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Warrant roundup continues in TX

Class C misdemeanor warrant roundup goes through Feb. 25

Special to the Herald

The city of Big Spring has joined with more than 300 court and police entities across Texas to clear class C misdemeanor warrants.

Focused arrests have already begun, and will continue through Saturday, Feb. 25, but notice is being given now to encourage voluntary compliance.

This is not an amnesty, so those with warrants may be arrested at any time, but with so many cities participating

the chances of arrest go up considerably for those who have not resolved their warrants.

Class C misdemeanors include traffic, state law, city ordinances, and parking violations. All of these violations are criminal offenses and subject to have warrants of arrest issued if they are not handled in a timely manner.

The Big Spring Municipal Court is open Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The court is located

on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main St., Big Spring.

Those with warrants are encouraged to contact the Big Spring Municipal Court to see what options are available. Payments may, however, be paid in person, through the mail or online at www.mybigspring.com.

Those who have warrants are strongly encouraged to go online or contact the Court as oppose to waiting to be arrested.

City RockFest is Saturday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Ready to rock out in the name of the Lord?

The "City RockFest," featuring five Christian hard rock bands, kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. The event has been organized by Big Spring's First United Methodist Church.

"The RockFest is going to be like a mini-version of



'Rock The Desert' that takes place in Midland," said event organizer and FUMC youth volunteer Nick Rodriguez. "There's going to be five Christian bands coming into See **FEST**, Page 3

Downtown Garden Project to be enhanced by student art mural Saturday

By **SANDRENA KONING**

Staff Writer

The Garden Project is getting a facelift with a new mural.

Art teacher Bianca Mireles is teaming up with the Garden Project to add some artistic flair to the outside of the building.

"We're still needing help with clean up efforts and metal tubing to fabricate a fence for The Downtown Garden Project, said organizer Jeremiah Peters.

The Garden Project is Peters' plan for a community garden located inside of his downtown Big Spring building currently under plans for renovation. The garden would allow members of community in need to pick their own fruits and vegetables. The project is looking for volunteers to help with clean up efforts and donations that may aid in their efforts.

This Saturday, Mireles and her Honors Art Club students from the Big Spring Intermediate Art Club are having their priming party for the mural. Mireles is a local artist and the art/reading teacher at BSISD.

"I have at least two dudes to help with the top, and I really want my students to do the bottom. I have 14 students in my art club," Mireles said. "The youth are beautifying the community."

The community is welcome to come out Saturday around noon and watch the priming party and interact with Mireles and her students. The goal is to have the mural completed in time for the April 1st Downtown Art Walk.

"Hopefully it will be finished in time for the art walk April 1," said Mireles.

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Maintaining a healthy heart



HERALD photo/Sandrena Koning

Glenda Stubbs looks over a booth at the health fair and expo held as part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center's "Healthy Heart, Healthy You," program. The event was held Thursday night at the historic Hotel Settles. Following the health fair, a dinner was held where Dr. Charisse Ward discussed ways to ensure heart health, treatments, and preventative care. Ward is board-certified in internal and cardiovascular medicine.

American Legion fish fry fundraiser

The American Legion Post 506 will host a fish Friday Saturday.

Delivery will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 1 p.m. Serving will start at 11 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

Plates are \$10 each. Carry out is

also available.

The post is located at 3202 W. Highway 80. For more information or to order a plate, call 432-263-2084.

Funds from the event goes to support the American Legion.

Sales tax allocations down this month

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Sales tax revenue fell from this time last year for many cities and towns across the Permian Basin and Crossroads area, according to figures released by the Texas Comptroller's office. The following figures are the February payout sent to area cities from the state. The sales tax was collected in December. Also listed is the percentage of net gain or loss compared to payment prior year.

Abilene: \$4.35 million, -4.15 percent
 Ackerly: \$6,278.96, -1.23 percent
 Amarillo: \$7.93 million, -3.71 percent

Big Spring: \$810,038.32, -10.25 percent

Coahoma: \$319.18, -96.30 percent

Colorado City: \$56,314.73, -17.42 percent

Forsan: \$9,968.24, -21.72 percent

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Trump considers using Nat. Guard for immigration roundups

AP — The Trump administration is considering a proposal to mobilize as many as 100,000 National Guard troops to round up unauthorized immigrants, including millions living nowhere near the Mexico border, according to a draft memo obtained by The Associated Press.

The 11-page document calls for the unprecedented militarization of immigration enforcement as far north as Portland, Oregon, and as far east as New Orleans, Louisiana.

Four states that border on Mexico are included in the proposal — California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas

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Obituaries

Lynn "Shorty" Maddox



Lynn "Shorty" Maddox, 74, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born to Raymond and Wanda Maddox Oct. 27, 1942, in Tulia, Texas, and married Mary LaVerne Morris Dec. 2, 1960, in Lenorah, Texas. She preceded him in death June 17, 1993.

Shorty served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1968. He came to Big Spring in 1968 and was an electrician by trade. He worked for various companies during his career.

He was a member of the Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock and was baptized on his 74th birthday in the fountain on the LCU campus. Shorty was also a member of the Staked Plains Lodge 598

A.F. & A.M. He enjoyed bowling, camping, hunting and being in the outdoors. He also loved animals and being with his family.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Maddox and wife Kim of Big Spring, and Marray Maddox and wife Sarah of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Nick Maddox and wife Kellee, Nathan Maddox and wife Sabrina, Malori Rogers and husband Tyler, Peyton Maddox, and Maci Maddox; and three great-grandchildren, Aeva Maddox, Conor Maddox, and Aiden Maddox.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Sherry Maddox; and one brother, Ronnie Maddox.

The family would like to thank Dennis and Vanessa for the excellent care and friendship given to Shorty in his last years.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Children at <http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/en/donate>; or to the Greenlawn Church of Christ, 5701 19th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79407.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Dorothy Bailey



Dorothy Bailey, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 2, 1933, in Durant, Okla., to Versie Verda Yates Barrow and Walter Lonzo Barrow. She moved to Big Spring in 1953 from Wichita Falls, and had been a resident of Howard County since that time. She worked at Ramada Inn Restaurant for many years. She later worked at Quick Clean Laundry on Gregg Street. She married Charles Edwin Bailey on Sept. 17, 1981. Dorothy volunteered for many years at the Big

Spring Senior Citizens Center. She loved watching her grandkids' sports events, square dancing, and line dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Bailey of Big Spring; two daughters, Brenda Boyd and husband Jim of Utopia, and Twila Wegner and husband Robby of Big Spring; one son, Darrell Nichols and wife Sheri of Big Spring; two stepdaughters, Marie Walker of Odessa and Terri Johnson of McKinney; three stepsons: Charles "Tinker" Bailey Jr. of Columbus, Texas, Mike Bailey of Brazoria, and Rick Bailey and wife Sheri of Big Spring; one brother, Eugene Barrow of California; 21 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a very special niece Tanya Beck.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Carla Smith; two brothers; and one sister.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KATHERINE DELORIS SCAGGS**, 45, of 201 N. Scurry St. was arrested on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information; and on outstanding warrants.
- **REGINO GARCIA MEN-**

DEZ, 38, of 1607 State St. was arrested on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.

- **GABRIEL XAVIER CROSSMAN**, 20, of 3604 Boulder was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON**, 34, of 101 Apache Rd.

was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 1700 block of East FM 700, and the 3200 block of East 11th Place.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.
- **GABRIEL XAVIER CROSSMAN**, 20, was booked by HCSO

on a warrant for burglary of a habitation intending other felony.

- **REGINO GARCIA MENDEZ**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON**, 34, was booked by

HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **KATHERINE DELORES SCAGGS**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information; on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$2,500); and on a parole violation.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of East 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Vicky.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of East 17th Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Wildfire Road.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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Joyce Marie Chatwell

Joyce Marie Chatwell, 87, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017. There will be a visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. A graveside service will be held at Serenity Memorial Gardens on Monday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Weather

Today: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the west after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Howard, and Mitchell counties including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

Take Note

- A free beginner's genealogy class will be offered Sunday, Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center in Gail. Those attending should bring materials for taking notes and a laptop; wifi will be available for research. Also, bring information about births, deaths, and wedding dates of your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, if known. Contact Lisa Mahler at bordencohistory@gmail.com to reserve a seat or to ask a question.

- Parkplace Retirement Living, will hold a Valentine's Dance Friday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Big Spring Senior Center, 100 Whipkey Dr. There is no charge to attend and the dance is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

- The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

- 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.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. 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 Seventh 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.

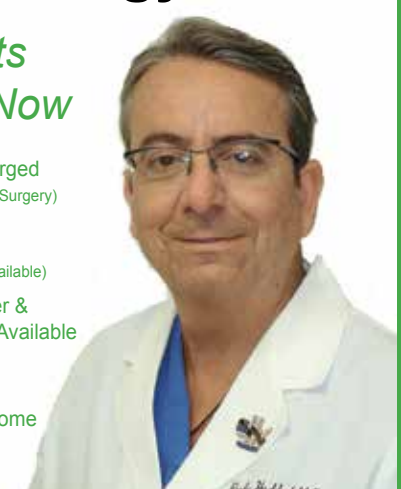
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Pictured at top is Comfort Keepers information booth, one of many displays from various local health and services agencies displayed at the health fair during SMMC's "Healthy Heart, Healthy You" event Thursday evening at the Historic Hotel Settles. At left, Dene Sheppard, senior director with Mary Kay Cosmetics, poses for a photo in front of her booth.

FEST

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Big Spring Saturday morning. It's just going to be an awesome way of worshipping God in a different style. A lot of people like to listen to worship music, gospel music, and this kind of music is just a whole completely different avenue.

"It's just an awesome way to still do the same thing, still praise God, and still sing songs to him and to also know that, you know, he does love you, in a whole different way," Rodriguez continued. "It's just an awesome experience. I think a lot of people here in Big Spring and outside the community of Big Spring are going to be very excited and they're going to have a life-changing moment at the concert."

Rodriguez said the bands taking part in the concert are Disciple, Project 86, Seventh Day Slumber, Random Hero, and Scarlet White.

The concert will be free to the public, but Rodriguez and FUMC's youth minister Beau

Niewoehner have been conducting contests to give away VIP passes.

As a matter of fact, a contest started this morning. Rodriguez said the final 20 VIP passes were distributed to four locations around town, and are available - one pass per person - on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"They're at First United Methodist Church, KBEST Media, the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Hotel Settles," he said. "The VIP starts at 5:30, and it's a meet and greet/Q&A. So all five bands will have members of the band up there on stage. People will be able to ask questions to the band members, just get to know those band members on a personal level rather than just listen to the music."

"As of right now, we've given out about 200 VIP passes," he continued. "You'll get first access to great seats for the concert, and you get first dibs on the merchandise. I have volunteers that are going to be running the merchandise tables for the bands, and

so at 5:30 as soon as the VIP gets in there, they can have first access to the T-shirts, you know, any type of merchandise that the bands are selling. So that's a great incentive."

Rodriguez is predicting a large crowd for the five-band concert.

"I'm hearing from people around the community that we'll have people coming from Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene, and even as far as San Antonio coming to our concert," he said. "I was hoping and praying that we would have a good turnout, but now I think we're going to have a packed crowd. We're going to find ways to not turn people away, but it's going to be awesome to fill up the auditorium and hopefully reach people that need to be reached."

For more information contact First United Methodist Church at 267-6394.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 extension 232, or by email at life@bigspring-herald.com



Courtesy photo

Andy Martinez installing the wood foundation for the Downtown Garden Project mural.

GARDEN

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Andy Martinez helped contribute to the project with carpentry work and supplies. Martinez is Jeremiah Peters uncle, according to Mireles. Peters and Martinez son, Justin, also work at the Desert Flower Art Bar which is one of the sponsors of the Downtown Art Walk. 1st Saturday Art walks of Big Spring will

host the first art walk on April 1 from 4-midnight. Sponsored by The Desert Flower Art Bar and Ithink219.

"Thanks to Andy Martinez for helping with the hard part," said Mireles. "Andy Martinez is the local carpenter and he set the wood for us for free."

The Downtown Garden Project is located at 203 N Runnels St Big Spring, Texas. They can be contacted at www.facebook.com/thedowntowngardenproject/.

Rev. Alberto of Cuba to speak at two local churches

Special to the Herald

A Presbyterian pastor from Cuba is coming to Big Spring in the near future, and will give talks at both First Presbyterian Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Jose Alberto Padin and his wife Dania will speak at Big Spring's First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels St., Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Mike and Monica Robinson and the Rev. Jose Luis Casal, current Missioner of the Tres Rios

Presbytery will share a presentation on their trip to Cuba last fall. Padin will also be present.

Then, Rev. Padin will give a short video presentation and answer questions at lunch Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St., from 11:30 to 1 p.m. A light meal will be served.

For more information contact First Presbyterian Church at 263-4211 or St. Paul Lutheran Church at 267-7163.

TAX

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Lamesa: \$145,639.71, -8.44 percent
Lubbock: \$7.21 million, 1.89 percent
Midland: \$5.48 mil-

lion, -17.42 percent
Odessa: \$4.08 million, 1.84 percent
San Angelo: \$2.59 million, -2.27 percent
Snyder: \$275,343.38, 0.95 percent
Stanton: \$66,118.30, -0.36 percent

Sterling City: \$16,574.43, -18.26 percent
Sweetwater: \$326,776.63, -12.87 percent
Information is provided by the Texas Comptroller's office.

TRUMP

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— but it also encompasses seven states contiguous to those four — Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Governors in the 11 states would have a choice whether to have their guard troops participate, according to the memo, written by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, a retired four-star Marine general.

While National Guard personnel have been used to assist with immigration-related missions on the U.S.-Mexico border before, they have never been used as broadly or as far north.

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1 John 4:18

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Psalm 91: 14-16

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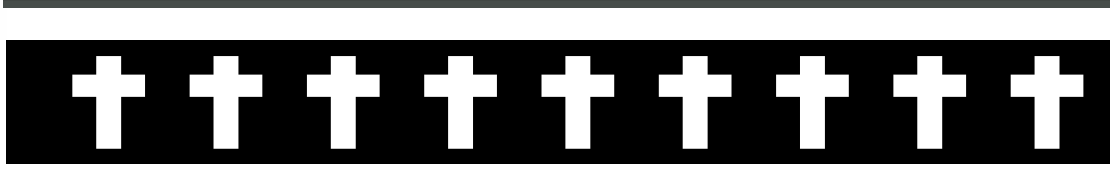
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Did you ever wonder? Abimelech

The Israelites had peace for forty years while Gideon was alive. Soon after his death, however, turmoil broke out between his sons.

Gideon had many wives and seven-ty sons by his wives. He had one son by his concubine from Shechem.

Shechem was a Canaanite city. Do you remember that Jacob's daughter, Dinah, was raped by the prince of Shechem? And in retaliation, Simon and Levi slew all the males in Shechem? Centuries later the people of Shechem strongly disliked the Israelites.

Have you noticed that violent people think they have a right to rape and pillage, but they harbor extreme bitterness against the people who catch them and punish them for their violence?

Abimelech, Gideon's son by his concubine, would have had little or no prestige among Gideon's 70 sons. He went to his mother's brothers in Shechem trying to gather support to make him king. Her people gave him money and he hired an army of mercenaries.

Abimelech and his army went to his father's city, Ophra, and slew all of his half-brothers on one stone. The citizens of Ophra crowned Abimelech king over them. However, Jotham, the youngest

son, escaped.

Gideon's city, Ophra, was located very near the mountains of Ebald and Gerizim. On these mountains Joshua pronounced the list of blessings and cursings for the Hebrews to choose which they would follow. The acoustics in this valley must be very good for the sound to carry so well.

Jotham, Gideon's surviving son, climbed Mt. Gerizim and shouted a parable to the citizens of Shechem. "One day the trees went out to select a king for themselves.

"They asked the olive tree to be their king, but it refused. The olive tree answered that the oil it produced was too important. They asked the fig tree to rule them, and it refused. The fig tree's fruit was too good and sweet.

"The trees asked the grape vine to be king, but it refused. It could not stop producing its fruit; its wine was too important.

"Finally the trees asked the thorn bush to be their king. The thorn bush said, 'If you really want me to be your king, come and take refuge in my shade.'"

This is the typical requirement of a king accepting a nation as a vassal state. But for the trees to take refuge in the shade of a thorn bush, think of how low they would have to bow!

"If not," continued the thorn bush, "may fire come out of the thorn bush and consume the trees!"

Jotham continued his speech, "Now if you have acted honorably by making Abimelech king...

If you have treated Gideon with honor when you murdered his 70 sons, may you bless Abimelech and may he bless you.

"But, if you have dealt treacherously with Gideon and his family, let fire come out from Abimelech and consume you citizens of Shechem. And let fire come out from you citizens of Shechem and consume Abimelech." (Judges 9:7-20 paraphrased.)

Abimelech governed Israel only three years; God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem. And they revolted against Abimelech.

After many days of fighting, the people took refuge inside a high tower. As Abimelech set fire to the tower, a woman dropped a mill stone from the top of the tower. It hit Abimelech on the head so that he knew he was dying.

Warriors of that time were shamed if a woman struck their death blow. Abimelech asked his armor-bearer to kill him quick with his sword, which the armor-bearer did.

Thus God repaid the wickedness of both Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem!

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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Church News

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

Services start Sunday with Bible study at 9 a.m. followed by worship at 10 a.m. Evening worship starts at 5 p.m.

On Wednesdays, Ladies Class is at 9:30 a.m. and singing and devotional are held the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, his wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join them in worship Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Come lift your heart to God and give praise and thanks for the risen Savior Jesus Christ. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

FBC Music and Worship Ministry announces a "Night of Praise" March 5, featuring the music of composer Heather Sorensen. The concert will start at 6 p.m., and the community is invited. Plan now to attend this uplifting time of honoring God through the music of this gifted believer.

Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:50, and Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture titled "The Praying Life." Drawn from Matthew 6:5 to 8, this powerful passage emphasizes that for a Christ follower, prayer is like breathing: necessary for life. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of classic hymns of the faith and contemporary praise music. If you are unable to attend the service you can join the worship through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

Bible Fellowship groups meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor and youth, college students, and adults meeting throughout the second floor. Greeters are available to help you find a class.

At 5:30 p.m., all area children are

invited to participate in Kids Connection under the direction of Children's Minister Justin Green. This is a fun time of Bible based songs, games, and activities.

Teens meet at the home of Youth Minister Jonathan Raffini at 6. Transportation is available; call Jonathan at 432-270-8332 for details.

Evening worship service starts at 6 in the chapel, and Pastor Mark continues the journey through Ephesians.

Upward Basketball games resume Saturday, Feb. 18. Go to fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223 for game locations and times. Come and cheer on the participants as they learn about Jesus through this Bible-based sports program.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include prayer and Adult Bible Study time, Adult Worship Choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth for teens. Call the church at 267-8223 for details.

Church offices will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day, and Women's Bible Study will not meet.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with you. This week, you're invited to the following events:

Sunday, Feb. 19 — 10:30 a.m. Worship service, come discover what it truly means to be radical in love. Find out how your life is impacted when you become radical in your prayer, radical in your praise, and radical in your generosity.

Sunday, Feb. 19 — Marriage Enrichment Sunday School Class— currently being offered is a powerful Married Couples Only class entitled "Radical Marriage." Your marriage can be the greatest adventure of your lives when you allow God into your relationship with your spouse. Experience a radical marriage to the fullest. The class is from 9 s.m. to 10 a.m. in the Chapel/ARC(academic resource center). Remember, you do not have to be a member to attend.

You're invited every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions please contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email Info@cccbigspring.org. You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is open and eager to welcome new and old members. Come by 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring to pay them a visit. Fellowship begins at 9:15 a.m., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., and worship begins at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday.

This Sunday, guest minister will be Dan Miracle, who will be preaching a sermon on Matthew 5:38 to 48. Assisting Dan in worship will be Linda Miracle as liturgist, Wanda Brock and Shirley Burgess will serve at the Lord's Table, and Deniece Walker and Larry Oster will serve as greeters.

As with all Sundays, worship will be enhanced with music led and directed by Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault.

If you are looking for a place to worship and make lasting friendships, come pay them a visit. For more information regarding their services or any goings on, call 432-517-4821.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, will meet at 5 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 6 p.m.

The Children's Choir practice is at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday, the youth have the following schedule: dinner, 6 p.m.; handbells, 6:30; and Confirmation Class at 7:15 p.m. in the Youth Room.

The Session is sponsoring a light dinner and dessert with a presentation on Cuba on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mike and Monika Robinson and the Rev. Jose Luis Casal, current General Missioner of Tres Rios Presbytery, will share a presentation from their trip to Cuba last fall. A pastor from one of the churches that they visited in Cuba will also be present at the dinner. Everyone is encouraged to attend this opportunity to learn more about the Presbyterian Church in Cuba.

The Session meets Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in the library.

Presbyterian Women meet Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. in the library. Marj Carpenter will lead two Bible study lessons, chapters 5 and 6 from the study book: "Who Is Jesus, based on the Gospel of John."

The Service Committee has designated February for the annual Hygiene Products Drive. They are asking for travel size

FBC concludes youth discipleship retreat



Courtesy photo

Worshippers gather in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church during the recent service culminating the youth retreat weekend "Discipleship Now." Music was led by the group "Pursuit," and Jon Harper, founder of Word Ministries, was the featured speaker.

items such as deodorant, shaving cream, tooth paste, mouth wash, dental floss, razors, toothbrushes, and combs. These will be collected on Feb 19 and 26, or may be dropped off at the church any time before Feb. 26.

The Covenant Class begins a unit "The Birthing of a New Community," featuring lessons from Paul's letter to the Galatians. These lessons focus on living together in the faith community, on Christian freedom, and liberty in Christ.

The Discovery Class finishes the DVD study by Timothy Keller and Abraham Cho: "Generosity - Responding to God's Radical Grace in Community." This sermon series points out that generosity is so much more than being generous with money. It looks at what it means to be generous through service, through relationships, through hospitality, through the privileges and power we hold, as well as through wealth. Following this study will be a study for Lent.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Danny Kenemur is lector for February. Ushers for the month are Ellen Austin, Susan Holstedt, Tom Koger, and John Yater.

The lectionary for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time is Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the introit "God Is Here" by Cyril Vincent Taylor. The Rev. Craig Holstedt minister, will present the sermon. The choir will present "You Are Holy" by Mark Imboden and Tammi Rhoton as the anthem and "At the Name of Jesus" by Ralph Vaughn Williams as the offertory anthem.

Please note that the worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before the radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

See CHURCH page 6



I never knew you

For the past few articles I have been commenting on the "Sermon on the Mount" which can be found in Matthew 5-7. I'll keep my overview short this time - you can read the passage for yourself. Jesus teaches that those who would enter into his kingdom must have a righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20).



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The righteousness that God wants, however, is not an external show or a meticulous routine of following traditions. It is following God's laws from the heart (Matthew 5:21-48). It is doing things for the honor and glory of God and not to bring attention on ourselves (Matthew 6:1-18). It is trusting in God's provision for both my body and soul (Matthew 6:19-34).

How do we react to this? Some

people deny Jesus and God. Some ignore Jesus and his teachings. Some people look at themselves and see how they fail to live up to the standard that Jesus sets. This is a proper realization but it drives them to the desperation of thinking that God will never accept them because of the things they have done, said, thought, etc. Some people understand their failure but then try to show God how good they can be and in the process they make it all about the externals and they start measuring others according to the yardstick that they have cut and notched themselves.

Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" (ESV)

Every time I read those words they sting. Those who deny Jesus say, "Who cares?!" Those who ignore Jesus say, "Leave me alone - I don't want to know." Those prisoners of hopelessness say, "Jesus doesn't want to know me anyway." But the others say, "Jesus isn't talking to me - I mean look at all that I have done (am doing)!"

Is that me? Do I look at God's word and look at myself then turn away and think I'm not doing half bad (James 1:22-25)? Do I look at others around me and think I'm doing more, or better, than they are so I must be alright (Luke 18:9-14)?

Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (ESV). How sad (terrible, heart-breaking, miserable) to stand before Jesus on the day of judgment and hear those dreadful words - I never knew you!

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

CHURCH

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A new Wednesday Evening Bible Study will begin soon. More information will be coming.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join with the congregation this Sunday.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG, 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts" sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchristx@gmail.com for more information.

Midway Baptist Church

The Midway Baptist Church Women's Prayer and Share Group meets every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd., and offers fellowship and Bible study programs. Refreshments are provided and children are welcome.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek is starting a Food Pantry Ministry called "Our Daily Bread." If you are interested in participating in this ministry or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman. The next meeting for this ministry will be Feb. 19.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

The next Men's Warrior Weekend is scheduled for March 31 through April 2. The cost is \$30. Contact Michael McGuffey for more information.

Our Youth and Family Camp will be heading back to Colorado this summer. If you are interested in this camp, contact Lloyd Wells.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by the Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/

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The Connect Four class meets once a month immediately after service on Sundays. This class is for new members and those who want to know more about our church and our beliefs. It is a two hour session. Lunch and childcare will be provided for those attending.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "Ephesians."

Check out the Spring Creek smartphone app to make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains, and learn about upcoming events.

Search for Spring Creek Fellowship on your phone's app store and download.

Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office to keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service

9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Cafe" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-noon -Worship Service

Tuesday-

Noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, "Damaged Goods"

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-Study of Ephesians Men's Bible Study

Friday-

7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

If you would like any further information regarding ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message series through the Book of Ephesians continues this Sunday.

The series title is "Called to Purity," and the message this week comes from Ephesians 2:14-18 and is called "Brought Together."

The Sunday evening study series is called "The

Reflections:

Reboot

I bought my first computer in 1982, a Commodore 64. It used a 340k floppy disc and operated with machine language. After typing in the machine code, the little floppy started to whirr ... and whirr ... and whirr a little more. It whirred so long that I could get a cup of coffee or make a sandwich. When it finally loaded the program it worked great. With each program, I started the process all over again, something they called "booting up."

I think the term came from the farm. You didn't want to track that barnyard stuff into the house, so when you went inside, you took your boots off. And, when you wanted to go to work, you put your boots back on. So, for the little PC, we put our boots on, or "booted up" the program if we wanted to go to work or play.

I graduated from the Commodore to an IBM compatible Compaq that ran MS-DOS. The screen lit up with an eerie green glow and pulled its data from a hard drive.

It took a long time for me to convert to Microsoft Windows, but I finally made the leap. Today I use a Dell laptop and sometimes throw up my hands in exasperation when the Windows 10 operating system demands an "update."

I usually leave it in sleep mode so it wakes right up and we get going whenever I want. I get my cup of coffee before I turn it on. I like leaving my "boots" on with my laptop. But sooner or later, it slows down. It begins to creep along. The mouse drags or freezes in place and I am stuck. It has too much going on in its PC memory, too many programs trying to run at once. Too much "barnyard stuff" tracked in and making it stink. There is nothing to do but "reboot" it. So, I turn it off and let it reload the operating system. After the "reboot," we are good to go and back up to speed.

We are a lot like my computer. We fly from one task to another, filling our lives with frenzied activity, trying to constantly multi-task between family, business, community and personal obligations. We freeze up. We are no longer efficient. We do nothing well. Sometimes we need to "reboot."

This is why God gave us the Sabbath. It is the fourth of the ten "Big Ones." And, as Jesus pointed out, it was given to us by God because we need it. "Man was not made for the Sabbath," Jesus said. "The Sabbath was made for man."

If we want to live full, meaningful, productive, and effective lives, we need time for worship and rest. We need to "reboot" physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are made in such a way that we have to power down if we want to power up. This means turning off the TV, disconnecting from social media and taking a deep breath. We need to listen the laughter of children, to birds singing, the wind in the trees, waves lapping on the shore and listening to God. Meditations in the Psalms and the Sermon on the Mount help me most.

We need to take the Apostle Paul's advice: "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Names of God," which examines each name given in both the Old and New Testaments.

Youth and children's activities have resumed on Wednesday evenings, including classes for elementary students at 4, a meal for youth at 5:30 and classes for youth and adults beginning at 6.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

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Texas mayor who harshly criticized Muslims nixes re-election

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A suburban Dallas mayor who drew national attention for her harsh criticism of Muslims says she won't seek a third term. Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne told The Dallas Morning News that she "would be honored to work" for President Donald Trump. She was among the few big-city mayors to support Trump's candidacy in 2016.

Van Duyne had been on the City Council since 2004 and mayor since 2011. The City Council voted in December 2015 to endorse a bill that would bar judges from using foreign law in their rulings. The bill was believed aimed at Islamic tribunal formed to mediate faith-based disputes.

Texas governor slams NFL over 'bathroom bill' criticism

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is slamming the NFL for criticizing a bill in his state's Legislature that would prohibit transgender people from using the public restroom of their choice.

In an appearance Thursday on Fox News, the Republican said that if the league punishes Texas over the "bathroom bill," "I might just pass a bill" requiring all players to stand and place their hands over their hearts during the National Anthem.

A spokesman later suggested Abbott was joking. The bill requires people to use public restrooms corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates. Days after a successful Super Bowl in Houston, an NFL spokesman said it could be "discriminatory" and might even cost Texas hosting future big games. Abbott also said the NFL should stay out of politics.

Feds to check special education at 12 Texas school districts

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Education has advised state officials that it will take a closer look at special education programs at 12 Texas school districts.

In a Jan. 19 letter to state Education Commissioner Mike Morath, federal officials expressed concern that the districts were failing to identify, locate and evaluate disabled children needing special ed.

School districts in Houston and its suburban Aldine and Fort Bend districts; the San Antonio-area North East and Harlandale districts; Austin and nearby Del Valle and Leander; Laredo and the nearby United district; Ector County in the Odessa area; and the Fort Worth suburb of Everman.

Federal representatives will visit district schools to review their special ed referral and outreach practices.

A TEA statement says the agency is cooperating with the federal effort.

Willie Nelson to return to stage after fighting cold

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Willie Nelson is set to return to the stage after missing several shows because of a cold.

Publicist Elaine Schock says the 83-year-old country star will perform Thursday night at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Nelson missed a three-night stint in California last week, as well as shows set for New Mexico and Arizona, because of what Schock says was a terrible cold that required rest. Prior to that, he canceled two Las Vegas shows in late January but returned for the last three in early February.

The singer-songwriter is set to release a new album this spring called "God's Problem Child."

Students walk out, Latino-owned businesses close

DALLAS (AP) — Students by the hundreds walked out of their classrooms and Latino-owned businesses closed by the dozen as part of "Day Without Immigrants" demonstrations across Texas.

More than 1,100 students went on strike at Dallas Independent School District schools on Thursday. That's according to school board member Miguel Solis. The El Rancho supermarket chain closed its 16 stores for the day. In Fort Worth, school absences were about 13 percentage points above normal. Other North Texas districts saw light to moderate increases in absenteeism Thursday.

Absenteeism is much higher in the Austin area, where classrooms were reported to be no more than half-full.

Hundreds of immigrant rights advocates rallied and marched from the Texas Capitol through downtown Austin.

Texas officials say ICE detained immigrant inside courthouse

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Local Texas officials said a review of courthouse security footage shows federal immigration agents detained a transgender woman seeking a protective order for alleged domestic violence while she was inside a courthouse.

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal said she reviewed the courthouse security footage that shows federal agents entering the courthouse on February 9, approaching Irvin Gonzalez as she was leaving the protective-order courtroom and escorting her out of the building by the elbow. A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman issued a statement Thursday confirming Gonzalez had been detained and noting she had several criminal convictions since 2010 including larceny and assault and had been deported six times.

"There really are two separate issues: What happened to this individual client, which we think was wrong, and the larger picture is the chilling effect of having immigration officials in a courthouse and in a protective-order courtroom," Bernal said. "If

immigration officials are going to be roaming freely in a place where people seek justice, then people are not going to seek justice."

ICE agents wrote in an affidavit used to detain Gonzalez that they approached and took her into custody outside the courthouse. The agency's statement does not address the discrepancy in the two accounts.

Bernal said the footage is clear from the security cameras.

"An agent is holding her elbow as he leaves the courthouse with our client. I would say that is being detained," she said.

Bernal said she and other county officials planned to meet Friday with state, local and federal officials to ask that ICE refrain from similar enforcement actions in the future. She said the detainment was an isolated incident. ICE policy restricts agents from enforcement actions at places deemed sensitive including churches, schools and hospitals and requires consultation with supervisors before taking action at places that assist children, pregnant women or victims of crime or abuse.

Victim advocates said detaining people seeking protective orders could deter others from seeking help. Cesar Campa, community relations director for the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence in El Paso, said the center has received multiple calls since Gonzalez was detained from victims of domestic violence asking if they would be detained if they sought a protective order.

The American Civil Liberties Union also issued a statement Thursday calling for Gonzalez to be released, and for the agency to denounce enforcement actions against people seeking help as victims of crimes.

"This wrongheaded enforcement action sends the message that if a victim is undocumented, future domestic abuse may go unpunished. Home invasions may go unpunished. Rape may go unpunished. Human trafficking may go unpunished. If ICE stands by this arrest, it will make every city in America with an undocumented population — which is every city in America — less safe," ACLU of Texas Executive Director Terri Burke wrote.

'Day Without Immigrants': Protest closes restaurants in US

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The heart of Philadelphia's Italian Market was uncommonly quiet. Fine restaurants in New York, San Francisco and the nation's capital closed for the day. Grocery stores, food trucks, coffee shops, diners and taco joints in places like Chicago, Los Angeles and Boston shut down.

Immigrants around the U.S. stayed home from work and school Thursday to demonstrate how important they are to America's economy, and many businesses closed in solidarity, in a nationwide protest called A Day Without Immigrants.

The boycott was aimed squarely at President Donald Trump's efforts to step up deportations, build a wall at the Mexican border and close the nation's doors to many travelers. Organizers said they expected thousands to participate or otherwise show support.

It was unclear how many people participated, but in many cities, the actions were disruptive, if not halting. More actions are being planned for May 1 — known as May Day, the internationally recognized holiday honoring workers.

"I fear every day whether I am going to make it back home. I don't know if my mom will make it home," said Hessel Duarte, a 17-year-old native of Honduras who lives in Austin, Texas, with his family and skipped class at his high school to take part in one of several rallies held around the country. Duarte said he arrived in the U.S. at age 5 to escape gang violence. The protest even reached into the U.S. Capitol, where a Senate coffee shop was among the eateries that were closed as employees did not show up at work. Organizers appealed to immigrants from all walks of life to take part, but the effects were felt most strongly in the restaurant industry, which has long been a first step up the economic ladder for newcomers to America with its many jobs for cooks, dishwashers and servers. Restaurant owners with immigrant roots of their own were among those acting in solidarity with workers. Expensive restaurants and fast-food joints alike closed, some perhaps because they had no choice, others because of what they said was sympathy for their immigrant employees. Sushi bars, Brazilian steakhouses, Mexican eateries and Thai and Italian restaurants all turned away lunch-time customers.

"The really important dynamic to note is this is



Luis Arce Mota, the chef and co-owner of La Contenta, talks about his decision to close his restaurant for the day, Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, in New York. Mota, from Mexico, is now a U.S. citizen.

AP photo

not antagonistic, employee-against-employer," said Janet Murguia, president of the Hispanic rights group National Council of La Raza. "This is employers and workers standing together, not in conflict." She added: "Businesses cannot function without immigrant workers today."

At a White House news conference held as the lunch-hour protests unfolded, Trump boasted of his border security measures and immigration arrests of hundreds of people in the past week, saying, "We are saving lives every single day."

Since the end of 2007, the number of foreign-born workers employed in the U.S. has climbed by nearly 3.1 million to 25.9 million; they account for 56 percent of the increase in U.S. employment over that period, according to the Labor Department.

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Hawks defeat Plainsmen in road win, 84-56

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks came out with a huge win defeating the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen last night in Borger.

The Hawks played with a lot of energy and set the tone of the game from the beginning.

"We were steady from start to finish," said the men's head basketball coach Scott Raines. "We established a lead early, and were able to extend it to 20 points at the end of the half"

The intensity never came down for the Hawks. They showed great ball movement and were able to attack FPC's zone well.

"I really liked how we came out in the second half," said Raines. "We showed some maturity when we continued to play with intensity and extended our lead out to 30 points."

Nic Thomas had great success on offense, contributing a total of 32 points for the game.

Other honorable mentions include Donte Scott and Srđjan Budmir, who continue to play very well. Another stand-out being Amari McCray, who is a physical presence for the team and has begun to play with more consistency.

The Howard College Hawks have a big matchup ahead as they will take on the number one ranked and undefeated South Plains College at home on Monday night at 7:30 p.m.



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Marcel Cherry, #30, lays one in the hoop at Thursday's game against Frank Phillips College.

Lady Hawks fall to FPC, 59-63

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks lost in their road game against the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen Thursday evening.

The Hawks started out the game with determination, keeping the lead over the Lady Plainsmen throughout the first half of the game.

Going into the third quarter, the score was within one point with the Hawks leading 27-28.

Howard College got into a rhythm that worked for them and they went on to outscore Frank Phillips 28-14, bringing the score to 56-41 going into the 4th.

However, things went downhill from there as Howard College had very little success running any offense. The Lady Plainsmen outscored the Lady Hawks by a large margin, 22-3, in the final quarter.

"We uncovered 29 turnovers in a game," said head coach Earl Diddle. "Especially in a conference game and expect to win."

The Lady Plainsmen were able to work around the Hawks defense and make plays late in the game to get them the win.

Howard College plans to bounce back from this loss and begin preparation for their home game against South Plains College. This game will take place on Monday, February 20th at 5:45 PM.



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DeAuja Thompson of the Lady Hawks takes a shot at the basket vs. FPC last night.



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Amari McCray, #15, blocks a shot from FPC Plainsman, #23, Ray Anderson.

Steers shine at Greenwood Powerlifting Invitational

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

Both the boys and girls powerlifting teams of Big Spring High competed in the Greenwood Powerlifting Invitational on Thursday, finishing third overall in the meet.

"My expectations for the meet were for the kids to compete, get better and have fun," said coach Eddy Parker. "We accomplished all three of those things tonight."

Serenity Garcia and Carlie Roberts received the best overall lifter award for their platforms.

The results for the boys team in their weight class are as follows: Justin Ornsby 1st place, Bryson Ovalle 1st place, Ivan Delgado and Dylan

Treadaway placed 2nd and 3rd in the same weight class, Morris Norman and Cruz Martinez placed 3rd and 4th in their same weight class.

The results for the girls team in their weight class are as follows: Serenity Garcia 1st place, Janeigh Vandervuilt 1st place, Carlie Roberts 1st place, Bradee Rios 2nd place, Hailee Hyatt 3rd place, and Cassandra Soson 4th place.

"Both teams competed well tonight," said Parker. "Coach Arista and myself are very proud of the kids."

Both teams have upcoming meets in March.

The Lady Steers will lift on March 4th in Levelland, and the Steers will lift on March 11th in Sundown.

Steers varsity golf takes 1st in Big Spring Invitational

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The entire Big Spring golf program was in action last week, competing in the Big Spring Golf Invitational.

Day one of the tournament, the Steers saw tough and windy weather conditions. At the completion of play, the Big Spring Steer Varsity golf team would hold the first place lead with a total team score of 324.

Nolan Otto would be the lone golfer to shoot under par, with an impressive 68 score for the day.

The second day of the Big Spring Invitational ended up being less stressful as far as weather conditions were concerned. Because of the weather improvements, the entire field of 150 plus golfers shot much better than their previous rounds.

At the completion of play for day two, and concluding the tournament, the Big Spring Steer Varsity golf team would hold onto their lead by shooting a stellar team low score of

312. "It feels good to defend home course," said head coach Ariel Falcon. "And what is even better, is to see these kids perform the way that they did."

Members of the Big Spring varsity golf team that captured first place in the event were Nolan Otto (Jr.), Nolan Dominguez (Jr.), Ryan Dimidjian (Sr.), Zach Bennett (Sr.), and Jack Everett (So.).

"Considering Big Spring is going to be a district site, and all of our teams from our district competed in this tournament, it was a good win for the program," said Falcon. "But we still have some work to do before district rounds begin."

Today, the JV and varsity girls make their way to the Snyder Invitational to compete.

The varsity boys team will travel to Lubbock for the Regional Preview at Shadow Hills Golf Club the weekend of February 24th.



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Pictured above is the Big Spring Steer varsity golf team holding their first place award for the tournament.



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Pictured above is the entire 2017 Big Spring golf team.

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An Exit Strategy

Dear Annie:

I have been married to my husband for 34 years. He's been emotionally and verbally abusive for the whole 34.

He hit me a few times when we first got married (he was physically and verbally abused as a child), but he hasn't hit me since then. However, he's very bossy and controlling. I can't go visit anybody without his approval. My niece and nephew live 45 minutes away, and several of us in the family go to their house to watch college football on Saturdays. He doesn't want me to go, because I have to drive after dark if I do. I have no problem driving after dark. Really it's that he doesn't want to go, so he expects me to stay home with him.

I didn't mind it as much years ago. When we were both young and healthy, I worked and was gone all day. But now we're both retired.

I'm sick and tired



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Good relationships are the most important thing to you, though lately it doesn't feel like your life is structured in support of that end. What needs to change? Puzzle it out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Combine a little faith with your solid work ethic to

launch a project off the ground. Eliminating the conflicts and distractions will be the hardest part.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know what you want. So why is it sometimes so difficult to make the choice, in the moment, that will lead you to it? Perhaps you're still not absolutely sure. Get clear and discipline will be easier.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotions expressed will dissipate, while emotions unexpressed will concentrate. The sweet ones become hard as old brown sugar. The bitter ones become toxic. Don't let it happen. Speak up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There was a time in human evolution when survival depended on conformity. To live in solitude was to perish outside of the protection of the group. You may have to remind your primal sense that this is no longer the case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Try not to worry so much about being who you need to be to make other people feel comfortable. You're good at

that and yes, it will work. But at what cost? You're "people" too. Make yourself comfortable for a change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The way to productivity is in not doing anything that isn't in line with the production you hope to achieve. It sounds hardcore, and it is. It all boils down to priorities. You'll give a good think to yours today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Separate the decisions you make that may affect a relationship from the relationship itself. You can feel great affection for a person and still deny that person's request. Denying a request is not the same as denying a person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a low tolerance for boredom, and this will work in your favor today as you stick with the people and projects that juice your energy and spark your intellect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to do a great job for the people you serve, and it's why you can't serve very many people

right now. It's better to be really effective with one person than to give weakly to many.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not being cynical by noticing that everyone is selling something. Maybe it's not a product. Maybe it's just an idea about who they are. There is still the posturing of an exchange. Are you buying?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While you'd love to help along the work of other people, there's something brewing in your own kitchen that simply won't come together unless you tend to it now and tend to it well.

flattering light to one another, these two are like cinematographers of the golden Hollywood era, enshrouded in mystery, drama and glamour. The tension between them magnetizes the eyes and interest of their public.

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Annie's Mailbox

of being around him all day long. He is grouchy, complains about everything under the sun, drives like a maniac and yells at me as if I were stupid in front of people. He's embarrassed me in front of every boss of every job I've ever had. He's constantly putting me down. I can't do anything right in his eyes.

His favorite expression is, "If you would just do as

you're told!" I've told him for years that I wasn't put on earth to do as I'm told.

I have put away enough money over the years (which he doesn't know about, or it would have been long gone, spent by him), and I want to divorce him. My problem is that I don't know how to go about telling him without being trapped here in the house with him. We live in a rural area and

each have our own vehicle. He is in poor health and doesn't get out much unless it's a doctor's appointment.

I have enough money saved up to rent an apartment in town, 15 miles away, so I would have somewhere to go. I have no siblings, and my parents are both deceased. My dad passed away six months ago and left me his house. It needs a lot of work done to it, and I don't want to live there. I want to sell it, but I don't want to give my husband any of the money when it sells.

I'm trying to figure out a way to go somewhere public and call him to come meet me at a restaurant or something. But I'm not sure he would come if I did call him.

Could you please help me figure out how to tell him I want a divorce without getting trapped here with him? He will raise all kinds of hell when I tell him. -- Trapped

Dear Trapped: I commend you for finding the strength to leave an abusive

partner and for coming up with an exit plan. Those are huge steps. You should be proud of yourself.

Your safety is paramount. Meeting in public is wise, and if you fear he will become violent, you can request an escort from your local police department. For more personalized guidance on planning a safe exit from your relationship, contact Loveisrespect at 866-331-9474 when your husband is not around.

Once you're free and starting the next chapter of your life, the healing process can really begin. Consider seeking counseling or joining a support group for women who have undergone similar abuse. I wish you all the best.

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"SO, DID YOU AND DAD HAVE A TALK?"

"HE HAD A TALK... I HAD A LISTEN."

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"We need to wait till Mommy parts the traffic."

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LAST NIGHT I WAS WITH THE WOMAN OF MY DREAMS!

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEE HER AGAIN?

I HOPE AROUND TEN TONIGHT... THAT'S WHEN I USUALLY FALL ASLEEP!

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HONEY, YOU RUSHED OUT OF THE HOUSE SO QUICKLY THIS MORNING, YOUR KISS MISSED MY FACE!

I KNOW, SWEETHEART. LET ME GIVE YOU A BIG KISS OVER THE PHONE

SMACK!

I SURE HOPE THAT WAS OUR BIG NEW CLIENT!

WIZARD OF ID

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SIR! THE ENEMY IS CHARGING!

IT'S OKAY, HERE IT SAYS THERE'S A FIELD OF QUICKSAND BETWEEN THEM AND US

STUPID GLOBAL WARMING

AGNES

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MY CLINIC FOR COMATOSE FLIES SEEMS TO BE THRIVING.

IT'S VERY QUIET.

YES... I HAVE STARTED A CROWDFUNDING PAGE TO FINANCE THEIR EVENTUAL REHAB AND RELEASE.

IT WILL BE A HAPPY DAY FOR THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

THE DUNG PILES WILL ROCK WITH JOY.

HI AND LOIS

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WHY AREN'T YOU USING YOUR PICK?

THIS IS CALLED FINGER-PICKING.

THAT'S GOOD.

DITTO'S GOOD AT NOSE-PICKING.

THE OTHER COAST

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THIS KNECKERCHIEF IS THE ONE MY ANCESTOR WORE WHEN HE AND PIRATE CAPTAIN LARRY DESPICABLE WERE SHIPWRECKED.

THEY FLOATED ON A RAFT FOR DAYS BEFORE FINALLY REACHING AN ISLAND...

BUT THEN IMMEDIATELY WENT BACK OUT TO SEA AGAIN!

DOGS WEREN'T ALLOWED ON THE BEACH.

SNUFFY SMITH

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MORNIN', GRAMPY-- AIN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE !!

GRAMPY SENT ME TO GIT TH' SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT T'DAY !!

SHE REFUSES TO ADMIT SHE'S ELIGIBLE !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

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ROCKY AND OTTO SOUND GOOD TOGETHER

LIKE TWO DOGS HOWLING AT THE MOON

AAAAOOOOO

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2017. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 17, 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting in Russian to the Soviet Union.

On this date:
In 1815, the United States and Britain exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.
In 1863, the International Red Cross was founded in Geneva.
In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting in Washington.
In 1913, the Armory Show, a landmark modern art exhibit, opened in New York City.
In 1925, the first issue of The New Yorker magazine (bearing the cover date of Feb. 21) was published.
In 1933, Newsweek magazine was first published under the title "News-Week."
In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces invaded Eniwetok Atoll, encountering little initial resistance from Imperial Japanese troops. (The Americans secured the atoll less than a week later.)
In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.
In 1964, the Supreme Court, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.
In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China.
In 1986, Johnson & Johnson announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced Tylenol capsule.
In 1996, world chess champion Garry Kasparov beat IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," winning a six-game match in Philadelphia (however, Kasparov lost to Deep Blue in a rematch in 1997).
Ten years ago: Senate Republicans foiled a Democratic bid to repudiate President George W. Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops to Iraq. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a surprise visit to Baghdad. At Camp Pendleton, California, Marine Lance Cpl. Robert B. Pennington was sentenced to 8 years in military prison for his role in the kidnapping and killing of an Iraqi civilian (he was released early in Aug. 2007). Former French Cabinet minister Maurice Papon (pa-PAWN'), convicted of complicity in crimes against humanity for his role in deporting Jews during World War II, died near Paris at age 96.
Five years ago: Congress voted to extend a Social Security payroll tax cut for 160 million workers and to renew unemployment benefits for millions more. The New York Knicks saw their seven-game winning streak with team sensation Jeremy Lin come to an end as they lost to the New Orleans Hornets, 89-85.
One year ago: A three-way feud among the GOP's leading White House contenders escalated, with Ted Cruz daring Donald Trump to sue him for defamation and dismissing Marco Rubio's charges of dishonesty during a CNN forum just days before South Carolina's high-stakes primary.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Pant
- Dish damage
- Monarch's order
- Author O'Brien
- Pick on
- "Inviting Intelligence" group
- Weak tide
- New- (Enya fan, perhaps)
- Sort of boatyard
- Senate, for one
- Auto options
- Preallocate
- Crow's nest cry
- Schoolyard pursuit
- Scottish cattle
- Recurring theme
- Clinch
- Business' booking department
- Mineralogy ending
- Unvarnished
- At the ready
- Fare selection
- Homer's neighbor
- False front
- Spaghetti or linguine
- Extols
- Sci-fi staple
- Institución financiera
- Feathery accessories
- Golden rule element
- Spotify selection

DOWN

- Taxonomic category
- Quite capable
- Potter's potions professor
- To-go holder
- Poland's second city
- Stock market stats
- Discussion starting point
- Diffused through
- Something glowing in a grate
- "This isn't good!"
- Walk- (surprise customers)
- Vegas-set series
- Beagle shade
- Lucidity
- Give up
- Vibrant
- One on a fast track
- Showed reverence, perhaps
- Hauled
- Etchers' purchases
- Schoolyard shout
- Australian feminist author
- Puts cash down
- Brawl
- Motown music
- Aviation concern
- Soft rock
- Pops up
- Wynonna's mom
- King David writing
- More lucid
- Pierce
- Bus driver's concerns
- Unaided
- Impact sound
- Aladdin prince
- Where many highly paid guards work

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Hole-in-one at Comanche Trail Golf Course

Courtesy photo by Jayne Calhoun

Jason (Jiggy) Ortega made a hole-in-one on hole #6 on February 6, 2017 while playing at Comanche Trail Golf Course. He was using an 8 Iron with the new Titleist Pro V. ball. Jason is a member of the Chicano Golf Association. Witnesses include Lucas Lopez, Gabriel Ortiz, Roger Rivera, and Jayne Calhoun.

Stephen F. Austin pulls away from Lamar down the stretch

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — TJ Holyfield scored 17 points, pulled down nine rebounds, and Stephen F. Austin beat Lamar 70-61 on Thursday night in the only regular season matchup between the two schools.

Kevan Harris shot an efficient 5 of 7 from the field and 5 of 5 at the line to total 15 points for Stephen F. Austin (14-11, 9-4 Southland Conference). The Lumberjacks are now in sole possession of second place in the conference standings, one game behind New Orleans.

Lamar held a 46-40 lead with 12:53 left, but Stephen F. Austin outscored the Cardinals 30-15 from there to seize control and win the game.

Abilene Christian holds off McNeese St. 82-78 behind Friday

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Jalone Friday scored 18 points and Hayden Farquhar had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Abilene Christian beat McNeese State 82-78 on Thursday night.

Abilene Christian (12-13, 6-8 Southland) sealed the win by making its final six free throws in the last 90 seconds. Friday made four from the foul line and Drake Green made a pair for the game's final margin with five seconds left.

The score was tied at 34 at half-time, and Green's 3 with 11:27 to play put the Wildcats up 54-49, the largest lead after the break for either team. Green scored 16 for the Wildcats, winners of four of their last five and Jaylen Franklin had 15 points on 7-for-9 shooting and distributed 10 assists with just one turnover.

Bond, Russell score 18 each in Houston Baptist's victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Braxton Bonds and Atif Russell scored 18 points each and Houston Baptist won its fourth straight, beating Sam Houston State 88-77 on Thursday night.

Colter Lasher and Josh Ibarra added 15 points each and Reveal Chukwujekwu collected 10 rebounds for the Huskies (12-12, 8-6 Southland), who swept the season series from the Bearkats (18-9, 9-5), handing Sam Houston State its lone home loss, 79-65, on Dec. 29.

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