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Big Spring city, school to hold elections

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

At least one seat on the Big Spring city council and one on the school district board have garnered enough interest to hold elections so far.

Friday was the last official day to file papers for candidates to have their names listed on the ballot for the May 6 municipal and school trustee elections. Residents have until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file the necessary paperwork to run as a write-in candidate.

The District 1 seat on the Big Spring City Council drew two candidates: incumbent Raul Marquez and challenger

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Tracy Parker, city officials reported Friday. For District 3, Terry McDaniel has thrown his hat into the race. At this time, he is the lone candidate as incumbent Justin Myers opted not to seek a second term.

As for the District 4 spot left vacant with the resignation of Steve Waggoner, the Big Spring City Council has scheduled a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday on the matter. Council members are expected to call for a special election to fill the spot in time for candidates' names to appear on the ballot for the May 6 election. Filing to run for that seat is expected to begin



Governor for a day



HERALD file photo

State Senator Kel Seliger, (R-Amarillo, District 31) visits with constituents in Big Spring. Seliger will be in town Friday to celebrate the traditional Governor for a Day event. He will begin the day with breakfast at BSHS.

Seliger to celebrate Governor for a Day in Big Spring Friday

By **SANDRENA KONING**
 Staff Writer

State Senator Kel Seliger will be stopping by Big Spring next week to celebrate the tradition of Governor for a Day, a 60 year tradition honoring the president pro tempore of the Texas Senate. Celebrations of the day will be throughout the Senate District 31, including breakfast in Big Spring first thing Friday morning.

"While most Governor for a Day celebrations are spent

in Austin, I will be in Senate District 31 with friends, family and constituents," Seliger said. "I want to be with the people who put me in office."

Seliger will be meeting with Big Spring and Howard County citizens in the Big Spring High School cafeteria Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Following his stop in Big Spring, Seliger will be traveling to have lunch in Midland, an ice cream social in Odessa, and dinner in Amarillo.

Seliger was sworn in as president pro tempore on Jan. 10. If both the

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Duck!

BSHS choir host dodgeball tournament Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School choir will host a dodgeball tournament this Monday at the YMCA as a fundraiser for its 2017 summer trip to New York City.

Sign ups for the tournament will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday. All ages can play but teams are limited to a maximum of 10 members. The cost is \$10 per player. For more information, contact

YMCA executive director Dathan Jones at 432-254-9949.

Money raised from the tournament will go to help offset the costs of the five-day, four-night trip for the nearly 60 students plus adult chaperons.

"This is going to be a very educational trip," said Gershon Garica, BSHS choir director. "We will be performing at a few of the historical

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AARP tax assistance hitting its stride

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Although Monday is President's Day — a federal holiday — volunteers with the AARP Tax Assistance Program will be up at Dora Roberts Civic Center in the morning to assist area residents with their tax filing issues.

"Everything has been running good," said Ray Alexander, who oversees the program. "We had two busy Mondays so far. We will be out there at 8 a.m."

Alexander said volunteers have helped file 46 returns so far without any hitch and believes the group is on goal to file at least 200 before the end of the season.

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BSSH unveils new mock courtroom program

Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Board (VSCB) Member Ruth Nanny, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Lorie Dunnam, VSCB Member Jacob Castle, and VSCB Treasurer Suzanne Markwell pose in the Big Spring State Hospital Mock Courtroom following the dedication ceremony. To read about the new state hospital program, see **Life**, Page 1B

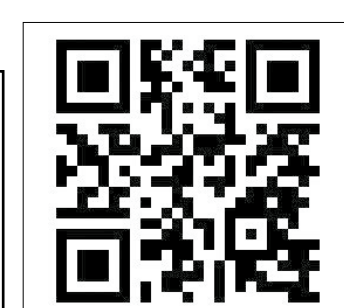


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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JACK DANIEL CROSS**, 18, of 509 E. 18th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **TIMOTHY EDWARD WILSON**, 55, of 123 Banks Rd. was arrested on warrants for nuisance (unsanitary conditions or lack of cleanliness) and no class M endorsement.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Cedar Road and FM 700.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East Third Street, the 700 block of East 11th Place, and the 1500 block of Tucson Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 14100 block of Gail Highway.

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 bordenhistory@gmail.com to reserve a seat or to ask a question.

• 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.

• 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 at 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,

Volunteer opportunities

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

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

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

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Obituaries

Arthur Joseph "Chubby" Moffett

Arthur Joseph "Chubby" Moffett, 73, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, in a local nursing home. A memorial service will be held at a later date when he returns to his family in Maryland.

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

Michael Edward Bearden

Michael Edward Bearden, 73, of Sand Springs died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Saturday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon.

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

Sunday: Patchy fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night: Decreasing clouds. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night: Clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night: Clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Thursday night: Clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday: Cooler, Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

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

Support Groups

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.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter makes plans for 26th annual Washington Tea

Special to the Herald
The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NASDAR, met at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 11 at the Big Spring Country Club, with Regent Clara Lewis presiding. Fourteen members were present, with guest Brenda Furlow Isgar visiting from Durango Colorado.

Hostess, Heather Jennings decorated the tables with a pink, red and white historic Valentines and special Valentine chocolates. Dottie Britton introduced herself as the guest speaker, giving the history of the "Maryland 400" at the Battle of Brooklyn during the Revolutionary War. The Battle of Brooklyn was the first major battle after the formal declaration of war in 1776. The British won this battle, and the famous order "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" was given by General Putnam.

Lewis read an invitation from the Permian Basin Chapter of the DAR, inviting members to attend the 26th annual George Washington Tea Sunday in Andrews.

Sue Ann Damron provided news that the DAR has sponsored the restoration and installation of the famous painting "The Siege of Yorktown" by French artist Louis-Charles Auguste Couder in the Museum of the American Revolution, which will open April 19.

Lori Pavlovsky provided the Conservation Minute. She discussed improving habitat for increasing the numbers of pollinators in the environment, and using native and non-hybrid flowers to attract pollinators to our gardens.

Sue Ann Damron also provided information about a DAR insignia pin being sold on the internet. She explained that it is improper to sell DAR pins to the public.

Isgar, the visiting member, drew for the door prize of patriotic items, which went to Bonnie Cushing.

Damron passed the Pennies-in-a-Can, and gave the Indian Minute about Native American musical instruments. Flutes, drums

and rattles are the most common and are used for ceremonial dances, courtship and healing rituals.

Sue Ann also announced that she has been awarded the Legion of Honor award from the VA Hospital for her continued, unselfish service to veterans receiving care at the hospital.

Dottie Britton gave the National Defense Minute "Honoring the Promise". She announced that 2017 is the centennial of our nation's entry into WWI. Her report explained the role of the DAR in shaping the U.S. Army Nurse Corps that assisted on Navy, Army, and Marine Corps bases, and supporting orphans, rebuilding water systems, and knitting for troops. The DAR is now a commemorative partner with the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission to honor the promise that our nation's WWI heroes will not be forgotten.

The next chapter meeting will be April 8, 2017.

Young Marines offering free smoke detectors for area military veterans

The Crossroads Young Marines are installing free smoke detectors for all Howard County veterans.

If you are a Howard County veteran and are in need of a smoke detector, call 432-517-4791 with your name and address. The group also offers smoke detectors for the hearing impaired.

The project is sponsored by the Cross Roads Young Marines and the North Side Movement of Big Spring.

EDC to meet Tuesday

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board will meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Chamber of Commerce board room, 215 W. Third Street.

- On the agenda:
- Consider approval of lease offer for mineral right between the EDC and Four Services Operating Co. Lt.
 - Director's Report
 - Closed session with possible action on the matters discussed in closed session to be made once the board resumes in open session.
 - Financial matters.

In Europe, Pence says US will hold Russia accountable

MUNICH (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence vowed Saturday that the United States will "hold Russia accountable" even as President Donald Trump searches for new common ground with Moscow at the start of his presidency.

Pence, in an address to the Munich Security Conference, also offered assurances to European allies that the U.S. "strongly supports" NATO. He said the U.S. would be "unwavering" in its commitment to trans-Atlantic institutions like NATO.

In his first overseas trip as vice president, Pence sought to calm nervous European allies who remain concerned about Russian aggression and have been alarmed by Trump's positive statements about Russian President Vladimir Putin. The address to foreign diplomats and security officials also sought to reassure international partners who worry that Trump may pursue isolationist tendencies.

N. Korea, Malaysia lock horns over apparent killing

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A dispute over custody of a slain North Korean's body pushed two governments further apart Saturday as they tried to navigate the aftermath of what appeared to be the assassination of an outcast member of North Korea's ruling elite.

Kim Jong Nam, who was 45 or 46 and had lived in exile for years, suddenly fell ill at the Kuala Lumpur airport on Monday as he waited for a flight home to Macau. Dizzy and in pain, he told medical workers at the airport he had been sprayed with a chemical. He died while being taken to a hospital.

Malaysia performed an autopsy Wednesday over the strong objections of North Korea, which asserted sovereignty over the body of its citizen and says it should have a say in what happens next.

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Dorothy Bailey, 83, died Tuesday. Funeral service was held at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Michael Edward Bearden, 73, died Thursday. Services are pending.

Germany's Merkel to US: uphold, strengthen multilateralism

MUNICH (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel appealed to the United States and others on Saturday to support and bolster multilateral organizations such as the European Union, the United Nations and NATO, an alliance to which U.S. Vice President Mike Pence pledged America's commitment was "unwavering."

Merkel told Pence and other world leaders, diplomats and defense officials at the Munich Security Conference that "acting together strengthens everyone."

Her address came amid concern about the Trump administration's approach to international affairs and fears that it may have little interest in working in multilateral forums.

"Will we be able to continue working well together, or will we all fall back into our individual roles?" Merkel asked. "I call on us, and I hope we will find a common position on this, let's make the world better together and then things will get better for every single one of us."

It's also an incumbent only race for school board trustees at-large positions in both Coahoma and Forsan. In Coahoma, Kandy Alman, Lori Martinez, and Michael Brooks have all filed to seek another term. At Forsan ISD, Jimmy Miller, Beckie Wash, and Glen Graves are also running again.

Anyone wishing to run as a write-in candidate can file papers at city hall or the school district in which they live.

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soon. Candidates must live in the city of Big Spring but do not have to live in the district they wish to represent.

The only other contested race so far is the District 1 seat on the Big Spring ISD school board. Two people filed paperwork to run for the spot — T.J. Stewart and Thomas Olague. Incumbent

Irene Rodriguez has opted not to run again after serving on the board for 24 years. Only the incumbents for the two other seats up for election this cycle — District 3 and District 6 — have filed. District 3 is represented by Julie Harris and District 6 by Manny Chavira, who was appointed to the position last fall to fill a vacancy. Candidates for the Big Spring ISD school board must live in the district they represent.

SELIGER

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Governor Greg Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick are out of state, the president pro tempore serves as the

governor of Texas. Seliger represents District 31, which covers 31 counties from the Panhandle down to the Permian Basin, including Big Spring, Amarillo, Midland, and Odessa.

The Governor for a Day event in Big Spring is free and open to

the public. "I hope you will join me on Feb. 24 in Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, or Amarillo," Seliger said.

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CHOIR

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places in New York. This is going to give the kids an opportunity to experience a culture that is quite different from here."

Beside the performances, the trip includes a very busy itinerary including visits to the major museums, Broadway shows, shopping in Times Square and 5th Avenue, exploring famous

neighborhoods as Chinatown and SOHO, and a Q&A with the members of the Broadway show, The Lion King.

The choir has hit the ground running this year to raise money for the trip such as holding a Zombie Run and a dinner theater along with some smaller fundraisers including selling food at one of the home football games last fall. Also, choir members will be out tonight at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium

selling water bottles during the City RockFest, a live Christian rock concert organized by the First United Methodist Church.

In March, the choir will sponsor a golf tournament at the city golf course inside Comanche Trail Park. Sign ups will also be held that day on March 25.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

AARP

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"We have about seven Mondays left for the program," he said.

The majority of tax paying residents qualify to receive free aid through the program. Volunteers are not trained to assist with more complex tax issues such as rental property, debt forgiveness, and foreclosures.

To receive help, please bring a photo ID, your Social Security Card and all tax information such as W-2s, 1099 forms, a 1095 form that shows you have health care insurance, and any other forms needed to determine income. Bringing a copy of last year's filing and paperwork is strongly recom-

mended. Once all the paperwork is filled out, volunteers can then e-file the returns for those who request it. The deadline to submit the 2016 federal taxes is midnight, Tuesday, April 18.

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DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, brings peace and serenity to our hearts and minds.

Amen.

The panhandle pipe organ fixer

Norman Goad of Amarillo repairs and tunes pipe organs. "I take care of forty to forty-five pipe organs in the Texas panhandle, over into Eastern New Mexico and Western Oklahoma, then down to Lubbock and Midland."

Not many people do this kind of work. "I think the closest companies would be in Fort Worth and Denver. Other than that, I'm pretty much it in this part of the state."

He works on fine, expensive pipe organs in churches and universities. I interviewed him in the sanctuary of Amarillo's St. Andrews Episcopal Church. The pipe organ there was built by the same people who built the pipe organ in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

"There are people from around the world that actually play this organ. Many of them call the organist and choirmaster here and ask if they could do a concert at the church. They have to get on the list to do that."

The organ at St. Andrews is in the twenty-four hour tem-

perature and humidity controlled sanctuary that resembles something you would find in Europe. "This organ has six thousand, sixty-six hundred pipes. Most of them are behind a screen, mounted on architecturally designed shelves and en-

foot across at the openings. Tuning them is a problem. "As you get close to the pipe the heat from your body adds length to the pipe. So as you get closer, the pitch goes lower. I have to sneak up on those big pipes to tune them."

He'll spend four days tuning the organ, and then he plays it to make sure everything works right. "It's a huge joy to play this organ. It has features that not many pipe organs have."

Norman demonstrated the full range of sounds the organ produces, including the chimes, flutes, strings, harps and trumpets. Then he played one of his favorite organ numbers. It was a joy to hear him play. "The control center of this organ is all computer-based, controlling 6,600 pipes and telling them exactly when you want them to play or not play."

Norman has worked on organs nearly thirty years and has played organ since he was fourteen. He feels it is his responsibility to add to the spirituality of a religious service. "Sometimes the organ plays so soft it fills the sanctuary with reverence. Other times the wave of sound sweeps over the audience and they feel the awesome power of belief."

Norman is organist and choir director at the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo.

This organ has six thousand, sixty-six hundred pipes. Most of them are behind a screen, mounted on architecturally designed shelves and enclosures. Some are eight feet tall and others are a quarter of an inch. To get them, you have to climb stairs and ladders.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Some of the largest pipes are a quarter of an inch. To get to them, you have to climb stairs and ladders. I tune about twenty-four pipes to the electronic tuner. Everything else is tuned pipe to pipe, all by ear. I don't tune every one, just the ones that need tuning."

Some of the largest pipes are a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

True or false

To the Editor:

I was robbed at I-20 and FM 700 Saturday (2/11/17). No, wait a minute, I was just ripped off at the City Dump aka "Landfill". It cost me \$61.65 to unload a 16' trailer with concrete on it. This was a private load not a contractor load. A train load of Styrofoam cups and plastic bags would have been cheaper. I had to unload at three different places - regular trash, rock pile, and metal pile. If they had seen the 10 mesquite beans I had hidden under everything I would have had to go to the compost pile. If I was running a "landfill" I would rather have the concrete than the cups and bags. You can unload in the bar ditch four or five times and if you get caught one time the fine is cheaper than the "landfill". If you get caught at all. By the way, it's not the peo-

ple running the gate at the "landfill" that make the rules so don't be upset with them. I've made my last trip to the "landfill" and encourage everyone else to do the same.

One more thing while I'm telling it like it is. It's the same thing with property owners. If you don't clean up your lots they will fine you about \$1,000 and do it for you. But if you want to be a good citizen and go buy or rent a pickup and trailer to do it yourself they will just charge you a mere \$600 to dump it at the "landfill". Oh by the way now that your property looks so much nicer they will go up \$20,000 on your property value this year instead of the standard \$15,000.

Car Hart
Big Spring, TX

A commotion at the cemetery

Sounds at the general store in the Thicket tend to be predictable. Most likely heard after weekday refills of coffee are consumed is the shuffle of dominoes. Four geezers usually are seated at the game table by 8:30 or 9:00. Menial chores-described as pressing upon arrival- suddenly become trivial.

As the game begins, they laugh about threats of bodily harm to be inflicted if any player is caught cheating. Further, they agree that if a pesky fly becomes a bother, the "high domino" drawn will determine who has to fetch the swatter.

They are, you see, clustered purposely in their own little world, as if cares and chores are put away in "one of these days" files.

The convivial mood shatters, though, when one of the old-timers asks, "Did you guys hear about the commotion out at the cemetery the other day?" The question penetrates like Cupid's arrow on a junior high playground. For the moment, the game stops. There is much head-scratching; none in the trio had ever heard of such. Announcement of the landing of a space vehicle from a far-away planet would not have piqued curiosities more.

My Uncle Mort, now nearer to 105 than 104, shows particular interest. Every time there's a funeral-three, sometimes four times a year--he avails himself of opportunities to remind folks of his family's donation of 10 acres for the cemetery almost a century ago. Every year since childhood, he joins others in the

Thicket annually for what they call "decoration day." Participants bring yard tools to spruce things up. After their toil, there's dinner on the ground and hymn-singing under the old tabernacle as the sun gives way to twilight.

No, the other three players have NOT heard about any cemetery commotion. It is, after all, a secluded place far out on the dirt roads that nobody passes on the way to town. Mouths agape, the trio seems transfixed in a momentary "tell us more" state of mystification.

The geezer posing the question clears his throat, as if anticipating his uninterrupted monologue

marker." He is shushed..."

"As he gets out of the car," the speaker continues, "he accidentally hits the panic button on his ignition key, and the car horn blasts away. The befuddled guy pushes every button in sight, but nothing works."

Minutes pass. The widower prays no one was in hearing distance and that no motorist will pass. His prayers are answered. He scrambles to open the glove compartment to peruse the operator's manual. He rips into the envelope, still sealed after nearly almost a decade of car ownership.

Laughter commences. The listeners imagine a sun-splashed day, birds chirping, and tree limbs swaying in the gentle breeze. Then, jolting the pastoral scene, there's unseemly high-volume honking that won't end.

Finally, the old duffer--after 10 minutes that seem like a week--tries re-inserting his key into the ignition. Eureka! It works.

Customary silence reigns again.

Then comes the bombshell. "The old guy was me," he admits.

Guffaws continue as play resumes. "There's something in the Bible about the dead in Christ rising at the trumpet's sound," someone says. "But, it seems like a car horn draws no response."

A fly buzzes nearby. They draw for high domino. Wouldn't you know it? The guy admitting the cemetery misadventure turns up a six-five. He begins searching for the fly swatter, looking first under a stack of old newspapers.

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DR. DON NEWBURY

of revelation. For him, it is a golden moment; rarely is attention there so "rapt."

"A feller claims to go out to the cemetery regularly to check on his wife's grave, just to make sure vandals haven't disturbed the headstone or inflicted assorted damage," he begins.

One of the listeners heckles, "Yeah, enlightened self-interest probably, since your name--with date to be filled in--is on the same

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Stock indexes hold near records to cap another strong week

By **STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stock indexes held near their record highs Friday, capping yet another up week for the market.

Drops for commodity producers helped to offset jumps for Kraft Heinz and other makers of everyday items for consumers.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down by a fraction of a point at 2,346 as of 2:55 p.m. Eastern time.

Its pace has slowed since setting a record high on Wednesday, which came on the heels of a seven-day winning streak.

The S&P 500 is on pace for its fourth straight weekly gain.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 40 points, or 0.2 percent, to 20,579 after hitting an all-time high Thursday. It's on pace for its first drop in seven days.

The Nasdaq composite rose 13 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,828. Roughly three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

HITTING THE PAUSE BUTTON: The last two lackadaisical days for stocks follow a strong run, where the market climbed quickly for weeks on stronger-than-expected reports on the economy and corporate earnings. Hopes for lower taxes and other business-friendly policies from Washington provided another big push.

The recent slowdown was more a result of investors looking to cash in some profits following the strong run for stocks than on any fear or need to get out of the market, said JJ Kinahan, chief market strategist at TD Ameritrade.

"People don't want unnecessary risk heading into a three-day weekend," he said. "This is more about taking off risk than about aggressive selling."

U.S. markets will be closed Monday for Presidents Day.

Kinahan pointed to calmness in the markets for the VIX index, which measures expectations for upcoming volatility in the S&P 500, and for gold, a traditional landing spot when investors are nervous.

DROPPING YIELDS: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.43 percent from 2.45 percent late Thursday. The two-year yield dipped to 1.19 percent from 1.21 percent, and the 30-year Treasury yield sank to 3.03 percent from 3.05 percent.

BACK TO THE KITCHEN: Kraft Heinz surged after it made an offer to buy European consumer goods giant Unilever, only to get rejected. Unilever said the bid was too low. It offered 18 percent more than where Unilever's shares closed on Thursday. Kraft Heinz, which is behind the Lunchables and Oscar Mayer brands, jumped \$7.97, or 9.1 percent, to \$95.25. U.S.-listed shares of Unilever, which sells Breyers ice cream, Dove soap and Q-tips, surged \$5.74, or 13.5 percent, to \$48.31.

KICKED IN THE CAN: Campbell Soup had the biggest drop in the S&P 500 after the company surprised analysts by reporting weaker revenue in its latest quarter than a year earlier. Its earnings were better than Wall Street had forecast, however. Shares fell \$3.96, or 6.3 percent, to \$58.59.

MORE CLOUDS AHEAD: General Mills fell \$2.19, or 3.6 percent, to \$59.35 after it warned of tougher times ahead.

It said weaker-than-expected sales for its yogurt and soup brands pushed it to cut its sales and profit forecast for its fiscal year, which ends in May.

AROUND THE WORLD: In Europe, the French CAC 40 index fell 0.7 percent, Germany's DAX was virtually flat and the U.K. FTSE 100 rose 0.3 percent. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 0.6 percent, the Hang Seng in Hong Kong fell 0.3 percent and South Korea's Kospi index slipped 0.1 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 112.96 Japanese yen from 113.11 yen late Thursday. The euro fell to \$1.0644 from \$1.0677, and the British pound fell to \$1.2425 from \$1.2497.

COMMODITIES: Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 4 cents to settle at \$53.40 a barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 16 cents to close at \$55.81 a barrel. Natural gas fell 2 cents to \$2.83 per 1,000 cubic feet, wholesale gasoline fell nearly 1 cent to \$1.52 per gallon and heating oil rose a fraction of a penny to \$1.64 per gallon.

Gold fell \$2.50 to settle at \$1,239.10 per ounce, silver fell 4 cents to \$18.03 per ounce and copper fell 1 cent to \$2.71 per pound.

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Forsan wins District Championship

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffalo basketball team traveled to Sterling City and defeated the Christoval Cougars in the 7-2A district championship game, 55-50.

Forsan started out the game with a lot of energy and great ball movement. They were successful on offense, shooting very well from the floor.

"We showed up with force," said head coach Cory Richardson. "That was a big difference down the stretch."

Christoval displayed exceptional defense against Forsan, but the Buffaloes were still able to deliver and come up with a three point lead at the end of the first quarter.

Forsan continued shooting well and remained aggressive on defense for the second quarter, giving themselves a 10 point lead with just under four minutes left in the half.

The Cougars fought and managed to bring the Buffalo lead within five points at the end of the half, 30-25.

Things changed after half time. The game was reversed, and Christoval began playing with a lot of momentum, which caused Forsan to commit preventable mistakes and have less success on offense.

"We tried to stretch the game out with the lead and be a bit more conservative," said Richardson. "That is just not us. We have to be us and attack."

With the Cougars taking a 38-37 lead going into the 4th quarter, the Buffaloes went back to their original game plan and became more determined.

Both teams were feeding off of the fans' energy, playing the remainder of the game with much emotion and intensity.



Courtesy photo by Jodi Mims

The Forsan Buffalo boys basketball team hold up their 7-2A district championship trophy after a hard fought victory against the Christoval Cougars Friday night.

Forsan was able to get that positive momentum back and really showed how aggressive they can be on defense.

The fourth quarter was constantly back and forth, but Forsan was able to go on a run and out-score Christoval 9-3 within the last 60 seconds of the game.

This put the victory out of reach for the Cougars and the Buffaloes became the district champions,

beating Christoval 55-50.

"It's a good feeling," said Richardson. "This is the first championship in a while for us and we are going to enjoy it."

Now the Buffaloes will prepare for their first playoff game of the season. The game against the Haskell Indians will take place Tuesday, February 21st at 8:00 p.m. in Colorado City.

Another first place finish for Steer Golf

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring boys JV & varsity golf teams competed in the one-day Wylie Golf Invitational on Wednesday, February 15 in Abilene, Texas, with varsity taking home first place.

Although the weather conditions were cold, muddy, and demanding, the Steer varsity team still managed to prevail and won by one shot, with a team score of 358.

With this first place win they have now won back-to-back tournaments.

"My boys didn't have their best stuff, and the course was extremely difficult for everyone that played," said head coach Ariel Falcon. "But

they pushed through and kept grinding. I'm extremely proud of their effort."

Members of the varsity team include: Nolan Otto, Nolan Dominguez, Zach Bennett, Jordan Dunn and Justin Rider.

Members of the JV team, who placed 7th in the tournament, include: Jack Everett, Patrick Rodriguez, Nathan Morales, Andrew Cate and Theran Sealy.

"The JV team is starting to come around," said Falcon. "I see a ton of progress in my younger golfers."

The next tournament for the boys will be the Regional Preview in Lubbock, Texas and is to be held at the Shadow Hills Golf Course.



Courtesy photo

The Steers varsity golf team holds their first place trophy at the Wylie Golf Invitational on Wednesday, February 15th.

Lady Buffaloes fall to Roughnecks, 41-37

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes basketball team traveled to Seminole and took on the Sundown Roughnecks for the second game of the playoffs. Unfortunately, the girls fell short and lost 41-37 in a heartbreaker that came down to the final seconds.

The Buffaloes knew there were a few things going into the game that they had to focus on. They wanted to contain Jenna Legen of the Roughnecks, limiting her touches and keeping her off rhythm. They also knew they had to stop their post and limit their inside shots.

These two things average around 30 points per game, so making it a goal to contain them was their mindset for this game.

"We did that well," said head coach Lloyd Vedder. "And I think we executed at both ends of the floor, taking advantage of what we saw that we wanted."

Some honorable mentions of the game are as follows: Rhian Cunningham, Sr, had a huge night offensively knocking down 4 three-point shots.

Chasidy Grantham, Jr, did an exceptional job defending Legen, which was one of their goals coming into the game. Kendall Phillips, Sr, had a big three-pointer late in the game and 4 clutch free throws. Macey Evans, So., for the second game in a row had someone glued to her in the offensive end but continued to run the offense. Jenna Evans, Jr, is another honorable mention having one of her best games of the season.

Although the girls fell short in this one, Coach Vedder could not be more proud of the girls and the season they had this year.

"It was a classic high school girls game," said Vedder. "One of the best I have been a part of in my 27 years of coaching."

The Lady Buffaloes had a fantastic season the season 23-10 and making it two rounds deep into the playoffs to prove the pre-season polls wrong, as they were not even picked to make it into the post-season.

"What a season," said Vedder "Fate shut the door in our face this year, but we are going to knock it down next year. We will be back."

Running back, Zac Stacy, announces retirement

(AP)- Former NFL running back Zac Stacy announced that he has retired from playing football after three seasons in the pros, a career cut short by a broken ankle in 2015.

In a post on Instagram on Thursday that he titled "Thank You Football," Stacy says playing football was "a life changer" for him and thanked those who supported him throughout

his playing career.

The speedy and versatile Stacy was a fifth-round draft pick by the Rams out of Vanderbilt in 2013. After two seasons with the Rams, he was acquired by the Jets in 2015.

Stacy played in just eight games for New York and saw his 2015 season — and ultimately, his career — end when he injured his ankle while returning a kickoff against Buffalo.

He spent the rest of the season on injured reserve and was released last July after failing his physical.

Stacy, who did not play in the NFL last season, finishes with 1,355 yards rushing and nine TDs, along with 53 catches for 358 yards and a score.

His best season came as a rookie in 2013, when he ran for 973 yards and seven TDs.

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500' FNL, 610' FWL of 647.83-acre lease
500' FNL, 610' FWL of the survey

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Pennsylvania correlates natural gas fracking with quakes

Pennsylvania environmental regulators have found a likely correlation between a natural gas company's fracking operation and a series of tiny earthquakes in western Pennsylvania last year.

The quakes were recorded last April in Lawrence County, about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh and close to a natural gas well pad owned by Houston-based Hilcorp Energy Co. They were too weak to be felt by humans and no damage was reported.

Fracking, a method to extract gas or oil from underground shale rock, has been tied to earthquakes in neighboring Ohio and other states, but never before in Pennsylvania, the nation's No. 2 natural gas-producing state.

"This is the first time we have seen that sort

of spatial and temporal correlation," Seth Pelepko, an official with the state's Department of Environmental Protection, said Friday.

Hilcorp stopped fracking at the well pad after the quakes. Company spokesman Justin Furnace said Friday the company has no plans to resume fracking at the site and will continue to work with the state to address any future concerns.

The company was using a technique at the well called "zipper fracturing," essentially the simultaneous fracking of two abutting horizontal wells. To reduce the likelihood of future quakes, Hilcorp agreed to discontinue the practice for wells less than a quarter-mile apart in the three townships where the quakes were recorded, DEP officials said.

County including Houston won't arrest for small pot amounts

HOUSTON (AP) — The district attorney in the most populous Texas county has announced a new program in which law enforcement agencies will not arrest individuals caught with four ounces or less of marijuana.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced in Houston on Thursday that her office will offer those possessing misdemeanor amounts of marijuana an opportunity to participate in the program starting March 1.

Individuals won't be jailed or have to appear in court, but they will have 90 days to complete

a four-hour decision-making class. Those completing the program won't face charges.

The mayors and police chief in Houston, the county seat and nation's fourth-most populous city, say they support the program.

But Brett Ligon, neighboring Montgomery County's district attorney, criticized the program and said his suburban county won't "become a sanctuary for dope smokers."

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Miami-Dade split over sanctuary city order

MIAMI (AP) — The mayor is an immigrant, and more than half its residents are foreign born.

But unlike many cities with large numbers of immigrants, there's no sanctuary for people living illegally in Miami-Dade County, Florida. A recent decision by Mayor Carlos Gimenez requires local authorities to cooperate with federal officials to enforce immigration law.

The decree by Cuban-born Gimenez has roiled the area, drawing criticism from the mayors of the cities of Miami and Miami Beach. The county's commissioners have called for a special meeting Friday to confront the mayor on the issue.

They're not the only ones who are unhappy with the mayor. Immigration advocates and others opposed to the shift have filled the streets in protest, and a long-standing divide between Cuban-Americans and other Latinos has reappeared. Meanwhile, farmworkers who have lived in the area for years to plant and harvest vegetables on vast commercial farms fear they'll be deported.

"I have four children. To get picked up like that would break me," said Itzel, 23, who arrived as a baby from Mexico, works in nurseries near the city of Homestead and whose children were born in this country. She spoke on condition that her surname not be used because she fears deportation.

"I would be lost in Mexico. I've never been

there. I've never traveled out of here," she said.

Gimenez says his order to end Miami-Dade's status as a sanctuary city, where policy forbids local police from enforcing federal immigration laws, was a financial decision. President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order that would cut federal funds to local governments that did not fully cooperate on immigration enforcement. But immigration advocates say Gimenez's decision sends the wrong message at a delicate time.

"To be fair, in a community where 50 percent were not born here it sends an erroneous and a somewhat negative image of our community," said County Commissioner Xavier Suarez, who was born in Cuba.

The divide, however, is also rooted in immigration policy that gave preferential treatment to Cubans fleeing the island's communist government. For more than 50 years, Cubans arrived to open arms in the U.S. and were able to become citizens much more easily than people from other countries.

"Cuban families, in a general way, haven't been as aware of what it means to be undocumented in this country," said Michael Bustamante, a Florida International University expert on contemporary Cuban history. "They have had a different process to achieve legal status. Not to say that they haven't faced other difficulties."

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where a majority of residents— 51.7 percent— were born abroad. But the share of immigrants living there illegally is lower than places like Houston or Atlanta, precisely because Cuban immigrants could quickly get employment authorization cards, a social security number and become legal residents.

But that's changed. Former President Barack Obama in January announced that Cubans without residency or visas would be treated as any other immigrant with similar status.

Many of Miami's Cubans have openly embraced Trump's ideas on immigration. Hillary Clinton may have won 63 percent of the vote in Miami-Dade County, but Trump drew more votes than Clinton in the three heaviest Cuban-American neighborhoods.

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Tell it to the judge!



For years, patients at Big Spring State Hospital familiarized themselves for their upcoming court proceedings through class discussions, researching court protocol in the hospital's internet café, and what most of us who have never been inside a courtroom do – watch episodes of the long-running, successful legal drama television series Law & Order.

It wasn't ideal, but it was the only way patients could get a real sense of their upcoming court date, Big Spring State Hospital Activities Therapy Director Lori Huitt said.

Several years ago, then-Activities Therapy Director Josh Preston began pushing forward with his vision of a mock courtroom inside one of the hospital's classrooms. The Volunteer Services Council enthusiastically jumped on board, Community Relations Director Dee Lindsey said, and the project gained steam.

The Volunteer Services Council donates funds for important touches, including the judge's gavel, the Texas State seal, and the black curtain backdrop, but the staff who work day-in and day-out with the patients looked around at their surroundings and got creative. A discarded, donated fish tank to The Chalet Resale Shop became the Judge's stand with some wood trim and paint, old doors were worked into partitions dividing court officials and the jury from the audience, and left-over paint from hospital projects pulled everything together.

"Our staff really did a wonderful job working with scraps we found here and there to make something out of nothing," Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Lorie Dunnam said during Wednesday's open house unveiling the mock courtroom.

"This is something we are very proud of and showing great ingenuity on their part," said Dunnam.

"Their innovation to do much with so little will benefit our patients very much," she told those in attendance, including Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman.

Big Spring State Hospital is one of the few Texas state hospitals with a mock courtroom on-site, said Rick Rau, Assistant Director of Activities Therapy Department at Big Spring State Hospital.

When forensic patients – those who have been committed to the hospital by the courts – arrive at Big Spring State Hospital they have had some contact with the legal system, but they weren't in the right mindset during previous encounters, he said.

"They were most likely psychotic and not aware of their surroundings," Rau said.

Once patients arrive at Big Spring State Hospital and begin receiving treatment – therapy, classes, medication – they begin the recovery process and work with their treatment team on how to live outside the hospital. Navigating the court system is an important step for forensic patients in their road to recovery, Rau said.

"If it wasn't for the mock courtroom they wouldn't understand the procedures," Rau said.

"A lot of the patients are now more comfortable when going into trial. Just think about how nerve-racking it is when you have to go into court for any charge and add on top of that having a mental disorder. It's difficult.

"And they are trying to get out of here too."

The mock courtroom addresses various learning styles and gives patients familiarity with courtroom proceedings and the people who work inside the courtroom, Huitt said. There are places inside the courtroom for the judge, jury, witnesses, and the lawyers.

Much role-playing is conducted as well as discussions on courtroom etiquette and appropriate behavior during the class sessions which last an entire week.

Feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive, Huitt said. "Many have said they are less nervous just knowing who sits where and what is expected of them."

“The more they practice and the more they are exposed to it over and over again the better chance they have presenting themselves to the best of their ability in court.”

Big Spring State Hospital is committed to recovery and our goal with all of our patients is to see them recover and move onto the next phase of their life outside of the hospital," Dunnam said. "The mock courtroom is one tool we believe will help them tremendously."

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed hospital serving people with psychiatric illnesses in a 58-county region in West Texas. The hospital is one of Big Spring's largest employers with more than 600 employees.

Courtesy photos

Top to bottom: Big Spring State Hospital Activities Therapy Department staff members act out some of the many scenarios in the newly constructed Mock Courtroom at Big Spring State Hospital; The Mock Courtroom gives forensic patients an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the courtroom and prepare themselves for their upcoming court date; Community Relations Director Dee Lindsey, Volunteer Services Council Board Member and Chalet Co-Chair Ruth Nanny, VSC Treasurer Suzanne Markwell, Superintendent Lorie Dunnam, VSC Board Member Jacob Castle and Activities Therapy Director Lori Huitt cut the ribbon officially opening the Mock Courtroom.



The ABCs of Forensic Patients

What is a forensic patient? People are committed by our court system to Big Spring State Hospital for care by one of two methods: - Charges are pending and they are court-ordered to Big Spring State Hospital for competency restoration. - Found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or (NGRI) and they are court-ordered for further treatment.

How many forensic patients reside at Big Spring State Hospital?

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed hospital and approximately 75 percent of our total population is admitted on forensic commitment.

Do forensic patients stay at Big Spring State Hospital forever?

The discharge planning process for each patient admitted to Big Spring State Hospital begins at admission. Each patient is set up with aftercare services prior to leaving the hospital regardless of the status of their commitment.

If patients are sent to Big Spring State Hospital for competency restoration, they are discharged following an evaluation and determination by our Clinical Psychologist as competent to stand trial. They are then returned to their committing county jail for further disposition.

Why is the mock courtroom important to the forensic population?

The mock courtroom gives our patients access to a hands-on learning environment. Big Spring State Hospital provides patient-centered, individualized instruction addressing and accommodating the needs of all our patients. Accommodations can include, but are not limited to independent studies, i.e. one-on-one instruction with a patient, and competency ashcards with pictures. Additionally, multiple methods of engagement are used to address all learning styles, i.e. mock courtroom for visual learners, clips from court shows for audiovisual learners, and competency-based games for kinesthetic learners. Role play is integral in assisting patients' familiarity with court personnel and easing anxiety in upcoming court proceedings.



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Thursday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, banana, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meaty macaroni, breadstick, green beans, veggie cups, garden salad, strawberries, animal crackers, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: French toast, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Ravioli, Italian bread, sweet fries, twisted applesauce, fruit cup, garden salad, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: President's Day student holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk, salsa; Lunch: Cheesy chicken Philly sandwich basket with seasoned fries or chef's salad with diced turkey and ham or spaghetti with meat sauce or creamy chicken Alfredo, glazed carrots, Romaine spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, wholegrain garlic breadstick.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle and sausage or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, apple-cinnamon bake, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Chicken ranch wrap basket with Sun Chips or strawberry grilled chicken salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni/hamburger) or loaded baked potato with diced ham and roll, seasoned green beans, cucumber chips with ranch, Romaine spinach garden salad, chilled mandarin oranges, oranges and apples, sour cream, cheese, green onions, apple crisp.
Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Burrito basket with chips and salsa or Fritos taco salad or beefy nachos or Fritos caliente chicken, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream.
Friday: Breakfast: Homestyle cinnamon rolls or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Cheeseburger basket with seasoned fries or chicken salad or sloppy Joe or grilled cheese sandwich, beef and vegetable soup, seasoned fries, Romaine garden salad, apples and oranges, chilled pineapple tidbits, crackers.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fruit, milk; Lunch: Barbecue sandwich or spaghetti bowl with breadstick, California blend, garden salad, fruit, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or mini corndogs, tater tots, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: President's Day student holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fruit, and milk; Lunch: Mexican combo plate or chicken quesadilla, seasoned corn, refried beans, salsa, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fruit, milk; Lunch: Barbecue sandwich or spaghetti bowl with breadstick, California blend, garden salad, fruit, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or mini corndogs, tater tots, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: President's Day student holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, soup, cucumber dippers, tiny tomato cup, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk, fruit.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: X-treme burrito, salsa, seasoned corn, veggie cup, lettuce and tomato garnish, mandarin oranges, milk, fruit.
Thursday: Breakfast: Rolled breakfast tacos, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Country pot pie, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk, fruit.
Friday: Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Hot dog, corn chips, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh grapes, cookie, milk, fruit.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, tomato soup, baked chips, fruit cup, milk.
Tuesday: Hot dog with chili, mustard, ketchup, relish, baked beans, carrots and corn, Rice Krispies treat, milk.
Wednesday: Teriyaki chicken, rice, stir fried vegetables, tapioca pudding, egg roll, milk.
Thursday: Soft beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, Mexican rice, pineapple chunks, chips and salsa, milk.
Friday: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, black-eyed peas, okra and tomatoes, sugar cookies, milk.

Keith Urban leads Academy of Country Music nominations

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Keith Urban's boundary-pushing album "Ripcord" has spawned several top country singles and led him to pick up seven nominations including entertainer of the year and album of the year at this year's Academy of Country Music Awards.
Lady Antebellum announced

the nominations Thursday on "CBS This Morning" for the awards show, which will be held April in Las Vegas and aired live on CBS.

Urban is also nominated for male vocalist of the year, single record of the year and song of the year.

Six-time nominee Miranda Lambert could make history again as she is nominated for female vocalist

of the year, which she has won a record seven years in a row. She is also nominated for album of the year for her double album, "The Weight of These Wings," single record

of the year, song of the year and video of the year.

Coming off her Grammy win for best country solo performance, Maren Morris tied Lambert with six nominations, including album of the year for "HERO."

She also is nominated as female vocalist of the year, new female vocalist of the year and single record of the year for her song, "My Church."

With strong pop, dance and R&B influences, Urban's album has dominated country radio over the past year, with four singles reaching the top six on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart.

Urban, who performed his newest single "The Fighter" at the Grammys last Sunday with Carrie Underwood, said the entertainer of the year nomination is an acknowledgement of great live performances.

Baby Audrianna Blevins is born



New parents Aurora Aguirre and Caleb Blevins welcomed the arrival of Audrianna Rena Blevins on Feb. 9, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. At birth, Audrianna weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz., and was 19 inches long. An only child so far, Audrianna is also the pride and joy of maternal grandmother Naomi Aguirre and paternal grandmother Daphne Blevins, both of Big Spring.

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Big Spring Art Association club news



Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Art Association began the new year with local artist, Leatrice Brown, presenting things she has learned to help one grow as an artist. Among them was daily practice.

She quoted Anthony Benedetto, better known as Tony Bennett (singer/artist). "You don't try to paint a masterpiece everyday, just paint. And by painting everyday, once in a while you get a winner!" Leatrice also suggested one should not compare himself or herself to others. She also suggested that one take lessons from different teachers. One might learn something from someone else that works better for them. The things Mrs. Brown shared were well received.

The February program, slated for Tuesday at 7 p.m., will be presented by local artist Loren Hastings. Mr. Hastings started painting at the age of 54. He attended New Mexico Junior College, where he studied drawing and painting. Mr. Hastings entered the New Mexico Fair where he won several ribbons. Also, Loren is talented in other areas, but he is very reserved in sharing them all. He has been a member of the Big Spring Art Association for five years: one of those years as president of the art association. Mr. Hastings will share how to stretch a canvas.

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Roger's Reviews:

John Wick: Chapter 2



Do you like a lot of killing in your movies? Then "John Wick: Chapter 2," in which Keanu Reeves reprises his role as a hard-bitten assassin who's just trying to retire, might be for you.

As we learned in the first installment in the franchise, John Wick was an assassin working for a mysterious cabal of killers based around the mysterious hotel "The Continental," but has since retired and settled down with his wife Helen. Helen dies, but gets John a puppy before she passes on. The pup helps him start to heal, but all that comes crashing down when some Russian thugs steal his car, kill the dog, and beat John enough to just really bring out the unstoppable Boogeyman in him.

Enough about the first movie; suffice it to say that John takes care of business. "Chapter 2" starts with John getting his car back...the one that had been stolen in the first movie. The vintage Ford Mustang was in the clutches of Abram Tarasov (Victor Stormare), the brother of villain Viggo from the first movie. A bit of violence - in which the car is banged up significantly, leaves John calling familiar mechanic Aurelio (John Leguizamo) for repairs.

A bit later, John gets a call from Italian crime boss Santino D'Antonio (Riccardo Scamarcio). D'Antonio has John's "marker," an IOU for a favor the crime boss did for him years ago, helping him get out of the assassin biz. Seems D'Antonio has heard John is back in the game, and calls in the marker. The Italian wants John to kill his sister Gianna (Claudia Gerini), who has just been given a seat at "The High Table," a secret council of crime lords. Santino wants that seat, so he needs to get sis out of the way first. John doesn't want to do it, but Continental manager Winston (Ian McShane) tells him that the markers are enforced by the hotel, and he must honor it.

John gets out all his old stuff, including a large stack of the gold coins The Continentals uses as currency, and heads to Rome, where he spends some of that bling to outfit himself with a new bulletproof designer suit, weapons, and a room at The Continental's Rome branch. Santino has sent his lady bodyguard, the mute Ares (Ruby Rose), to keep John under surveillance. He heads to the bash being given in honor of Gianna's promotion. Sneaking in, he meets with her and she dies. Her bodyguard Cassian (the rapper Common) sees him leaving and attacks. John escapes, and Cassian vows to kill him.

John arrives back in New York, but Santino turns the knife, offering an open contract on John for \$7 million for his sister's killer.

Then all hell breaks loose.

Did I mention there's a lot of killing in "John Wick: Chapter 2"? There's a lot of killing. Take that as a warning: If violent movies in which the violence is varied, close-range, and highly creative are even a little offensive to you, then you might want to skip this one. John is very often pitted against



ROGER CLINE

crowds of armed assailants, and finds a way to prevail. There's a lot of shooting folks in the legs to disable them before putting a couple in the head to finish them off. There's a lot of arms and legs broken with sickening (or satisfying, depending on your predilections) crunches. See what I'm getting at? It's a violent movie.

For me, the variety of violence is a plus. There are two ways you can kill a lot of people in a movie. One of them is the boring way. This movie isn't that. John Wick practices the fine art of Gun Fu. You may be familiar with it - guns used with style, efficiency, and such consummate skill that the battles resemble ballet. You may have seen it used in some westerns or spy movies. "Equilibrium" starring Christian Bale makes an actual martial art out of it. It's so highly developed in 2008's "Wanted" starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie that the characters can actually shoot bullets along curved, even circular, trajectories. It's fun to watch.



Of course, the real attraction of the John Wick franchise for me isn't the violence or even Keanu's semi-stellar acting chops, but the whole mythology of The Continental and all the rules, infrastructure, ceremonies, etc. behind it. And the backstory of John Wick himself - the combination of respect/horror/fascination that other bad guys "in the know" have for him is intriguing. These are hinted at in the first movie and explored in much more depth in "Chapter 2."

"Chapter 2" is a movie with a lot of well-thought-out and choreographed mindless violence. If it stopped there, it would be forgettable. But the intriguing elements mentioned in the previous paragraph are enough to raise it above the mire of similar movies. 7.5 stars out of 10.

John Wick: Chapter 2

Director: Chad Stahelski

Writer: Derek Kolstad

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Who's who in Howard County Sandra Green



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What city do you live in? Big Spring
Who is in your family? Husband Floyd Green, daughters Stephanie Marques and Kathy Green, five grandkids: Jayden, Amayah, Brennan, Noah, and Lillie.
What hobbies, organizations, and clubs do you enjoy? Church as an ordained minister. I love working with children.
What is your favorite book? The Bible
What is your favorite TV show? The View
What are your favorite movies? Remember the Titans, War Room.
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? The Holy Land

Local students graduate from UNT

DENTON - A few Eagles from the Big Spring area recently graduated from the University of North Texas. Those receiving degrees include:

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Don't let a romance scam break your heart - and wallet

February is a season of love. And while many people successfully find love online, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin warns of online dating scams that could cost you your hard-earned money, all in the name of love.



HEATHER MASSEY

Called "catfishing," the scammer builds a relationship with you and eventually gains your trust. Scammers typically create fake profiles on social media sites, dating sites or apps using pictures of real people and then assuming a false identity. After a few days or weeks of back-and-forth messaging, the scammer starts asking for personal information or money. In some cases, the scammer resorts to extortion and threats if you don't pay them money or help launder money.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), romance scams conned victims nationwide out of more than \$200 million in 2015. In Texas, of those who reported this scam, victims reported losing \$260,850 to BBB Scam Tracker last year. Most victims reported being contacted via email and sent money using a wire transfer service.



To avoid any heartbreak, BBB warns of these red flags in a catfish scam:

- Pressure to leave the dating site. The scammer immediately suggests moving the conversation to text message or your personal email. Also, watch out for profiles that message you immediately after being matched, mainly on dating apps.
- Hasty expressions of love. They express instant feelings of love, although they have very little knowledge of you.
- Change of plans. They make plans to visit, but are unexpectedly prevented by a traumatic event or a business deal gone sour. Some may say they're out of the country for business or on deployment.
- Requests for money. They make multiple requests for more money, and may even test you and ask for a little at first, and then continue to ask for larger amounts. In some cases, the scammer sends you money and requests you transfer it to another account. If it's a sudden major expense, that's a red flag. Don't wire money if you're asked to cover travel costs, medical emergencies, hotel bills, hospital bills for a child or relative, or visas and other official documents.
- For those in search of love online, BBB offers the following tips:
 - Never wire money. It is difficult to get money back from people who may be misrepresenting themselves once it has been sent through a wire transfer service.
 - Put safety first. Avoid putting too much personal information on your dating site or social media profiles, such as home address, work information or phone number. Also, avoid giving personal or financial information to online love interests, as it could be a phishing or identity theft attempt.
 - Take the time to research individuals. If you see any red flags in your communication with someone, search his or her name through search engines and on social media sites. Copy and paste portions of your emails into search engines to see if they have been associated with scams.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 563-1880 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

Ribbon cutting for The Life Center



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives were on hand recently to help The Life Center, 1801 S. Main, during a ribbon cutting.

Permits

Joyce Phillips Hamlin, 2922 Melrose Lane, res re-roof, Val: \$9,594.65, Fee: \$60
 Stan Partee, 304 E. Second West Bldg., demo, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$50
 Nutritional Weigh, 1608 E. Marcy Dr., com re-roof, Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$60
 Luther Warren Kelly, 2400 Morrison Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$6,300, Fee: \$45
 Jeanette M. Lindsey, 2904 Parkway Rd., res elec, Val: \$700, Fee: \$25
 Russell W. Butts, 3235 Duke Ave., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
 AV Chavez, 3300 Auburn Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$32
 Kathryn Gay Wiseman, 433 Dallas St., res re-roof, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40
 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 3606 Parkway Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$5,665, Fee: \$40
 Tam H. Le, 803 Highland Dr., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
 Edward Garipey, 3227 Auburn Ave., res gas, Val: \$700, Fee: \$32
 Derrick Scott Whitmore, 1509 E. Sixth St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
 Rodolfo DeLeon, 1008 N. Runnels St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$35
 Louise Spradling, 1701 State St., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
 JR's Tire Shop, 411 W. Fourth St., res elect, Val: \$1, Fee: \$25
 Christopher Way Mason, 1409 1/2 E. 19th St., res water tap, Val: \$512, Fee: \$512

Christopher Way Mason, 1710 W. Third St., structure (fence), Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
 BSBHG Vista Specialty LLC, 2708 Holland Grace, single family housing, Val: \$235,000, Fee: \$865, res elec, Val: \$200, Fee: \$68, Total, Val: \$235,200, Fee: \$933
 BCBHG Vista Specialty LLC, 2706 Holland Grace, single family housing, Val: \$235,000, Fee: \$865, res elec, Val: \$200, Fee: \$68, Total, Val: \$235,200, Fee: \$933
 HBK Properties, 1604 Nolan St., res re-roof, Val: \$2,800, Fee: \$25
 Chix Construction Inc., 600 Martin Luther King, 3-4 family dwelling, Val: \$390,000, Fee: \$1,470, res plumb, Val: \$32,600, Fee: \$123, Total, Val: \$422,600, Fee: \$1,593
 Harry Evans, 2712 Carol Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40
 Jackie Lujan, 2402 Allendale, structure (fence), Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85
 Howard County Annex, 315 S. Main St., com re-roof, Val: \$150,000, Fee: \$610
 Ester Gonzales, 600 Douglas St., res re-roof, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$25
 Rickie Lee Liles, 2807 Macauslan St., res re-roof, Val: \$7,200, Fee: \$50
 J. Bollinger, 4012 Parkway Road., res re-roof, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
 Ruby B. Robison, 1515 Sunset Ave., res plumb, Val: \$250, Fee: \$32
 Jennie Nell Womack, 1506 Bluebird St., accessory building, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
 Heather Johnson, 1506 State Park Dr., res elec., Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanut Dr., Big Spring
 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
 Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
 Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
 Ester Hilario Calderon, 1111 W. Fifth St, Big Spring
 Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanut Dr., Big Spring
 Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
 Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
 Trisha Dodson, 601 Culp St., Coahoma
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
 Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
 Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
 William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
 Anthony Ray Garza, 117 E. Davis, Big Spring
 Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
 James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler

St. #502, Atlanta
 Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
 Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 Adela Juarez Hernandez, 908 NW First St., Big Spring
 Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
 Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
 Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
 Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
 Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
 Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
 Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
 Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
 Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 John Roberts, 2208 Alabama, Big Spring
 George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
 Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring
 Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
 Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
 Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
 Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
 Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
 Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place

301, Big Spring
 Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd, Big Spring
 Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring
 Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring
 Linda Cortez White, 6601 E. Robinson Rd., P.O. Box 429, Coahoma
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Jamie N. Salgado Jr., 27, and Kaylea Joy Pope, 26, both of Big Spring.
 Jonathan Lee Youngquist, 24, and Canessa Nichol Gonzales, 22, both of Big Spring.
 Charles William Pool III, 20, and Rayna Marlene Rodriguez, 19, both of Big Spring.
 Mario Rios, 44, and Cynthia Ann Almaguer, 42, both of Big Spring.
 Abel Maldonado Magana, 27, and Maria De Los Angeles Lopez, 51, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Elodia Martinez vs. Roberto Martinez, divorce
 Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Cruz Sanchez, contract - consumer/commercial debt
 Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Tiffany Peters, contract - consumer/commercial debt
 Lekiana Hamilton vs. Mustand Heavy Haul LLC et al, injury/damage - motor vehicles
 Lisa Demler vs. Charles Demler, divorce

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Southwest lawsuit claims union workers avoiding overtime

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. is suing a major union and its leaders, charging that they did nothing to stop mechanics from boycotting overtime assignments. Dallas-based Southwest, the nation's fourth-biggest airline, says it relies on mechanics working consistent overtime hours to keep up with maintenance work, and that a boycott has driven up costs by forcing it to bring in outside workers.

The lawsuit comes as the airline and the union remain locked in contract negotiations that have dragged on for more than four years despite the help of a federal labor mediator. Southwest said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday in Dallas that the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association and eight union officers failed to prevent workers from banding together to decline overtime work this month. The company said there was

a 75 percent drop in union workers signing up for overtime shifts last weekend. Bret Oestreich, the union's national director and a defendant in the lawsuit, said the company's claims were false and the union tried to prevent any overtime boycott. Oestreich said Southwest and the union resolved similar complaints twice last year without going to court. He said that Southwest filed the law-

suit to pressure the union to accept additional outsourcing of major maintenance-overhaul work, some of which the union says is already done in El Salvador. The union represents about 2,400 Southwest mechanics. Southwest said the overtime boycott forced the company to use outside workers. A spokeswoman for the airline said the situation has not caused any flights to be delayed or canceled, however.

RECORDS

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Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Stephanie Aguilar, contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Richard Seals, contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Ashley Cypert vs. Randy Cypert, divorce
 Ala Abdelhadi vs. Andria Abdelhadi, divorce
 Suzanne Davis vs. Daniel Davis, divorce

County Court Judgements (The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Richard Glen Thurman
 Offense: Assault causing bodily injury/family violence
 Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 9 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Aaron Vicars
 Offense: Theft of property \$500 to \$1,500
 Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$292 court costs, no jail time.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Christopher Rios
 Offense: Evading arrest/detention
 Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$292 court costs, 13 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 20, 2017

Defendant: Brad Dugan Jr.
 Offense: Unlawfully carrying a weapon
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Brad Dugan Jr.
 Offense: Harassment
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Adam T. Palisi
 Offense: Unlawfully carrying a weapon
 Sentence: \$250 fine, \$244 court costs, one-time payment.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Angel E. Hinojosa
 Offense: Evading arrest/detention
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Andrew Armstrong
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Ronald Haselby
 Offense: Criminal trespassing
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 60 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Vera L. Lujan
 Offense: Sale to minor
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
 Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Frank A. Trevino
 Offense: Assault causing bodily injury/family member
 Sentence: \$250 fine, \$337 court costs, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 25, 2017

Defendant: Robert C. Mendez
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$347 court costs, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 20, 2017

Defendant: Theron D. McVae Jr.
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$352 court costs, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 27, 2017

Defendant: Suzanna Hilario
 Offense: Criminal mischief \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$292 court costs, no jail time.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Justin Fountain
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
 Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Joshua Fernandez
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
 Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Shandal W. Clay
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
 Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Brandi Flores
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$352 court costs, 12 months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Joshua Valenzuela
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
 Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Nicholas Smiley
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.

Probated 12 months.
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Defendant: Dakota Court
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$352 court costs, 12 months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 27, 2017

Defendant: Raymond Diaz
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$352 court costs, 12 months probation. Deferred adjudication.
 Date: Jan. 27, 2017

Defendant: Jorge Luis Gomez Jr.
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 20 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Defendant: Christian A. Torrence
 Offense: Harassment
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
 Probated 12 months
 Date: Jan. 26, 2017

Defendant: Ryan Gonzales
 Offense: Failure to ID – fugitive giving false information
 Sentence: \$750 fine, \$244 court costs, one time payment.
 Date: Jan. 17, 2017

Defendant: Charlie Turner
 Offense: Criminal mischief impairing, interrupting, or diverting public water
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Defendant: Herlinda A. Villa
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 40 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Defendant: Chase McCowen
 Offense: Criminal trespassing
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 20 days in jail.
 Date: Jan. 12, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Ava Dominguez
 Grantee: Tony Castillo
 Property: Lot 3, Blk. 1, Hall Addition
 Date: Feb. 9, 2017

Grantor: Mateo Escanuelas
 Grantee: Jose Luis Martinez
 Property: Lot 11, Blk. 6, Earles Addition
 Date: Feb. 10, 2017

Grantor: Sandy Korchenko Sparks
 Grantee: Danny Jay Sparks
 Property: Lot 14, Blk. 24, McDowell Heights Addition
 Date: Feb. 10, 2017

Grantor: Carol J. Scott
 Grantee: Michael Rodriguez
 Property: Lot 3, Blk. 8, Cole and Stray-

horn Addition
 Date: Feb. 10, 2017

Grantor: Michael Rodriguez
 Grantee: Debra and Eric Lusk
 Property: Lot 3, Blk. 8, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
 Date: Feb. 10, 2017

Grantor: Linda Merritt aka Linda J. Merritt aka Linda Jane Merritt aka Linda Jane Sparks aka Linda Jane Walker
 Grantee: Shoestring Ranch LLC
 Property: Tract 1: Surface estate only of a 1/3 interest in a 138.9-acre tract in Sec. 28, Blk.31, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: Surface estate only of a 1/3 interest in the E/2 of the SW/4 of Sec. 27, Blk. 31, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 3: Surface estate only of a 1/3 of a 1/2 interest in the NW/4 of Sec. 27, Blk. 31, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 4: A 20-foot wide easement tract along the north and east sides of E/2 Sec. 33, Blk. 31, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 10, 2017

Grantor: James G. and Deann Bell
 Grantee: John Balderas
 Property: Lot 10, Blk. 1, Jerald Smith Addition
 Date: Feb. 10, 2017

Grantor: Mary Lou Brumley
 Grantee: Johnny Brumley
 Property: A tract in Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 14, 2017

Grantor: Lee Harris Management LLC
 Grantee: North Side Movement
 Property: All of Blk. 14, Government Heights to Bauer Addition
 Date: Feb. 14, 2017

Grantor: Muffin Holdings LLC
 Grantee: Big B Properties
 Property: Lot 7, Blk. 1, Sunset Place Annex
 Date: Feb. 14, 2017

Grantor: Brinda Luke
 Grantee: Gerald Barnett
 Property: W/76.25 feet of the E/152.5 feet of the S/117.8 feet of Lot 5, Blk. 2, Lockhart Addition
 Date: Feb. 15, 2017

Grantor: Kenneth De La Garza dba F&G Construction
 Grantee: Texas Optimum Investments LLC
 Property: Lots 4, 5, and 6, Blk. 33, College Park Estates No. 6
 Date: Feb. 15, 2017

Warranty Deeds With Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Paul L. and Tricia M. Keierleber
 Grantee: Rodger and Raylene Eddington
 Property: Lot 6, Blk. 19, College Park Estates
 Date: Feb. 14, 2017

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SALE OF VEHICLE

The Howard County Appraisal District, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas will accept bid proposals for the sale of (1) 2007 Ford Ranger, 2 door vehicle for best offer. The odometer mileage reads 58,850 as of February 16, 2017. Bids will be accepted until 5 PM Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Bids will be opened at the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

The vehicle will be sold "as is", without any warranty. The vehicle can be seen at 315 S. Main Street, Big Spring, Texas weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. If you desire to bid on this vehicle, please send a sealed bid with the envelope clearly marked "BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE". Any bid received without being clearly marked will be rejected. Address your bid to: Lisa Reyna, Chief Appraiser Howard County Appraisal District P O Box 1151 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151 Or bring it by 315 S. Main Street, Big Spring, Texas. THE HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID.

#9304 February 19 -March 5, 2017

Help Wanted

AAA Tubing Testing now hiring for derrick hand. Must have valid DL & pass drug test. Full benefit package. Will train. Call Jesse (432) 267-7821

Accepting Applications for experienced licensed journeyman plumbers. Top Pay and benefits, come by 3106 W. Kentucky Midland, TX to submit resume or fill out app. Resume can be faxed to 432-699-7332.

Now Hiring

CDL Class A Drivers for night time position @ Phoenix Lease Services Big Spring, Texas Requirements: N or X Endorsement, Good MVR and work history, HazMat a Plus 2 yrs experience Driver benefits: FREE health insurance for employee, Excellent benefits, Paid holidays and vacation time. \$1000 sign on bonus for qualified applicants. Apply in person at 2705 North Hwy 87.

Help Wanted



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The Big Spring Herald is looking for an individual to sell advertising in our retail department. If you like people, are a team player, follow directions, pay attention to detail, have dependable transportation, valid drivers license and liability insurance, and like to make money, we want to talk to you!

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Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87, Big Spring, TX 79720

Busy Medical office needing front desk clerk with experience and excellent telephone skills. Bilingual a plus. Some duties includes: Welcoming patients, scheduling appointments, filing medical records, maintain office inventory, multi-tasking, time management, organization. Apply in person at 1501 W. 11th Place, Ste 304.

Crew Leaders and Crew Techs. Will train. Vacation and Holiday pay with opportunity for advancement. 40+ hours/week. Apply @ Blast Masters 1711 E Hwy 350.

Help Wanted

Busy Urgent Care Clinic is looking for a FT/PT experienced Radiology Technician to work Mon-Fri and on call one/two weekends a month. Must be dependable. Please come by 710 S. Gregg for an application or send your resume to affordable_bigspring@yahoo.com. We offer Medical, Dental and Vision as well at paid time off and holiday pay. Salary depends on experience. No phone calls please.

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Child Care & Van Driver Positions Monday through Friday - Various Hours Apply at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan



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Helena Chemical openings for Warehouse hand and CDL Driver, requires high school Diploma or equivalent. We offer excellent compensation and benefits. Please apply at Helena Chemical, 3104 N Hwy 87, Big Spring. Pre-employment drug screen required. E O E M/F/V/H

Hiring experienced heavy equipment operators for oil-field dirt work. 2+ years O&G experience required. Dozer and/or loader experience a plus. Pay DOE. Health, vision, and dental insurance 100% paid!

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Help Wanted

Temporary Anderson Nurseries Inc. in Wentworth, SD needs 5 Tree Nursery workers to plant, hoe, dig, repetitive moving of heavy nursery plants and trees, load and unload truck without assistance or aid exposure to all weather conditions. Lifting up to 75 lbs. is common. From 3/01/17 to 11/15/17 Three-fourths guaranteed. Tools and equipment provided at no cost. Free housing to those unable to commute. Transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite paid to non-resident workers when 50% of contract is reached. \$13.80/hr. Apply at the nearest TX Workforce Agency office or call the DLR Madison office phone 605-256-5300

Need Port-a-pot Driver Must be valid drivers license Good driving record. Dependable Able to follow directions Monday - Friday 40 plus hours a week Occasional weekend. NO PHONE CALLS

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Help Wanted

Wanted Certified Diesel Mechanic-Experience Required-Drug Free Environment-Pay DOE-Apply in person at 2120 N Hwy 87 Big Spring, TX 79720.

Management Position: Wild West Wingz is currently looking for experienced management personal. Strong kitchen skills with retail and management experience preferred. Updated Resumes can be sent to: 1506 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Tx. 79720 or apply in person from 2pm-4pm daily. No phone calls accepted.

Items for Sale

2010 Sea Doo GTX 155 w/ full reverse. Trailer included plus (2) wakeboards (124; 136cm) Call 432-213-3207

MOVING SALE 624 Settles St. Garage located in back Sat & Sun 8am-?? furniture, decor, jewels & misc

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For Sale By Owner Two Burial Spaces \$1,500 Each Mediation Area In Trinity Memorial Park Call (432)618-0529

Public Notice

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

Date/Time: Monday, February 21, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

- RFB # 17-014 Police Department Vehicles
- RFB # 17-015 Streets
- Pothole Truck
- RFB # 17-016 Parks Truck
- RFB # 17-017 EMS Ambulance

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

#9301 February 12 and 19, 2017

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- Internal Connections
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- Local Telephone Service
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- WAN Service

Specifications and documents may be secured from the school district's Technology Coordinator, Corey Wood, located at 3600 East 11th Place Ext., Big Spring, Texas 79720, phone number (432)2644155. The goods and services requested must qualify for E-Rate funding under the guidelines of the School and Libraries Division (SLD). Vendors submitting responses for the goods and services that qualify for E-Rate funding must be in full compliance with SLD requirements and follow all the policies and procedures set forth by the SLD for service provider. The eligibility and purchases requested above are contingent upon funding from the E-Rate program. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

#9300 February 19 & 26, 2017

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By Steve Becker

A matter of timing

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♠ J 9 8 4
♥ K J 6
♦ K Q
♣ K J 6 5

WEST
♠ A Q
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ 10 7 4 3

EAST
♠ 7 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 3 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 8 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — two of diamonds.
The right time to win a trick is crucial in many deals, and this applies just as much to the defenders as it does to the declarer. Consider this deal from a team-of-four match. At both tables the final contract was three notrump, but the contract was made at one table while it was defeated at the other.
Both Wests led a diamond. At the first table, East won the queen with

the ace and returned the nine to the king. South had eight sure tricks at this point, and in an effort to gain a ninth he led a low spade to the ten.
West took his queen but had no satisfactory return. When he led a heart, declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king. West took his ace and cashed the jack of diamonds, which he would otherwise have lost, and South made exactly three notrump.
At the second table, the defense was more effective. On the opening diamond lead, East signaled with the nine instead of winning with the ace. Declarer could not prevail against this thoughtful play. After the queen held, he also led a spade and finessed the ten, but West won with the queen and returned a diamond.
East took dummy's king with the ace and returned the five, allowing West's J-8 to score two tricks over South's 10-7. Thus, the defenders at this table scored three diamonds and two spades to put South down one.
At the second table, East recognized that it would be better to take the ace of diamonds later in the play, when he could more effectively lead through whatever holding South might have in diamonds.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Time and the Pisces Sun

Some think of time as a thief who steals youth, a bandit of life's precious essence. But what if time is a friend who will work for your highest interest? The start of this Pisces solar cycle is the moment to start a spiritual practice or ritual you can repeat daily over the next four weeks. The transformation will be as incremental as it is awesome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People who love you sometimes try to decide things for you. This is a waste of time for them, considering you're not about to adopt anyone else's choice unless it also happens to be your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Thinking

about the problems of the world again? The solution is near -- and the solution is you. You so clearly see what needs to be done, and there's no reason you shouldn't be the one to do it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The great thing about being born under the sign of the twins is that you're not tied to reacting to life in any one way. Instead of saying "that's who I am," you believe that you are who you decide to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Light travels faster than the speed of sound, creating an out-of-sync relationship between seeing a thing and hearing it. In the delay between, second guesses will abound.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Virtues often seem far less exciting than vices. Take patience, for instance -- not exactly a glamorous quality to strive for. However, to be patient in a moment of anger today will help you escape future days of sorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Games are more fun when everyone understands and plays by the

rules. Also, the rules should be explicit in determining when the game is over. It's easier to commit fully when we know it's only for a limited time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're the official greeter of the zodiac now, making people feel welcome around you. It's perfect because there are new people coming into your world, and they will always remember the warm first impression you made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something is going wonderfully right in your world, and you can create even more of it, too, if you can only remember your recipe. This is the moment to reflect, observe yourself and write it all down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Why do you want to do it? What or who gives you the impulse? You can work without being inspired, but you'll be so much more effective if you take the time and make the effort to find your inspiration first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Short-term comforts will keep you going today. Pepper your life with treats. A nap, a snack, your favorite show -- all sparks of pleasure to enjoy in very small bursts between the main events of life's work and purpose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The ancients suggested you should not climb trees to look for fish. Though it's not entirely impossible to catch fish from a tree today, if you're hungry for fish you'll go where the probability factor is more in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's fun to spend money on a friend! It will make you happy to do so today, and your friend will also be quite pleased. Furthermore, the generous act will attract good fortune, financial and otherwise.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19). Embrace your ambitions at the top of this solar return and others will, too. This isn't about getting what you deserve; it's about giving what you know you can. The world needs it. Love fortifies and motivates

you. May is your chance at a prize. There's a strange turn that begins a mysterious adventure in July. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 29, 1 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It's the first week of the solar journey through the last sign of the zodiac. Pisces is the sign of summary. In the same way that classic dramatic structure often includes a final-act wrap-up of all previous storylines, the solar journey through Pisces, the last act of our zodiac story, touches on themes of the previous 11 solar stations. With the new moon and solar eclipse but a few days away, it's the ideal moment to review, take stock and try to see the big picture. There is no need to try to force your current efforts into that panoramic view, as this is mostly a time of observation and noticing. There is nothing to decide and much to be aware of. There is very little to do and much to be.

Pisces is the sign of spiritual incorpora-

tion. The explorations of December, the conquests of January and the breakthroughs of early February will now order themselves in our spiritual evolution. It's as if the information is settling into its own pattern, a poem of our lives, a fabric of our being. The conscious efforts will seem almost optional now. Let life sing to you. You don't even need to dance; the music will do it for you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Renaissance astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus had the rather outlandish idea that perhaps the Earth revolves around the sun and not the other way around. Future scientists were imprisoned for such notions, but Copernicus managed to avoid major controversy, perhaps because most people didn't believe him. Copernicus was an ethereal Pisces with Mars in forward-thinking Aquarius.

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Annie's Mailbox

Romantic Gifts Early On

Dear Annie: In the past, Valentine's Day usually made me anxious because I didn't have a date. This year,

I'm nervous for the exact opposite reason. I've just started dating a great guy, "Jeff," and he just asked me to officially be his girlfriend -- a few weeks before Valentine's Day. We

were talking about how we wouldn't be able to spend the holiday together because he would be traveling abroad. To tell you the truth, I was a little relieved. Getting a gift

for a significant other is always tricky, but it's especially intimidating when there is the pressure of a holiday early in the game, particularly a romantic holiday. I thought maybe we could skip the potential awkwardness of Valentine's Day, but then Jeff said we should just celebrate it a week late.

Valentine's Day is always advertised as a day of hearts and flowers and oversized teddy bears, which all seem to be marketed more obviously for women. What is a girl supposed to get for a guy? I want to show that I care, but I don't want to come across as clingy or make it seem as though I'm moving too quickly and getting too serious. As all girls know, that is a very fine line to walk. Do you have any advice for a girl who wants to be a great valentine but doesn't quite know how to do that? -- Valentine's Rookie

Dear Valentine: You can be a great valentine just by being yourself. Jeff's the one who made a point of setting a date for

you two to celebrate together. He sounds like a romantic, not the type to think you're "clingy" just for getting him a gift.

That said, I can see how picking out a material gift might be stressful because you don't know his taste all that well yet. Consider opting for a fun experience-based gift -- such as tickets to a concert or a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant. And please relax. I'm sure your new beau is most looking forward to the gift of your presence. Anything else is just icing on the heart-shaped cake.

Dear Annie: A few weeks ago, my beautiful 35-year-old daughter, who is also a wife, mother of two, sister, aunt, friend and caregiver (to the developmentally challenged), received a much-needed kidney through the United Network for Organ Sharing.

She was first diagnosed 14 years ago and was told 10 months ago that a transplant was necessary. Although her

husband and all of her immediate family members were tested -- as well as several members of her extended family, friends and even strangers -- none of us was a match.

Our hearts and condolences go out to the members of a certain family who saw through their pain and grief to make the decision to donate the organs of their young adult daughter. Thank you doesn't seem like enough, and I hope to someday personally acknowledge this family with our sincere thanks. Our family is forever grateful to you, wherever and whoever you are! -- A Very Grateful Mom

Dear Grateful: Thank you for this beautiful letter. It is truly amazing how blood, organ and tissue donation makes it possible to have our lives saved by total strangers. I encourage all those who aren't already to consider becoming organ donors. Visit organdonor.gov for more information.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Strong approval
- 10 Part of many a 41 Down
- 15 Descriptor for some asteroids
- 16 Sidekick on ABC's first hit show
- 17 USAF's Peacekeeper
- 18 As a follower
- 19 Highly hopefully
- 20 Source of retail profits
- 22 Blends in bags
- 23 Paint stains
- 25 Hear clearly
- 26 Grp. working on issues
- 27 Scotch and soda
- 29 Strong approval, when shouted
- 30 Messages to mailing-list members
- 31 Block game
- 32 Air, since 2008
- 35 WWII-era prefab quarters
- 37 Big name in digital fonts
- 38 Pay-for-play service
- 40 Copious source
- 41 Far from positive
- 42 State-issued designation
- 45 Red state
- 46 Impress indelibly
- 47 Besties
- 48 Wizard role turned down by Connery
- 50 Succeeds unerringly
- 52 Hornet, for one
- 53 Smoothly white
- 56 What's Opera, Doc? singer
- 57 Slice of film history
- 58 Excavator giant
- 59 Liking hiking, say
- DOWN**
- 1 Kate Mulgrew's Netflix series role
- 2 Risked an accident, perhaps
- 3 Emulates numerous
- 4 Sign that follows an equinox
- 5 Tudor monarch moniker
- 6 Hold up
- 7 NL West member
- 8 NL Central member
- 9 '70s series that became a '99 film
- 10 Causes a mix-up
- 11 Apt to be cut
- 12 Immunologist's isolations
- 13 What metalworking ended
- 14 Approval-seeking query
- 21 Lumbar spine flexors
- 23 Where Ouagadougou is capital
- 24 Now bright
- 27 Word first used by Arctic explorers
- 28 He has an early cameo in Ben-Hur
- 29 Appetites
- 30 La tête du monastère
- 31 Katie, in Dawson's Creek
- 32 Threw much mud at
- 33 Very precious
- 34 Secret Service bestowal
- 36 One way Marie says "the"
- 39 Card count in a Rorschach test
- 41 Line on many business cards
- 42 Roller on some rockers
- 43 Horseshoe handlers
- 44 Toward confusion
- 46 Rail installed near a mirror
- 47 Genoese contribution to Italian cuisine
- 49 A buck or two
- 50 "No animal shall sleep in ___" (Animal Farm commandment)
- 51 I sing, in the Aeneid
- 54 Watson in Elementary
- 55 Secondary rte.

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CNN: Donald Trump attacks haven't hurt the news network

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of CNN said Thursday that neither the network's journalism or business have been hurt as a result of President Donald Trump's attacks.

Jeff Zucker, president of CNN Worldwide, spoke Thursday at the same time Trump was holding a news conference in Washington in which he continued his barrage against media coverage of the administration.

Zucker said he was worried enough about Trump's labeling of CNN as "fake news" through the campaign and after that he ordered a study last month to see if it had damaged the network's reputation with viewers. He said it hadn't. Less than a third — or 31 percent — of 2,000 Americans surveyed said they believed CNN's coverage of Trump had been unfair, the internal study found.

The survey also reported that a little more than half of respondents said they trusted CNN, but that was well above the trust level for Trump or members of Congress.

"The CNN brand has been as strong as it has ever been," Zucker said. Network executives said CNN had its most profitable year in 2016 and was on pace to do even better this year.

The administration has reportedly banned its officials from appearing on CNN, although there have been sporadic exceptions. The dispute has been most apparent on Sundays, where on two weekends Vice President Mike Pence and presidential aide Stephen Miller were guests on other network political affairs shows but not on Jake Tapper's CNN show, "State of the Union."

Zucker, who said he had not spoken with Trump since December on this or other issues, said it hasn't affected CNN's ability to tell the political story.

"We don't feel it's hurt us in any way," he said. Angered by the Pence snub, CNN said that it declined an administration offer to instead have aide Kellyanne Conway on Tapper's show, saying she had credibility issues. Conway has said she wasn't available that day. But Tapper interviewed her two days later. "Saying that we have questions about her credibility does not mean that we would never interview her," Zucker said.

Like its rivals, particularly Fox News Channels, CNN has benefited from extraordinary interest in the new administration. CNN's ratings are up 51 percent this year compared to last, he said. That's unusual because news network ratings usually tumble after a presidential election.

Trump's lengthy news conference on Thursday was filled with media criticism. But he took questions from a range of reporters; many White House reporters - including CNN's Jim Acosta - had been concerned over the past week when Trump bypassed the mainstream media in three separate news conferences connected to visits by foreign leaders, instead calling on representatives from more friendly news outlets.

On Thursday Trump even took questions from Acosta, but also specifically criticized some of CNN's coverage of him. T

he president said that CNN's 10 p.m. news show, hosted by Don Lemon, "is almost exclusive anti-Trump."

"I would be your biggest fan in the world if you treated me right," Trump said. "I sort of understand there's a certain bias, maybe by Jeff or somebody, you know, whatever reason. And I understand that. But you've got to be at least a little bit fair and that's why the public sees it. They see it. They see it's not fair. You take a look at some of your shows and you see the bias and the hatred."

Acosta, for his part, told the president that "just for the record, we don't hate you. I don't hate you." After the news conference, CNN's Tapper said the president was "unhinged."

Zuckerberg's goal: Remake a world Facebook helped create

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

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NEW YORK (AP)

— Mark Zuckerberg helped create the modern world by connecting nearly a quarter of its citizens to Facebook and giving them a platform to share, well, everything — baby pictures and Pepe memes, social updates and abusive bullying, helpful how-to videos and live-streamed violence.

Now he wants to remake it, too, in a way that counters isolationism, promotes global connections and addresses social ills — while also cementing Facebook's central role as a builder of online "community" for its

nearly 2 billion users.

The Facebook founder laid out his thoughts on Thursday in a sweeping 5,800-word manifesto that hews closer to utopian social guide than business plan. Are we, he asked in the document, "building the world we all want?"

In a phone interview with The Associated Press, Zuckerberg stressed that he wasn't motivated by the recent U.S. election or any other particular event. Rather, he said, it's the growing sentiment in many parts of the world that "connecting the world" — the founding idea behind Facebook — is no longer a good thing.

"Across the world

there are people left behind by globalization, and movements for withdrawing from global connection," Zuckerberg, who founded Facebook in a Harvard dorm room in 2004, wrote on Thursday. So it falls to his company to "develop the social infrastructure to give people the power to build a global community that works for all of us."

CONNECTING IN FACEBOOK'S INTEREST

Zuckerberg, 32, told the AP that he still strongly believes that more connectedness is the right direction for the world. But, he added, it's "not enough if it's good for some people but it doesn't work for

other people. We really have to bring everyone along."

It's hardly a surprise that Zuckerberg wants to find ways to bring more people together, especially on Facebook. After all, getting more people to come together on the social network more frequently would give Facebook more opportunities to sell the ads that generate most of its revenue, which totaled \$27 billion last year. And bringing in more money probably would boost Facebook's stock price to make Zuckerberg — already worth an estimated \$56 billion — even richer.

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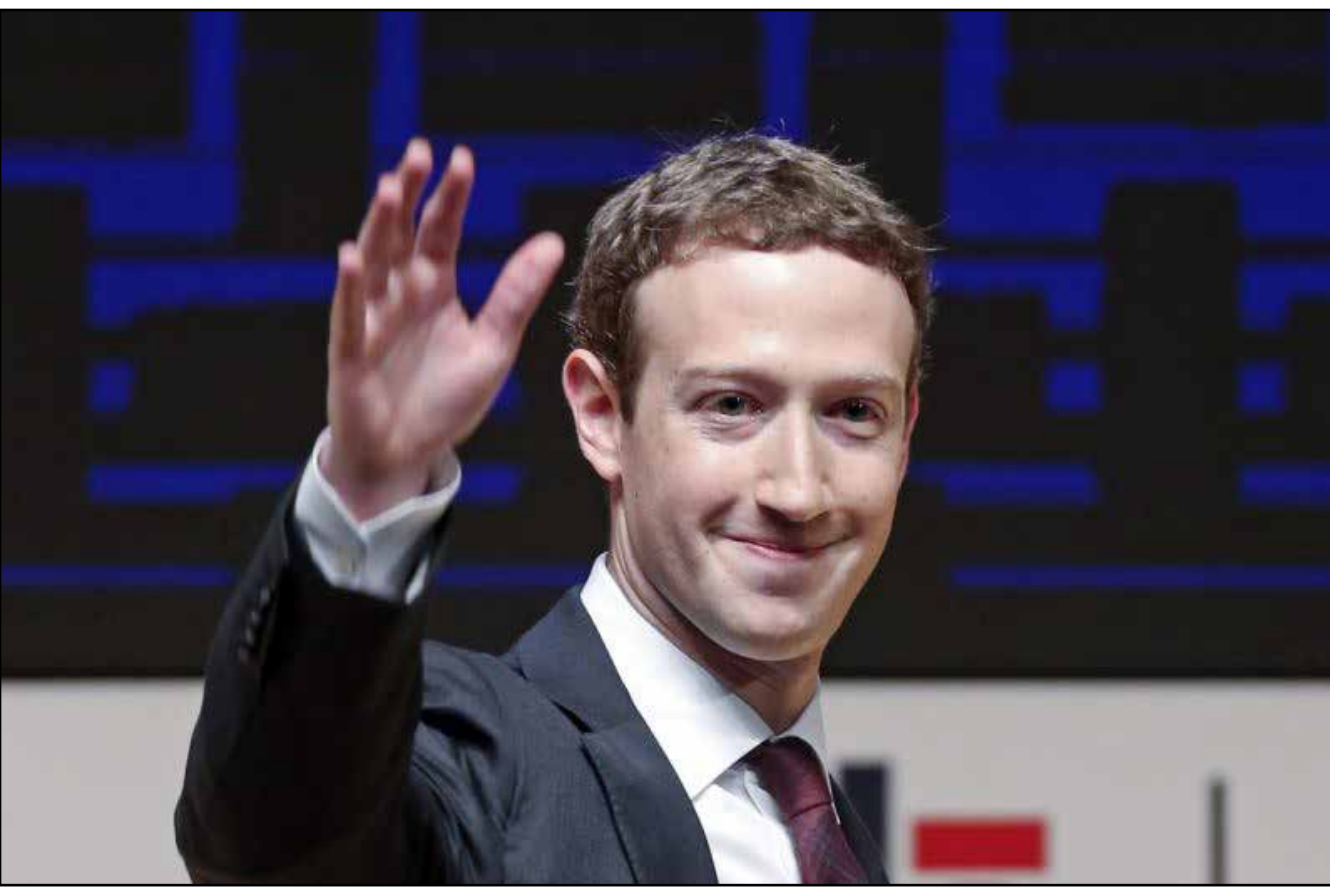
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In this Nov. 19, 2016 file photo, Mark Zuckerberg, chairman and CEO of Facebook, waves at the CEO summit during the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Lima, Peru. Zuckerberg released a missive Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, outlining his vision for the social network and the world at large. Among other things, Zuckerberg hopes that the social network can encourage more civic engagement, an informed public and community support in the years to come.

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unifying the world is laudable, some critics — backed by various studies — contend that Facebook makes some people feel lonelier and more isolated as they scroll through the mostly ebullient posts and photos shared on the social network. Facebook's famous "like" button also makes it easy to engage in a form of "one-click" communication that can displace meaningful dialogue.

Facebook also has been lambasted as a polarizing force by circulating posts espousing similar viewpoints and interests among like-minded people, creating an "echo chamber" that can harden opin-

ions and widen political and cultural chasms.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Today, most of Facebook's 1.86 billion members — about 85 percent — live outside of the U.S. and Canada.

The Menlo Park, California-based company has offices everywhere from Amsterdam to Jakarta, Indonesia, to Tel Aviv, Israel.

(It is banned in China, the world's most populous country, though some people get around the ban.) Naturally, Zuckerberg takes a global view of Facebook and sees potential that goes beyond borders, cities and nations.

Equally naturally, he sees the social network stepping up as more traditional cultural ties fray. People already use Facebook to connect with

strangers who have the same rare disease, to post political diatribes, to share news links (and sometimes fake news links).

Facebook has also pushed its users to register to vote, to donate to causes, to mark themselves safe after natural disasters, and to "go live."

For many, it's become a utility. Some 1.23 billion people use it daily.

"Our next focus will be developing the social infrastructure for community — for supporting us, for keeping us safe, for informing us, for civic engagement, and for inclusion of all," he wrote.

LONG VIEW

Zuckerberg has gotten Facebook to this position of global dominance — one that Myspace and Twitter, for instance, never even approached — partly thanks to his audacious, long-term view of the company and its place in the world.

Last fall, Zuckerberg and his wife, the doctor Priscilla Chan, unveiled the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, a long-term effort aimed at eradicating all disease by the end of this century.

Then, as now, Zuckerberg preferred to look far down the road to the potential of scientific and technological innovations that have not been perfected, or even invented yet.

That includes artificial intelligence, which in this case means software that's capable of "thinking" enough like humans to start making the sorts of judgments that Facebook sometimes bobbles.

Last September, for instance, the service briefly barred the famous Vietnam War-era photograph dubbed "Napalm Girl" because it featured a nude child, and only reversed its decision after users — including the prime minister of Norway — protested.

AI systems could also comb through the vast amount of material users post on Facebook to detect everything from bullying to the early signs of suicidal thinking to extremist recruiting.

AI, Zuckerberg wrote, could "understand more quickly and accurately what is happening across our community."

Speaking to the AP, Zuckerberg said he understands that we might not "solve all the issues that we want" in the short term.

"One of my favorite quotes is this Bill Gates quote, that 'people overestimate what they can get done in two years and underestimate what they can get done in 10 years.' And that's an important mindset that I hope more people take today," he said.



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