

Obituaries

Sheriff

Betty Louise Wales



Betty Louise Wales, 75, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 10, 2017, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2017, at the Funeral Home. Betty was born Nov. 13, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Ronnie Wales Feb. 25, 1983, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death Dec. 24, 2011. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring and was a happy homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Valorie Johnson of Shreveport, La.; a sister, Annette Hodnett of Big Spring; two nieces, Angela Solis of Dripping Springs, and Stacey Kushaney of Stanton; one nephew, Russell Hodnett of Big Spring; and several great-nieces and -nephews. In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, Ross and Louise (Hale) Boykin; and a nephew, Craig Hodnett. The family suggests memorials be made to the Fresenius Kidney Care Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Police blotter

- THOMAS EAST, 31, of 504 Cactus in Alice was arrested on a duty on striking a fixture or landscaping (greater than \$200).
• EVA MARIA HERNANDEZ, 35, of 2513 Fairchild Dr. was arrested on a charge of injury to a child/reckless bodily injury.
• STERLING DONALD MCINTOSH, 34, of 1110 E. 16th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
• BRADLEY ALAN DALTON, 26, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #26 was arrested on a warrant for resisting arrest, search, or transport.
• THEFT was reported in the

3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 1800 block of Hilltop.
• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported twice in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway Road.

Take Note

Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

Meetings

- Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas.
• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017.
• The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser.
• 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.
• 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.
• 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.
• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public.
• Volunteer opportunities: The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. 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.

Support Groups

- SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.
MONDAY
• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction.
TUESDAY
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle.
• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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.

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North Korea, South China Sea on Tillerson agenda in Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson arrived in Beijing on Saturday for his first face-to-face talks with Chinese leaders expected to focus on North Korea's nuclear program, trade and South China Sea territorial disputes.

Tillerson's visit followed his remarks in South Korea on Friday in which he warned that pre-emptive military action against North Korea might be necessary if the threat from their weapons program reaches a level "that we believe requires action."

China, the North's biggest source of diplomatic support and economic assistance, has yet to respond to his remarks, although Beijing has called repeatedly for steps to reduce tensions.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, with whom Tillerson met Saturday afternoon, warned last week that the North and Washington and Seoul were like "two accelerating trains" headed at each other, with neither side willing to give way.

"The question is: Are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision?" Wang told reporters. "Our

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income tax, Alexander advises not to put off the legally mandated requirement.

"You don't have to pay until April 18," he said.

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 recommended.

Once all the paperwork is filled out, volunteers can then e-file the returns for those who request it.

Volunteers are not

trained to assist with more complex tax issues such as rental property, debt forgiveness, and foreclosures. The last session is Monday, April 3. The deadline to file the 2016 federal tax forms is Tuesday, April 18.

ATTACK

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Another man said on BFM that three soldiers were targeted, and they tried to calm the man who seized the weapon. Then the man said he heard two gunshots.

The soldier who was attacked is part of the Sentinelle special force installed around France to protect sensitive sites after a

string of deadly Islamic extremist attacks. The force includes 7,500 soldiers, half deployed in the Paris region and half in the provinces.

Orly is Paris' second-biggest airport behind Charles de Gaulle, serving domestic and international flights, notably to destinations in Europe and Africa.

The shooting came after a similar incident last month at the Louvre Museum in which an

Egyptian man attacked soldiers guarding the site and was shot and wounded.

Saturday's attack further rattled France, which remains under a state of emergency after attacks over the past two years that have killed 235 people. It also comes just days before the first anniversary of attacks on the Brussels airport and subway that killed 32 people and wounded hundreds of others.

BUDGET

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That budget plan guarantees large deficits.

"Our military is more important to me than a balanced budget," Trump said in a Fox News interview in January.

The initial Republican plan to completely scuttle the 2010 health care law promised a cut of more than \$2 trillion from the deficit over 10 years.

The GOP health care bill cuts the deficit by much less.

"Now that (health care repeal) is actually going to happen, they've changed their priorities greatly so that they're not actually trying to generate any significant savings," said Maya MacGuineas, president of Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a Washington-based advocacy group for budget discipline. "And there's no sign what they can fill it in with."

A senior member of

the House Budget Committee, Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., says: "Oh yeah, there's no question. It's much tougher, much tougher" to balance the budget after repealing and replacing the health care law.

What would be left behind, according to the Congressional Budget Office, is \$9 trillion in projected deficits over the coming decade and fewer ways for Trump and Republicans controlling Congress to cut.

The worsening deficit creates a huge problem for other critical pieces of Trump's agenda, including tax reform, a big infusion of infrastructure spending or helping people with the costs of child care.

First, swelling deficits mean less money for such legislation.

The deepening debt hole also means problems when Republicans try to pass a budget outline this spring, since some tea party Republicans and deficit hardliners will insist on promising to balance

the budget even though the math no longer works. More realistic lawmakers will resist that.

Under the arcane congressional budget process, the yearly budget blueprint doesn't by itself make any changes to government programs, but it makes it easier to enact follow-up legislation like tax reform, which is the top GOP priority after dealing with health care.

But if they can't pass a budget, Republicans can't pass tax reform — at least without help from Senate Democrats — because of Senate rules.

The fiscal picture, meanwhile, has another complication. If Republicans can successfully pass their health care repeal and replacement they will have used up their opportunity to cut Medicaid to generate savings toward a balanced budget. The health measure promises an enormous \$880 billion cut from Medicaid over 10 years and it's

not credible to say Republicans could claim more in subsequent legislation.

"They've taken (Medicaid) off the table," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a conservative economist and former Congressional Budget Office director.

"The math doesn't work," said Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md. "Just nothing that they're doing adds up right now."

How big is the problem? According to calculations by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, if House Republicans were to simply plug their health repeal and replace bill into last year's budget resolution, they would fall \$350 billion short of balance by the end of their 10-year goal. And if further Medicaid savings are taken off the table, the gap is more like \$500 billion.

"It's going to be extremely difficult," admitted budget panel member Cole.

played a key role in revealing the bureau's subterfuge, because sources need to know journalists won't turn them in.

Blasphemy charges create climate of fear for Pakistani media

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Ahmad Waqas Goraya couldn't see anything through the black hood, but he could hear the screams.

A Pakistani blogger with a penchant for criticizing Pakistan's powerful military and taking the government to task, Goraya was kidnapped in January along with four other bloggers.

"I could hear the screams of torture," he said, struggling for words as the memories flooded back. "I don't even want to think about what they did."

But that wasn't the worst of it, he said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. More terrifying was the accusation of blasphemy — punishable by death in Pakistan — hurled at him and his fellow bloggers. They were held in what Goraya called a "black site" on the edge of Lahore that some say is run by Pakistan's powerful intelligence agency.

Analysts and social media monitors say the blasphemy law is a powerful tool to silence critics. Some say it is being used by extremists to silence moderates at a time when Pakistanis are increasingly speaking out against violence and extremism, and voicing support for a government crackdown on Islamic militants.

King's Iowa district shrugs off racially charged comments

CARROLL, Iowa (AP) — Outside his rural congressional district stretching over 39 Iowa counties, conservative U.S. Rep. Steve King's stream of inflammatory comments generate outrage and condemnation, but back home they rate little more than a shrug.

"That's just Steve being Steve," was how Tom Reiter put it, looking into a mirror while getting his hair cut Thursday in Carroll. "He doesn't pull any punches."

It's been that way since King, a former construction company owner and state legislator, was elected to Congress in 2002. It's still true, days after King tweeted his support for a far-right Dutch politician who opposes immigration and added, "We can't restore our civilization with somebody else's babies." Later in a radio interview, King responded to a question about changing demographics that could mean whites will no longer make up a U.S. majority by predicting, "Hispanics and the blacks will be fighting each other before that happens."

King's comments prompted House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi to call for Republican leaders to condemn what she called "vile racism," and House Speaker Paul Ryan told Fox News he disagreed with King about "somebody else's babies." The White House also distanced itself from King's comments.

In the 4th Congressional District, dotted with small towns and some of the world's most valuable farmland, King remains popular, typically winning 60 percent or more of the vote with reliable support even from those who feel uneasy about some of his statements. The comments have included opposition to placing an image of black anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill, comments about immigrant children having "calves the size of cantaloupes" because of carrying marijuana across the border and support for fortifying a border wall by placing an electric wire on top.

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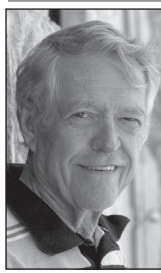
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Opinion

Austin College and liberal arts

Austin College in Sherman was founded in 1849 and is named in honor of Stephen F. Austin. “It is among the oldest colleges in Texas,” says Dr. Marjorie Hass, president. “In fact it’s the oldest college still operating under its original charter.”



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Austin College is a liberal arts college, which Dr. Hass says is different from a major university or junior college. “Large universities focus more on graduate schools, publications and grants. Community colleges are for basic and vocational education. Liberal arts schools focus on undergraduate study of language, philosophy, literature, art and abstract science. We try to teach the students how to think for themselves. We have a very strong reputation for producing the finest professionals in Texas and the country. A lot of our students go on to medical school,

law school, they go into the ministry, they become teachers, they go into a variety of professions and of course we have many students who pursue business careers.”

Marjorie says the college was founded by Presbyterian ministers who wanted to create a place where young men could receive the kind of high quality education that they formerly had to go to the east coast to receive. “Eventually and overtime the college started admitting women and now we’re coming upon the one hundredth year of co-education. We have a very diverse student body, ethnically, religiously and socio-economically. Seventy-two percent of Austin College students have a roommate of a different religion or ethnicity than they are before they graduate. That’s such good preparation for moving out into a diverse world.”

The college doesn’t have or desire a large student body. “Classes are very small. It’s not unusual for our students to be in a class with five, ten or fifteen students. Our faculty members really know their students and understand how they function as thinkers, what their dreams

and visions might be. To do that, we keep our college population small. We really are a community. We have just under thirteen hundred students.”

Dr. Hass is the first woman president and the first Jewish president the college has ever had. “When a former moderator of the Presbyterian Church heard that a Jewish woman had been named president, she commented, ‘how Presbyterian of us.’”

The mascot of Austin College is a kangaroo. “One story is the students had a very strong honor court to make sure students lived up to their highest ideals. That court was known as the kangaroo court. Another story is about our prowess on the football field. In the early days our little college used to play some of the larger football powerhouses. One of those coaches was so impressed with our players he said they hopped around that field like kangaroos.”

Dr. Hass has a doctorate degree in philosophy. “When I started my education at a liberal arts college, I kept choosing courses that had to do with thinking.”

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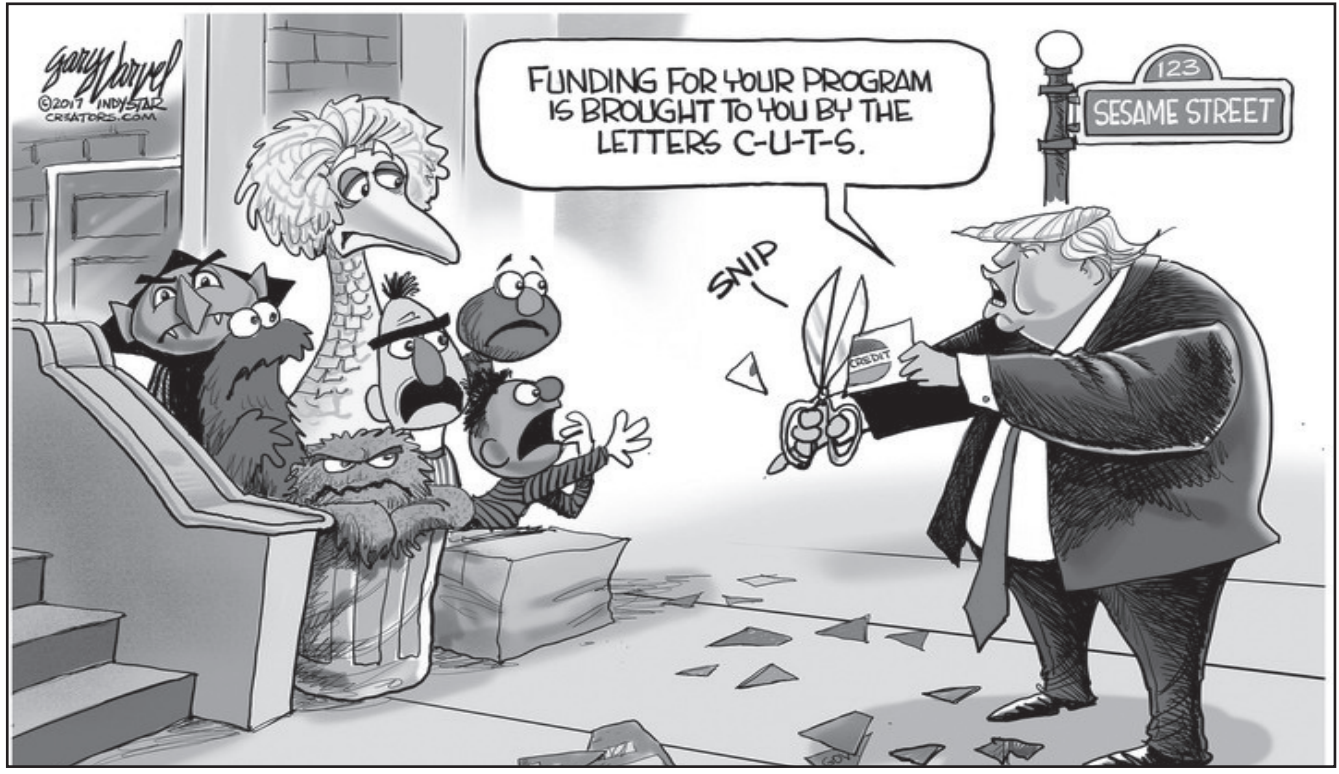
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DAILY PRAYER

Beneficial changes occur, Lord, when we come to You.

Amen.



LETTERS

To the Editor:

I have a family member who works with the BSISD in the food service department. Every school calendar year you hear about these poor hard-working ladies getting hours reduced and no raises. It’s ap-

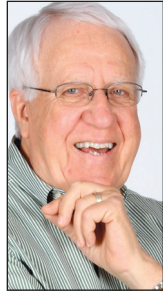
parent that our superintendent is picking on them. Shame on you, Mr. Wigington.

Well girls, hit them where it hurts. Cafeteria ladies should take their personal days off. And let our superintendent put on an apron and help feed our students.

— Juan Rodriguez,
Big Spring

Teachers and honor rolls

I face Old Glory, hand over heart, extending respect to educators wherever they serve, and at whatever “frazzle” level they are. Hopefully, their heads are above water in the “tides of March,” or victims of “ides” attributed to the same month.



DR. DON NEWBURY

Some are smiling at the prospect of spring break coming soon. And there are snuffles from the noses of others who have just finished this respite. Reality sets in as countdowns begin toward the school year’s end.

Those doing “education right” carry heavy loads, and their growing pressures — greatest today — weren’t even on their radar a decade ago. Take bathroom rules, for example. Not too many years ago, teachers had only to watch for uplifted hands, and fingers extended to indicate requests for “one” or “two.”...

The earth spins on the same axis, but we who whirl thereon are having hard times “holding on,” whether at the schoolhouse or not. We may all be spending too much time grading ALL experiences, school related or not.

Soon, we may be asked to grade “political correctness.” And, if such is done by the A-B-C system, we may need to use both pluses and minuses as well, and be prepared to defend whichever grades we give.

School folks usually have to

face such assignments first. I feel sorry for that first year teacher who shall remain nameless. So very committed to handling her assignment in an exemplary manner, she is — at mid-spring — wobbling a bit. Her confession to a fellow beleaguered colleague says much: “I feel like the 10-year-old, struggling to do math homework and with little to show for it after 30 minutes. Finally, he tossed his pencil aside, saying: ‘I wish I had this homework done, was married and dead.’” Boils it down to a pretty small package, doesn’t it?...

These days, I’m working on titles for in-service presentations at schools in August. I’m favoring this one: “Hung Out-to-Dry” Feelings in a World Going Out When it’s Tough to Hang In. Another may include Artful Packaging of Alternative Facts. Or maybe the topic should be more introspective, like If I Give Myself a Grade for Teaching, Will I Make the Honor Roll?
Wayda minute.

I forgot they want short, punchy titles. Picky, picky, picky....

Having straightened my tie and adjusted my posture, may I suggest that the lot of us — educators or not — daily apply biblical gleanings, and there are many. Heavens to Betsy (unless such reference is politically incorrect), bedrock laws at all levels have Good Book origins.

You can look it up. Okay, so what you look up is your business. (But, PLEASE don’t spend your time calling 9-1-1 JUST TO MAKE SURE it’s working.)

Further, we can “hold on tight” to centuries-old convictions. How about this one? The same God who has intervened in the affairs of man throughout history is still in charge. And this: We can see around the world in seconds, hear around the world in seconds and travel around the world in hours. But we must do so with the same nervous system Moses had when he led the children of Israel from the land of bondage....

Finally, and yes, in closing, I offer this rambling about how SPORTS TELEVISION has affected our culture. (It’s a big topic, worthy of later detailed inspection.) It is at the root of a culture where sports figures like Tony Romo are nearing worshipful status, or close thereto. Hero or goat, he seems adrift in the NFL world.

Next up for the vaunted QB position is Dak Prescott, whose first-year exploits were akin to working a 1,000-word picture puzzle with only 998 moves. He’ll do well to remember that “Dak” spelled backwards is “Kad,” and to remember they’ll name a street after you one day, and chase you down it the next.

Oh, well. Maybe we’d be better off trying to steer clear of “ides and tides” this month....

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#1SH Wright Unit "44-41", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.20 miles north of Knott
A-1224, Section 44, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.449034, Longitude -101.636820. Datum: NAD 27
301' FSL, 381' FWL of 504.12-acre lease
301' FSL, 381' FWL of the survey

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A-1105, Section 24, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.409214, Longitude -101.547113. Datum: NAD 27
360' FSL, 1728' FWL of 518.29-acre lease
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#4 Taylor Guitar "19", drill, El: NA
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian) Field
7.50 miles south of Knott
A-568, Section 19, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 030.173959, Longitude -101.220597. Datum: NAD 83
475' FSL, 853' FSL of 322.1-acre lease
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A-1418, Section 38, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
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Latitude 030.060585, Longitude -101.411317. Datum: NAD 83
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#1352WA Fletch "C", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.80 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-652, Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9350 feet
X=771955.866, Y=212225.810. Datum: NAD 27
525' FSL, 1020' FEL of 444.62-acre lease
525' FSL, 1020' FEL of the survey

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#1368WB Fletch "D", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-652, Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9450 feet
X=771985.130, Y=212232.415. Datum: NAD 27
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525' FSL, 990' FEL of the survey

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AP FACT CHECK: Fukushima radiation not cause for alarm in US

Radiation from the Fukushima nuclear reactor disaster in Japan has reached North American shores, but — despite a number of reports shared on social media — scientists say the levels of radiation are so low that it poses no risk to public health.

Late last year, researchers announced that Cesium-134 was discovered in waters off the coast of Oregon and in one sockeye salmon in a British Columbia lake. Cesium-134 is considered the fingerprint radiation of the Fukushima disaster, because its short half-life means it could only come from the plant that suffered meltdowns following the 2011 Japanese tsunami.

The news reports have been used as the basis for viral stories about the radiation. One story from alternativemediasyndicate.com carried the headline: "Fukushima Radiation: Your Days of Eating Pacific Ocean Fish Are Over, Or Worse." Another story from organicandhealthy.org labeled the discovery of the salmon as "bad news for everyone" and described the U.S. West Coast as "contaminated."

Ken Buesseler, a senior scientist at Massachusetts' Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, has traveled to Japan numerous times since 2011 to study the Fukushima disaster's effect on seawater. He also leads a sampling project to study the radiation as it makes its way across the Pacific Ocean

to North America. It's fair to be concerned about radiation, he said, but the levels detected are far too small to make anyone sick: They are 1,000 times less than what a person would be exposed to during a routine dental x-ray.

"It's even less than things like CT scans or flying in a plane or even living at high altitude. Personally I'm not concerned about those levels," he said.

Research scientist John Smith, who works for Canada's fisheries and oceans department, said the "crazy low levels" of cesium found in the salmon were suspected all along.

"It's absolutely no surprise there would be a little bit of Fukushima cesium in this fish and it's really at a level we would have expected it to be," he said.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a 2015 report on the impact of seaborne Fukushima radiation on the U.S. that evidence showed the levels "fall well short of posing any U.S. health or environmental risk." In January, state officials in Alaska announced that tests of seafood in the state's waters found no detectable amounts of radiation from the plant.

"This has been going on since the beginning of the Fukushima accident," adds Smith of some reports that have surfaced online since the disaster. "All this kind of fake news and scary news."

Somali pirates release oil tanker and crew, officials say

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somali pirates who seized a Comoros-flagged oil tanker earlier this week after five years without a major hijacking in the region have released the ship and its crew without conditions, officials said late Thursday.

Security official Ahmed Mohamed told The Associated Press the pirates disembarked the ship, which was heading to Bossaso port, the region's commercial hub, with its eight Sri Lankan crew members aboard.

Mohamed said the release occurred after negotiations by local elders and officials with the pirates, who seized the tanker on Monday. The pirates were not arrested but instead were given passage to leave once they disembarked, he said.

Naval forces from the semiautonomous state of Puntland and the pirates had clashed earlier Thursday after the pirates opened fire.

The hijacking of the Comoros-flagged tanker Aris 13 was the first such seizure of a large commercial vessel off Somalia since 2012. International anti-piracy patrols on the crucial trade route had calmed such attacks, which once numbered in the hundreds.

Abdirizak Mohamed Ahmed, the director of Puntland's anti-piracy agency, confirmed the release of the ship Thursday night and said naval forces had boarded it to escort it to port.

The European Union anti-piracy operation in the region had said the pirates had been holding the crew captive and demanding a ransom. The ship had been anchored off Somalia's northern coast, known to be used by weapons smugglers and the extremist group al-Shabab.

Ahmed said the Puntland naval forces had been dispatched to the area



Kevin Finnigan/Tropic Maritime Images via AP, File
FILE - In this Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 photo, the Aris 13 oil tanker is seen from a helicopter in the harbor of Gladstone, Australia.

not to free the ship by force but to cut off any supplies to the pirates.

Families of the crew members had tearfully pleaded for the men to be released unharmed. Somali pirates usually hijack ships and crew for ransom. They don't normally kill hostages unless they come under attack.

The ship had been carrying fuel from Djibouti to Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, on Monday when it was approached by men in two skiffs and the tanker issued a call for help.

The pirates told authorities that the only reason they seized the ship was in protest of the illegal fishing in the area that has threatened livelihoods, not for ransom, Mohamed said.

Coastal Somalis, including pirates who quit as international patrols increased and became fisherman, have complained of growing harassment by illegal fishermen and attacks by large foreign trawlers.

They have blamed Yemini, Chinese, Indian, Iranian and Djibouti-flagged fishing boats and trawlers, and some have threatened to return to a life of piracy to make money.

Meanwhile, experts on piracy say some in the region have let down their guard as the number of hijackings decreased in recent years. In December, NATO ended its anti-piracy mission off Somalia's waters.



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Howard College defeats El Paso in double-header

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawk baseball team made their way to El Paso, where they came out on top of the El Paso Community College Tejanos 12-2 and 10-0 in a double-header yesterday.

Game One: Hawks 12 - Tejanos 2

The Hawks broke off two singles at their first two at-bats for the game, one from Robert Bullard Jr., and the other from Caleb Kyle. It was the sacrifice fly coming from Doug Facendo that drove in a run and got the Hawks first point on the board.

After a defensive stop, the Hawks were back at the plate in the top of the second inning. A solo home run by Jonathon Arrieta would add another to their score, making it 2-0.

The third inning was a big one for Howard College at the plate. Andrew Beck would bring another run across with an RBI single, followed by a huge grand slam from Mason Peterson, which brought the Hawks up 7-0.

El Paso was able to score one

run of their own in the bottom of the fourth to avoid being shut out, thanks to an RBI single from Jacob Cubillos.

Going into the top of the sixth inning with a 7-1 lead over the Tejanos, the Hawks put the game away with a triple from Bullard that drove three runners in to score, an RBI single from Facendo, and a sacrifice fly from Beck to score a run. This brought the score to 12-1.

The Tejanos brought a runner across on an error, but their comeback efforts were shut down and went on to lose to the Hawks with a final score of 12-2.

"I thought we did a really good job as a team, just being able to run the offense, stealing bases and bunting the baseball," said head coach Rob Martinez. "All around, it was a great group effort"

Brandon Young earned the win for Howard College, throwing for six innings, allowing only two runs, four hits, and striking out five.

The Hawks collected a total of 12 hits for the game. Nick Colavecchi, Facendo, Bullard, and Jordan Stephens each got

multiple hits for Howard College.

Game Two: Hawks 10 - Tejanos 0

With a steal of home from Bullard and a two-RBI single from Beck in the first inning, the Hawks were able to establish an early 3-0 lead over El Paso, setting the tone of the game (if they hadn't already in the first game).

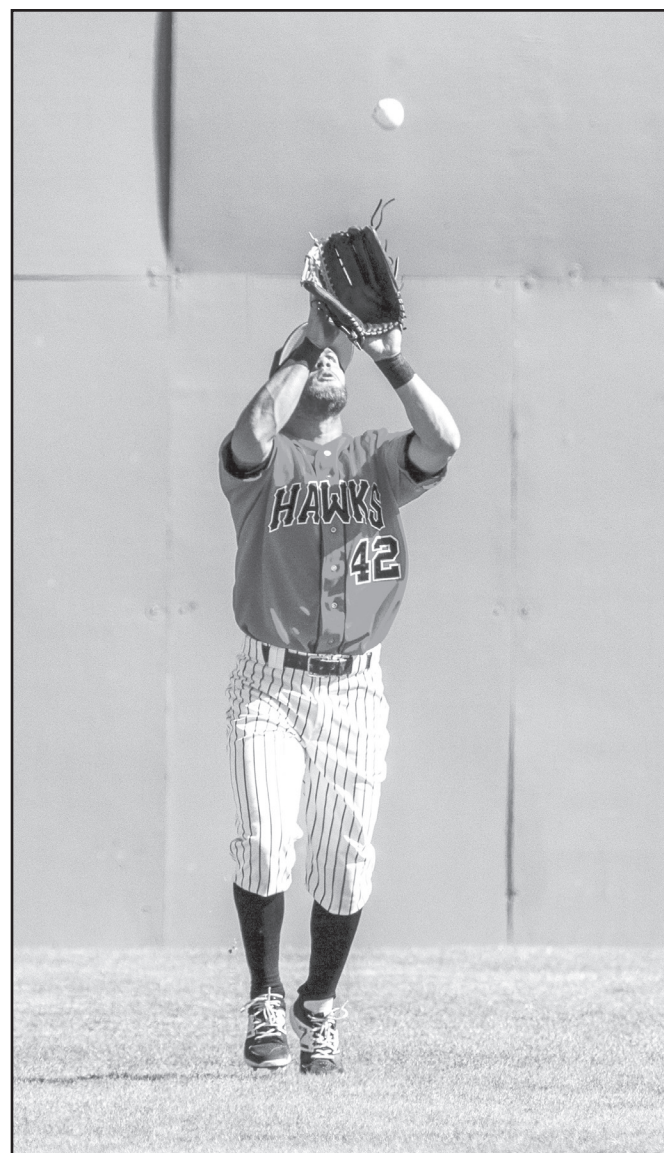
After two defensive stops against the Tejanos, Howard College opened the third inning with two back-to-back homers — one from Trey Ochoa and another from Facendo — followed by a run allowed from a balk from the El Paso pitcher, which would put the Hawks up 6-0.

Howard College displayed excellent defense, as they still managed to keep the Tejanos scoreless heading into the fourth.

Following two inning-opening singles from Bullard and Kyle, Ochoa broke off a two-RBI double, driving two more runs across the plate.

Facendo followed up with yet another homer, which brought a runner in and put the Hawks

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File photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College center fielder Nick Colavecchi catches a fly ball during the Hawk's game with New Mexico Junior College on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Lady Hawks dominate Rough Riders 17-1 and 9-1 in double-header



File photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College center fielder Mackenzie Mitchiner scoops up a ground ball during the Lady's 12-7 loss at home to Tyler JC in the second game of a double header held on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks softball team hosted the Luna Community College Lady Rough Riders yesterday in their first conference game of the season, and they came

out with two solid wins.

Game one: Howard College 17 - Luna CC 1

The Lady Hawks started the game with a solid defensive stop against the Lady Rough Riders first series at bat, and immedi-

ately took a big 8-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

The eight-run streak came from an RBI single by Megan Darling, an RBI single from Kaylynn Lopez, an RBI double from Mariah Young, an RBI single from Evelyn Loyola, a two-RBI single from Jackie Mercado and a two-RBI double from Tayiah Hamilton.

After another defensive stop to start the second inning, Howard College proceeded to go on another 8-0 run, putting the game entirely out of reach for the Lady Rough Riders.

The second streak was thanks to an RBI homer by

Young, a solo home run by Tiare Lee, an RBI homer by Mercado and a two-RBI homer from Lopez.

Following yet another defensive stop from the Lady Hawks, Mercado added another homer to the teams collection, bringing the Howard College lead to a heaping 17-0.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Luna was able to break off a home run of their own, avoiding the shut out.

The Lady Rough Riders didn't have a chance to try and bring any more across, as they hit straight into a double play followed by a strike out to end the game.

"We came out hitting in the first game, and I believe that gave us a lot of confidence," said head coach Kelly Raines. "We have been working hard on our hitting and playing solid defense. Our pitchers just hit their spot and kept them guessing."

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Coahoma falls to Colorado City 5-2 in district opener

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogette softball team faced the Colorado City Lady Wolves yesterday in their first district game of the season, where they fell behind early and couldn't come back, resulting in a 5-2 defeat.

The Lady Wolves scored the first runs of the game in the bottom of the second inning, coming from an RBI double by Marissa Reyna and a two-RBI single from Tamren Pierce.

With a three-point lead over Coahoma, Colorado City brought across another run in the bottom of the fourth thanks to an RBI single from Reyna, which brought the score to 4-0.

The Bulldogettes were held scoreless until the top of the seventh inning, when they knew this would be their last chance to make something of this game.

Coahoma attempted to string together a come back when Madison Daniels doubled, driving a runner in, followed by an RBI single from Kodi Howard to bring the score to 5-2.

The next at-bat for Coahoma would result in a ground out, thus ending the game with the Lady Wolves finishing on top of the Bulldogettes.

Although they lost, Coahoma still managed to out-hit Colorado City 8-6.

"When we hit, we would get on base but couldn't advance. Colorado City was able to put the ball in play and we were not," said head softball coach Alex Orosco. "We also struck out a lot today, more than usual, and we left runners on base in several innings."

With another district game approaching, the Bulldogettes will take this loss and use it to prepare for their meeting with Jim Nedd.

"Our game plan has got to be minimizing the errors. Right now we are averaging 3.5 errors per game," said Orosco. "The score does not matter, it is the errors that are beating us."

They will host the Jim Nedd Indians on Tuesday, March 21, at 5 p.m.

76ers rout Mavericks in Noel's return to Philadelphia

By **AARON BRACY**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After being traded to Philadelphia by Dallas, Justin Anderson couldn't wait for the opportunity to prove his worth to his former team.

Anderson tied his career high with 19 points and Robert Covington scored 12 of his 18 points in Philadelphia's dominant third quarter, helping the 76ers rout the Mavericks 116-74 on Friday night.

Richaun Holmes added 17 points for the 76ers, who snapped an eight-game losing streak to Dallas while spoiling Nerlens Noel's return to Philadelphia.

"Talking to (Covington) before the game, I was like, 'I want to get this one,'" Anderson said.

Anderson was the first sub off coach Brett Brown's bench.

"Purposefully, I brought him off the bench first to get him in the game and get him going quickly, and he responded well," Brown said.

Noel had nine points and five rebounds in his first game against his former team since being traded for Anderson, Andrew Bogut and a draft pick. Dwight Powell led the Mavericks with 14 points.

"We just came out a little flat," Noel said. "Both groups, bench and

starters, probably should have definitely brought more energy, especially on the defensive end."

Philadelphia got its largest margin of victory of the season while handing Dallas its worst defeat, topping the Mavericks' 128-90 setback at Cleveland on Nov. 25.

"This is by far the worst of the year in terms of energy, effort and togetherness," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "They outplayed us in every way possible. We just didn't show up. We've all got to look in the mirror. I'm not going to write it off as one of those nights. This kind of performance is inexcusable."

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The Lady Hawks collected a total of 16 hits for the first game, five of those hits being home runs. Mercado, Darling, Lopez, Young and Mitchiner each collected multiple hits for Howard College.

Game two: Howard College 9 - Luna CC 1

The Lady Hawks were able to establish another early lead, thanks to an RBI double from Madeline Henry in the bottom of the second.

After another defensive stop against Luna, which seem to be routine at this point, Howard College drives four more runs in the bottom of the third from yet another homer from Lopez, an RBI single from Lee, a sacrifice fly from Henry, and an RBI single from Hamilton.

Heading into the fourth while down 5-0 to the Lady Hawks, Briana McGill of the Lady Rough Riders knocked out a homer of her own to avoid another would-have-been shut out.

That would be all that Luna could get done, as the Lady Hawks added another home run from Lopez; her third of the day, a sacrifice fly from Henry,

and a two-RBI double from Young to bring the final score to 9-1, a Howard College blow out over Luna Community College.

"We played well," said Raines. "We have been putting in a lot of work to get ready for conference and we are excited to play."

The Lady Hawks had a total of 11 hits in the game. While Young collected multiple hits for the team, it was Mercado and Lopez who led offensively, collecting three hits apiece.

Howard College will conclude their conference match against Luna with another double-header Saturday.

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The loss also hurt the playoff chances of the Mavericks, who began the day 3 1/2 games behind Denver for the final spot in the Western Conference.

Philadelphia has no such postseason hopes, particularly since top rookie Joel Embiid was lost for the season.

The 76ers had hoped to build around Noel when they acquired him on draft day in 2013 after he was picked No. 6 by New Orleans. Noel experienced mostly losing during his 2 1/2 seasons in Philadelphia as part of former general manager Sam Hinkie's rebuilding plan, dubbed "The Process."

It must have felt like old times for Noel in

the third quarter when Philadelphia outscored the Mavericks 36-16 to enter the fourth ahead 87-56.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: G Wesley Matthews returned to the lineup after sitting out Wednesday's win over Washington with a right calf strain. He had three points in 24 minutes. ... The Mavericks took the only other meeting of the season between the teams, 113-95 on Feb. 1 in Dallas.

76ers: Rapper Biz Markie performed at half-time. ... Philadelphia improved to 16-19 at home. ... The 76ers' previous largest margin of victory was a 97-79 win at Detroit on Dec. 11.

NOEL'S NIGHT

Noel entered to strong applause with 6:45 left in the first quarter. Prior to his entry, the team

showed a video tribute to him on the scoreboard.

Noel thanked Philadelphia's fans on Thursday night by offering free cheesesteaks at a popular Philadelphia restaurant to anyone attending. Later on Thursday, Noel hung out with former teammate Holmes.

BIG WIN

The 76ers' 42-point win was the most since a 43-point home win over Milwaukee on Jan. 30, 2008. The franchise's largest margin ever was prior to its move to Philadelphia when host Syracuse defeated New York 162-100 on Dec. 25, 1960.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Cap four-game trip at Brooklyn on Sunday.

76ers: Host Boston on Sunday.

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up 10-0 over El Paso. The score would remain the same as the final inning expired.

The Tejanos simply could not stop Howard College at the plate, nor score any runs against their sharp defense.

Ryan Williams earned the win for the Hawks, throwing for five innings, allowing zero runs, three hits, striking out five and walking zero. Yes, you read that right, an impressive zero free bases.

"I think for the first time in quite a while we were able to pitch really well," said Martinez. "Today we pounded the strike zone and let our defense play."

Howard College collected a whopping total of 14 hits for this second game against El Paso. Ochoa, Kyle, Facendo, Beck, and Bullard each collected multiple hits for the Hawks.

Ochoa and Facendo each drove in three runs to lead the team offensively.

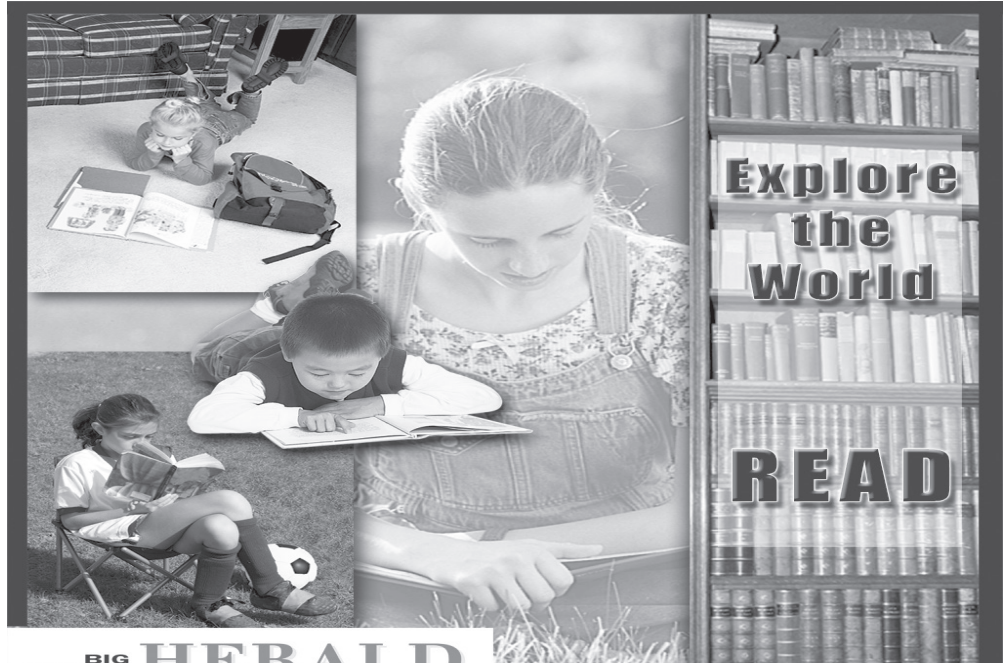
Howard College was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error in

the field. Reese O'Farrell had the most chances in the field with five.

The Hawks tore up the base paths, stealing a total of six bases for the game.

Howard College will conclude their conference match against El Paso with another double-header Saturday in El Paso.

"We just need to keep putting the pressure on them defensively with as much as we do offensively," said Martinez. "Hopefully our pitchers show up and throw strikes like they did today."



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US taxpayers might be on the hook for pipeline protest costs

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota officials appear poised to go after the U.S. government — and thus U.S. taxpayers — to recoup more than \$38 million in state expenses related to months of protests against the Dakota Access pipeline, though a longstanding offer from the project's developer to pay up is still on the table.

One taxpayer watchdog group questions why the state isn't jumping at the offer from Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, a company worth billions of dollars.

"You take the money when you can get it," said Dustin Gawrylow, managing director of the North Dakota Watchdog Network, which keeps tabs on how public money is spent.

The matter might not be that simple. Common Cause, a nonpartisan group that promotes government accountability, says accepting money from a private-sector business in an industry it regulates would present the state with an ethical dilemma.

Pipeline opponents have long accused the state of being too cozy with ETP, and if the state takes the company's money "it certainly would lend credence to those arguments," said

Joye Braun, a protest leader.

"For Energy Transfer to offer a donation, basically that's paying off the state for using state resources as personal security," she said.

Gawrylow said ETP's offer, while it would help the state, might be more marketing than generosity.

"They're not spending it out of the goodness of their heart. They're spending it to build goodwill in North Dakota" after months of upheaval, he said.

Work is wrapping up on the \$3.8 billion pipeline to move North Dakota oil 1,200 miles to a shipping point in Illinois, and oil could be flowing as early as Monday despite an ongoing legal challenge by Sioux tribes who fear the project could affect their water supply — a claim ETP rejects.

The saga has endured for months, with hundreds and sometimes thousands of pipeline opponents camping on federal land near the drill site and often clashing with police. About 750 arrests were made between early August and late February, when camps on property managed by the Corps were shut down in advance of spring flooding season.

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Auto industry backs commitment to fuel economy

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Just because President Trump may weaken U.S. fuel economy requirements, don't expect gas guzzlers like the giant 13 mpg Hummer H1 to make a comeback.

Executives from automakers and suppliers gathered at a conference outside of Detroit Thursday said looser fuel economy standards might allow for sales of more trucks in areas where they're popular. But otherwise, the pursuit of fuel-efficiency technologies will proceed unabated.

Trump came to the Detroit area earlier this week to announce that his Environmental Protection Agency will re-examine gas mileage requirements that were affirmed in the Obama

administration's last days. Those regulations require the fleet of new cars and trucks to average 36 mpg in real-world driving by 2025, about 10 mpg over the current standard. Environmentalists warned Trump's decision could reverse years of reduced tailpipe emissions.

Executives at the Fuel Economy Detroit conference said the billions of dollars already invested in efficient vehicles makes reversing course impractical. And while the U.S. may relax rules, other countries are toughening them, leaving the industry no choice but to keep researching ways to make gas engines more efficient and develop cheaper and longer-range electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

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By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Nearly 30 local girls participated in a beauty pageant held in Big Spring in late February.

The Spring Fling Pageant – an Our Diamond Miss Scholarship pageant preliminary contest – was hosted by 3-year-old Vivian Partee, a two-time national beauty queen.

Her mother, Kristen, said she was unsure about child beauty pageants at first when her daughter began to compete in the system.

“I’m from the north, and the only reference I really had was (TLC’s reality show) *Toddlers and Tiaras*, which

isn’t a good reference,” she said. “My daughter loves the stage, so when she got there, she was really thriving in this environment. I got to know a little more about this (Our Miss Diamond) pageant system, and we’ve done it ever since.”

Vivan was 2 years old when she began to compete. Last year, she won titles at the state contest and qualified for nationals where she became a two-time national beauty queen. She won her natal beauty queen. She won her natal beauty queen. She won her natal beauty queen, Partee said.

“As a queen, they often ask you to host a pageant. There’re pageants in San Angelo, Hobbs, Dallas, all these areas; I thought maybe Big Spring would like to do it,” she said. “All these moms asked me what the pageant system is about.

“The more I’ve been watching my daughter, it’s more about the friendship she is creating, the confidence, and the pose,” Partee continued. “I really feel like the Our Diamond Miss Pageant system hones that, and the older girls mentor the younger girls. She is learning public speaking, she is learning confidence, interviews. She is learning how to answer questions and shape her little mind into becoming a great leader and a confident woman



when she grows. It’s totally different that what I expected it to be.”

Partee said of the 30 girls who participated, 27 were local, and most had never been in a beauty pageant.

“I was blown away on how well they did,” she said. “Stevi (McKinnon, owner of the Dance Gallery) was great, because at the end of the dance classes ... she’d walk them through the modeling pattern.”

Partee said she was very impressed of how well the first-time pageant contestants performed on stage.

“Over the age of three, they have to model by themselves,” Partee explained. “Under three, a parent can walk with them and sort of coach them. All the girls over three can’t be coached by their mother. They just had to do it, and they did. They were awesome. It’s really a testimony to Stevi, because of what she has cre-



VIVIAN PARTEE

ated over there at the Dance Gallery has given these girls the tools to be confident little performers and not to

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Lockharts celebrate birth of Emerson Carol

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Big Spring grandparents Jack and Tammy Lockhart celebrated the birth of Emerson Carol Lockhart Feb. 24, 2017, at Medical City Hospital in Dallas.

Emerson Carol is the daughter of Clint and Aly Lockhart of Glen Rose, Texas; big sister Harper will help show her the ropes.

Emerson was 18.5 inches long and 6 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

In addition to her paternal Big Spring grandparents, Emerson Carol will be doted on by her mother's parents, John and Denise Evans of Lubbock. Congratulations, Lockharts!

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Maple pancakes, grapes, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meaty queso, peas, garden salad, veggie cups, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Sriracha beef pocket, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruity Jell-O, fruit cup, garden salad, milk.

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, sausage patty, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: FLEX DAY: Sack lunch bag, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Yogurt cup with Graham crackers or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, Lunch: Chicken bites basket with seasoned fries or Italian pasta salad with chicken or Salisbury steak or country chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli Normandy, Romaine spinach garden salad, chilled peaches, apples and oranges, brown gravy, wholegrain rolls.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, salsa; Lunch: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich basket with Sun Chips or crispy chicken tenders salad or chili cheese fries or homestyle chili with crackers, mixed vegetables, Romaine spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, wholegrain rolls.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle and sausage or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, apple cinnamon bake, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Meatball marinara sub basket with seasoned fries or grilled chicken Caesar salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni) or loaded chicken fajita baked potatoes with roll, cheesy broccoli, Romaine spinach garden salad, blushing pears, oranges and apples, cheese, green onions, sour cream, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Mini corn dogs basket with seasoned fries or loco Dorito chicken taco salad or beef taco pie or crispitos with beans, chips and salsa, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, jalapeno, salsa.

Friday: Breakfast: Super donut or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Mac Rib sandwich basket with French fries or chicken bites salad or hamburger or crispy chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, baked beans, burger salad, rosy applesauce, apples and oranges.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini maple waffles or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Mexican combo plate or chicken quesadilla, seasoned corn, refried beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad,

Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Barbecue sandwich or spaghetti bowl with breadstick, California blend, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or mini corn-dogs, tater tots, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, broccoli bites, baby carrots, mixed fruit, milk, fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini-pancakes, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Hot ham and cheese pretzel sandwich, tomato-cucumber cup, garden salad, snowball salad, milk, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Texas basket, carrot coins, apple slices, cookie, milk, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast: Rolled breakfast tacos, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken bowl, roll, gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk, fruit.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Fish strips, Texas toast, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, milk, fruit.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chicken and dumplings, green peas, cinnamon apples with raisins, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Chili with beans, shredded cheese, green salad, jalapeno slices, lemon pie, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cucumber salad, citrus fruit cup, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Steak fingers, cream gravy, French fries, green beans, fresh oranges, bread, milk.

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Tell us about your family? Married with six adult children.

What are your hobbies, organizations, clubs? Playing and watching sports, traveling and seeing the world. Retired from US Air Force, Boys and Girls Club of America.

What is your favorite book? "The Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr." by Clayborne Carson

What is your favorite show? "Welcome Back, Kotter"

What is your favorite movie? The Ten Commandments

Where would you go if you could go anywhere? Travel the continent of Africa.

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- Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: The Midtown Men, singing quartet formed by four stars of the Broadway hit "Jersey Boys."

- Friday, 7:30 p.m.: "Country Gold," an evening hosted by Leroy VanDyke and featuring David Frizzell, TG Sheppard, Barbara Fairchild and T Graham Brown.

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be stage-shy.”
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“I will be happy to answer any questions. I am still learning,” Partee said.

The Spring Fling Beauty Pageant was held at Spring Creek Fellowship Church. Results of the contest were as follows:

Emaleigh Criswell, overall Supreme and Talent award; Presliegh Garner, overall Supreme Baby

0-12 Division: Photogenic, Beauty and Division Queen, Svetta Peterson; Division Supreme, Aubrey Burchett

13-19 Division: Photogenic and Division Queen, Kamyrn Heckler; Beauty and Sweetheart Award, Willow Rawles; Division Supreme, Blayklee Galoway

20-24 Division: Division Supreme, Mila Pierce;

25-35 Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award, Hunter Rawles; Beauty and Division Queen, MyKayla Leon; Division Supreme, McKynzie Wright

Tiny Miss Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award, Ava Mendoza; Beauty and Division Queen, Lyza Wood; Talent Queen and Division Supreme, Isabella Coy, Personality Award, Keile Helmstetler.

Little Miss Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award; Xzayda Velez; Beauty, Talent Queen, and Division Queen, Journey McKinnon; Division Supreme, Paisley Pool

Mini-Miss Division: Photogenic, Talent Queen and Sweetheart Award, Kynzlea Crawley; Beauty and Division Queen, Ausiana Jackson

Division Supreme: Sophia Baeza
Petite Division: Photogenic, Beauty and Division Queen, Izabella Peterson

Talent Queen and Division Supreme, Brittanie Robers

Miniature Miss Division: Photogenic, Beauty, Talent Queen and Division Queen, Story McKinnon

Division Supreme: Bella Schewe

Junior Miss Division: Photogenic and Division Supreme, Alexis Auero; Beauty, Talent and Division Queen: Nyeli Rogers

Young Miss Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award, Trinity Sepeda; Beauty and Division Queen, Lauren Bryans

Talent Queen and Division Supreme, Arabella Dunlap

'Beauty and the Beast' shelved in Malaysia despite approval



AP photo

People wait in queue to counter inside cinema at shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Walt Disney has shelved the release of its new movie "Beauty and the Beast" in mainly Muslim Malaysia, even though film censors said Tuesday it had been approved with a minor cut involving a "gay moment."

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Walt Disney shelved the release of its new movie "Beauty and the Beast" in mainly Muslim Malaysia after refusing to cut a gay scene to mollify film censors.

The studio said late Tuesday that the film "has not been and will not be cut" for release in Malaysia.

Screenings of the live-action re-telling of the animated classic

was scheduled to begin Thursday. But the country's two main cinema chains said the movie has been postponed at Disney's request and it would refund patrons who had bought advanced tickets.

Film Censorship Board chairman Abdul Halim Abdul Hamid earlier Tuesday said the film has been approved by the board after a minor gay scene was axed. He said scenes promoting homosexuality were forbidden and that

the film was given a P13 rating, which requires parental guidance for children under 13 years of age.

It is only one short scene but it is inappropriate because many children will be watching this movie," Abdul Halim told *The Associated Press*.
The film's characters include manservant LeFou, who plays the sidekick to the story's villain Gaston, and, according to director Bill Condon, "is confused about his sexuality." Condon has described a brief scene as a "gay moment."

Russia last week approved the movie but banned children under 16 from watching it without the accompaniment of someone over 16.

Malaysia's censors in 2010 loosened decades of restrictions on sexual and religious content in movies, but still kept a tight leash on tiny bikinis, kisses and passionate hugs.

The new rules allowed depiction of gay characters, but only if they show repentance or are portrayed in a negative light. Sodomy, even if consensual, is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and whipping in Malaysia.

Art Association sees canvas-stretching demo

Loren Hastings, local artist, demonstrated how to stretch a canvas. Among the things Mr. Hastings shared was the ability to read a tape measure, how to check to see if the sides were squared, and types of materials to use. Mr. Hastings' demonstration was both educational and interesting, Association members said.

Carolyn Walker of Colorado City said that art has always been a part of her life. She's been painting since she was 11 years old. After retiring from teaching art in public school, Mrs. Walker has taught art in her studio, as well as workshops throughout Texas. She has judged many art shows and done painting demos.

Her work has won many awards and has been accepted in national shows. Mrs. Walker has degrees in art, including a Master of Fine Art degree. She's a member of Artist of West Texas, The West Texas Art Guild, The San Angelo Art Club, and the West Texas Watercolor Association.

She works in watercolor, oil, and acrylic. Her favorite of these is whatever she is working on at any given moment.

Mrs. Walker and her husband have two sons, two wonderful daughters-in-laws and three grandchildren.

The next meeting of the Big Spring Art Association will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. If you interested in art of any kind, feel free to join them.



Courtesy photo

Local artist Loren Hastings demonstrates canvas preparation techniques at the most recent meeting of the Big Spring Art Association.

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According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than 9,600 complaints against banks and lenders were reported by Texas consumers in 2016. Also, bank fraud was ranked as one of the top five types of identity theft, with more than 3,900 complaints reported to the FTC.

Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) offers the following safe banking tips:

Avoid "card skimming" at ATM machines. Card skimming occurs when scammers attach a device to an ATM machine or gas pump to "skim" the information on your debit or credit card when you swipe them. When combined with a hidden camera, the scammers are able to record your Personal Identification Number (PIN). To help protect yourself, examine the area surrounding the ATM for possible concealed cameras. Also, stand close to the machine when entering your PIN, and cover the keypad with your hand.

Use a credit card for online transactions. Avoid using a prepaid debit card or debit card when ordering anything online. According to the FDIC, debit cards are considered less beneficial than credit cards for major purchases or online buying because of the limited protections in cases of fraud.

Keep your transactions secure. Safeguard your bank account information, credit card numbers, Social Security number and other personal data when you use the Internet. Don't use an unsecured Wi-Fi network, such as the networks open to the public in coffee shops and restaurants, when checking your bank account balance. Also, don't send personal information or account numbers through email or text messages.

Research any app before downloading it. Just because the name of the app resembles the name of your bank doesn't mean that it's the official app for the bank. It could be a fraudulent app designed to look like the real one. Make sure to download the app from a legitimate app store.

Secure your mobile device and the app. Depending on the type of mobile device or smartphone, most have technology now that requires a PIN number or fingerprint to unlock the phone. Whether you access your account through the bank's website or mobile app, create a strong password and one that's not easy to guess. The FDIC recommends a password contain combinations of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols and a PIN with random numbers, and not the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Be on guard against unsolicited emails or text messages appearing to link to a financial institution's website. These could be phishing messages containing some sort of urgent request (such as a warning that you need to "verify" bank account or other personal information) or an amazing offer (one that is "too good to be true") designed to lead you to a fake website. Scammers use this tactic to gain access to your personal information and other sensitive data.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin.

Czech beer Budvar hits production record in 2016

PRAGUE (AP) — Owned brewery, said Friday that its output rose 0.8 percent to 1.615 million hectoliters (42.66 million gallons) of beer, the highest volume in its 120-year history. It did not disclose exact export figures but said it sells about 60 percent of its production abroad.

Budejovicky Budvar NP, a Czech state-

Welcome new member



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to welcome new member VIP Auto Rentals at 3300 Rickabaugh Dr., on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport.

Wells Fargo CEO: Fixing fake accounts will take more time

NEW YORK (AP) — Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan said the company could need several more months to resolve customer damage tied to its massive sales practices scandal, such as figuring out if people had trouble getting approved for other loans because of the fake accounts bank employees opened.

Speaking with The Associated Press on Friday, Sloan reiterated what he has said since becoming CEO in the wake of the scandal, that rebuilding trust with customers is the primary focus.

Wells Fargo has seen a sharp drop in new account openings and bank traffic since admitting in September that employees pressured to meet ambitious sales goals opened up to 2 million customer accounts were opened without getting customer permission. Sloan said the declines appear to have bottomed out.

While Wells has changed its sales practices, ousted some executives

and called tens of millions of customers to check on whether they truly opened the accounts in question, Sloan acknowledged that the full scope of the effect is not yet known.

"I will describe it as more complicated than anyone could have imagined, but that's not an excuse. It's going to take a few more months to work through. But I assure you we will remediate all those customers," Sloan said.

Those who may have paid fees to Wells for their accounts have been mostly addressed while those whose credit scores were hurt by unauthorized accounts, and thus may have been turned down for loans or credit cards, is taking longer.

The scandal resulted in a \$185 million fine from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, as well as directly led to the abrupt retirement of Sloan's predecessor, John Stumpf, in October.

Wells Fargo's board of directors is conducting its own investigation into the bank's sales practices, a report that is expected to be out in April ahead of the bank's annual shareholder meeting. While that is still in progress, the board has cut bonuses to major executives — including Sloan — as well as publicly firing four high-level managers. Sloan, who got a 17 percent raise to \$12.8 million when he became CEO, says he supports the board on that move.

"If the board feels there are other people responsible, there should be consequences," he said.

Beyond the scandal, Sloan said he feels the U.S. economy is doing well. He said it's too early to gauge President Trump's job performance, but that Trump will succeed as long as the White House focuses on jobs and economic growth.



US and global partners wrestle over trade stance

BADEN-BADEN, Germany (AP) — Top finance officials including new U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin are debating how strong a statement to make in support of free trade at a meeting that will help set the tone for the global economy.

The gathering of finance ministers and central bank heads from the Group of 20 countries has focused on shifting attitudes toward trade, particularly after U.S. President Donald Trump vowed to impose border taxes and rewrite free trade deals.

Attention has centered on a joint statement that is being prepared for Saturday. Early drafts have dropped an earlier ban on protectionism but there was no agreement on what to replace it with, or exactly how to put their position into words, said officials who briefed reporters Friday only on condition of anonymity because the talks were ongoing.

Deputies assigned to work out the details ahead of time had to leave the matter for the ministers, who held the first of their sessions late Friday afternoon German time at the two-day

meeting in the spa town of Baden-Baden in southern Germany.

The meeting's host, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble, told reporters that "no one has mentioned protectionism" and that the statement was rather about "the right formulation regarding the openness of the world economy."

Angel Gurría, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, downplayed differences over the exact language.

He told The Associated Press it was "important to create a comfort zone" where leaders could have their first discussions with the new administration, "to make them feel that this is a place where we can talk, we can ventilate the areas where we have common ground and the areas where we may have differences." The OECD is one of several international organizations invited to participate in the meeting.

The last such gathering, in July 2016 in Chengdu, China, issued a strong statement in favor of free trade, saying "we will resist all forms of protec-



Franziska Kraufmann/dpa via AP

Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso, left, and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin meet for talks ahead of the G-20 Finance Ministers meeting in Baden-Baden, southern Germany, Friday, March 17, 2017.

tionism." That ringing statement was absent in early drafts put together in recent weeks ahead of this meeting; possible replacements include support for "fairness" and "inclusiveness."

European countries and others that depend on exports, such as China, were said to be pushing for a stronger statement in favor of trade.

US factory production rose for 6th straight time in February

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. factories cranked out more autos, steel and computers in February, the sixth straight monthly increase in manufacturing output.

Factory production rose a seasonally adjusted 0.5 percent last month from January, the Federal Reserve said Friday. That followed another 0.5 percent gain the previous month.

Factories are benefiting from greater consumer and business optimism since last fall's presidential election. Companies are spending more on big-ticket items such as industrial machinery, and Americans are buying cars at near-record levels. Overseas growth has spurred more exports.

Mining output rose 2.7 percent in February, spurred partly by more oil and gas drilling. Utility production plunged 5.7 percent as unseasonably warm weather reduced the need for heating. Overall industrial

production, which includes manufacturing, mining and utilities, was unchanged in February.

Factories are emerging from a rough patch that lasted from late 2015 through most of 2016. Sharply lower oil prices hammered demand for drilling equipment, such as steel pipe, and many businesses sold off excess stockpiles, reducing new orders for factory goods.

A strong dollar, which makes U.S. products more expensive overseas, also weighed on exports and factory output for roughly the past two years. The currency's value has leveled off more recently.

Other measures of manufacturing output also show solid gains. A survey of purchasing managers found that factory activity grew in February at the fastest pace in two years, spurred by rising orders, production and overseas demand.



In this Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016, photo, a group of workers at the C.C. Filson Co. manufacturing facility work at their sewing machines, in Seattle. On Friday, March 17, 2017, the Federal Reserve reports on U.S. industrial production for February.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, right, shakes hands with Saudi Arabia's King Salman at Great Hall of the People in Beijing Friday, March 17, 2017.

(Lintao Zhang/Pool Photo via AP)

China, Saudi Arabia sign \$65 billion in cooperation deals

BEIJING (AP) — Saudi Arabia's King Salman met with China's premier on Friday, a day after the two nations signed a memorandum of understanding on investment cooperation valued at \$65 billion.

The landmark agreement aims to boost joint efforts in fields including energy, investment, finance, culture and aerospace, part of Saudi Arabia's drive to develop a growth strategy less dependent on oil.

Beijing meanwhile is rolling out a massive trade and investment initiative across Central Asia and the Middle East called "One Belt, One Road" that sees the desert kingdom as a region-

al linchpin.

Despite the eye-catching sum noted in the memo, the actual value of such commitments is usually much smaller once projects begin.

Saudi Arabia had been China's biggest supplier of imported crude oil before being overtaken by Russia last year, and the kingdom's state-owned oil producer, Aramco, is a partner with state-owned China Petroleum & Chemical Corp. The two operate a refinery in Fujian province along with other Chinese projects.

The signing of the agreement, which involves 35 separate projects, followed talks Thursday between

Salman and President Xi Jinping, during which the Chinese leader said results of their burgeoning cooperation had already "surpassed our expectations."

Security ties between the two have also grown significantly, with the Saudi air force deploying Chinese unmanned attack drones and the two militaries holding joint counter-terrorism exercises in western China. Chinese navy vessels have also visited the Saudi port of Jeddah as part of increasingly active maneuvers in the Gulf of Aden.

However, China is also a close partner of Saudi Arabia's arch rival Iran, and has backed the gov-

ernment of President Bashar al-Assad in the Syrian conflict, while Saudi Arabia has insisted on Assad's ouster and has supported the Syrian opposition, including Islamic militant groups.

The 81-year-old Salman's visit is part of a monthlong swing through Asia. Accompanied by a 1,500-strong retinue of businessmen, princes and support staff in close to a dozen aircraft, he has already visited Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.

He was to travel next to the Maldives, but postponed that visit because of the spread of swine flu in the Indian Ocean island nation, according to the president's office.

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with fewer tariffs and other barriers in a rule-based system.

The gathering will help set the tone for international commerce and finance and will give Mnuchin a chance to clarify what the U.S. position is.

The G-20 is an informal forum on economic cooperation made up of 19 countries with more than 80 percent of the world economy, plus the European Union. The finance ministers' meeting will pave the way for a summit of national leaders in Hamburg, Germany, on July 7-8.

Trump has repeatedly emphasized that the U.S. needs a tougher approach to trade that would put American workers and companies first. He has already pulled the U.S. out of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement with Japan and other Pacific Rim countries and he has started the process to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada, both of whom are G-20 members.

In a visit to Berlin ahead of the G-20 meeting, Mnuchin said the U.S. is interested in trade that is not only free but fair.

"Our objective is getting more balanced trade agreements," he said, confirming that having border taxes is an option. He said, without providing specifics, that some U.S. trade agreements need to be re-examined, while adding that, "It is not our desire to get into trade wars."

Mnuchin is scheduled to meet one-to-one with China's Finance Minister Xiao Jie and central bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan.

The G-20 meeting is taking place with the global economy in relatively good shape: the International Monetary Fund predicts growth of 3.4 percent this year and 3.6 percent next year, compared with 3.1 percent last year.

Yet the British vote last year to leave the European Union and its free trade zone and Trump's victory on an "America First" platform have underlined discontent with trade and globalization and a sense among many that the benefits of a globalized economy — that is, with fewer barriers to trade and business — do not reach enough people.

Advocates for free trade such as the IMF say that trade restrictions will only hurt growth and won't benefit ordinary people, while urging measures to spread the benefits of trade more widely. That could include job training and education, since the IMF says trade and globalization have benefited higher-skilled workers.

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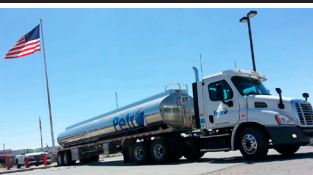
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Mental Health Part Time Rehab Provider: Employee will perform psychosocial rehabilitation and skills training services to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities of mental illness. Services will be delivered primarily in the community. Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social, behavioral or human services. Applicant must live with 70 mile radius of duty site. \$21.84 an hr.

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TCC001 Case Manager Position 749: Performs on-going casework activities to assist individuals in gaining access to medical, social, vocational, educational, and other needed services. Serves as primary case manager for clients enrolled in TCOOMMI (Texa Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments.) Responsible for service plan development; service linkage; coordination of clinic services; monitoring; advocacy; crisis resolution; and liaison services. Will engage clients in activities designed to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities that result from mental illness and to increase the ability of the individual to function in the community. Performs symptom management services to assist clients with the identification and management of the symptoms of mental illness, including monitoring or wellness checks and specific symptom management skills training's. Performs psychosocial rehab and skills training services to assist clients with problem solving and to enable the client to maintain community living. Duties of the position will require frequent interactions with individuals served, their families, and local Probation and Parole officers as well as other community service providers. Caseload to include persons released from the State prison system, ISF facilities and SAFF facilities. Will assist prison releases for the first 90 days after reintegration, working to transition them out of the TCOOMMI program into regular mental health services. Responsible for jail diversion duties as needed including consulting with local jails, judiciary andlaw enforcement to divert the mentally ill from mails to treatment. Requires flexible hours, involves extensive paperwork, and will require self-directed performance. Travel and the use of a personal vehicle are required. Must have a valid Texas driver's license Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social, behavioral, or human services. Prefer criminal justice experience or education \$19.79 hr \$1583.08 bi weekly \$41,160 annually.

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Provider Service Part Time positions this position provides services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services range from skills training, to assistance with daily living activities. Services are provided in the home, the community and in a vocational setting. Schedules are flexible. GED or High School Diploma Hrly \$12.90.

Vocational Services Tech: Responsible for training consumers in work and social related skills, to include habilitation, vocational training and supports to consumers. Staff may share responsibility with other staff or may work independently of other staff to provide daily supervision, care and training of individuals. Required to work flexible hours and may be required to work rotating shifts. \$9.93 hr \$794.31.00 bi weekly \$20,652 annually High School or GED.

Resident Support Tech typically works in a 4 bed HCS residential setting under the general direction of a Provider Services Mgr. The RSST may share responsibility with other staff or may work independently of other staff to provide daily supervision, care and training of individuals in their care. The RSST provides residential services, and may provide day habilitation, and supported home living in compliance with DADS, HCS, TxHML and Performance Contract Standards. Will be required to work possible rotating schedules and flexible hours. High School Diploma or GED \$12.90 hr \$1032.00 bi weekly \$26,832 annually. 280364

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Help Wanted

JOB TITLE: TRANSPORT STAFF/COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR

COMPANY:
Howard County Juvenile Probation Department
315 S. Main Street, Suite C
Big Spring, Texas 79720
432-264-2240

STATUS: Full Time, 40 hours a week, 8 am to 5pm with an hour lunch break, Monday through Friday, On-call rotation

REQUIREMENT: AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE WITH CLEAR RECORD (NO DWI'S) BACKGROUND CHECK (CLEAR) SEX OFFENDER (CLEAR) HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Coordinator will be responsible for organizing and coordinating community service for juveniles on supervision. The coordinator will coordinate with other agencies regarding locating work sites. Coordinator will keep up with all community service hours.

Coordinator will use the department's vehicle to provide transportation to detention, placement, appointments, and will assist support staff and probation officers when needed with any task deemed necessary; such as home visits/curfew checks, school visits, intake, and answering the phones.

Coordinator must be dependable, trustworthy, assertive not aggressive and responsive not confrontational. Coordinator must be willing to be trained in First Aide, Handle with Care, and any other required topic deemed necessary. In house training will be provided.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward your resume / completed application to brenda.tubb@howard-countytx.com. Applications can be picked up at 315 S. Main Street, Suite C, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Looking for experienced farm hand for the Stanton, TX area. Driving tractor, planting, harvesting of cotton, cotton stripper operator, knowledge of GPS. Prepare land for harvest, Irrigations Systems: Start up and shut down circle irrigation systems, start and stop wells and pumps, maintain irrigation systems, install new hoses and sprinkler heads, Mechanical: fix and maintain engines and equipment, basic maintenance, Welder: all welding services for farm equipment as needed, including irrigation pipe. **Send resume and references to: Kevin Cook Farms, PO Box 914, Stanton, Texas, 79782.**

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Help Wanted

The **Big Spring Herald** is looking for an city/government reporter to cover local news in Howard County and the surrounding area. An understanding of local government is preferred as well as experience with In-Design and Photoshop. The ideal candidate will be able to balance deadlines with multiple story assignments. Big Spring is in West Texas, about 45 minutes east of Midland. Please send your resume and samples of your stories to Managing Editor Amanda Elston at editor@bigspringherald.com.

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PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM, OR RANCH!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "productivity value" of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber - not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2016 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

Howard County Appraisal District
315 Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
432 263-8301

Your Appraisal District can answer any questions you may have and provide you a free copy of:
"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or Contact:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528
Or call: (800) 252-9121, Ext. 1 On The Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/

#9327 March 19-24, 2017

Public Notice

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable Property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, do not render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:
• You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
• You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2015. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2017.

When is the deadline to file?

The last day for filing 2016 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions at your local appraisal district:
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A Variety of Homes Exemptions could lower Your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower SCHOOL taxes this year...and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you are disabled-or if you are 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you are also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2016 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home. **** PLEASE NOTE:** If you are a disabled veteran who receives form the Veterans Affairs (VA) - (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does qualify as of January 1, 2012.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2015, you will not need to re-apply for 2016 unless required by the chief appraiser. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home or if you have moved to a new home - you will need to file for an exemption for 2016. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact your appraisal district at:

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#9328 March 19-24, 2017

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

Date/Time: Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

RFB # 17-019 Sealcoat Project

Scope of work is approximately 228,000 square yards of seal coat improvements on streets within the city limits of Big Spring, Texas. The contract consists of a base bid of approximately 88,940 square yards of seal coat and nine alternates that total approx-

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imately 139,064 square yards.

For any questions pertaining to this bid, contact the offices of Jacob and Martin at (325) 695-1070.

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. 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.

9321 March 12 & 19, 2017

CITY OF BIG SPRING
310 Nolan Street
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432-264-2513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 034-2016 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLISHING A DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MARCH 17, 2017
MARCH 19, 2017
Tami L. Davis
Assistant City Secretary

#9322 March 17 & 19, 2017

ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Howard County Appraisal District Office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred - but not cancelled- as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties or delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral contact Howard County Appraisal District at:

Howard County Appraisal District
315 S. Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
432 263-8301
Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 ex. 2.

#9326 March 19-24, 2017
Howard County residents may be denied vehicle registration

Howard County will begin denying registration to those residents who owe Howard County delinquent fines or fees beginning April 1st, 2017. Registration will be

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Big things come in small packages

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠75
♥J94
♦J109
♣QJ1042

EAST
♠63
♥875
♦8532
♣8765

WEST
♠J109
♥AKQ2
♦Q76
♣K93

SOUTH
♠AKQ842
♥1063
♦AK4
♣A

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass Pass 4♠

Opening lead - king of hearts.

Here is a hand of ancient vintage that has stood as the classic example of its kind for many years. It is not easy to imagine that East, with his dreadful hand, played an important role as a defender, but the fact is that he did.

After cashing his three high hearts, West was faced with a crucial decision. If East had the eight of spades, the deuce-of-hearts lead would defeat the contract after East ruffed the deuce with the eight.

But if East did not have the eight, the heart continuation might give

away the contract by allowing declarer to trump with dummy's seven as South shed a loser. West decided, on balance, to play declarer for the eight, so he shifted to the jack of spades at trick four. Declarer thereupon cashed five rounds of trumps, producing this position:

North
♦J109
♣QJ

West
♦Q76
♣K9

East
♦8
♣8765

South
♠2
♦AK4
♣A

The deuce-of-spades lead now placed West in an awkward position. He had to decide whether to discard a diamond or a club. This would have been an extremely difficult problem to solve but for the significant discards East had made on the last three trump leads. He had discarded the 2-3-5 of diamonds in that order.

This made it clear that East did not have the four of diamonds, so West credited declarer with the four (in addition to the A-K of diamonds, which he had to have on the bidding). West therefore discarded the nine of clubs, unguarding his king, and South had to go down one.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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sudoku

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

9							1	4
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Jackie Olson-Howard County Auditor

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Last Day of the Pisces Sun

This is the last official day of the season. Tomorrow the solar cycle refreshes itself with a power move into Aries, a celestial event that has been celebrated since ancient times. It will be most auspicious to use today as a wrap-up. Do what you can to finish projects, tie up loose ends and put some closure on old news.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What do you do when the results don't match up with your dreams? Dream differently. Dream bigger, smaller -- and if this reality still can't find a place in your visions, maybe it's not worthy of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've a talent for objectivity, especially when it comes to viewing your own life. This is a rare perspective, so take advantage. What will matter to you about your current scene when you look back on it five years from now?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're not immediately good at the task, this is an opportunity to learn, meet people, connect. There's nothing wrong with being a little bit helpless at times.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). We don't always know what's best for ourselves, but giving one another the benefit of the doubt will be key today. You're supportive and open-minded because right now agreement isn't so important as finding a way to get along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you can't manage to get rid of the old to make way for the new, don't worry. The rotten past may just break down to a most nutrient-rich soil to grow a future that is very much to your liking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your modesty is a lovely quality in most situa-

tions, but it could hurt your status if you don't publicly own your work and properties now. Claim the credit that's due to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When people feel at home around you, you usually take it as a compliment -- until boundaries are crossed and some get too familiar. They need a bit of training; you'll lay it down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mission is one of noble intent. It won't be without its pitfalls, but by the end of the day, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you did your job well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If there's some favorite thing of yours that you've been overusing lately (something you consume, a show you watch or a person you rely on), you'll now have more self-control on the matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Certain people make you feel more alive. It's quite human to feel the spark of attraction even under circumstances that are less than totally appropriate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Debate the critics. If you don't have any real ones, debate the critic you imagine. A good argument will be excellent for your productivity. Set a time limit for the exchange, and then send the critic away when it's done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is a quirk of human nature to blame those we have harmed and then dislike them for existing as a sign of our imperfection. It is also a quirk of human nature to rise above the quirks of human nature (which you will do beautifully).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). Wonders are on the horizon. The excitement you felt as a child will be rekindled in the first days of this solar return. You'll sacrifice a bit of comfort and security to get what you want in April and deem the exchange so worth it. The sweetness of love is a theme in June and July, when you'll demonstrate your heart time and again. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 2, 33 and 19.

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Dan Addams IV Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 What an anchor is found on 8 CBS daytime show 15 Crime alias that's Spanish for "shorty" 16 Like some cleaners 17 "Can't wait!" 18 Capital on the Arabian Sea 19 "Some of the old songs, ___" (Casablanca line) 20 Getting a pass, perhaps 22 Risk region east of India 23 Cool, a while back 25 His birthday is Read Across America Day 26 Turn slightly red, perhaps 27 Project Mercury launch rocket 29 '80s First Daughter 31 Kumquat category 33 Dietitian recommendation 38 Organic catalysts 40 One of Time's Top 5 Fashion Icons of the 2000s 41 Breakfast beverage 43 Represent 44 It might include "Hey, hey!" 46 Centrifuge component 47 Military band 51 Dow Jones Transportation Index stock 53 Cred 54 Brandenburg Concertos participant

- 55 "No way!" 57 Put down 59 Leaves 61 Deutsche Telekom subsidiary 63 Thor, in two billion-gross films 64 Saxtuba cousin 65 Either end of a gridiron 66 Groomers employed at some resorts

- 7 Homer 8 Breaks at Oxford 9 Perspective-changing pose 10 Miss (line-printer graphics) 11 A lost cause 12 ___ art (line-printer graphics) 13 2014 OWN docuseries subject 14 Austrian artist 21 ___ carriageway (Brit's divided highway) 24 Hall of soul 27 Masters 28 Hummus flavoring 30 Secret 32 Mantis voice in the Kung Fu Panda films 34 Word from Old French for "dwell"

14x14 crossword grid with numbers in starting cells.

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Boot, wheelbarrow, thimble ousted from Monopoly board game

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The boot has been booted, the wheelbarrow has been wheeled out, and the thimble got the thumbs down in the latest version of the board game Monopoly. In their place will be a Tyrannosaurus rex, a penguin and a rubber ducky.

More than 4.3 million voters from 146 countries weighed in on which tokens they wanted to see in future versions of the property-acquisition game, which is based on the real-life streets of Atlantic City. Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based Hasbro announced the winners Friday morning.

Jonathan Berkowitz, Hasbro's senior vice president of marketing, grew up playing the game with his family.

"While I'm sad to see the iconic thimble, boot, and wheelbarrow tokens go, it will be fun to have some new, fan-sourced tokens in the mix," he said. "Personally, I've always especially liked the boot token, but I'm excited to move onto the T. rex."

There were 64 contenders, including a winking emoji, a hashtag, a clunky '80s-style cellphone and a pair of bunny slippers.

The existing Scottish Terrier, battleship, racecar, top hat and cat tokens will carry on.

The Scottie was top dog in the competition, leading all contenders with



AP Photo/Wayne Parry

This March 15, 2017 photo shows the eight game tokens that will be included in upcoming versions of the Monopoly board game, in Atlantic City, N.J. Hasbro Inc. revealed the results of voting on Friday, March 17, 2017. Leaving the game will be the boot, wheelbarrow and thimble tokens, replaced by a ducky, T-Rex dinosaur and a penguin.

212,476 votes. The T. rex was second with 207,954, and the hat was third with 167,582. The car was fourth with 165,083; the ducky was fifth with 160,485; the cat was sixth with 154,165; the penguin waddled into seventh place with 146,661; and the battleship made the final cut with 134,704 votes.

The closest unsuccessful candidate was the tortoise, which fell nearly

5,700 votes short.

A rain boot got the least support, with 7,239 votes.

The next version of the game will go on sale with the new tokens in the fall.

The board game was "born" on March 19, 1935, when Parker Brothers acquired the rights to it. In the

decades since, an estimated 1 billion people have weighed the merits of buying up utilities and railroads or trying to hit it big with Boardwalk hotels.

The original 10 tokens were an iron, purse, lantern, racecar, thimble, shoe, top hat, battleship, cannon and a rocking horse.



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This March 15, 2017 photo shows the three new tokens in Atlantic City, N.J., that fans from around the world have voted into upcoming editions of the board game Monopoly: a duck, a T-Rex dinosaur and a penguin. Hasbro Inc. revealed the results of voting on Friday, March 17, 2017. Leaving the game will be the boot, wheelbarrow and thimble tokens.

British royals William and Kate visit Paris as Brexit looms

PARIS (AP) — Prince William and his wife, Kate, were in Paris Friday to meet the French president and survivors of the 2015 extremist attacks, a trip that marked William's first official visit to the city since his mother died there.

President Francois Hollande greeted the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on Friday afternoon in the courtyard of the Elysee Palace.

The meeting "continues the longstanding relationship between the Presidents of the French Republic and the royal family," the British Embassy said in a written statement.

After the meeting, the couple was scheduled to meet with victims and first responders from the deadly 2015 attacks on the Bataclan concert hall and other Paris sites. They also plan to attend a France-Wales rugby match Saturday.

While the royal couple has visited France several times, it was William's first official visit to Paris since his mother, Princess Diana, was killed in a 1997 car accident.

The visit comes amid anxiety across Europe over Britain's departure from the European Union. British Prime Minister Theresa May plans to trigger by the end of the month the two-year process that would take Britain out of the EU.

Before Kate and William headed to France on Friday, the royal couple met the families of soldiers at a St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Cavalry Barracks in Hounslow, London, and presented shamrocks to the 1st Battalion Irish Guards.



AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

Britain's Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge meets families of soldiers at the St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Cavalry Barracks in Hounslow, London, Friday, March 17, 2017. Prince William and his wife Kate visited to present shamrocks to the Officers and Guardsmen of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards.

The two-day visit doesn't include any official memorial events for Diana. Near the tunnel under the Alma bridge, where the car accident took place, tourists paid tribute to her, leaving flowers and photos.

Nicolas Herrera, 20, a Colombian studying in Paris, thinks Diana continues to be an object of affection for people around the world because she was "different."

"She was part of the royal family, part of people from the important world, but she was near the real people," Herrera said. "She was more close to poor people."

Nina Abboud, an American tourist from Missouri, said people still mention Diana as an example of leadership and generosity.

"So I think she definitely influenced and it was positive and has been for all these 20 years," Abboud said. "You've never heard more about her."

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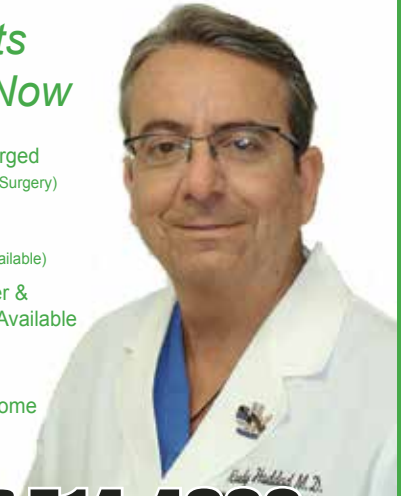
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Canadian prime minister, Ivanka Trump catch Broadway musical

NEW YORK (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — along with first daughter Ivanka Trump as a guest — welcomed a new Broadway musical that celebrates Canadian compassion and openness to international travelers following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Trudeau and Trump and some 120 ambassadors from around the world attended the show “Come From Away” on Wednesday night at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre, in a city where the bulk of the 3,000 people on 9/11 died and in a country furiously discussing borders and immigration.

The musical is set in the small Newfoundland town of Gander, which opened its arms and homes to some 7,000 airline passengers diverted there when the U.S. government shut down its airspace. In a matter of a few hours, the town was overwhelmed by 38 planeloads of travelers from dozens of countries and religions, yet locals went to work in their kitchens and cleaned up spare rooms.

In remarks before the show, Trudeau got on the stage and said he was pleased that, “the world gets to see what it is to lean on each other and be there for each other through the darkest times.”

The show got a standing ovation, including from Trump, who sat near Trudeau, his wife and U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley. Also in attendance was Jean Chretien, a former Canadian prime minister, and the mayor of Gander. Trump was seen clapping along happily as the band played at the curtain call. Later went backstage to greet the performers.

The actors did not make any changes to the script or acknowledge the special audience, but one afterward was still buzzing.

“When do we have the opportunity to share a story about kindness, gratitude and love that takes place in a country that is known for opening their hearts to people?” said actor Rodney Hicks. “It just meant the world to all of us.”

Trudeau, who champions global free trade and has welcomed 40,000 Syrian refugees, was celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada’s confederation and also hoped to reaffirm the special friendship between Canadians and Americans.

“Our friends are there for those tough times, when you lose a parent or a loved one, when you get knocked off your path at a difficult moment in your life. Where you go through dif-

ficult times, that’s when you turn and you lean on your friends,” he said. “That ultimately is what this story is all about — being there for each other.”

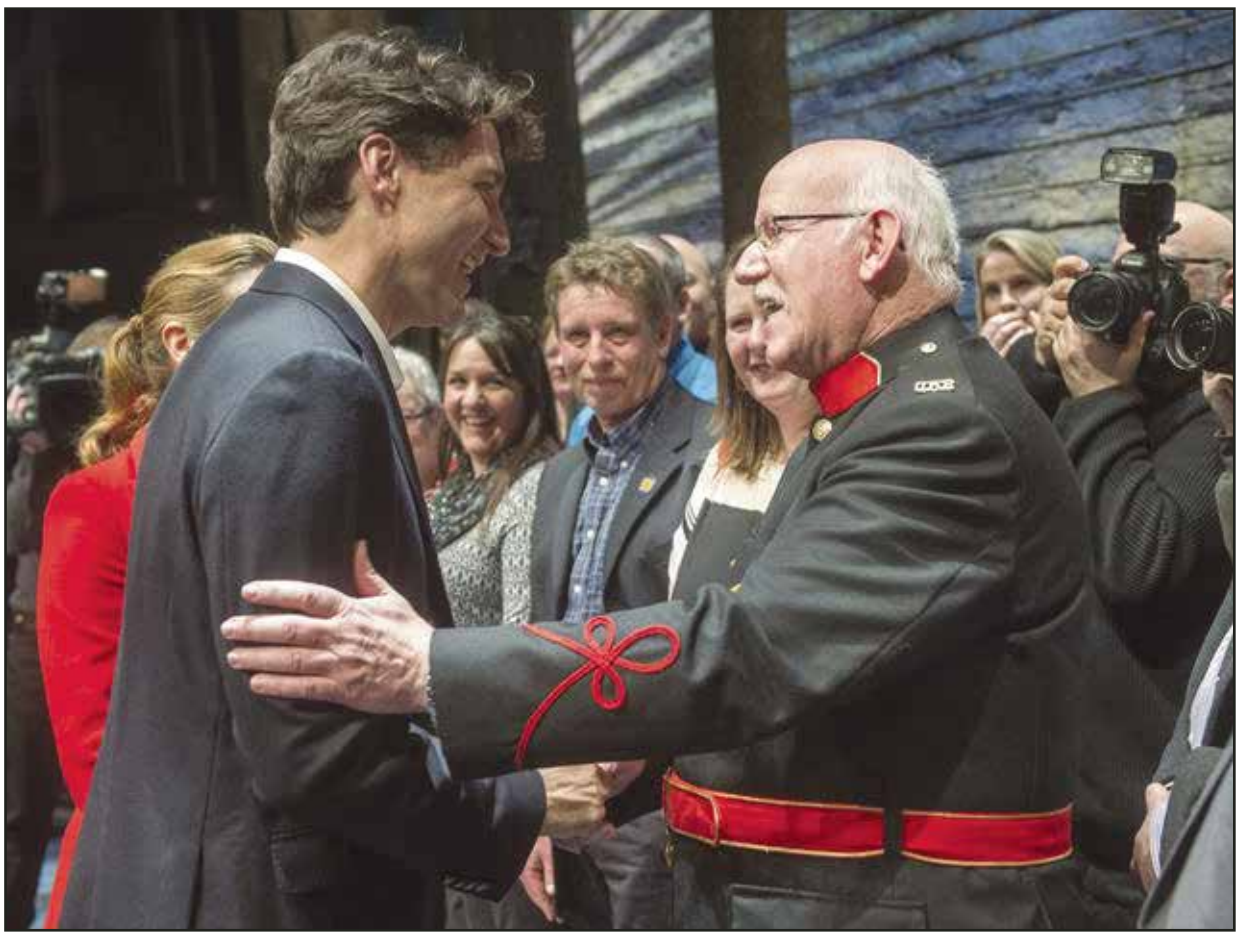
In the show, a cast of a dozen play both residents and marooned passengers, telling true stories of generosity, compassion and acceptance, while fear and suspicion reigned in America. The show arrives just as a debate over immigration and open borders has reignited following the Trump administration’s push for a ban on travelers from six predominantly Muslim nations.

Canadian husband-and-wife writing team Irene Sankoff and David Hein wrote the book, music and lyrics, and it was directed by Christopher Ashley, the artistic director of the La Jolla Playhouse. The musical veers its focus from weighty matters — a mother anxious about her missing firefighter son in New York — to more silly events, like a rowdy evening at a local bar where visitors are urged to kiss a cod.

Security at the theater was intense and theatergoers had to navigate through frozen snow drifts as well as black SUVs. But Trudeau seemed comfortable on the stage.

“I have to sort of personally say, on behalf of all Canadians, thank you for making us so welcome with the snow,” he said. “It’s a nice touch. You really went out of your way.”

Trudeau’s warm reception was in contrast to the ones that greeted two oth-



Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press via AP

At top, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, left, and his wife Sophie Gregoire, behind, greet some of the citizens from Gander, Newfoundland, after the Broadway musical “Come From Away” in New York on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. At right, Ivanka Trump greets patrons as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, left, looks on before the start of the Broadway musical.



er world leaders who recently attended the Broadway smash “Hamilton” — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Vice President-elect Mike Pence. Both received more than a smattering of boos.

One woman in attendance on Wednesday was seeing “Come From Away” for the 58th time, having followed it as it made its way from California to Seattle to Washington, D.C., then Gander and now Broadway.

That was Beverley Bass, the first female captain at American Airlines,

who was at the helm of Flight 49, going from Paris to Dallas-Fort Worth, when she ended up in Gander on 9/11. She was interviewed by the musical’s creators for her story and is portrayed onstage by Jenn Colella.

After almost 60 performances, might she at some point just step in for Colella one night and play her own life? Bass laughed: “I can’t sing and dance, so her role is safe from me,” she said. Then she thought for a moment and added: “But I guess she can’t fly jets.”

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