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Storm causes damage across West Texas

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer and Wire Reports

Strong winds early Wednesday morning are suspected to be the cause of the partial destruction of a roof on one of the buildings of Baker's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"I was coming in from Midland and I saw something was wrong with the church," said Roosevelt Brown, one of the church's trustees tasked with upkeep and building maintenance. "I got up closer and saw a hole in the roof (of the church's Education Center)."

About one-quarter of the church's Education Center was destroyed. Pieces were scattered into the street on N. Lancaster and around the grounds, said Willia Ledford, one of Baker's Chapels trustees.

Ledford got the call around 10:30 a.m. and immediately worried weather had caused destruction on the sanctuary roof which is located in a separate building. The sanctuary roof was heavily damaged by hail last April.

"I drove up here and you could see the damage from the street already," she said.

Brown said he spoke with neighbors across the street who said they heard a lot of noise coming from the building while strong winds pummeled the neighborhood.

The roof was only four to five years old, Ledford said. Church members renovated the old structure around 10 years ago and last year dedicated the Education Center to Venora Williams and Viola Merritt, two long-time lo-

cal educators. Inside the center, pieces of debris were scattered about over books, chairs, a piano, and tables. A number of insulation pads hung down from the ceiling.

As Ledford moved around the debris in the center, she eyed dark clouds through the hole of the ceiling and worried about the possibility of water damage to the carpet.

There were several media reports of damage left by a strong storm system that came through West Texas and on to the Dallas area Tuesday. Locally in the 1700 block of Highway 350 across the street from West Texas Auto, a roof of a building was completely torn off and left

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

High winds are thought to be the cause of roof damage at Baker's Chapel AME's Education Center. Nearly a quarter of the roof was damaged.



Courtesy photo

Pictured are the cast and crew of CHS's one act play "Defying Gravity" along with Tabatha Wright, CHS theater teacher.

CHS one-act advances to area

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The Coahoma High School one-act play is heading to UIL area competition this Saturday at Seminole High School.

"I am extremely proud of our students," said Tabatha Wright, CHS theater teacher. "They have worked very hard and put in numerous hours to create an artistic show that is full of passion and theatre magic. It's a very different show and that makes it special. I have loved working with this group. They have been so willing to try all my crazy ideas and we have created a beautiful show and wonderful memo-



KayLee Wright



Naughtia Rockwell



Preslie Smithie



Storm Smith

ries." The theater group competed at 3A bi-district competition held at Angelo State University in San Angelo on March 22 with their version of the play "Defying Gravity" by Jane Anderson. The play centers around the 1986 Chwallenger disaster.

This will mark the first time in a number of years that the CHS the-

ater department has advanced on to area competition, Wright said.

"They kids are so excited," she said.

Individual awards were given to the following cast members: Preslie Smithie, best actress; Naughtia Rockwell, all star cast; KayLee Wright, honorable mention all star cast; and

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Giddy up: Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo is set for Friday

By **ROBERT BARLOW**

Staff Writer

Coahoma kids are setting up to rope in some new memories at the Kindergarten Rodeo this year at the Coahoma Elementary gym.

A tradition started back in 1978 by none other than Quail Dobbs is still going strong today. For the last 39 years, kindergartners at Coahoma Elementary have been participating in the annual Kindergarten Rodeo where they "compete" in everything from pole bending to bull riding.

"This year we have seven events including bronc riding, barrels, pole bending, flag relay, milking relay, roping and everyone's favorite, bull riding," said Jennifer Baccari, a Co-

ahoma kindergarten teacher.

The rodeo has been a staple of the community for almost 40 years and has maintained their traditions the entire time with the help of the teachers, parents, and other volunteers. Kathy Nichols, who helped organize the first rodeo, still participates in organizing the event today.

"It's something the whole community comes out for," Baccari stated.

Special guests Mrs. Rodeo Texas Aubrie Fields and Mrs. Rodeo Princess Ann Marie Vaughn will also be at the kindergarten rodeo.

There are 59 kids participating in this years event which is set to take place March 31 at 9 a.m. at the competition gym at Coahoma Elementary.

Friday last day to get \$20 tickets for community luncheon with Arrington

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Only a few days are left to purchase tickets at \$20 per person for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's community luncheon with U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington (R-Lubbock).

"This is really a great way for us to get to know and meet our new congressman," Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director said. "He is coming to Big Spring and Howard County, and he wants to meet us and get to know us. He will be giving an update on what has happened in Washington since he was sworn in to office."

Tickets can be purchased at the

Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. 3rd St., for \$20 per person until Friday. Then from April 3 to 5, tickets will be on sale for \$25 each. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at the east room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Arrington is serving in his first term as the representative of the 19th District of West Texas in the U.C. Congress. Since taking the oath of office in January.



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Obituaries

Dolores Cannon-Jenkins



Dolores Cannon-Jenkins, 77, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care.

Dolores, also known as "Dee," was born March 24, 1939, in Ira, Texas, to Clara Hesler Clark and T.J. Clark. She married Paul Jenkins in January of 1983 in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, and a member of First Baptist Church. She worked 17 years as a loan officer at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union. She was a member and past president of the Comanche Trail Golf Club, and a member of the Bridge Club at the

Big Spring Country Club.

Dolores is survived by her husband, Paul Jenkins of Big Spring; three sons, Steven Carroll Cannon of Lubbock, Richard Jenkins of Big Spring, and Brian Jenkins of Dallas; two daughters, Cheryl Cannon Gandy of New Braunfels and Dana Cannon Turner of Austin; five grandchildren, Cabel McDonald and his wife Michelle, Cody McDonald and his wife Shena, Logan Turner, Landon Jenkins, and Tristian Jenkins; and two great-grandchildren, Micah McDonald and Christian Jenkins.

In addition to her parents, Dolores was preceded in death by one brother, Charlie Clark; and one sister: Marae Brooks.

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

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Frances Capps



Frances Capps, 75, of Coahoma passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Lubbock Health Care Center. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017, at Coahoma Cemetery with Eddy Pitchford, Minister of Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating.

Frances was born April 14, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas, to Mary Ethlene Fuqua Allen and William Kirk Allen. She has been a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Bobby Joe Capps on August 30, 1962, in Sand Springs. He preceded her in death on July 24, 2013. She was a homemaker, but had worked at GAMCO a number of years. She was a member of Coahoma Church of Christ.

Frances is survived by two daughters, Jackie Cook and husband Bill, and Mary Kemp and husband Adam, all of Coahoma; one son, Bobby Ray Capps of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Cory Cook and wife Melisa of Burleson, and Brittany Roberts and husband Spencer of Big Spring; five great-grandchildren, Halle Roberts, Riley Roberts, and Macy Roberts, all of Big Spring, and Collin Cook and Lillian Cook of Burleson; four brothers, Elton Weaver and wife Shirley of Big Spring, Eddie Allen and wife Tommie of Llano, Jerry Allen and wife Sandra of Livingston, and Pete Allen of Coahoma.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Eulene Sims and Mary Lou Edens; and two brothers, Weldon Weaver and A.W. Weaver.

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

Paid obituary

Beverly Ann (Bishop) Johnson



Beverly Ann (Bishop) Johnson, 83, passed peacefully on March 28, 2017, in San Angelo, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017, prior to the service at Myers and Smith Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel with Pastor John McCullough of Berea Baptist Church officiating.

Beverly was born Dec. 13, 1933, in Brady, Texas, to Jimmie Laneer and Ila Dee (Faught) Bishop. After graduating from Brady High School, she started her first civil service job at Fort Hood, Texas. There, she met her husband of over 60 years, Billy Howard Johnson, a career military man. They traveled throughout the United States with a tour in England during which she worked for the Federal Civil Service. The majority of her career was performed at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, serving those who served. Beverly eventually retired in 1994 and after her retirement, she enjoyed ceramics, crocheting, and volunteering, while at the same time be-

ing a full time caregiver for her family. She was a devoted Christian and an active member of Berea Baptist Church spanning over 50 years. She served in various positions including Church Secretary/Treasurer.

She is survived by her loving family: daughter Theresa "Terri" Ann and husband Dom Incollingo of Austin, Texas, son Lamont "Monty" Howard and wife Kwang Hui Johnson of San Angelo, Texas, son Steven Lee and wife Stephanie Johnson of Big Spring, Texas, son Stacy Dean Johnson and Tomm Winfield of Austin, Texas; sister Jean Robbins of Albuquerque, N.M.; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; her husband; her brother Mike and his wife Gail Fields; and a brother-in-law, Rob Robbins.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or the charity of your choice.

Pallbearers will be Monty Johnson, Dom Incollingo, Steve Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Tanner Potter, and Corey Potter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home, Big Spring, Texas. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 24, of 215 N.E. Ninth St. was arrested on charges of theft of property (\$2,500 or more)/shoplifting and evading arrest or detention; and on an outstanding warrant.
- **CHRISTINA MUNOZ RUIZ**, 39, of 209 Washington Boulevard was arrested on a warrant for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500); and on outstanding warrants.
- **RANDY WAYNE JOHNSON**, 52, of 607 Avondale was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **MITCHELL WAYNE MCCORMICK**, 34, of 1306 Dixie was arrested on warrants for parking on grade/failure to turn wheels, dog or cat running at large, and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **MARTY RAY EVANS JR.**, 27, of 1410 E. 11th Place was arrested on warrants for failure to stop at the designated point (stop sign), driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **JESSIE ROGELIO OLGUIN-GAMEZ**, 33, of 709 S. Douglas was arrested on warrants for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), expired registration, no safety seat system for a child, and failure to appear; and on other outstanding warrants.
- **HAYDEN DOUGLAS McMURRIN**, 27, of 1708 West Third Street was arrested on warrants for disregarding a red light, speeding, and driving with an invalid license.
- **BILLY JOE EDMONDSON**, 36, of 410 Kenneth Road in Coahoma was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **CHRISTIAN ANDREW SPIVEY**, 22, of 710 E. 14th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ASHTON LOU-RISSA AKIN**, 23, of 123 Jonesboro Rd. was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **JIMMY WAYNE HECTOR**, 54, of 5801 North Service Road was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated; and on an outstanding warrant.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20 and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Avondale Drive, the 1700 block of Alabama Street, and the 1400 block of North Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carol.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Runnels.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3100 block of South Highway 87.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 182 on Interstate 20.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **ELECTRICAL WIRING PROBLEM** was reported in the 1400 block of East 18th Street.



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- Application are available at the United Way office at 215 W 3rd Street, Big Spring, TX and on our webpage www.unitedwaybshc.org.
- All applications are due by close of business on April 14th.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For questions or inquiries please contact
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Letrice "Joyce" Thornton Davis



Letrice "Joyce" Thornton Davis passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, following a lengthy illness. Joyce was married to Travis Davis April 19, 1952, in Hobbs, N.M. They were married 64 years, 11 months, and 9 days. They celebrated their 65th anniversary on March 19, 2017, one month early so they could celebrate all month long.

Joyce was born Sept. 19, 1933, to Wallace and Letrice Thornton at Big Spring, Texas. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Wallace Thornton Jr.; and one sister, Lucille Shurgart; a daughter, Maria Elane; and a son, Michael Paul; and sisters-in-law Roberta Wright and Adele Fleming. She is survived by her husband, Travis Davis; a grandson, Ross Farrar; several nieces, a nephew, and numerous relatives; and a host of friends and wonderful caregivers.

Joyce was an avid gardener, being a member of the Marlin Garden Club for many years. Through her bridge clubs, she and Travis participated in longterm groups of endearing friends that they enjoyed for many years. Being very outgoing, Joyce liked to meet people and was very well liked by all her friends, co-workers, and students. While Travis was very involved in the Shriners in Waco, Joyce was always by his side, entertaining and enjoying every festivity. Joyce was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Marlin, Texas, for many years, and became a member of Lakeshore Baptist Church after moving to Weatherford a few years ago. Joyce and Travis had many exciting adventures traveling, including going on cruises to Alaska, to the Caribbean many times, Branson, Mo., and "wherever the wind blew."

Joyce had a Master's Degree in education, and dedicated over 40 years of her life to the students in public schools as a teacher, supervisor, and diagnostician. She found great satisfaction and joy in helping students, regardless of their special needs, to succeed to their greatest potential.

Joyce's Celebration of Life will begin with a visitation at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel, 913 N. Elm St., Weatherford, Texas, 76086, on Friday, March 31, at 1 p.m.; with the funeral service following at 2 in the chapel. Interment will be in the East Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford following the funeral.

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Sheriff

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

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

- **FERNANDO ALVAREZ**, 44, was booked by DPS on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **ANDREW WAYNE ARMSTRONG**, 44, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- **KEVIN JAMES BELCHER**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.
- **JOEL ADRIAN FLORES**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a parole violation.
- **FRANKLIN THOMAS GILMORE**, 50, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear/driving while intoxicated.
- **LUPE GUTIERREZ**, 39, was booked by HCSO on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, no driver's license, and failure to appear.
- **SANDY MARTINEZ**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated; and on warrants for failure to drive in a single lane, driving with an invalid license, and driving while intoxicated.
- **JAMES MORALES JR.**, 37, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for child support.
- **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 24, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property (less than \$2,500) and evading arrest or detention; and a bond forfeiture for aggravated assault.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

In the 1700 block of Highway 350, a roof of a building was blown completely off.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Approximately a quarter of the roof of Baker's Chapel AME's Education Center was damaged early Wednesday morning.

DAMAGE

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sitting next to the structure. South of town, a carport was completely destroyed by high winds at a home on Brian Road.

In Glasscock County, the Texas Department of

Transportation shut down part of US 87 near Cannibal Draw for a time Wednesday to allow workers from an electric company to clear down power lines across the road after high voltage towers collapsed, a report from News West 9 said.

According to a report by the Associated Press, the Mississippi Valley is in the severe weather bull's-

eye as a storm system that already left at least six dead moved into the Dixie Alley.

The storm system already led to the traffic deaths of three storm chasers in West Texas and two children who touched a downed power line while playing in Fort Worth, Texas. A truck driver was killed when strong winds blew his rig off Interstate 40 in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Reception to honor Dr. Clark McDaniel

Special to the Herald

In recognition of Dr. Clark McDaniel's 52 years of service in healthcare, there will be a come and go reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 2, at The Historic Hotel Settles.

During this time, Dr. McDaniel will also be celebrating his 80th birthday. All previous patients, friends and co-workers are invited to share in the celebration.

"Dr. McDaniel has played an important role for Scenic Mountain Medical Center and in the lives of his patients. We are excited to see him on to the next part of his journey," SMMC CEO Emma Krabill, said.



McDaniel

Crews to investigate head-on crash that killed 13 in Texas

CONCAN, Texas (AP) — Federal investigators will get their first look Thursday at the scene of a head-on collision between a pickup truck and small church bus in southwest Texas that crumpled the front of the bus and killed 13 senior adults returning from a church retreat.

The Texas Department of Public Safety refused to speculate on the cause of the Wednesday afternoon crash outside Garner State Park, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) west of San Antonio, although one spokesman says the truck driver appears to have

crossed the center line.

The fronts of both vehicles were heavily damaged in the collision and the bus was backed up onto a guardrail, with glass and debris scattered around.

Twelve bus occupants, including the driver, died at the scene, DPS Lt. Johnny Hernandez said. Another bus passenger died at a San Antonio hospital. The pickup driver was in stable condition and the lone survivor from the bus remained hospitalized in critical condition late Wednesday, DPS said.

ONE-ACT

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Storm Smith, outstanding light technician.

The CHS one-act cast and crew will perform at 1:30 p.m. at area contest Saturday. On Jan. 28, 1986, the Nasa Space Shuttle Challenger broke apart a little more than a minute after being launched, killing all seven crew members. Among those on board was Christa McAuliffe, who was supposed to be the first teacher in space. McAuliffe was chosen out of 11,000 applicants to participate in the Teacher in Space Project. The launch was extensively covered by media outlets and the disaster played out in real time on television feeds.

Physician-patient communication important in success of treatment

Special to the Herald

A review of three dozen research studies published over the past 40 years has demonstrated that clear communication between physicians and patients can improve the success of treatments of several important indicators including lower blood sugar values in diabetics and improved blood pressure readings in hypertensives.

Diabetes and vascular disease are two underlying conditions which can delay healing of chronic wounds. The experts at Wound Healing Center note that National Doctor's Day on March 30 is a good reminder to make sure you know how to take the steps to understand and actively participate in your healthcare.

"A person's health should always be a priority, but Doctor's Day is a great opportunity to foster the relationship between patient and healthcare provider," says D. Scott Covington, MD, FACS, chief medical officer for Healogics.

The Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in healthcare, has launched an educational campaign to underscore the need for better communication in the industry. Wound Healing Center, managed by Healogics which has been awarded The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care Certification for wound care management, supports the Speak Up™ campaign which advises patients to:

- Speak up if you have

questions or concerns. At the end of your appointment, review the main points of your health plan together.

- Pay attention and ensure you're getting the right treatments and medications by the right healthcare professionals.

- Educate yourself about yourself. Know about any conditions you may have, medical tests you may need to take and all treatment options.

- Ask a trusted family member or friend to help facilitate the conversation and be your advocate if you have trouble understanding your healthcare provider or feel you are too ill to comprehend what is being said.

- Know what medications you take and why you take them. For pre-

scriptions, ask if there is a generic drug available and when you can expect the medication to start working. Also ask if there are side effects and what you should do if you experience one.

- Use a healthcare organization that has undergone a rigorous on-site evaluation against established state-of-the-art quality and safety standards, such as that provided by The Joint Commission.

- Participate in all decisions about your treatment as the most important person of your healthcare team.

Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain recommends that everyone take a checklist of questions to all medical appointments based on its experience treating patients with chronic wounds, and

who may have been referred to the Center by a wide-range of healthcare professionals including primary care physicians, internists, podiatrists, radiation oncologists, dentists, gynecologists, neurologists and urologists.

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Fred Rubio, Sr., 51, died Saturday. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Beverly Ann (Bishop) Johnson, 83, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Undercover videos of fetal tissue talks spur felony charges

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two anti-abortion activists who secretly recorded Planned Parenthood conversations about fetal tissue must each face more than a dozen felony charges.

California's new Attorney General Xavier Becerra filed 15 counts apiece Tuesday against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt of the Center of Medical Progress, saying the videos showing discussions of fetal tissue were made without the consent of the people in them in violation of state law.

Becerra, a longtime Congressional Democrat who took over the investigation in January, said in a statement that the state "will not tolerate the criminal recording of conversations."

The charges come eight months after similar charges against the pair were dropped in Texas.

California prosecutors say Daleiden, of Davis, California, and Merritt, of San Jose, filmed 14 people without permission between October 2013 and July 2015 in Los Angeles, San Francisco and El Dorado counties.

One felony count was filed for each person recorded. The 15th was for criminal conspiracy to invade privacy.

Daleiden said in an email to The Associated Press that the "bogus" charges are coming from "Planned Parenthood's political cronies."

"The public knows the real criminals are Planned Parenthood and their business partners," Daleiden said.

The conversations included officials from Planned Parenthood and

StemExpress, a California company that provides blood, tissue and other biological material for medical research and had received fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood.

In one of the pair's videos, Daleiden poses as "Robert Sarkis" of the phony Biomax Procurement Services and is shown discussing liver tissue with the chief executive of StemExpress at a Northern California restaurant.

Abortion opponents said the recordings showed Planned Parenthood was illegally harvesting and selling the organs.

Planned Parenthood said the videos were deceptively edited to support extremists' false claims.

"As we have said from the beginning, and as more than a dozen different state investigations have made clear: Planned Parenthood has done nothing wrong, and the only people who broke the law are those behind the fraudulent tapes," said Mary Alice Carter, interim vice president of communications for Planned Parenthood, in a statement.

In April of last year, Daleiden said in a Facebook post that California Department of Justice agents raided his home, seizing all of his video footage along with personal information.

Since then the case had gone largely quiet, with virtually no revelations about the investigation and no indication that the charges were coming before they were filed Tuesday in San Francisco Superior Court.

The case is one of the first of high-profile prosecutions for Becerra, who left the U.S. House to take over for Kamala Harris after she became a



AP photo

In this April 29, 2016 file photo, David Robert Daleiden, right, leaves a courtroom after a hearing in Houston. California prosecutors say two anti-abortion activists who made undercover videos of themselves trying to buy fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood have been charged with 15 felony counts of invasion of privacy. State Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced the charges Tuesday, March 28, 2017, against Daleiden and Sandra Merritt.

U.S. Senator.

Daleiden and Merritt had previously been indicted in Texas on similar charges in January of 2016, but all of the charges were eventually dropped by July as prosecutors said a grand jury had overstepped its authority. The grand jury had originally been convened to investigate Planned Par-

enthoo, but after finding no wrongdoing turned around and indicted Daleiden and Merritt instead.

The videos reignited the American abortion debate when they were released in 2015, and increased Congressional heat against Planned Parenthood that has yet to subside.

Environmental groups vowing to fight Trump climate actions

By TAMMY WEBBER

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Environmental groups that have hired extra lawyers in recent months are prepared to go to court to fight a sweeping executive order from President Donald Trump that eliminates many restrictions on fossil fuel production and would roll back his predecessor's plans to curb global warming. But they said they'll take their first battle to the court of public opinion.

Advocates said they plan to work together to mobilize a public backlash against an executive order signed by Trump on Tuesday that includes initiating a review of former President Barack Obama's signature plan to restrict greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants and lifting a 14-month-old moratorium on new coal leases on federal lands. Trump, who has called global warming a "hoax" invented by the Chinese, said during his campaign that he would kill Obama's climate plans and bring back coal jobs.

Even so, "this is not what most people elected Trump to do," said David Goldston, director of government affairs at the Natural Resources Defense Council, who said Trump's actions are short-sighted and won't bring back the jobs he promised. "Poll after poll shows that the public supports climate action."

A poll released in September found 71 percent of Americans want the U.S. government to do something about global warming, including 6 percent who think the government should act even though they are not sure that climate change is happening. That poll, which also found most Americans are willing to pay a little more each month to fight global warming, was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.

The White House and Department of Justice declined to comment.

While Republicans have blamed Obama-era environmental regulations for the loss of coal jobs, federal data show that U.S. mines have been losing jobs for decades under presidents from both parties because of automation and competition from natu-

ral gas and because solar panels and wind turbines can produce emissions-free electricity cheaper than burning coal. But many people in coal country are counting on the jobs that Trump has promised, and industry advocates praised his orders.

"These executive actions are a welcome departure from the previous administration's strategy of making energy more expensive through costly, job-killing regulations that choked our economy," said U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Thomas J. Donohue.

The order also will scrap language on the "social cost" of greenhouse gases, and will initiate a review of efforts to reduce the emission of methane in oil and natural gas pro-

duction as well as a Bureau of Land Management hydraulic fracturing rule, to determine whether those reflect the president's policy priorities. It also will rescind Obama-era executive orders and memoranda, including one that addressed climate change and national security and one that sought to prepare the country for the impacts of climate change. The administration is still in discussion about whether it intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change.



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Fact or Fiction?

Horse Racing Challenge

Each year, thousands of people gather together in Louisville, KY, for the Kentucky Derby. The horse race is one of the largest in the country. Here are some questions about the derby. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) The derby takes place the second Saturday of May. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) The derby is always held at Churchill Downs. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) The derby makes up the last part of a trio of horse races known as the Triple Crown. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) The derby is open to one-year-old Thoroughbreds. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) The derby is 1.5 miles long. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) The derby is often called "the Run for the Daisies." Fact or Fiction?
- 7) The derby has an official song. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) The derby has many traditions, including drinking mint juleps and eating burgoo stew. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) The derby has a dress code. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) The derby has never been finished in less than two minutes. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: 1) Fiction, the derby takes place on the first Saturday in May, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, the derby is the first race in the Triple Crown, 4) Fiction, the derby is open to three-year-old Thoroughbreds, 5) Fiction, although once 1.5 miles long, the derby is now 1.25 miles long, 6) Fiction, the derby is often called "the Run for the Roses" because the winner receives a blanket of roses, 7) Fact, the song is "My Old Kentucky Home" by Stephen Collins Foster, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction



Name That Form

Each of the following is a form of horse racing.
Fill in the blanks to name that form.

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- 4) T__OR__U__HB__ED
- 5) __U__P
- 6) Q__A__ER H__R__E
- 7) D__AF__

Answers: 1) Harness, 2) Arabian, 3) Flat, 4) Thoroughbred, 5) Jump, 6) Quarter horse, 7) Draft

By A Nose

Have you ever seen a race at school in which two people were neck and neck up until the very end? The coach may have found it difficult to determine who finished first and looked to other spectators for advice.

The same situation can happen with the Kentucky Derby and other horse races. When two or more horses stay neck and neck and appear to cross the finish line at the same time, this is known as a dead heat in horse racing.

To determine the winner of a dead heat, officials rely on photo finish technology. Cameras are set up to take photos of the finishers and the time they crossed the actual finish line is indicated on the bottom of the photos, allowing officials to determine for certain who crossed the finish line first and won the race.

Jokes and Riddles

Q: When do vampires enjoy horse racing?

A: When it's neck and neck.

Q: Why should you never be rude to a jump jockey?

A: He might take a fence.

What Rhymes with Race?

List 10 words that rhyme with "race."

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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



Some answers:
chase, face, grace,
base, brace, case,
pace, trace, vase

Buffaloes defeat Cardinals 13-3 in five innings

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes varsity baseball team hosted the Hermleigh Cardinals yesterday and came out with a win in just five innings of play with a final score of 13-3.

The Buffs started out the game strong in the field as they were able to hold Hermleigh scoreless for the first three innings.

With a run brought across on a groundout and a score by Ehren Hillger on a passed ball in the bottom of the first, Forsan gave themselves an early 2-0 lead.

Forsan added another run on the board when Ricky Prater was drove in on a fielder's choice play, which brought the Buffs up 3-0 heading into the fourth.

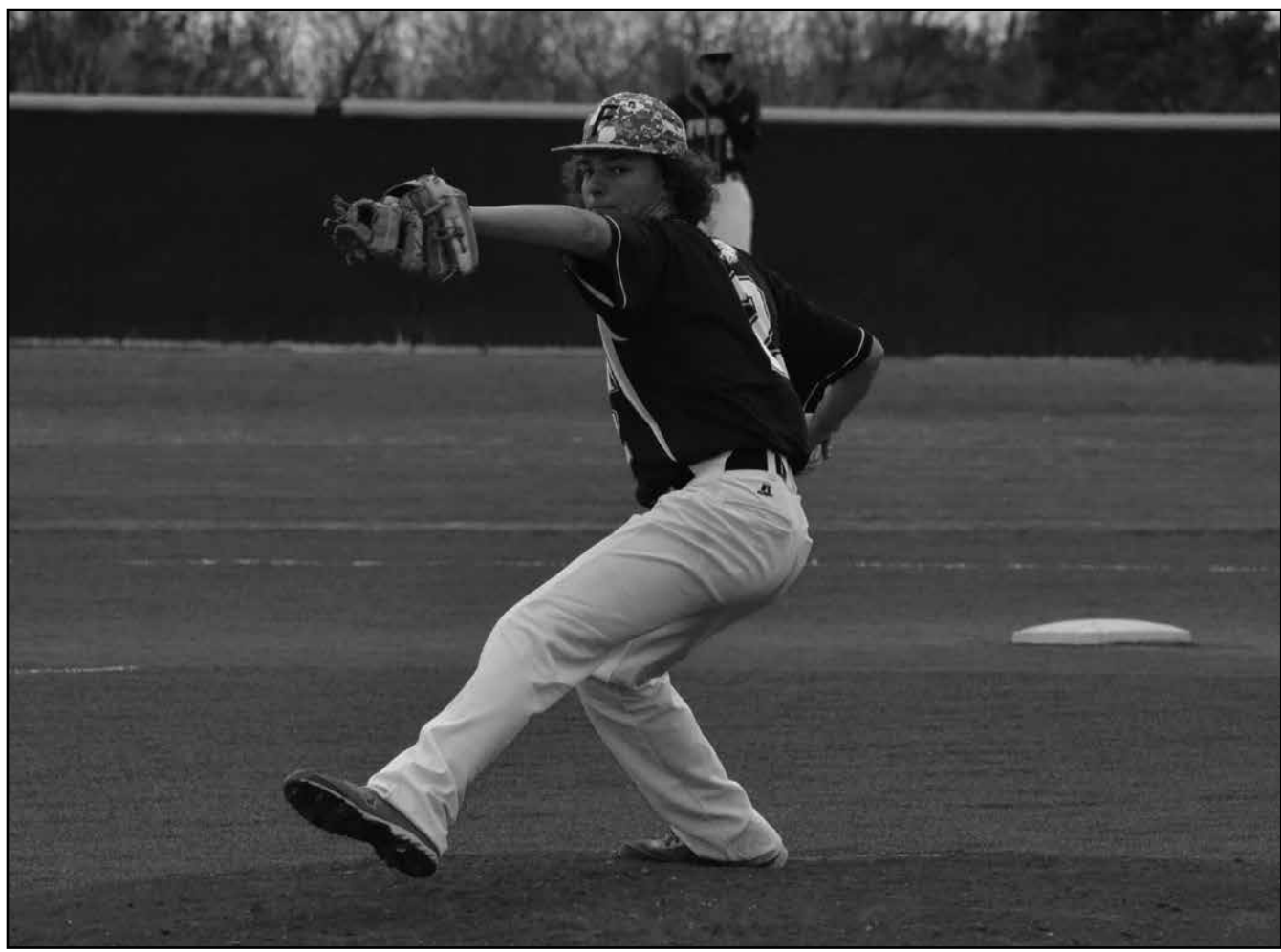
The Cardinals answered back with three runs of their own in the following inning, tying the score at 3-3. The comeback was thanks to a score on an error, a run brought in on a ground out, and a score on a wild pitch.

The Buffaloes came right back at the Cardinals with an 8-0 run streak that Hermleigh just could not defend. With RBI singles by Bryce Hergery and Jacob Valdez in the fifth inning, and a run brought in on a ground out, RBI singles from Taylor Christian, Austin Darden, and Blaze Yeater, a score on a passed ball by Darden, a score on an error, an RBI double from Kolby Watson, and a run scored on an error in the sixth inning, Forsan took the victory over Hermleigh in what ended up being a one-sided game.

"Overall, I think we played well tonight. The guys are really seeing the ball right now," said head baseball coach Stephen East. "We played a clean game defensively, and I think we only had one error."

Prater started the game for Forsan as he pitched for three innings, gave up one run, two hits, and struck out four.

Valdez earned the win for the Buffs. He threw for three innings, surrendered two runs, two hits, and



Courtesy photo

Senior Ricky Prater throws a pitch during Wednesday's game against the Hermleigh Cardinals. The Forsan Buffaloes came out on top with a final score of 13-3.

struck out two.

Forsan was a force at the plate, collecting a total of 17 hits for the game. Darden, Christian, and Watson led the team offensively with three hits each.

Yeater tore up the base paths, as he contributed two stolen bases to the team's total of eight for the game.

Coming up next for the Buffaloes, the team will

travel to Gail, Texas to take on the Borden County Coyotes in what is expected to be a great game of baseball.

"Saturday's game in Borden County will be a big test for us," said East. "This is what we have been working for all season."

The game will take place this Saturday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Davis, Cousins lead Pelicans past Mavericks 121-118

By **BRETT MARTEL**

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins are providing increasing proof that "tall ball" could work for the New Orleans Pelicans.

They had 30 points and 13 rebounds, Cousins added 29 points and 16 rebounds in his return from a two-game absence, and New Orleans beat the Dallas Mavericks 121-118 on Wednesday night.

"I know it's a small-ball era," Cousins said, referring to an increasing trend toward smaller lineups that rely on good shooting, speed and ball movement to create scoring chances. "I think we've got a chance to change things — you know, change the way the style of basketball is going right now."

"It's just a matter of time."

After losing six of their first seven games with Cousins in the lineup, the Pelicans have won four of the last five in which the 6-foot-11, 270-pound All-Star has played. New Orleans also has won seven of its past 10 games overall.

Returning from a right ankle sprain, Cousins played 40 minutes. His baskets included a 29-foot 3-pointer at the end of the first half and he was 10 of 12 at the free-throw line. Davis' highlights included an offensive rebound and dunk with 1:50 left to help New Orleans hold on. Davis' dynamism was on full display in the third quarter, when he leapt to deflect Wesley Matthews' pass and began breaking up court as Jrue Holiday corralled the loose ball. Holiday quickly flipped a pass ahead to Davis, who dribbled around Yogi Ferrell and finished with a soaring one-handed jam.

Speaking before the game, Dallas coach Rick Carlisle predicted that the longer Davis and Cousins played together, the harder they'd become to stop.

"They're both great players," Carlisle said. "If those two guys stay together long enough, they're going to figure it out and it's going to be murder dealing with them."

Apparently, that's already the case for some Pelicans opponents.

"They are a tough combo," said

Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, who led the Mavs with 23 points. "Once they have a full training camp under them next year, if they stay healthy, they are going to be a load."

Harrison Barnes scored 19 and Seth Curry 18 for the Mavericks, who have lost three straight. Dallas had a final shot to tie the game as time expired, but Matthews' 3-point attempt missed.

LOSING IT

Mavericks guard Devin Harris was ejected early in the second quarter for angrily protesting calls made by official Ben Taylor. Harris had to be restrained by teammates during a tirade in technical fouls.

"I've never seen him that upset," said Carlisle, who also was called for a technical foul after Harris' ejection.

Harris appeared bothered by being called for a personal foul after a collision with Pelicans guard Jordan Crawford that sent Harris crashing to the court. Earlier in the quarter, no foul had been called when Harris wound up flat on his back following a collision with New Orleans guard E'Twaun Moore.

"He was getting hit in some picks and took some elbows and he kept getting the fouls," Nowitzki said. "He just reacted — rightfully so."

Shortly after Harris' ejection, New Orleans built its first double-digit lead on consecutive 3s by Dante Cunningham, who finished with 15 points.

The lead got as large as 14 points when Holiday's 3 made it 57-43 late in the second quarter.

Dallas kept chipping away and briefly regaining the lead when Ferrell, who had 15 points, hit a mid-range jumper to make it 100-99 with 7:42 left. But Holiday, who had 18 points, answered with a short jumper. And after Nerlens Noel missed an alley-oop dunk, Crawford added a 3 to give the Pelicans a 104-100 lead. Crawford capped his 15-point effort with a clutch 22-foot jumper with 47 seconds left.

Rangers uncertain whether Beltre starts season on DL

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — The Texas Rangers are unsure whether third baseman Adrian Beltre will be in their lineup or on the disabled list Monday when they open the season against Cleveland.

Beltre has been dealing with a left calf strain and has not played since Sunday. The Rangers are delaying their final roster moves until the Sunday deadline, depending on Beltre's health.

"My mindset is to start the season playing until otherwise told something different," Beltre said Wednesday before the Rangers and Kansas City Royals played to a 0-0 tie.

"Obviously, you don't want to go into the season hurt. I don't mind the discomfort. I just don't want to blow it up. I know that if I start the season, I won't be 100 percent. That's for sure."

"Hopefully it calms down and I can play a game or two before the season starts and be OK playing those games. Obviously, I'm going to have to nurse it first two or three weeks until I'm 100 percent."

An MRI on Monday revealed a minor strain. It is not the same calf he strained just before reporting.

If the Rangers opt to put Beltre on the 10-day disabled list to give him more time to get the calf healthy, he would miss only five games. They could backdate it three days from the start of the season on Sunday and with a day off April 6, Beltre could return as early as April 9.

"We don't have to make any decisions until Sunday," assistant general manager Mike Daly said.

"Adrian knows himself. It's amazing the type of ailments he's been able to play through during his career. We still have time with Adrian to discuss what's best for him and for us."

Beltre went 0-for-12 in eight games with the Rangers. He is 1-for-28 counting his games with the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

If Beltre is placed on the DL, Joey Gallo could be the opening day third baseman.

Manager Jeff Banister said it would be "prudent" to carry a fourth bench player because of Beltre's status.

"We still are in the assessment process with Adrian, so we can't make any real roster decisions or finalize anything until we know exactly where we're at," Banister said.

NOTES: Dillon Gee, who is competing for the final spot on the Texas pitching staff, turned in an impressive six innings. He did not allow a hit until two outs in the fifth. He struck out nine, walked none and allowed two singles. ... LHP Danny Duffy, who will be the Royals' opening day starter Monday at Minnesota, gave up three hits in four innings, while striking out two. He was aided by two ground ball double plays in the first two innings and retired the final eight batters he faced. ... OF Shin-Soo Choo was scratched from the Rangers lineup with a dental issue. ... The Rangers optioned RHP Nick Martinez to Triple-A Round Rock.



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New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) slam dunks ahead of Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

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#9342 March 30, 2017

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The Glasscock County Independent
School District intends to destroy
special education eligibility folder
records maintained for individual
students who have not received
special education services since
May 2011. The information is no
longer needed to provide educational
services. Special education records
inactive since May 2011 or before
will be destroyed by shredding or
burning.

Destruction of these records
conforms to the requirements of
the following legal authorities-

**Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act:** §300.611-300.625;

Texas State Library and Archives
Commission, Local Schedule SD
(13 TAC 7.125(a) (4) (Special Education),
Retention Schedule for Records of
Public School Districts- Section 3-1:
Special Education Program Records,
and **Financial Accountability
System Resource Guide**, Update 14-
January 2010 - 7.4.3.3 Destruction
of Records.

A parent or adult student wanting
to exercise the right to access those
records and request copies must
make the written request so that it
arrives in the Special Services
office no later than April 14, 2017.

Glasscock County ISD
Special Services
P.O. Box 9
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#9341 March 28 -April 10,
2017

The purpose of this advertisement
is to notify a group of qualified
contractors that the **Colorado
River Municipal Water District**
(the "District" or "CRMWD") is
requesting competitive sealed
proposals for the construction of
the following project:

Lake Thomas System Improvements
CMD15354

The work for this project includes
proposed upgrades at Base 8,
Base 3, and Base 4. Base 8,
Morgan Creek Pump Station,
will include a new pump station
with three vertical turbine pumps
and a 1 MG ground storage tank.
The Snyder Pump Station, Base
3, will include a new pump station
with three horizontal pumps.
The Lake Thomas Pump Station,
Base 4, improvements will include
replacing the existing portable
a-frame crane with a permanent
overhead bridge crane, replace
existing overhead door and exhaust
fan.

The sealed proposals must

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be delivered to the attention of
**Mr. John Grant, General Manager,
CRMWD** and will be received and
accepted at the District's office
located at 400 East 24th Street,
P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas
79720 until the deadline for
submission which is **3:00 p.m.,
April 27th, 2017**. The proposals
once received will be publicly
opened and shall be read aloud
at the time and place indicated
for acceptance of the proposals.
Only the name of each proposer
and the monetary amount of
their proposal and any alternates
shall be read aloud. All proposals
received after the deadline for
submission of sealed proposals
shall be returned to the proposer
unopened.

Contract Documents, Geotechnical
Report, and any other documents
relevant to the scope of work
may be examined at the offices of
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Inc., or at the offices of the
District. The address for the
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200
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Nick Lester, P.E.
Hours Available: 8am-5pm

Beginning on **March 23rd, 2017**
all potential proposers may
obtain a copy of the Contract
documents from <http://construction.freese.com>.
Contract documents for submitting
a proposal for this project may
also be obtained at the following
website: <http://www.bidsync.com>. Any
changes to the Contract documents
shall be issued by formal
addenda and the addenda shall
be published at <http://construction.freese.com>
prior to the deadline for submission
of the proposals.

All proposers are responsible
for insuring that they have a
complete set of Contract documents
prior to the deadline for submission
of sealed proposals. Any questions
concerning this advertisement,
any addenda or related to the
Contract documents should be
addressed to the Freese and
Nichols Construction Services
Department. Direct questions
related to the design of the
Project to:

Nick Lester Aaron Conine
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Aaron.conine@freese.com

A pre-proposal conference will
be held on **April 6th, 2017 at 10:30
a.m.** at a **CRMWD Field Office,
located at 13509 CR 5 Ira, TX
79527**. The pre-proposal conference
is non-mandatory. A project site
visit will take place immediately
after the pre-proposal conference.

Each proposer, must provide,
with its proposal, security in the
amount, form and subject to the
conditions set forth in the
Instructions to Proposers. The
Security amount shall be five (5)
percent of the total amount of the
proposal.

No Proposer shall withdraw a
proposal within ninety (90) days
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Within forty-five (45) days
after the opening of the proposals,
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Criteria
Proposal Price
Contractor's Qualifications
Safety Record Questionnaire
Construction Time

Weight
60%
25%
5%
10%

Total 100%

Once the District has selected the proposal that presents the best value to the District the District will attempt to negotiate a contract with the proposer of that selected proposal. The District or its engineer may discuss with the selected proposer options for a scope or time modification and any price change(s) associated with the modification. If the District is unable to negotiate a contract with the first successful proposer, then the District shall withdraw from negotiations in writing and shall seek to go to the next proposal and offer that is in the best value of the District.

The successful contractor selected for this project shall be required to pay no less than the Prevailing Wage Rates set forth in the Contract documents as required by the laws of the State of Texas, to include, but not limited to Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, or the laws of the United States as may be applicable.

Performance and payment bonds will be required from the successful proposer as required by Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code.

All portions of the project are scheduled to be substantially complete within a maximum of **Four Hundred and Eighty Five) 485 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS and to be Final Complete within a maximum of (Ninety) 90 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS of substantial completion for a total maximum time of (Five Hundred and Seventy Five) 575 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS**

The estimated budget for this project is **\$15,750,000.**

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John Grant
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#9334 March 32, 30 & April 6, 2017

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Planetary Shoulder Shrug

We only see what we look at, and even then we still don't really see the thing outside of where it is in relation to us. One point of view per eyeball, that's all we get. The difficult arrangement of Jupiter and Pluto today suggests we accept the limitations of this, reserving the right to be absolutely wrong and often admitting, "I don't really know."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Fun? You're game! The world seems to sense this about you and will offer opportunities to practice the spectrum of mirth -- grinning, laughing, hooting, hollering and dancing ... it's all in the offering.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your work will only be as good as you can make it right now. So don't worry about how it measures up. That part is out of your hands. Just do your work until you come to the end of your fear and inhibitions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll attract people who want to help you, align with you or simply keep your company on this part of the journey. You can accomplish the same without these potential partners, but it won't be nearly as easy or fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though your idea may start the action today, what happens because of this isn't really about you. There are niches to be filled, and as people fall into position, lives will change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). For whatever reason, it may be the wrong time to let the others know what you really think -- at least not everything. It's the right time, however, to start moving instinctively and privately toward your ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are strong intuitive currents running through you today, and what's even better is that you're inclined to believe them. You feel it when you feel it, and when you don't, there's nothing anyone else can do about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you may never have to weather the extreme elements, you want a warm, durable coat that can handle such a remote possibility. This coat-shopping metaphor will apply to some part of your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today, your wit is what a mandolin is to a butter knife: You're sharper and more precise, and the result is artfully impressive. Take precautions to avoid hurting someone accidentally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you speak highly of what you do, the next thing that will happen is that people will want you to do it for them. Gauge your speech based on this. If it's not your desire to service others at this time, hold your tongue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you keep solving a problem in the same way, does that really count as a solution? Maybe there something you could do to handle this once and for all. Ask around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Remember when you fretted for nothing? Let that discourage you from today's worries, or at least consider taking a break for the day -- you can always resume worrying in the future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you followed the directions on your shampoo bottle too literally, you would be rinsing and repeating until the bottle ran out. Today, you'll approach every endeavor with common sense first. You'll read directions as a last resort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 30).

Like a bird pecking its way out of an egg, you're emerging into a wider world this year. There's much to learn over the next three months, and a wise guide will show up to help. A financial drain will be sealed and healed in April. In June, you'll strike emotional gold. August brings a wonderful love story. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 24, 44 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

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North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 2
♥ K J 4 3
♦ K Q 10 6 3
♣ 7 4
WEST
♠ 10 8 3
♥ A 5
♦ J 8 2
♣ K Q J 10 5
EAST
♠ 7 5
♥ 7 6
♦ A 9 7 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2
SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 6 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ —
♣ A 3

The bidding:
South 1♠ North 2♦ East 3♣
1♠ 2♣ 2♦ 3♣
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.
There are contracts that might seem impossible to make, but that can nevertheless be made with the right mixture of luck and skill.
Let's say you're in six hearts and West leads a club. Certainly your prospects are poor, but they're not absolutely hopeless. So you win the

club with the ace and cash the A-K of spades as both opponents follow suit.
For deceptive purposes, you now lead the jack of spades, hoping that if West started with only two spades, he will discard a diamond or a club on the assumption that his partner holds the queen of spades. But this hope does not materialize when West follows with the ten of spades.
You can't afford to discard dummy's club on this trick, since East is very likely to ruff with a small trump, so you ruff the jack of spades with the jack of hearts. When East discards on this trick, a very favorable development, you lead dummy's king of diamonds, covered by East with the ace.
There is now the sweet smell of success in the air. You ruff and continue with the queen of spades, and poor West can do nothing to stop the slam. When he discards a club, you ruff the spade with the king of hearts, discard your club loser on the queen of diamonds and lead a trump.
West wins with the ace, but that is the only trick you lose, and the "impossible" slam comes rolling home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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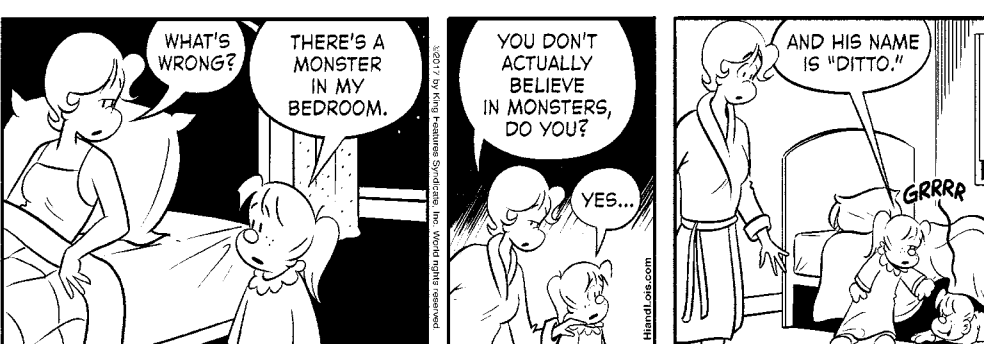
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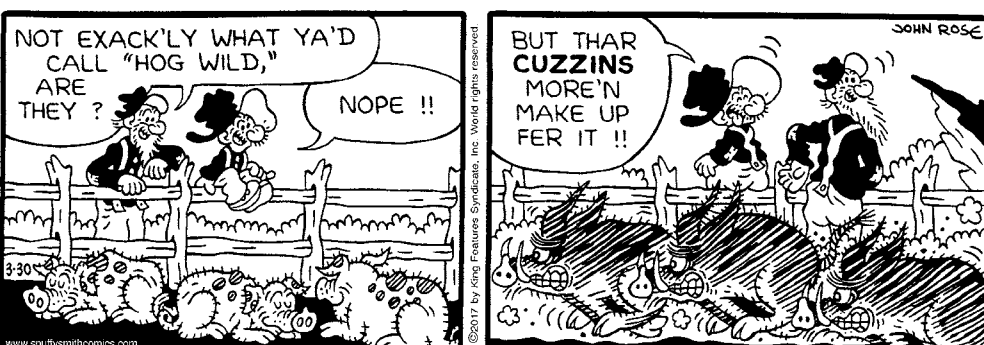
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 30, the 89th day of 2017. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 30, 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million (the rough equivalent of \$125 million today), a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."

On this date: In 1822, Florida became a United States territory. In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union. In 1923, the Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York. In 1945, during World War II, the Soviet Union invaded Austria with the goal of taking Vienna, which it accomplished two weeks later. In 1959, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Bartkus v. Illinois*, ruled that a conviction in state court following an

acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not constitute double jeopardy. In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!" hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC. In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang. James Ruppert, 41, killed 11 members of his family at his mother's home in Hamilton, Ohio, on Easter Sunday. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty. In 1987, at the 59th Academy Awards, "Platoon" was named best picture; Marlee Matlin received best actress for "Children of a Lesser God" and Paul Newman was honored as best actor for "The Color of Money." In 1991, Patricia Bowman of Jupiter, Florida, told authorities she'd been raped three earlier by William Kennedy Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, at the family's Palm Beach estate. (Smith

was acquitted at trial.) In 2002, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old. In 2006, American reporter Jill Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq. Ten years ago: The Food and Drug Administration said it had found melamine, a chemical used to make plastics, in samples of Menu Foods pet food, as well as in wheat gluten used as an ingredient in the company's wet-style products. Five years ago: President Barack Obama said he was plowing ahead with potential sanctions against countries that kept buying oil from Iran, including allies of the United States, in a deepening campaign to starve Tehran of money.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

COAT CHECK by Carolyn Stewart
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Lamented visibly
 - 5 Say again
 - 9 Semiconductor slice
 - 14 100 cents, in certain lands
 - 15 Trounce
 - 16 Shunning assistance
 - 17 Recent Yankee nickname
 - 18 Bard's false friend
 - 19 Founder of Motown
 - 20 Freed from blame
 - 23 Ring ruling
 - 24 Mayo destination, maybe
 - 25 Open out
 - 28 Southeast Asian capital
 - 30 Resistance measures
 - 32 Traveling through
 - 33 Universal remedy
 - 36 2015 World Series team
 - 37 Public transportation patron
 - 39 Town near Santa Fe
 - 41 Conical quarters
 - 42 Omitting nothing
 - 43 Sound of satisfaction
 - 44 Wrapped, before a bout
 - 48 Sermon speaker
 - 50 Express disapproval
 - 52 Will Smith title role
- DOWN**
- 1 Abundant holdings
 - 2 California's motto
 - 3 Nucleus occupant
 - 4 List heading
 - 5 Enlighten
 - 6 Freight container
 - 7 Auden's middle name
 - 8 Clarinet cousin
 - 9 SUV ancestors
 - 10 Standoffish
 - 11 Pay up
 - 12 Wrap up
 - 13 Spanish king
 - 21 Sherwood Forest figure
 - 22 Benevolent
 - 26 Blazing
 - 27 Court figures
 - 29 Withdraws, with "out"
 - 30 Yellowish brown
 - 31 Disorganized accumulation
 - 34 Temperament
 - 35 Unoriginal one
 - 36 Monument
 - 37 June/December event
 - 38 Climb aboard
 - 39 Draw from
 - 40 Just like
 - 43 Fireplace adjuncts
 - 45 Tropical fruit
 - 46 Carol's piper complement
 - 47 Abridged version
 - 49 Tuber, so to speak
 - 50 Early American folk hero
 - 51 Defeated consistently
 - 54 Defeats narrowly
 - 55 Apron catch
 - 56 From the beginning
 - 57 Literary preposition
 - 58 Finch's field

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Steer Pride Corner

Grilling up some treats at Washington Elementary School



Courtesy photos/Big Spring ISD

On a flex day, Friday, March 24, 2017 only third and fourth grade students had to come to school. As a special treat, the students and staff were treated to grilled burgers and homemade brownies.

Youth practice field at HC gets makeover



Courtesy photo/Howard College

The Howard College board of trustees, Big Spring Area Community Foundation members, Big Spring Ambassadors, and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday to mark the completion of the renovation to a youth practice field located on the college campus.

DeVos says her predecessor wasted money on school reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Wednesday accused her predecessor of wasting billions of dollars trying to fix traditional public schools and said that school choice was the way to reform the system.

Speaking at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DeVos said that Arne Duncan's signature \$7 billion project targeting failing schools did not produce any significant improvement. That failure, she said, was further proof that it is vital to give American parents the options of charter, private and other schools.

"At what point do we accept the fact that throwing money at the problem isn't the solution?" she asked. "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. That's not policy making."

A report by the Education Department released in January concluded that the School Improvement Grants project, implemented in 2010-2015, "had no significant impacts on math or reading test scores, high school graduation, or college enrollment."

Duncan, who served as education secretary in the Obama administration until late 2015, did not immediately respond to an email request for comment.

During the Obama administration, high school graduation rates reached record levels but scores on standardized tests showed mixed results.

DeVos compared school choice to ride-sharing companies such as Uber or Lyft that provide consumers with alternatives to traditional transportation such as taxis and are often faster and cheaper.

"We celebrate the benefits of choices in transportation and in lodging, but doesn't that pale in comparison to the importance of educating the future of our country?" DeVos said. "Why do we not allow parents to exercise that same right to choice in the education of their child?"

Asked whether school choice options

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Scholarship opportunities

PBUWCD 2017 scholarship essays due Tuesday

The due date is nearing for students to submit their essay for the 2017 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) scholarship contest.

All graduating seniors who attend a school within the district (Forsan, Grady, Sands, Stanton) are invited to participate. There will be a scholarship offered to each of the four schools in the District and the winners of the contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The essays are due no later than Tuesday, April 4, 2017. They may

be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W Saint Peter St., Stanton, Texas. This year the topic for the essay will be: "Write a 1,000 word essay about the water cycle and discuss the importance of runoff and why it is crucial to our aquifers and for our very existence."

For further criteria and information, please contact your high school counselor or the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136 or email pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com. You may also find more information on at www.pbuwcd.com.

Howard County A&M Club scholarship applications

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. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours.

Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

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can also fail, DeVos said, "I am not sure that we can deteriorate a whole lot."

News investigations of charter schools that DeVos helped pioneer in her home state of Michigan have shown disappointing results.

Separately, a 2016 Brookings study that analyzed voucher programs in Louisiana and Indiana concluded that public school students attending private schools with the help of publicly funded vouchers fared worse in reading and math compared with their peers who remained in public schools. "The magnitudes of the negative impacts were large," the report said.

In its annual report released on Wednesday, Brookings ranked school districts across the country in terms of school choice: the availability of various types of schools, the ease of enrollment, mechanisms encouraging the growth of successful school models, and subsidies for low-income families. Denver, New Orleans and New York were ranked at the top of the list.

"There is no question that alternatives to the traditional school district model are destructive of the traditional school district model," wrote Russ Whitehurst, the author of the report. "Whether they are harmful, neutral or helpful to students, families, and the nation is, in the end, an empirical question."

DeVos disagreed. "I would argue that these alternatives are constructive, not destructive for students, parents and teachers," she said.

Academic Star Student of the Week

*Keelee White
Forsan High School*

Keelee White is a senior at Forsan High School. She is ranked in the top ten of her class. Keelee is an active student at Forsan as an officer for the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the varsity basketball playoff team and was selected as academic all district. She has been a member of the playoff softball team for four years and participates in the Christmas Angels project.

During her free time, Keelee enjoys kayaking at Lake Thomas and outdoor activities. Keelee plans on attending Howard College and pursuing a degree as a nurse practitioner. Keelee is the daughter of Heath and Marie White.



Congratulations, Keelee!

Parent's Corner: Let your roots grow

We look around us and find many things in today's society that fills us with stress.

Stress can often be devastating. It has a way of working on us, limiting our production and robbing the quality of our lives. If we ever get so stressed that we would like to just throw up our hands and quit, we should remember the story by Karen Lynch about the fern and the bamboo.

"Look around you," the man said, "Do you see the fern and the bamboo? When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew and soon its brilliant green covered the ground. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed.

"But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the third year and the fourth year there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit.

"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was

seemingly small and insignificant, but just six months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive."

We should allow this story to show us that when we are struggling, we are growing roots that will assist us in the times ahead. We should never compare ourselves to others. The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern, yet, they both make the forest beautiful. Our time will come. We should never regret a day in our lives, and we should remember that bad days provide us with experiences; good days give us happiness. Both are essential to life.

Heal the past, live the present and dream the future and wherever you go, take your whole life along. Live each day in the present and make it beautiful and remember it's not only the scenery you



miss by going fast. Enjoy life, it's not a rehearsal. I love the old proverb: A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless we fail to make the turn.

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD Director of School Safety.




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