONZALEZ**, 21, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

• **JEREMIAH ISAIAH HOLGUIN**, 19, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for public nuisance.

• **MICHAEL LEE MORRIS**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BENNIE ANDRESS ROBINSON JR.**, 48, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for indecent exposure.

• **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 28, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear and theft (less than \$100).

• **EDDIE JAY WHITE**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500).

• **DEEANNA KAY WOODARD**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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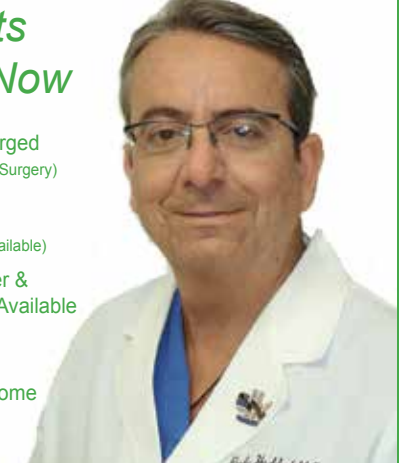
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Emma Krabill gives a hug after receiving the Russ McEwen Community Hero Award Tuesday night at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual Banquet

BANQUET

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YMCA, was board chairman and president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and is an active member of the Big Spring Rotary Club.

“He truly walks the talk,” Forrest said. “When asked to serve on the Food2Kids board, he not only agreed, he gathered up family and neighborhood

kids to help with the sackings.”

A former Big Spring High School educator, Stewart was stunned by the announcement.

“Thank ya’ll. I’m speechless,” an emotional Stewart said. “Thank you so much.”

Characterizing her as the “go to girl” in Big Spring, Forrest said Stewart was very active in Relay for Life, Festival of Lights, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and is a member of the Eastern Star. She also often partners with her husband, Howard, in his Masonic duties.

“And what a fun person she is joining with friends and family, especially those grandsons in fishing and camping trips,” Forrest said. “And she serves her Lord in so many ways through her membership at First Baptist Church.

“Her heart is as big as the world; you just might see her joyfully riding down the highway because our woman of the year rides a Harley,” Forrest continued.

Earlier in the evening, Chamber board outgoing president Adrian Calvio presented the Russ McEwen Community Hero Award. The award is giving to recognize an organization or person that has a vision and implements it to make a positive impact on the community. The Hero award is not

given out every year.

This year, that honor went to Emma Krabill, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

“I really I feel apart of this community,” Krabill said. “I’ve been here two years and it’s been a great ride — fast and furious but all worth it. Thank you so much. I am committed to this community and I will not stop until we have the best hospital in this area.”

Under her leadership, the hospital has expanded local network providers, brought back many services to the community, created a wound care center with two hyperbaric chambers, grew the orthopedic center both on the clinic and hospital side, created a fast track system in the ER, deleted contract labor within the hospital staff, created a home grown hospitalist program and created a circle of trust through the facility, Calvio said.

She is also in the process of advancing the hospital’s ER to a level 3 from a level 4 trauma, and in the process of merging the hospital’s facility with the Texas Tech University system.

“The individual we are honoring tonight for this award is by definition a hero — instead of running from adversity, she ran with it and never looked back,” Calvio said before making the announcement. “She fully believes if there is no struggle in the change, there is no progress.”

And her most significant change, Calvio said, is “the perception of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.”

Purple and gold masks, tall feathers, and more decorated the tables for the Mardi Gras-themed banquet this year. Jazz Café played an assorted jazz songs to enhance the Mardi Gras theme. Incoming chamber board president Andrea Barr told the crowd the chamber wants 2017 to be a lively and fun.

“Let’s come together to continue to make Big Spring and Howard County a wonderful place to life,” Barr said. “Laissez les bons temps rouler! Let the good times roll!”

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Francisco L. Gonzales, Sr., died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Charlie Rene McCalister, 64, died Saturday. A wake will be held from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

David Mack “Cheese” Garcia, 2, died February 1, 2017. Vigil service will be held at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with the funeral expenses.

Jose Hilario, 48, died December 3, 2016. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Take Note

- The late Greg Bodin had his first “Photographic Exhibit” at the Heritage Museum a couple of years ago. In his memory, the museum is offering a last look at his talent. His photographs are on sale one last time through the end of this week only. All sales proceeds will go to his wife, Toni Bodin during this one week exhibit to help with the expenses.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be recognizing Heart Health month with the Healthy Heart, Healthy You event at Hotel Settles. The event is February 16 and tickets are \$20 per person or \$250 for a reserved table of 10. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. To purchase tickets stop by Scenic Mountain Medical Center or call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

- 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.

- 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 Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- 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,

ARREST

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“...Through dispatch found that the vehicle had fictitious registration,” the release stated “The officer stopped the vehicle and identified Ezelle as the driver.”

Ezelle was arrested on a warrant for a parole violation warrant out of El Paso and booked in the Howard County Detention Center.

“Ezelle is a registered sex offender who was convicted of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl in Moore County,” the release said.

He was released on parole on Sept. 28. He remains in custody pending extradition, according to the Big Spring PD.

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Roger's Retro Reviews: The Court Jester

Danny Kaye was one of American cinema's most talented and multifaceted actors. Kaye acted, sang, danced, and made a fool of himself in more than 20 movies, including "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," "The Inspector General," "Hans Christian Andersen," "White Christmas," and this week's Roger's Retro Review: "The Court Jester."



ROGER
CLINE

Set in a fantasy version of England, "The Court Jester" centers around one Hubert Hawkins (Kaye). England is ruled by the

(Angela Lansbury) to Griswold. She's naturally against the marriage, and enlists the aid of her lady in waiting, the witch Griselda (Mildred Natwick).

When Hawkins arrives at the castle, Griselda convinces Gwendolyn that he (or rather, the Giacomo he's pretending to be) is her True Love, come to rescue her from marriage to the gruff Griswold.

The other fly in the ointment: The king's most trusted advisor Lord Ravenhurst (Basil Rathbone) has had a minion hire Giacomo, who is not only a jester, but a skilled assassin, to murder his political rivals and spoil the alliance with Griswold.

And hijinks ensue – a lot of hijinks. This is a hilarious movie, with Danny Kaye's trademark



nefarious tyrant, King Roderick (Cecil Parker) who has murdered the rightful king and his family, except for an infant prince kept safe in the forest by The Black Fox (Edward Ashley), a Robin Hood-esque bandit, and his band.

Hawkins, a former carnival entertainer, is the member of the Fox's crew who cares for the baby prince (especially displaying the royal buttocks bearing the royal birthmark – a purple pimpernel – as proof of his identity), although he yearns for a more martial role in the struggle.

The maid Jean (Glynis Johns), a captain in the Fox's band, informs them that the king has ordered his men to comb the forest and countryside for the prince, so the Fox instructs Jean and Hawkins to take the babe "in the usual way" to safety.

Apparently, the usual way consists of Hawkins and Jean dressing up as an old wine merchant and his deaf-mute daughter, and hiding the prince in a wine cask. Stopping to weather a storm at a woodcutter's hut, Hawkins sings a lullaby to the baby, and Jean confesses her love for his tender, gentle ways. Their love nest is interrupted by a jester traveling to King Roderick's court.

This is Giacomo (John Carradine), king of jesters and jester to the king. Quickly, the loving couple hatch a plan and knock Giacomo unconscious so that Hawkins can take his place and infiltrate the castle to let the Fox's men in to stage a coup.

Separating, Hawkins heads toward the castle in Giacomo's wagon, and Jean takes the wine cart with the prince.

Unfortunately, she's captured by the king's men who are now rounding up beautiful wenches to help the king welcome a new potential ally, Sir Griswold of MacElwain (Robert Middleton).

The king plans to cement the alliance by marrying off his daughter, Princess Gwendolyn

blend of quickfire rhymes and verbal patter, slapstick, and facial contortions; plot elements including fantasy hypnosis (you know, the kind that turns you into The World's Greatest Lover or The World's Greatest Swordsman – and then back again with a snap of the fingers); a suit of armor being super-magnetized by a stray lightning bolt and the antics it causes in a knightly tournament; a pellet of poison which may or may not be in the vessel with the pestle, the chalice from the palace, or the flagon with the dragon; and other madcap sequences.

One of the best parts of the movie is the song in which Hawkins posing as Giacomo explains to the king and his court how he first became a jester, starting out as a morose crybaby.

As a matter of fact, this piece makes a great introduction to Danny Kaye in the movie.

If you're interested and don't mind minor spoilers (though it doesn't reveal much of the actual plot of the movie), search for "the court jester – a jester" on YouTube to watch the scene.

If you don't like it (and who wouldn't?) you won't like "The Court Jester."

Everything considered, it's a great cast and a hilarious and fun family movie. 9.5 stars out of 10.

The Court Jester
Directors: Melvin Frank, Norman Panama
Writer: Norman Panama, Melvin Frank

Production company: Dena Enterprises

Approved by the Motion Picture Production Code, 1 hr. 41 min., Adventure/Comedy/Family, Feb. 27, 1956

Check this out at the Howard County Library

I'll start the year off by telling you about the new western books.

"Rio Grande" by Curtis Bishop (LP W BIS C) tells the story of Joel Howard, a brush-popper working and trying to build up his thousand-acre spread. He set his eyes on Consuela O'Rourke, the high-born granddaughter of the proprietor of nearly a half-million acres. Although Joel knew that the handsome Spanish captain had the inside track for Consuela's hand, he secretly met with her. Consuela admitted she loved him so Joel picked her up and carried her off to his cabin. The rough cabin was a rude awakening for Consuela, but she tried hard and they were happy. When she tells Joel of the proposed invasion by Mexican troops, Joel leaves to warn the Texas Rangers despite her protests that she could not stay there without him. When he returns, she is gone. Unaware that she did not leave of her own free will, Joel joins the Rangers and then becomes a Mexican prisoner, wondering if he will die before he finds out what has happened to his lovely bride.

"Hard Way Out of Hell" The Confessions of Cole Younger by Johnny D. Boggs (LP W BOG J) is a Circle V Western. Cole Younger dreams of being a good Christian, joining the Masons, marrying a good woman, maybe following his parents' dream by becoming a preacher, and living in peace. Unfortunately, western Missouri and his temper twist that road. As Cole's father tries to remain loyal to the Union, the family is tormented by Southern sympathizers. Eventually, a callous Union militia officer drives Cole into hiding, and he joins the bushwhacker raiders led by William Clarke Quantrell, where he befriends Frank James. When the ugly, brutal war ends, Cole still can't find peace. As a Confederate irregular, he remains a wanted man, so he reluctantly joins Frank and Jesse James and other disenfranchised bushwhackers on a string of crimes across the West and South. On the fiftieth anniversary of the Lawrence, Kansas, Massacre, Cole Younger stands before a preacher at a tent revival taking a step toward salvation. For a man like Cole Younger, there is much to confess.

"Winter Kill" by Bill Brooks (LP W BRO B) is a John Henry Cole Story. Winter around Cheyenne, Wyoming, that year was devastating. John Henry Cole was waiting out the storm that was quickly killing his cattle and horses, and starting to feel a little crazy himself. His friends and everything he owned was dying before his eyes and there wasn't anything he could do about it. When the storm finally blew itself out, Cole surveyed his losses and knew there was nothing left for him in Cheyenne. He had spent every dime he had buying the ranch and a herd of longhorns whose bodies lay facing south in dark clumps amid the dissipating drifts. He decided to move on but not in a direction he ex-

pected. A Texas Ranger arrived seeking Cole's help in locating a woman with whom Cole had once been intimate. The Ranger wants to question her concerning a murder. They will not be the only ones searching for her. A posse of gunmen are on her trail intent on killing her. There will be danger whatever happens, and surely men and perhaps a woman will die.

In "Into the Sunset" by Jackson Gregory (LP W GRE J), the Haverils were a clan of hard-fighting, quick-tempered men who pulled the trigger first and seldom regretted it afterwards. Barry Haveril, most reckless of them all, left his father's ranch to prospect for gold. Before he found the mine that was later to make him a rich man, he encountered the famous outlaw called the Laredo Kid, and beautiful Lucy Blue. The following years were filled with desperate adventure and bitter disappointments. Barry had to keep his courage up until he had revenge on the Laredo Kid, and Lucy was won or lost.

In "Conger's Woman" by Ray Hogan (LP W HOG R), Jud Hunter drifted in town down on his luck, dead broke, and looking for work. He found Auralee Ford about to be hanged for the murder of her husband. Judge, jury, and townspeople had no doubt that she was guilty. Thrown in jail overnight, Jud heard Auralee's story and had no doubt that she was innocent. Jud questioned should he help Auralee escape and take her to where she claims she has friends who will prove her innocence, or just mind his own business and ride out of town as soon as he's released? The decision was never in doubt. Jud realized how slim their chances were, but he also knew he had to make the attempt or die trying.

"A Stranger in Town" by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W) is a Will Tanner Western. When the train grinds to a halt somewhere in the Indian Nations, bandits get onboard and take everything on the train worth stealing and gun down a guard to make their escape. U. S. Deputy Marshal Ed Pine follows them to Muskogee. There the trail runs cold, and Ed Pine disappears. To save his friend, Deputy Will Tanner rides for Muskogee, where justice extends only as far as the range of a Colt .45. To bring in two of the most savage killers in the west, Tanner will have to be just as quick and deadly. He will have to set his badge aside, and resort to the law of the gun.

Don't want to be long-winded my first week back so I leave you with a Chinese proverb:

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Citizens United lawyer targets Texas campaign finance laws

By DAVID SALEH RAUF

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A case involving political "dark money" and the founder of an organization tied to President Donald Trump's accusations of voter fraud could lead to a crush of anonymous cash infiltrating elections in the country's second-largest state, a Democratic lawyer warned the Texas Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The nine Republican justices on Texas' highest civil court heard arguments involving the legality of the state's ban on corporate contributions, disclosure requirements for political action committees and the question of when a politically active nonprofit should have to disclose its donors like a traditional PAC. Some believe that the case ultimately could wind up before the U.S. Supreme Court and potentially reshape campaign finance regulations nationwide.

Houston tea party group King Street Patriots, started by Catherine Engelbrecht, has been the focus of a longstanding lawsuit by the Texas Democratic Party accusing the organization of violating state campaign finance laws by engaging in political behavior when it dispatched poll watchers on behalf of the Texas Republican Party during the 2010 election.

But the nonprofit, represented by Indiana attorney James Bopp Jr. — architect of the landmark Citizens United case that opened the door for corporations and unions to make unlimited independent expenditures in U.S. elections — has fired back with a counterclaim challenging numerous provisions of Texas campaign finance law.

Twenty-two states currently prohibit corporations from contributing money to campaigns and candidates, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Texas has no limit on what individuals or political committees can donate to candidates.

Corporations statewide, however, are barred from giving money directly to a campaign, though they are allowed to contribute to a political committee set up for a ballot measure or to a state-level Super PAC, which is only allowed to make expenditures independent of candidates.

Two state courts so far have upheld the Texas campaign finance laws at issue. But if the Texas Supreme Court decides to toss those laws, the public will be hard pressed to know who is funding campaigns, said Chad Dunn, a lawyer for the Texas Democratic Party.

"What's at stake today is opening the floodgates to secret funding of elections," Dunn said.

The court isn't expected to rule for months. Engelbrecht's King Street Patriots drew national attention in 2010 for sending hundreds of observers to assist the state Republican party with poll watching efforts.

She said the group exists only on paper now and an offshoot called True the Vote has taken the lead on looking into voter rolls in numerous states. Trump has made widely debunked claims that the presidential election was marred by 3 million illegal voters.

He has also encouraged the work of True the Vote, which says it is conducting a state-by-state voter roll analysis that Engelbrecht says could substantiate Trump's accusations.



AP photo

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, speaks as the Texas Senate debates a contentious "sanctuary cities" proposal that would compel local police to enforce federal immigration laws and is on track to be the first piece of legislation passed by either chamber this session, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Texas lawmakers rush to take up 'sanctuary cities' bill

By JIM VERTUNO and WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republicans began their push Tuesday to ban so-called "sanctuary cities" in the state, taking up a hotly contested bill seeking to impose stricter immigration limits by withholding grant money from local jurisdictions that don't hand over immigrants already in custody awaiting possible deportation.

The Senate was poised for hours of debate and preliminary approval over fierce objections from Democrats, who are powerless to stop the proposal from passing a chamber dominated by a large GOP majority. A Senate vote this week would send the bill in near-record time to the Republican-controlled House, where it also appears likely to pass.

Gov. Greg Abbott has declared the issue an "emergency" for Texas — allowing the bill to speed past legislative timing rules — and has pledged to sign a sanctuary cities ban into law once it reaches his desk.

The term "sanctuary cities" has no legal definition, but Republicans want local police to enforce federal immigration law as part of a larger effort to crackdown on criminal suspects who are in the

United States illegally. The issue has become contentious in states across the country, especially with President Donald Trump promising to withhold federal funds from sanctuary cities, wall off the entire U.S.-Mexico border and impose strict federal immigration policies.

As proposed, Texas' bill applies to local police forces and law enforcement at college campuses, and seeks to strip authorities of state-controlled grant funding if they don't cooperate with federal immigration agents. Abbott even has also called for a mechanism to remove locally elected officials if they dare not comply.

Supporters say local law

enforcement agencies shouldn't be allowed to ignore some laws while enforcing others. Bill sponsor Sen. Charles Perry, a Republican from Lubbock in West Texas,

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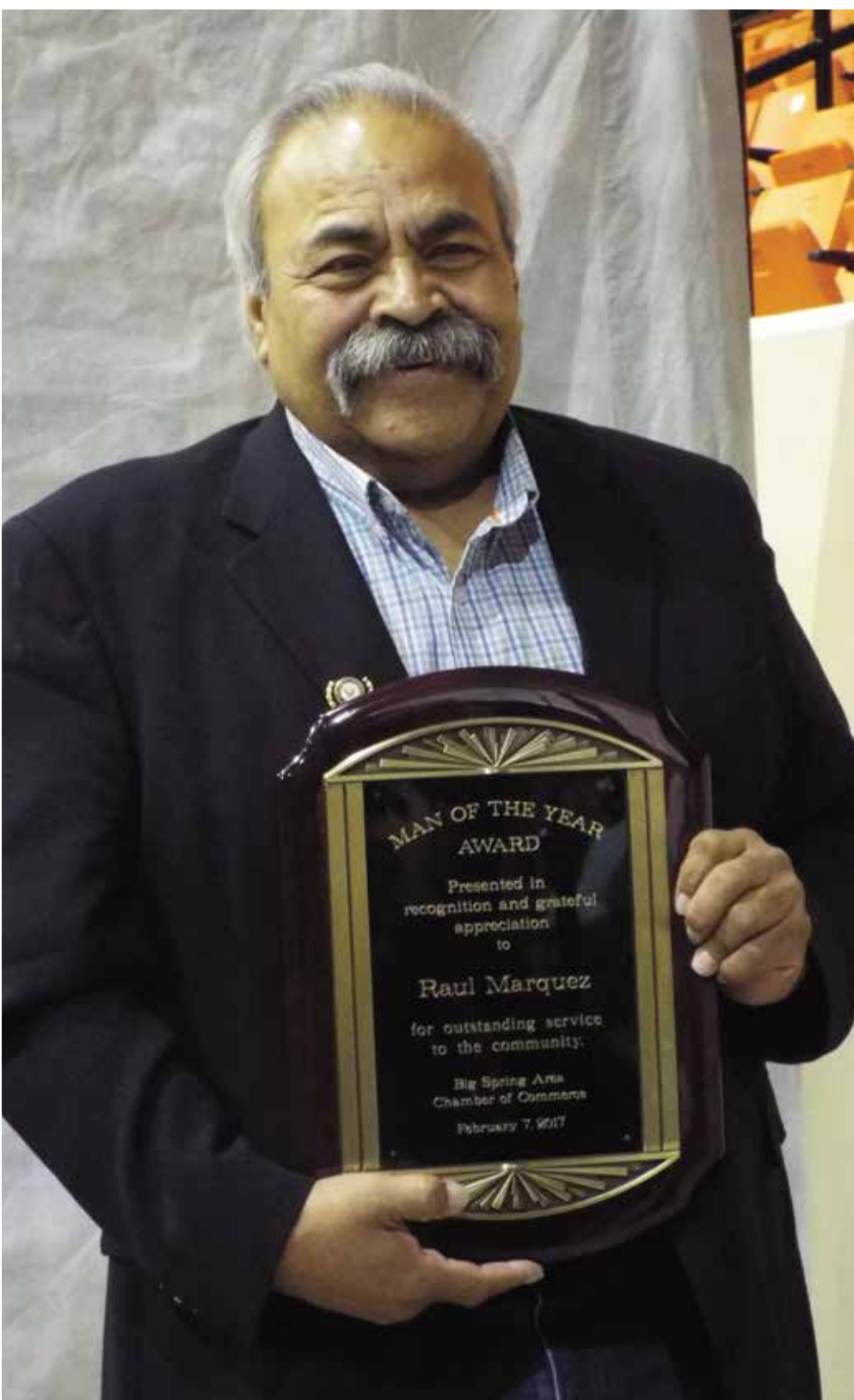
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Ferguson signs with Cisco College



HERALD photo/Marissa Loftin
Coahoma High School senior Ashley Ferguson, middle, signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Cisco College Tuesday afternoon. Also pictured from left, Ashley's father Craig, Cisco College Head Volleyball Coach Susan Moore, and Ashley's mother Stephanie.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — As Coahoma High School senior Ashley Ferguson signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Cisco College, she was also marking her place in local history.

Ferguson is the first player in the history of the four-year-old CHS volleyball program to sign a national letter of intent to play at the collegiate level.

"I'm kind of nervous because I am setting the standards and that is a little nerve racking, but I'm excited about it and ready to move on to a new chapter," Fer-

guson said after signing the letter in front of a large audience of fellow Coahoma High School athletes in the high school library Tuesday afternoon.

CHS head volleyball coach Christina Cox said Ferguson has a history of setting high standards for herself.

"Ashley has been always determined since she was a freshman to really make this a goal and to accomplish it," Cox said. "I am very proud of her. She worked very hard."

Ferguson's hard work ethic paid off early on in her high school career. She's been a mem-

ber of the varsity volleyball team all four years and was named to the all district team this past year. Outside of athletics, Ferguson is a member of the high school student council.

The newest Cisco Lady Wrangler may have inherited her athleticism and competitiveness from her parents, Stephanie and Craig Ferguson. Both parents were active in sports in high school and Stephanie played on the junior high and high school volleyball teams.

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BSJHS Lady Steers finish season with a bang

Special to the Herald

The 8th grade Lady Steers finished the season Monday, Feb. 6 with a victory over San Angelo Lee 37-10.

Balanced scoring was the way for Big Spring led by Jacqueline Belew with 8 points.

Maddie Miller scored in 6 points and Jenae Caldwell scored 5 points, with Cylie Burton and Jocelyn Gonzales adding 4 points apiece.

It was a great team defensive effort led by Rebecca Moore, Avery Tredway, Olivia Bancroft, Kenzi Canales, Kiana Banks, and Sheryln Ortega.

The 8th grade B team girls showed an entire team effort as they beat San Angelo 22-17. All 15 players played well. Defensively, Tara Lynn Perkins, Bethany Delbosquez, and Cece Cole led in rebounds, while Jocelyn Olivarez and Ashlin Calvio led with steals. Offensively, Olivarez also had 6 points, Breeilyn Copeland with 4, and Grace Zavala and Sara Woods had 3 points each.

"Coach Pilgrim is so proud of these outstanding young ladies," stated a press release.

The 7th grade A team Lady Steers won their

final game against San Angelo Lee 41-32. Ryen Terrazas led with 15 points, followed by Tristan Smith with 11. Kalyn Whitehead and Alex Enriquez played incredible defense earning them countless steals. It was a close game until the Lady Steers scored 22 points in the final quarter.

"They played their hearts out the entire game as well as the whole season," stated a press release. "They have grown so much as individual players and as a team. This team had great attitudes and were willing to learn, and the product of that was a season record of 13-3, with the only losses coming in tournament play. I couldn't be more thankful for such a phenomenal group of girls this year. They have been truly one for the books."

The 7th grade B team finished their season 8-4. Players MJ Herrera, Kayleigh Muniz, Brinly Watkins, Delia Rawls, Abi Delgado, Haley Zarraga, Kylee Lynch, Mallory Paul, Imunique Lewis, Amozonique Green, Trinity Robertson, Gracie Rodriguez, and manager Elizabeth Garcia played with heart, leadership and ambition.

McCullum's winner sends Blazers past Mavs 114-113

By **DAVE JACKSON**
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — On a night when Dirk Nowitzki turned back the clock for the Dallas Mavericks, C.J. McCollum had the final answer.

McCollum scored 32 points, the last two on a runner from the top of the lane with 0.9 seconds left to give the Portland Trail Blazers a 114-113 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night.

Nowitzki finished with 25 points that included two clutch 3-pointers, the second a potential game-winner with 3.9 seconds left. Portland and Dallas - fighting for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference - battled through a tense fourth quarter that saw the teams trade 13-0 runs at one point, then exchange leads six times in the final minute. McCollum scored Portland's last seven points. On the final sequence, he took Mason Plumlee's inbound pass and split a double-team of Harrison Barnes and Wesley Matthews to break into the clear.

"Once I caught it, I knew I was going to attack right away," McCollum said. "I tried to split (the double team), and get to the free-throw line and get to my sweet spot."

McCollum released his runner at the free-throw line and it swished through. Dallas, which was without a time-out, managed only Devin Harris' long heave from three-quarter court that wasn't close. Damian Lillard added 29 points for the Blazers, who tied their season series with the Mavericks at 2-2 — each team winning twice on the others' home floor. Barnes led the Mavericks with 26 points and Matthews added 23.

Portland led 101-89 with 7:19 to go before the Mavericks answered the Blazers' 13-0 run with one of their own. Neither team led by more than two points in the final five minutes. Nowitzki's 3 with 38.9 seconds left gave Dallas a 108-107 lead and prompted a fist pump from the veteran, who was coming off four games of below double figures for only the second time since his rookie season.

"The shot-making at the end was just vintage," coach Rick Carlisle said. "It was breathtaking."

But McCollum was just getting started. He hit a short jumper, then answered a Devin Harris counter with a three-point play to make it 112-110 with 12.3 seconds to play before Nowitzki hit another long ball.

Robinson FT after iffy foul lifts TCU over Texas Tech 62-61



AP photo
Texas Tech forward Anthony Livingston (21) plants his hand on the face of TCU guard Alex Robinson (25) while Texas Tech guard Keenan Evans (12) reaches for the ball during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Alex Robinson's winning free throw pushed TCU closer to the school's first NCAA Tournament berth in almost 20 years.

Texas Tech coach Chris Beard thought the game should have been decided in overtime.

Robinson hit the deciding shot after a questionable foul call with 1.4 seconds remaining, and the Horned Frogs beat the Red Raiders 62-61 on Tuesday night in a matchup of Big 12 teams trying to build their tournament resumes.

Keenan Evans was called for the foul as the ball went off Robinson's leg as he drove to the basket. After putting the Horned Frogs

in front, Robinson missed the second free throw on purpose, and Aaron Ross couldn't get off a length-of-the-court shot before the buzzer sounded.

"My opinion, just being a basketball fan more than anything, a guy that loves the game, a guy that would do anything for the game, I think this game should go to overtime and let the players decide," Beard

said. "That being said, I have a lot of respect for the Big 12 officials."

Freshman Jaylen Fisher scored a career-high 17 points as the Horned Frogs (17-7, 6-5 Big 12) won their third straight following a four-game losing streak. TCU is back over .500 in conference after getting to that mark for the first time in five Big 12 seasons

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c/o: **Robert D. Miller Attorney at Law 608 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79720**

DATED the 6th day of February, 2017.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Collaborate. The compromise you strike will be worth it, as long as you approach it like an experiment. What can you discover by working with others that you could not find out by working on your own?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in the mood to uncover a mystery. It seems by now something would have come along to pique your interest. Alas, you're going to

have to go searching for new inspiration, unanswered questions and purposeful quests. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Optimum productivity isn't really about how much you get done; it's about getting the (SET ITAL) right (END ITAL) things done -- the things that matter to you, make a difference to others and possibly enrich and improve your overall experience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The beautiful thing about a fantasy life is that it can be anything you want it to be and, no matter how big and wild it grows, it can always stay contained in your head and completely portable, with you wherever you go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your wish will be granted precisely as asked. This will inspire you, in the future, to ask in even more specific terms. You're getting better and better at accepting help, by the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're wondering why you can't seem to give a care about the work at hand, it's because the stakes aren't high enough to motivate you. So make it more fun. Impose a severe limit or an outrageous reward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though

you may fantasize about making a drastic change, the reality is that a series of small steps will get you there with more grace, stability and certainty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have no interest in making a "good" impression. You want it to be spectacular. You want them to be thinking of you long after you're gone. If anyone can cast such a spell, it's you. Restraint and a sense of mystery are key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in danger of digital overload. Try this radical idea: real life! Meet in person. Tell the joke or the story to someone's face. The payoff for actual human contact will be brilliant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The one you interact with most, in your head or otherwise, is the one you're having a relationship with. The dynamic doesn't have to be positive for it to be meaningful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The journey ahead gets increasingly interesting and demanding, too. Answer the challenge by planning to get more sleep. You'll need to be sharp, and sleep deprivation will only lead to mistakes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your patience is legendary,

and you'll stick with the program, person or project long after others would have given up. Your intuition tells you to hang in there, and it won't steer you wrong.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 8). People want to know you and be a part of your team this year, not because of what you can do for them but because of who you are. You're cool. Your talents are a perfect match for the March agenda. There's a victory in April. August shifts the energy to your physical self, and you'll get stronger and fitter. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 20, 44 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aquarius and I just moved to Los Angeles six months ago. I would have thought that in six months I could find a place to live and a job and make friends. Well, I'm still on my cousin's couch, I've had two jobs but neither stuck, and I'm friendless. I'm already considering moving back home. I am interested in learning about the entertainment industry, but I'm starting to think I might not have what it takes to 'make it' Maybe I'm just a Midwest kind of person. What do you think?"

Give it a full year.

Even a friendly Aquarius needs to give it a full year. Los Angeles was incorporated on April 4 in 1950, and some astrologers would call it an Aries city. However, being the heart of the entertainment industry, I think it's more helpful to think of Los Angeles as a Leo. In fact, I think of her as the MGM lion, loud, proud and fierce, though trained (or tranquilized) enough to show up and roar on cue without snacking on the stagehands. You came to this intimidating city for a reason -- to grow and explore. Don't let it beat you down so easily.

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Annie's Mailbox

Bothersome Newcomer

Dear Annie: I have been involved with a local nonprofit animal activist group for the past 12 years. About three years ago, we

had a woman whom I will call "Susan" join our group. Right off the bat, Susan was causing drama and even called the police on a volunteer who changed the password on our adoption site without telling anyone. My gut told me

that this wasn't going to go well. She started off friendly with me, but she slowly developed a lot of anger toward me and has become a bully. I don't mean to sound conceited, but I think she is jealous of all the work I put into the organization and what I have accomplished.

The last straw was when I found out that she hadn't applied for a grant two years in a row because she didn't think it was worth her time. This is a grant that we used

to apply for every year and get money from every year.

She talked to other members and got one to nominate her for president. Fortunately, this didn't work out. I made clear that I can't work with Susan and would quit if she were president.

Annie, this has caused so much stress and pain to me and my family. I have cried so many tears over this. How can I continue to help the animals and stay with the group and han-

dle being around this woman? -- Frustrated Animal Activist

Dear Frustrated: It sounds as if someone needs to take charge of this situation to save the organization. Who better than you? You've been involved for years; it's something you clearly care deeply about. And if even that unqualified drama queen can persuade people to nominate her, then you should be a shoo-in. Turn your frustration into action.

Dear Annie: My opinion of your response to "Torn," whose wife was asked to accompany their widower neighbor on a business trip for three weeks to do household tasks, differs from yours. I would strongly discourage it. The widower, being in his 60s, is not removed from sexual desires. My husband and I are in our 60s and enjoy a rich sex life. This 60-year-old man's being alone in a condo for three weeks with a 30-year-old woman could lead to all sorts of things, whether planned or not. There are usually housekeeping services available for

hire at these facilities, which the widower could take advantage of. The husband could offer to take his wife to that destination for their next vacation. My assessment is that the husband and perhaps you are a bit naive. Would you give the same advice if the widower were in his 30s or 40s? -- J.S.

Dear J.S.: I see your point, but I certainly hope you're wrong. I stand by my advice that every relationship is different and that the only two people here who know what's right for the marriage are the husband and wife. If he feels as if he can trust his wife, then he probably can. I'd much rather nurture trust than seeds of doubt; those can only grow into weeds that choke everything in their path.

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2 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♠ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead: queen of spades.
On many hands, declarer is faced with what appears to be a 50-50 chance for the contract, depending on where a certain card is located. If one opponent has it, he will succeed; if the other opponent has it, he will fail.
However, a resourceful declarer can often improve on a 50-50 chance, so that even if the key card is unfavorably placed, he might still survive.
Take this deal where the outcome

seems to depend only on which defender has the king of clubs. The standard play is to lead toward the queen at some point, and if East has the king, South's troubles are over.
The other possibility, that West has the king, is the chief cause for concern, and that's where South concentrated his attention. He won the spade lead with the king and cashed the K-A of trumps. Next came a spade to the ace and a spade ruff in dummy. South then cashed the A-K of diamonds, thus completing all the key preliminary steps.
With all the spades and diamonds eliminated from both his own hand and dummy, declarer now cashed the ace of clubs and returned a low club toward his queen. When East followed suit with the ten, it seemed that South had to guess whether to play the queen and hope East had the king, or play low and hope West now had the king alone. (If West had the K-J at this stage, the party was over.)
However, thanks to South's advance preparations, it did not matter which of these two situations actually existed — he could cover both possibilities by playing the queen. When West took the queen with the king, he was forced to return a spade or a diamond. This allowed South to discard his remaining club while trumping in dummy, and the slam came rolling home.

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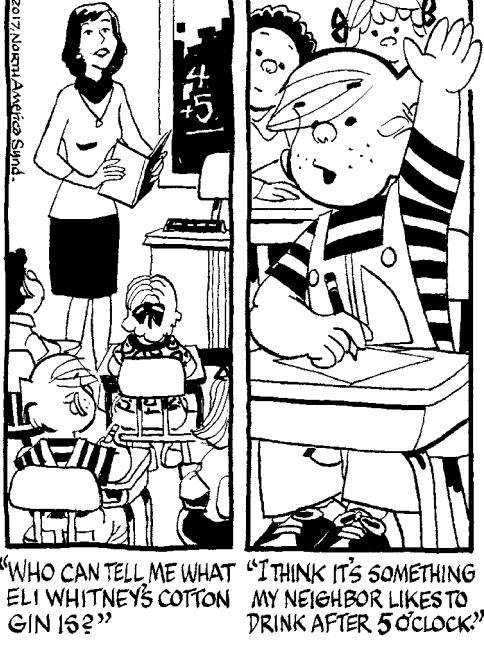
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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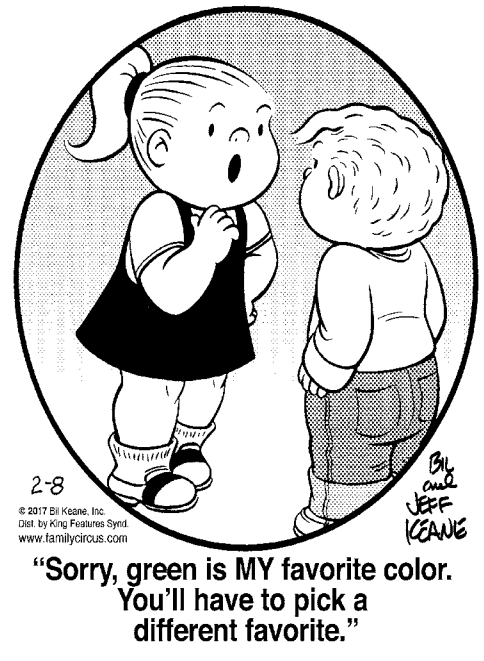
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	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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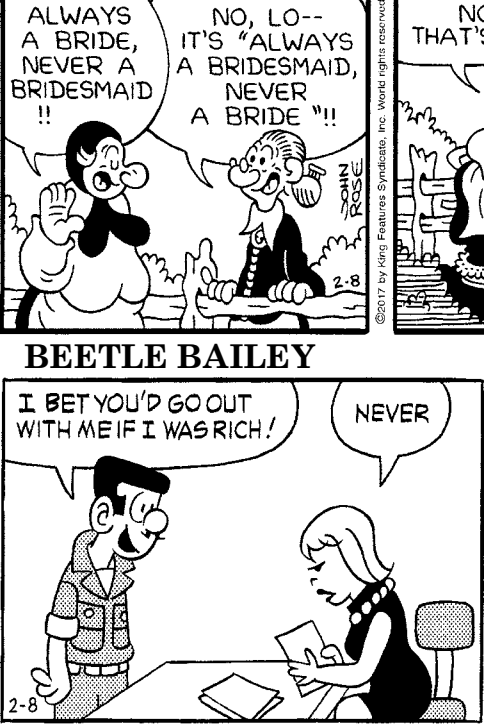
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2017. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 8, 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began invading Singapore, which fell a week later.

On this date:

- In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.
- In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina, ended in victory for Union forces led by Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.
- In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.
- In 1915, D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles under its original title, "The Clansman."
- In 1922, President Warren G. Harding had a radio installed in the White House.
- In 1937, during the Spanish Civil War, Malaga fell to Nationalist and Italian forces.
- In 1952, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Natural balm
- 5 60 Minutes network
- 8 Tennis great Becker
- 13 Checkers move
- 14 Yahoo! competitor
- 15 Capital not far from Key West
- 16 Separately, on a menu
- 18 Tickled pink
- 19 Nothing special
- 21 Location
- 22 Sound of a happy feline
- 23 Prescription writers: Abbr.
- 26 Splashed through a puddle
- 29 The Barber of Seville, e.g.
- 31 At any time
- 35 Keep from entering
- 36 Antivirus software brand
- 37 With 39 Across, nothing special
- 39 See 37 Across
- 40 Pass unnoticed
- 41 Figure out
- 42 Officeholders, for short
- 43 Sedans and coupes
- 44 Small liquor container
- 46 "That's right"
- 47 Gumbo veggie
- 49 Yale students
- 53 Nothing special
- 57 Soldier's lodging
- 60 Early American style

DOWN

- 1 Open slightly
- 2 Humdingers
- 3 Saudi neighbor
- 4 Florida Disney attraction
- 5 Shopper's vehicle
- 6 Those two
- 7 Unexpected success
- 8 Dance venue
- 9 Squashed circle
- 10 Double-crosser
- 11 Suffix for serpent
- 12 Gloomy
- 15 Next for the throne
- 17 Not many
- 20 Wet dirt
- 23 "Ditto"
- 24 Oddly amusing
- 25 Stuff in hourglasses
- 27 With skill
- 28 Little League coach, often
- 30 Make ready, for short
- 31 Short literary piece
- 32 Hold in esteem
- 33 Gives forth
- 34 Bank takeback, for short
- 36 D.C. team, in headlines
- 38 Outdated
- 39 Briny body
- 41 Quick looks
- 44 End of many work wks.
- 45 Casino game
- 48 Oscar actress Winslet
- 50 Specialized slang
- 51 Homeric epic
- 52 List of candidates
- 53 Stage presentation
- 54 Nine-__ battery
- 55 Pact partner
- 56 Pub servings
- 57 "Kapow!"
- 58 Climbing plant
- 59 Tell a whopper

Answer to previous puzzle

CARAT	DRESS	BIAA
AMBLE	TOTAS	URN
RAILROAD	TIE	RIG
	MORSEL	AGES
GOSSIPY	BAREST	
AWAITS	SHOWER	
FLUTE	STEAL	JIG
FESS	SHORT	TODO
ETA	GEARS	GUILD
	GREEDY	BURNER
STEAMS	REENTRY	
WILY	TOWERS	
AMI	SAVINGS	BOND
MEN	KRAFT	SAUCE
IRK	ISLES	ONION

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AP photo
Texas Tech guard Keenan Evans (12) shoots over TCU guard Alex Robinson (25) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, in Fort Worth.

TCU

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last month. Evans scored 20 points for the Red Raiders (16-8, 4-7) but missed the second free throw after tying the score on the first with 13 seconds left, setting up the closing sequence with both teams out of timeouts. "I never talk about the calls afterward," said TCU coach Jamie Dixon, in his first year with the Horned Frogs after taking Pittsburgh to the NCAAAs 11 times in 13 seasons. "I certainly wouldn't want to start doing it now. Certainly interesting down the stretch there." JD Miller scored 15 points and went 4 of 4 from 3-point range, including one in the final seconds of the first

half for TCU's first lead of the game after trailing 21-9. Miller had another go-ahead 3 in the final 2 minutes, and Vladimir Brodziansky made a pair of free throws for a 61-60 lead after Anthony Livingston put Texas Tech ahead with a bucket. Brodziansky scored 14 points, matching Livingston. Zach Smith had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Texas Tech. **BIG PICTURE** Texas Tech: If the Red Raiders don't make a second straight trip to the tournament in Beard's first season, the Big 12 road record will have a lot to do with it. They dropped to 0-6 away from home in con-

ference. Texas is the only other winless road team in Big 12 play. "TCU: It was the Frogs' first game since beating Texas and getting an NCAA endorsement from Longhorns coach Shaka Smart, who took VCU to the Final Four six years ago. A .500 conference record could be good enough for the first berth since 1998, and the Horned Frogs took a big step toward that. **TURNOVER TROUBLE** The Horned Frogs won despite 21 turnovers, one off the season high from two games earlier against Kansas State, another win. Those are the only 20-plus turnover

games of the season for TCU. Robinson led with five, and everyone who played had at least one. "We don't always have perfect practices," said Fisher, who had three. "And practice is just a steady grind. So we just translate it to the game." **LT IN THE HOUSE** Newly elected Pro Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson got a standing ovation and chants of "LT" when he was shown on the video board during a timeout in the first half. Tomlinson had 5,387 yards rushing for his career at TCU, including 2,158 as a senior before San Diego drafted him fifth overall in 2001.

CISCO

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When Ferguson dons the Lady Wranglers jersey come fall, she is heading into a competitive program that has seen much success. Last year, the Cisco College volleyball team went 17-9, finishing second overall in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. Adding to the program's pride, the Lady Wranglers did not lose a home game all year. "They work you hard which I love. I love hard work," Ferguson said. "They make sure you

stay on your grades. I love that as well. Overall, it's honestly phenomenal. It's an amazing program to be at, and I am very thankful to be a part of that." At tryouts, Cisco head volleyball Coach Susan Moore said Ferguson's competitive spirit was evident. "When she came to the tryouts, she was so aggressive at anything we put her doing," Moore said. "She put it all out there and was aggressive thrashing, hitting. That was biggest thing we saw — what she did. She went 100 percent the whole time. "I think with her

heart, spirit, and all out aggressiveness, she will do fine," Moore added. As a student at Cisco, Ferguson will major in criminal justice and plans to pursue a career in forensic anthropology. Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate level degrees and is located in Cisco, Texas.

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8 killed in 2 unrelated wrecks on opposite ends of Texas

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Investigators say four people have been killed in a South Texas traffic accident just hours after an unrelated wreck in the Panhandle also claimed four lives.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says four people died Tuesday morning in a three-vehicle crash 9 miles east of Laredo. Investigators say the wreck on Texas 359 involved a pickup truck, a car and a tractor-trailer rig.

Officials say preliminary information indicates the rig struck the back of the pickup that was mak-

ing a turn, then a car collided with at least one of those vehicles.

Earlier Tuesday, four people died in a two-vehicle wreck near Dumas. A DPS statement says a car going the wrong way on U.S. 287 hit an SUV head-on.

El Paso police detective arrested on sex-assault charge

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An El Paso police detective has been arrested on charges that he sexually abused a child.

Police said in a statement Tuesday that 46-year-old Juan Gardea was taken into custody a day earlier by detectives assigned to the Crimes Against Children unit.

Authorities say the arrest came after a

Texas Senate approves new UT regents

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has confirmed Gov. Greg Abbott's three nominees for the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

Tuesday night's 29-0 vote with two abstentions means Former UT regent Janiece Longoria, ex-state Sen. Kevin Eltife and businessman Rad Weaver will serve six-year terms. Abstaining were Houston Democratic Sen. Borris Miles and Sen. Royce West a Democrat from Dallas. The only two black members of the Senate, the pair has criticized Abbott for not nominating any African-Americans for the UT Board of Regents.

STATE

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blamed some of the opposition to the bill on "fear mongering." He also read a list of Texans who were killed by immigrants in the country illegally.

"This bill is about the rule of law. This is not a deportation bill," Perry said. "My bill doesn't affect those (immigrants) who are here, working and feeding their families as long as they don't break the law."

But opponents say it opens the door to discrimination and intimidation.

Although some law enforcement groups support the proposal, many individual sheriffs and police chiefs in heavily-Democratic areas have long opposed enforcing federal immigration law, warning it will make their jobs harder if immigrant communities, including crime victims and witnesses,

become afraid of police. Perry countered during Tuesday's debate that his bill bars police from asking victims and witnesses about their immigration status.

"Police across our state say this will make our state more unsafe," said Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat. "Asking 'where you from' is synonymous with (racial) profiling on the streets of Texas."

Although most local jails do cooperate, the debate has found a lightning rod in Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez, a Democrat in Austin, the state's most liberal city and home to University of Texas. Hernandez, who was elected last November, campaigned on the issue and has said her jails will only honor immigration holds on murder, aggravated sexual assault and human trafficking cases, a policy Abbott has called a threat to public safety.

Her position contrasts

that of her predecessor, who had allowed federal officials to use the jail to locate and detain immigrants suspected of being in the country illegally for possible deportation. Abbott has ordered the state to withhold nearly \$1.5 million from Travis County.

That funding supported projects such as family violence education and a special court for veterans.

The governor has warned more money could be cut.

Meanwhile, fights elsewhere in Texas could be brewing. Also Tuesday, Dallas County commissioners approved a non-binding "welcoming communities" resolution calling immigrants in the country illegal are "integral members to our community" while directing local police to "end nonessential collaborations" with federal immigration authorities.

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