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Cars, Stars to start its engine

Tickets available for annual fundraiser set for Saturday, April 22, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Special to the Herald
 Tickets for Cars, Stars and Handlebars sell at a fast clip the week prior to the annual event and Event Chair Stacy Barr expects this year to be no exception. "That last week is always a whirlwind," Barr said remembering past Cars, Stars and Handlebars. "Seems like we were always running around town delivering tickets all day long, but this year we made it easier on everyone," she said. "Anyone who wants to purchase a ticket can call us and charge the ticket over the phone with their card and pick it up the night of the event on April 22," she said. "If they don't want to attend, the ticket will be put in the hopper for them."

But the same rules apply. Only 1,000 tickets at \$100 apiece are available. And when they are all gone, they are all gone, Barr said. "Like I always tell everyone, 'We only print a certain number of tickets and when they are

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gone - they are gone.' So don't be caught without a ticket," she said. "We made several changes this year and I can't wait. It's going to be a really fun evening." The annual fundraiser - in its 11th year - was moved to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus this year to accommodate the growing number in attendance. Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one

guest entry to the evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment provided by Oil Pan Jack. A cash bar will be provided by Big Spring's Train Car Cigar Bar. The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council and the Rotary Club of Big Spring will give away a 2017 vehicle before the festive evening is over, Barr said. "Winners do not need to be present to win the vehicle, but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder," she said. The winner will choose from a 2017 Harley Davidson Freewheeler;

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State bound



Courtesy photo

Pictured are members of the BSBS academic team who qualified for state competition. They are from back, left, Andi Armstrong (alternate), Seth Hamby, Ashlan Armstrong, and front, left, Alexess Armstrong, and Britney Tan.

Four BSBS students qualify for state UIL academic competition

Special to the Herald
 Four Big Spring High School students qualified for the 2017 University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet to be held on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. Britney Tan, Alexess Sosa, Seth Hamby, and Ashlan Armstrong all placed in the top three in the Regional Academic Meet held recently at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. "The group of students that qualified for the state

meet have previous experience on the state level," Academic coordinator Jennifer Adams said. "All but one of the four has medaled at the UIL State Meet. "Competing at the state meet once in your high school career is an accomplishment," she continued. "Making the state meet multiple times takes hard work, talent and dedication."



Adams

For Sosa, who placed first in editorial writing at the Regional Meet as well as being the alternate in ready writing, this will be her fourth trip to state. She previously placed

fourth in 2015 and fifth last year in editorial writing and was an octa-finalist at the recently held cross-examination state meet with her partner Hamby. "My goal is to build on my previous state finishes and place first this year," Sosa said "I am aiming to win UIL's top goal in the journalism events and be named Top in Texas." Tan, who placed second in news writing at the 2016 state meet, will be competing in both ready writing and feature writing. "I feel like I've done a good job at branching out this year," Tan said. "I'm excited and I'm looking forward to representing BSBS at the state meet again."

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Let it rain!

PBUWD to host annual rainwater harvesting workshop May 4

Special to the Herald
 Stanton - The Permian Basin Underground Water District for will host its 2017 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4.



The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, Texas, and is free to the public. This year's guest speaker will be Extension Agent in Horticulture Jeff Floyd with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Ser-

vice. There will be a door prize drawing for a rain barrel and rain chain giveaway. The workshop will begin with Mr. Floyd speaking about turf grasses that are suitable for West Texas, the watering and fertilizing and weed control it takes to maintain these grasses, and he will also present ideas to enhance your homes appearance with water wise plants and landscape designs. The PBUWCD staff will give a brief presentation and tour of its new rainwater harvesting system, which includes two 2,500 gallon tanks as well as rain barrels and rain chains and xeriscape landscaping.

Local author sets book signing Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A local author will hold a book signing for her newest publication at the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main, Monday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eunice Filler will be signing copies of her new book "Filler Up," a part biography and part historical fiction of her family's stories and history from the Civil War to Great Depression as they scratched out a living in West Texas. "This is my attempt at a family legacy," Filler writes in her introduction to the book. "It begins with



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Eunice Filler holds up a copy of her new book "Filler Up." The local author will hold a book signing Monday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

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Obituaries

Shawn Ann Simpson



Shawn Ann Simpson, 53, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family received friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

Shawn Ann was born Dec. 2, 1963, in Big Spring to Barbara and John Simpson. She had owned Shawn Ann's West End. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Methodist. She lived for her adored grandchildren Kynslea and Kysin, and the love of her life, Megan. Her indomitable spirit encouraged her family and friends through any struggles in life. At a very young age, her passion for motorcycles began. She often said, "that ride with friends to the destination

was just as fun as the destination itself." She will be remembered for her unshakable will and living life her own way.

She is survived by her daughter, Megan Simpson of Big Spring; granddaughter, Kynslea Mata of Big Spring; grandson, Kysin Gerstenberger of Big Spring; mother, Barbara Young of Cumberland, Md.; father, John Fred Simpson of San Angelo; brother, Jon Clark Simpson of San Angelo; sister, Beth Irizarry of California; two nephews, Cody James Simpson of Big Spring and John Lee Simpson of San Angelo; two cousins very dear to her, Jeanne Hay Niklasch and her husband Mike of Florida, and Robin Kuczinski of Maryland; and great aunt, Lucy Arve.

She was preceded in death by her beloved brother, Scott Simpson; along with her cousin, Reese Arve.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

denlink.net; or in person at 8 a.m. on race day.

- The Texas Department of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is being offered in Big Spring on April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. at Howard College's GC Broughton Agriculture Complex, 2411 Echols Drive. The class, which is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, is required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The class is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure such safe food practices as: good personal hygiene, prevention of cross contamination, and good time and temperature practices. The cost of the program is \$20. To register, call 432-264-2236.

- 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.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from current A&M students. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

- The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

Health Checks

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Let's go dancing!

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

Meetings

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

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MICHAEL ANDREW MARTINEZ**, 32, of 503 E. 17th St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container – second offense.

- KENNETH EVANS MCGRUDER**, 71, of 1200 1/2 Nolan was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ**, 42, of 502 State St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and driving while intoxicated/open container.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street and the 400 block of West Fifth Street.

- 911 HANG UP** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1600 block of East FM 700.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth Street, the 1800 block of Goliad Street, and the 300 block of East 20th Street.

- THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

- DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of West Eighth Street.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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North Korea flaunts long-range missiles in massive parade

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea paraded its intercontinental ballistic missiles in a massive military display in central Pyongyang on Saturday, with ruler Kim Jong Un looking on with delight as his nation flaunted its increasingly sophisticated military hardware amid rising regional tensions.

Kim did not speak during the annual parade,

FILLER

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my great-grandfather and mother and it ends with my father and his brothers and sister. I hope it makes our ancient forebears come to life in your mind and heart as it has for me.”

Filler spent three years researching and writing the novel. The book is based on the stories her father told her of the family's life in the early days of Texas, incorporated with a little Texas history and a few newer tales from her and her children's lives sprinkled into the plot. “There is absolutely no sex, very little violence, and a lot of love,” she said. “That family survived on love and they came out of it with a strong sense of right and wrong.”

Life in those early days were “harder and rawer,” Filler writes in her introduction.

“Writing the novel, I begin to understand why parents did and answered things they way they did – the logic of the way of their think-

ing,” she said. “It makes me feel so much closer to them.”

On the book's front cover is a photo taken by Filler's granddaughter of a horse along with the family's registered brand. That registered brand was inspired by one of her grandfather's running jokes.

“He loved coffee and he would ask for a refill, and they would say ‘how much do you want’ and he would say ‘filler up,’” she said. “That was his personnel joke. And when he went to register his brand, he registered this running UP.”

This is Filler's second published novel. She also writes a weekly column on religion published Fridays in the *Big Spring Herald*. Filler has a master's degree in hospitality management from the University of North Texas, and a teaching certificate earned at UTPB. She is retired and lives in Big Spring with her loyal dog, Duke.

Contact Staff Writer Lyn-del Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or email citydesk@big-springherald.com.

which celebrates the 1912 birthday of his late grandfather Kim Il Sung, North Korea's founding ruler, but a top official warned that the North would stand up to any threat posed by the United States.

Choe Ryong Hae said President Donald Trump was guilty of “creating a war situation” on the Korean Peninsula by dispatching U.S. forces to the region.

“We will respond to an all-out war with an all-out war and a nuclear war with our style of a nuclear attack,” said Choe, widely seen by analysts as North Korea's No. 2 official.

The parade, the annual highlight of North Korea's most important holiday, came amid growing international worries that North Korea may be preparing for its sixth nuclear test or a major missile launch, such as its first flight test of an ICBM capable of reaching U.S. shores.

Afghan official: Massive US bomb death toll rises to 94

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The number of militants killed in an attack by the largest non-nuclear weapon ever used in combat by the U.S. military has risen to 94, an Afghan official said Saturday.

Ataullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor in Nangarhar, said the number of Islamic State group dead was up from the 36 reported a day earlier. A Ministry of Defense official had said Friday the number of dead could rise as officials assessed the bomb site in Achin district.

“Fortunately there is no report of civilians being killed in the attack,” Khogyani said.

The U.S. attack on a tunnel complex in remote eastern Nangarhar province near the Pakistan border killed at least four IS group leaders, Khogyani said. He said a clearance operation to assess the site of the attack was continuing.

The strike using the Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb, or MOAB, was carried out Thursday against an Islamic State group tunnel complex carved into the mountains that Afghan forces had tried to assault repeatedly in recent weeks in fierce fighting in Nangarhar province.

Arkansas' multiple execution plan in limbo after rulings

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas' push to resume executions after nearly 12 years with an already compromised plan to put eight men to death over 11 days is in limbo after a judge blocked the use of a lethal injection drug a supplier says officials misleadingly obtained and the state's highest court halted the execution of one of the first inmates who had been scheduled to die.

A federal judge could further upend the plans, with a possible ruling on Saturday

on whether to halt the executions over the inmates' complaints about the compressed timetable and the use of a controversial sedative in the lethal injections.

Pulaski County Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen issued a temporary restraining order Friday blocking the state from using its supply of vecuronium bromide after a company said it had sold the drug to the state for medical purposes, not capital punishment. Griffen scheduled a hearing Tuesday, the day after the first execution was scheduled.

Griffen's order effectively halts the executions, which had dropped to six after the state Supreme Court blocked one execution Friday and a federal judge halting another last week, unless it's reversed or the state finds a new supply of the drug.

Arkansas, which has not executed an inmate since 2005 because of drug shortages and legal challenges, had initially planned to execute eight before the end of April, when its supply of midazolam expires. That plan, if carried out, would have marked the most inmates executed by a state in such a short period since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

Army taps reservists with cyber skills to fight IS militants

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade ago, he was a young Army soldier training Iraqi troops when he noticed their primitive filing system: handwritten notes threaded with different colors of yarn, stacked in piles. For organization's sake, he built them a simple computer database.

Now an Army reservist, the major is taking a break from his civilian high-tech job to help America's technological fight against Islamic State extremists, part of a growing force of cyberexperts the Pentagon has assembled to defeat the group.

“The ability to participate in some way in a real mission, that is actually something that's rare, that you can't find in private sector,” said the 38-year-old Nebraska native who is working at U.S. Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Maryland. “You're part of a larger team putting your skills to use, not just optimizing clicks for a digital ad, but optimizing the ability to counter ISIS or contribute to the security of our nation.”

Last year, then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter expressed frustration that the United States was losing the cyberwar against Islamic States militants. He pushed the Cyber Command to be more aggressive. In response, the Pentagon launched an effort to incorporate cyber technology into its daily military fight, including new ways to disrupt the enemy's communications, recruiting, fundraising and propaganda.

To speak with someone at the front lines of the cyber campaign, The Associated Press agreed to withhold the major's name. The military says he could be threatened or targeted by the militants if he is identified publicly. The major and other officials wouldn't provide precise details on the highly classified work he is doing.

BSHS

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Hamby will try to follow his recent success at the Cross-Examination state meet by competing in informative speaking.

“Lots of hard work goes into this that people don't see,” Hamby stated. “We are all competing in subjective events where there is no right or wrong answers and our results are entirely up to the judges.”

Fellow debate team member Ashlan Armstrong will

try to continue the strong showing by BSHS students in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Big Spring High School graduate Ethan Morelion won the 4A State Championship in the event for the past two years. Ashlan's twin sister Andi is the alternate to the state meet in Informative Speaking.

This marks the first two state qualifying students for Journalism Coach Na'Tassia Finley while coaches Clint and Jennifer Adams added three qualifications to bring their Big Spring High School total to 67.

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2017 Dodge Challenger; 2017 Ford Escape; or a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado. The runner-up will take home a John Deere Gator; and the 2nd Runner-up will leave with a flat-screen television set.

Gift cards worth a total \$2,000 and various door prizes will be available to those in attendance, Barr said. Tickets are

available at Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations, 1901 N. Hwy 87; All Washed Up, 708 W. Marcy Drive; and The Chalet, 115 E. Second St. No tickets will be sold for \$100 after 3 p.m. the night of the event. After the event begins at 4 p.m., if there are tickets left unsold, attendees only may purchase at increased prices during the event.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council has spon-

sored a social fundraiser for the past 30 years with a goal of \$35,000 to \$45,000, said Dee Lindsey, Director of Communications at the Big Spring State Hospital. Fundraisers, donations and money earned at The Chalet, a second hand retail shop run by Big Spring State Hospital volunteers, pay for patient needs not funded by the state.

In 2016 for the 10th Anniversary of Cars,

Stars and Handlebars, the Volunteer Services Council partnered with Rotary Club of Big Spring to expand the fundraiser and give a portion of the proceeds to promote literacy in Big Spring.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed hospital in Big Spring which serves people with mental illness. The hospital is one of Big Spring's largest employers.

For more informa-

tion on Cars, Stars and Handlebars, call 432-268-7535 or 432-816-1078 or email danielle.lindsey@dshs.texas.gov

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John Hilger, 46, died February 24, 2017. Memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Shawn Ann Simpson, 53, died Tuesday. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Theron Dwayne McVae, Jr., 19, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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A rooster got the toe

Bobby Weddle lives between Stanton and Lamesa. He loves to tell family stories. This one is so popular he gets requests for it at family reunions and other gatherings.

“My mother and dad were farming up close to Key, a little old farm community out of Lamesa. My three older siblings were my sister Frances, my brother Marvin and my sister Dolly. It was their chore to bring in firewood every day before it got dark. They chopped wood and grubbed stumps with a sharp axe.

“At sundown one day my father was in the field and my mother kept telling them they had better get out there and get that firewood before their daddy gets in. Well, they went out there.

“My oldest sister Frances

always did the chopping. My sister Dolly, just younger than Frances, was full of life and loved to have a good time, sometimes playing pranks with family members. In this particular instance, they had the log down there and were fixing to chop it and Dolly stuck her foot on that log and said, ‘chop my toe off.’ Now Frances had already come down with the axe and it fell across Dolly’s big toe and the next one to it. The big toe was barely hanging on but the one next to came completely off.

“There happened to be a rooster out there and he grabbed that little toe and took off. Well of course they were screaming and hollering. My mother came out and said, ‘what in the world?’ Well, Dolly was bleeding and Frances said, ‘I chopped her toes off and the rooster got a toe.’ Their mother said, ‘catch that rooster, catch that rooster.’ So my brother got after that rooster, tackled him and took that toe out of his mouth and brought it back. Mother told the two older ones to go to the field and get their daddy.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farewell to the Big Spring Herald To the Editor:

The 30th will be my last day as a newspaper carrier. I am very proud that I had the opportunity to work with the Herald.

I was born here, grew up here, graduated high school, was married here, and then I moved away. However, like most who moved away, I returned ten years ago, and four years ago I had the good fortune to start working as a carrier. It has been a very rewarding experience. I have met a lot of nice, caring, and interesting people.

There are a few people I would like to say thank you to:

First, the police officers and sheriff deputies. I was never worried about being out on my routes because I knew they were just a phone call away and most of the time I would see them patrolling and surrounding areas where I was. Even when they stopped me, as another carrier said, that was their way of keeping me and others safe.

Next, a very heartfelt thank you to WalMart automotive center, Don’s Tire, and Franklin and Sons. They helped keep me on the road by fixing my flats, advising me on the condition of my tires, and recommending new tires when I needed them. They were always very gracious about putting air in my tires for me.

Also Knowltons: They understood my car was my job. They have repaired my car many times and were as fast as possible. I knew my car was being handled with care and skill. I felt very confident in that skill and was sure that I would not have that problem again (except replacing brakes, that was a three month occurrence).

Now a very special thank you to my customers. They are the reason I continued to get up when it was 30 degrees out or kept going when it was 100+ degrees. My customers have been patient when car trouble, illness, and delayed papers caused me to be late. They been understanding when for whatever reason their paper was missing and kind when I would redeliver to them. They were considerate when my mother passed away, offering condolence, sympathy, and prayers that made that difficult time easier. Mostly however, they were generous. The tips they gave not just at Christmas but all year was a great help, and it was nice to know they appreciated my service. The gifts, homemade goodies, and sweet cards always brightened my day.

Last but certainly not least, the circulation manager, Mr. Robert Smith. He is a gentle manager, mentor, and a very good friend. When I would be discouraged he would cheer me up. If I was stressing he would tell me to stop, take a deep breath, and go do my best. No matter what, he always had my back. He was funny and entertaining so I always looked forward to going to work. I know there were times when he was upset with me, annoyed at me, and frustrated by me, but he was always kind and helpful. Robert, if I am ever a manager I hope I will be at least half as good at it as you are.

I will miss my “friends” (my customers), my fellow carriers, the helpful and hardworking staff that made sure their was a paper for me to deliver.

Thank you everyone. I have enjoyed my time with you.

Carrie Harvell

Big Spring

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You turn our pain and anxiety into warmth and gladness. Amen.

Free gas not in the cards

Craig Murphy is a “pay it forward” kind of guy. If such courtesy were

a corporation, his “giving back” nature might qualify him for the board of directors.

It’s simply the way he’s wound.

So, his friends weren’t surprised recently when it appeared he might be the recipient of a free tank of gas.

Murphy, whose 500 gigs in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex last year could make him the most durable vocalist around, was mystified when the gas pump balked at taking his credit card.

Instead, he was instructed to “lift the handle and begin filling.” He reinserted his card repeatedly without success.

Finally, he followed instructions, filling his 1991 Chevrolet pick-up, the one with 284,000 miles on it that his dad had been “thumbs down” on. Craig, then 21, bought it anyway.

The pump surrendered \$30 worth of gas, but Craig never thought it to be a “gift.”

He insisted the attendant charge \$30 on his credit card. The clerk explained that it was common for drivers to fall victims to distractions. He said they sometimes pay for the gas, see a long-time friend at the next pump, start visiting and absentmindedly forget to pump the gas. “Then,

they come back later with their sad stories, and I don’t know if they’re telling the truth.”

Craig nodded understandingly. “If no one comes back, void my charge,” he requested. “If someone returns, just call to let me know, then charge my card.” Sure enough, a few hours later the attendant called, expressing thanks from a customer—the one who returned later to tell his tale of woe. Learning of Craig’s thoughtfulness, he then pumped the gas he’d paid for earlier. Craig was right; there had been no intention to “pay it forward” with gasoline.

Murphy didn’t find his niche until a few years ago. He trained to be an auto mechanic, and later was a police officer. Neither was his cup of tea.

He began part-time work at Fort Worth Radio Station KTFW 92.1, “HANK-FM.” Friends noticed his singing ability, and soon he was appearing at Johnny High’s Country Music Revue in Arlington.

Four years ago, he began singing regularly at various venues, largely care centers whose residents love his renditions of old favorites they grew up on. He now has standing dates at several locations, and it’s not uncommon for him to do three gigs per day.

A highlight of 2016 was his recording of “The First Christmas Day,” an upbeat melody written by a care center resident who asked Craig to record it. He sold hundreds of holiday CDs, and this year, he took on a bigger

project—recording his first full album, “Country My Way,” in Nashville.

Ronnie Milsap’s band backed him up, and the album is now in hand. Included is Glen Campbell’s hit, “Wichita Lineman.” The number is particularly meaningful for Craig. His late older brother, John, was an On-cor troubleshooter/lineman for almost 20 years before contact with a live wire 10 years ago come September. It was John’s first and only fulltime job after high school. (The family experienced another tragedy just six weeks following John’s death when his stepson, 18, was killed in an automobile accident.)

“I wanted to sing ‘Wichita Lineman’ in honor of Glen Campbell and in memory of my brother,” Craig said.

So that’s the way it is for this popular vocalist. He’s on pace to make another 500 appearances this year.

He’s a class act who seemingly can’t get enough of “giving back.” (He even runs the sound system mixing board every Sunday at church.)

Asked how his new album can be purchased, his face reddened and he lowered his head. I’m happy to provide the information: www.craigmurphymusic.com. This guy has found his niche

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.



DR. DON NEWBURY

Hey receives President's Award at SWCID Awards Convocation

Special to the Herald

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf held its annual Awards Convocation Tuesday, April 11, at the Maddux Student Center auditorium.

Maydee Vande Hey of Madison, Wisconsin, was this year's recipient of the President's Award.

This award is based on academic excellence, participation in all facets of student life, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and college spirit. The recipient must be enrolled full-time. In addition to being an outstanding student, this student is most visible and a very active leader. This student has represented the college with much pride and honor.

During her time at SWCID, Maydee was very active on campus. She was the SGA President, RA, basketball player, cheerleader and captain of the cheerleading squad. She has maintained a GPA of 3.63.

Maydee is graduating with an associate of science in general studies and has been accepted to Gallaudet and will major in social work.

A list of awards and recipients are as follows:

Executive Dean's Award: Taylor Lemon

American Legion Awards: Miguel Varela and Olivia Brooks

President's List Award: Marla Wilson

Honor's List: Abdulaziz Alghamdi, Britney Anderson, Roland Blanco, Brittney Breedlove, Mario Briseno, Olivia Brooks, Emily Campos, Sarai Candiani, Courtney Coleman, Leticia Corralejo, Ashley Devora, Marissa Franklin, David Gonzalez, Bethlehem Gorfu, Opeyemi Ogunbodede, Judy Lopez, Octavio Molinar, Tay-

lor Nguyen, Ibrahim Shote, Alexis Smith, Wesley Soto, JoAnn Vara, Maria Wilson, and Matteo Zuniga.

Dean's List: Paula Booth, Sarai Candiani, Taylor Lemon, No Mi, Maydee Vande Hey, and Marissa Franklin.

BSM (Baptist Student Ministries): No Mi and Jose Manrique.

SGA Officers: President-Maydee Vande Hey Spring, Vice-President-Rodolfo Coronado Spring, and SGA Secretary-Ibrahim Shote Spring.

Diplomat Award: Heather Trojan

Individual Student Awards:
 Naif Alrshdan — Outstanding Computer Science Student

Carroll Barnes — Outstanding Computer Information Systems Student

Roland Blanco — Outstanding GAT Student

Mario Briseno — Outstanding Biology Student and Outstanding English 1302 English Composition Student

Olivia Brooks — Outstanding Developmental English Reading/Writing Student

Braulio Contreras — Outstanding Developmental Math Student

Tre'Quan Crawford — Outstanding Office Technology Student

Taylor Lemon — Outstanding ITP Student

No Mi — Outstanding Critiecal Thinker

Eric Sermenio — Outstanding English 1301 Composition 1 Student

Tanner Rayl — Outstanding 0316 Integrated Reading/Writing Student and Outstanding History 1302-American History II Student

Miguel Varela — Outstanding Developmental English Reading/Writing Student

Britney Breedlove — Business Sup-



Courtesy photo

Maydee Vande Hey, left, receives the President's Award from Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president, at the SWCID Awards Convocation, April 11, 2017.

port Services Outstanding Student 2016-2017

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges: John Assim-Ita, Britney Breedlove, Taylor Lemon, No Mi, Opeyemi Ogunbodede, Korina Sirmon, Heather Trojan, Maydee Vande Hey, and Jonathan Withrow.

Public meetings

Coahoma ISD

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the faculty dining room at Coahoma Elementary, 400 Ramsey St.

Items for discussion or action listed on the agenda are:

- District Spotlight — Vision Team.
- District facility walkthrough.
- Employment and financial matters.

Big Spring EDC

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

Items listed on the agenda area:

- Discussion/action to rescind action taken in the March 18, 2014 regular board meeting that board minutes be made available to the board for review within 10 working days after board meeting.
- Executive Session to go over the possible projects: Project Stretch, Project DEF, Project Composite, Project Tube, and Project Print.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring

It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just

takes a couple hours. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. April 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn

left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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Property Owners Can Protest Property Appraisal Values

Property owners who disagree with the Howard County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1; or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
 - unequal appraisal of the owner's property;
 - inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
 - denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
 - denial of special appraisal, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
 - determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
 - identification of the taxing unit or taxing units in which the property is located;
 - determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property;
- or
- any other action of the appraisal district office or ARB that adversely affects the owner.

The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the property owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the Comptroller's publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies.

Copies are available from Howard County Appraisal District at 315 S. Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

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Contact the Herald at 432-263-7331

We all have a role to play in ending child abuse

By the time you finish reading this article, more than 30 cases of child abuse will have been reported to authorities nationwide. By the end of today, that number will swell past 9,000. And four of those children will die at the hands of their abuser. All in a single day.

When we take stock of these sobering statistics during April — National Child Abuse Prevention Month — it's easy to be overwhelmed and to ask yourself, "What can I possibly do to make a difference?"

The answer is, you can do a lot. Everybody can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect by becoming advocates for children. For some of us, that advocacy comes in a forwal role. Teachers, child care workers, health care providers and others who come into daily contact with children can be vigilant for signs of abuse and neglect. Their actions to report suspected abuse or to offer extra time and attention to fragile children can do more than make a difference. It can save lives.

CASA (court-appointed special advocate) volunteers stand up for abused and neglected children, giving them a voice in an overburdened child welfare system that is hard-pressed to meet their individual needs. A CASA volunteer's intense advocacy can break the cycle of abuse and neglect. Children with CASA volunteers find safe, permanent homes more quickly, are half as likely to re-enter the foster care system, and do better in school. That's making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of abused and neglected children across the country.

In 2016 CASA of West Texas served 481 children in seven West Texas Counties including Midland, Martin, Glasscock, Howard, Dawson, Gaines, and Andrews. But, 26 children were left to fend for themselves due to a lack of CASA Volunteers. CASA of West Texas is one of more than 900 CASA programs across

the country committed to more than doubling our corps of volunteers by 2020 so that every child who needs a CASA volunteer has one.

CASA volunteers are people just like you — teachers, business-people, parents, retirees, grandparents who are:

- Willing to participate in an in-depth training program
- Strong communicators
- Willing to commit to at least one year of service
- Able to pass a criminal and Child Protective Services background check
- Over age 21

Not everyone can be a CASA volunteer, but everyone can be an advocate. Here are some steps you can take to make our community safer for our children.

Keep our state's toll-free child abuse hotline number close at hand, 1-800-252-5400. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, you can report your suspicions confidentially.

Donate or volunteer for a social service agency that helps children who have been abused or neglected.

Educate yourself — and others — about the devastating toll that abuse and neglect take on children and our society as a whole.

Your advocacy for children will not only help end child abuse, it will improve our community for everyone who lives here. Children who are abused and do not get the support they need to heal are more likely than other kids to drop out of school, end up homeless, turn to crime, and rely as adults on social welfare programs. When we work together to protect vulnerable children, it saves lives while also saving tax dollars.

If you are interested in learning more about CASA there will be an Information Meeting on April 18 at 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church and a Lunch and Learn Information Meeting on May 16, 2017 at noon at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. The next volunteer training in Big Spring starts June 12, 2017, for more information visit www.casawtx.org or call 432.683.1114.

We all have a role to play. What will yours be?

Patty Pisklak is the executive director of CASA of West Texas.



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Weekly Oil Report

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#1AH Big El "45-04", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38869
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
4.15 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-297, Section 45, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.488767, Longitude -101.51316. Datum: NAD 27
280' FNL, 2207' FEL of 802.1-acre lease
280' FNL, 2207' FEL of the survey

#8AH Old Tom Unit "B 21-28", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
14.10 miles northeast of Knott
A-273, Section 21, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.434127, Longitude -101.490210. Datum: NAD 27
818' FNL, 330' FEL of 648.78-acre lease
818' FNL, 330' FEL of the survey

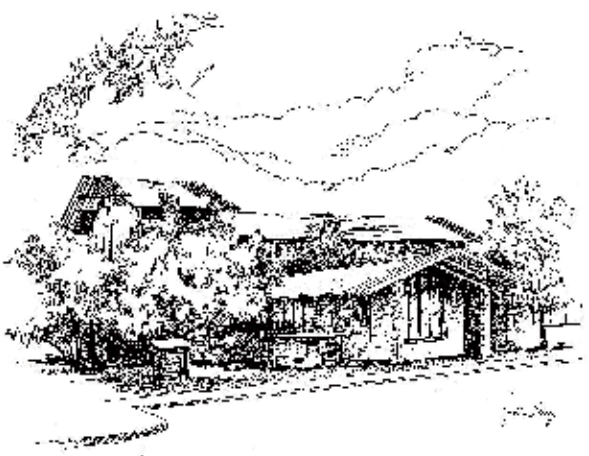
#1 Morita "18C", drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39066
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
7.53 miles northeast of Stanton
A-1403, Section 18, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
Latitude 032.164888, Longitude -101.656157. Datum: NAD 27
467' FEL, 751' FSL of 160-acre lease
467' FEL, 2377' FSL of the survey

#4AH Fryar Unit "A 13-12", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
5.50 miles northeast of Knott
A-324, Section 13, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.429170, Longitude -101.550665. Datum: NAD 27
2545' FSL, 2522' FWL of 455.39-acre lease
2545' FSL, 2522' FWL of the survey

#1 "846" SWD, drill, El: NA
Vealmoor, East Field
14.70 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-184, Section 15, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9200 feet
Latitude 032.458605, Longitude -101.425528. Datum: NAD 83
212' FWL, 2464' FNL of 640-acre lease
212' FWL, 2464' FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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"Alleluia! He is Risen!"



Come join the faithful community of worshippers

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To celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Liturgy	6:00 p.m., April 13
Good Friday Liturgy	12:00 p.m., April 14
Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist	10:30 a.m., April 16
Celebration Reception	11:45 a.m.

All are welcome!!



Wishing you a wonderful Resurrection Sunday!

We will begin our day at the **Overton/Evans Ranch for Easter Sunrise Services @ 7:00 a.m.** (please arrive 10 minutes early - coffee on site)

They are located South of Big Spring (Take 87 S. from Big Spring to Wildfire Road to Overton Road and look for the lights to guide you in.)

Circuit Riders Cowboy Church will meet at the Elbow Community location.

Just south and across the street from the former Elbow Elementary School @ 5108 Nichols Road, Big Spring, TX 79720
432-466-1697 v/text or 432-466-1717 w/message/text

Bible Study/Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Egg Hunt to follow for the kids!

Spring/Summer Play Day Schedule

April 22, 2017	Books open 1:00 p.m. & Events @ 2:00 p.m.
May 6, 2017	Books open 1:00 p.m. & Events @ 2:00 p.m.
June 10, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.
July 22, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.
August 5, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.
August 26, 2017	Books open 8:00 a.m. & Events @ 9:00 a.m.

\$5.00 per event or \$30.00 for all/Pool & Barrel Exhibition \$300 per sun

Barrels/Poles/Flags/Arena Race/Straight Barrels/Goat Tying (Stick Horse Races - Free Fun Event for all ages!)

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Hydrogen fuel cell cars face obstacle: few fueling stations

DETROIT (AP) — Hydrogen fuel cell cars could one day challenge electric cars in the race for pollution-free roads — but only if more stations are built to fuel them.

Honda, Toyota and Hyundai have leased a few hundred fuel cell vehicles over the past three years, and expect to lease well over 1,000 this year. But for now, those leases are limited to California, which is home to most of the 34 public hydrogen fueling stations in the U.S.

Undaunted, automakers are investing heavily in the technology. General Motors recently supplied the U.S. Army with a fuel cell pickup, and GM and Honda are collaborating on a fuel cell system due out by 2020. Hyundai will introduce a longer-range fuel cell SUV next year.

“We’ve clearly left the science project stage and the technology is viable,” said Charles Freese, who heads GM’s fuel cell business.

Like pure electric cars, fuel cell cars run quietly and emission-free. But they have some big advantages. Fuel cell cars can be refueled as quickly as gasoline-powered cars. By contrast, it takes nine hours to fully recharge an all-electric Chevrolet Bolt using a 240-volt home charger. Fuel cells cars can also travel further between fill-ups.

But getting those fill-ups presents the biggest obstacle. Fueling stations cost up to \$2 million to build, so companies have been reluctant to build them unless more fuel cell cars are on the road. But automakers don’t want to build cars that consumers can’t fuel.

The U.S. Department of Energy lists just 34 public hydrogen fueling stations in the country; all but three are in California. By comparison, the U.S. has 15,703 public electric charging stations, which can be installed for a fraction of the cost of hydrogen stations. There are also millions of garages where owners can plug their cars in overnight.

As a result, U.S. consumers bought nearly 80,000 electric cars last year, but just 1,082 fuel cell vehicles, according to WardsAuto.

That’s why automakers will keep hedging their bets and offer electric vehicles alongside hydrogen ones.

Honda began leasing the 2017 Clarity fuel cell sedan earlier this year; about 100 are already on the road. At this week’s New York Auto Show, the company also introduced electric and plug-in hybrid versions of the Clarity.

The plug-in hybrid can go 42 miles in electric mode before a small gas engine kicks in, Honda says. The all-electric Clarity can go 111 miles on a charge. Both will go on sale later this year.

“We think going forward the powertrain market is going to be very diverse,” said Steve Center, vice president of the environmental business development office at American Honda.

Hyundai’s Genesis luxury brand also blended technology with its GV80 SUV prototype, which was revealed in New York. The GV80 is a plug-in fuel cell vehicle, which means it would get power from stored electricity as well as hydrogen. It’s not clear when — or if — the GV80 will go on sale.

Fuel cell cars create electricity to power the battery and motor by mixing hydrogen and oxygen in the specially treated plates that combine to form the fuel cell stack.

The technology isn’t new. GM introduced the first fuel cell vehicle, the Electrovan, in 1966. It only seated two; the back of the van housed large steel tanks of hydrogen and oxygen. It went about 150 miles between refuelings, and its hydrogen tank exploded on at least one occasion.

Advances in hydrogen storage, fuel cell stacks and batteries have allowed engineers to significantly shrink those components to fit neatly inside a sedan. Oxygen is now collected from the air through the grille, and hydrogen is stored in aluminum-lined, fuel tanks that automatically seal in an accident to prevent leaks. Reducing the amount of platinum used in the stack has made fuel cell cars less expensive.

Honda’s new Clarity can go 366 miles between fuelings, the longest range in the industry.

The Clarity leases for \$369 per month for 36 months. That’s more than the \$354 monthly lease payment for the Chevrolet Bolt electric. But Honda, Toyota and Hyundai are all throwing in free hydrogen refueling. It costs between \$13 and \$16 per kilogram for hydrogen, or up to \$80 to fill the Clarity’s 5-kilogram capacity, according to the U.S. Energy Department.

Even with that perk, analysts think sales of fuel cell vehicles will be limited until more fueling stations are built. But carmakers will still invest in fuel cells. GM’s Freese says there are many applications beyond cars, including unmanned, deep-sea vehicles or backup home power systems.

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A-184, Section 15, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9200 feet
Latitude 032.463492, Longitude -101.410761. Datum: NAD 83
183’ FEL, 1907’ FNL of 640-acre lease
183’ FEL, 1907’ FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#2815H Guitar South “4-7”, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39048
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
4.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-550, Section 1, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.142024, Longitude -101.331959. Datum: NAD 27
4610’ FSL, 522’ FEL of 951.9-acre lease
684’ FNL, 492’ FEL of the survey

#4215H Guitar South “4-7”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-550, Section 1, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.142031, Longitude -101.331925. Datum: NAD 27
492’ FEL, 4610’ FSL of 951.9-acre lease
492’ FEL, 4610’ FSL of the survey

#4213H Guitar South “4-7”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
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Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.142016, Longitude -101.331993. Datum: NAD 27
552’ FEL, 4610’ FSL of 951.9-acre lease
552’ FEL, 4610’ FSL of the survey

#8AH Leviathon Unit “B 29-20”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-230, Section 29, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.540033, Longitude -101.433858. Datum: NAD 27
420’ FSL, 406’ FEL of 637.53-acre lease
420’ FSL, 406’ FEL of the survey

#7HB Colt “45”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.80 miles southeast of Spraberry
A-413, Section 45, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9800 feet
Latitude 031.492934, Longitude -101.434589. Datum: NAD 83
220’ FSL, 1329’ FEL of 650-acre lease
220’ FSL, 1329’ FEL of the survey

#4BB Colt “45”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.80 miles southeast of Spraberry
A-413, Section 45, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9800 feet
Latitude 031.493191, Longitude -101.433531. Datum: NAD 83
220’ FSL, 380’ FEL of 650-acre lease
220’ FSL, 380’ FEL of the survey

#2815H Currie “41-44”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10 miles west of Garden City
A-332, Section 41, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
X=802729.76, Y=1590756.16. Datum: NAD 27
700’ FEL, 1990’ FNL of 486.48-acre lease
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EPA head tells coal miners 'regulatory assault is over'

SYCAMORE, Pa. (AP) — Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt told dozens of Pennsylvania coal miners Thursday that the "regulatory assault" on their industry is over, and that the environment can be protected without hurting business.

"We're going to do it the American way, grow jobs and show the rest of the world how it's done," Pruitt said before going on a mine tour about 50 miles south of Pittsburgh.

"The regulatory assault is over," he said, referring to tightened environmental and other regulatory standards on coal and other energy industries under former President Barack Obama. "We're going to partner together with you."

Pruitt spoke for less than five minutes to about 100 workers at the Harvey Mine, one of three comprising the nation's largest underground coal mining complex. It's run by CNX Coal Resources.

He did not take any questions from the news media, which did not accompany him on the underground tour.

As a candidate, President Donald Trump pledged to revive the struggling U.S. coal industry. Since assuming office, he has issued executive orders rolling back Obama-era federal regulations on planet-warming carbon emissions, lifted water pollution protections and ended a freeze imposed on leases of public lands for coal mining.

As Oklahoma's attorney general, Pruitt sued the EPA more than a dozen times to challenge environmental regulations opposed by the fossil fuel industry.

Pruitt didn't address whether the administration intends to withdraw from the

international climate agreement, which sets ambitious goals to lower carbon-base pollution. The executive order could make it more difficult for the U.S. to hit its carbon reduction benchmarks.

Even coal company executives have publicly expressed doubts that rolling back regulations will stem the coal industry's decline. Coal mining now accounts for fewer than 75,000 U.S. jobs.

Several of the nation's largest coal companies were forced to seek bankruptcy protection in the last year as electric utilities switch to cheaper, cleaner-burning natural gas made more plentiful through a drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. The cost of building renewable energy projects also continues to fall, with wind turbines now producing emissions-free electricity cheaper than coal in many parts of the country.

CNX spokesman Zachery Smith said the three mines employ 1,500 people, about the same number who worked there throughout the Obama administration. But miners now are working full time and with weekend overtime. Many worked just three or four days a week when demand for coal bottomed out in 2014 and 2015.

Kevin Carson, 30, a married father of one, works in the mine's processing plant, where rock is cleaned away from the coal. He went to work for the company 10 years ago right out of college, where he got a degree in industrial technology.

"I'd say we are optimistic. It's a little more positive now, that the coal markets are starting to pick up," Carson said.

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10 miles west of Garden City
A-332, Section 41, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
X=1590748.49, Y=802758.78. Datum: NAD 27
700' FEL, 1960' FNL of 486.48-acre lease
700' FEL, 1960' FNL of the survey

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Total Depth: 9000 feet
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#201H SEM "NS 14-23 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.20 miles northwest of St. Lawrence
A-893, Section 14, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.042053, Longitude -101.033011. Datum: NAD 27
225' FSL, 1625' FEL of 640.5-acre lease
225' FSL, 1625' FEL of the survey

#101H SEM "NS 14-23 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.20 miles northwest of St. Lawrence
Section 11, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.042053, Longitude -101.033012. Datum: NAD 27
225' FSL, 1675' FEL of 640.5-acre lease
225' FSL, 1675' FEL of the survey

#1101H SEM "NS 14-23 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.20 miles northwest of St. Lawrence
Section 11, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.042053, Longitude -101.033011. Datum: NAD 27
225' FSL, 1575' FEL of 640.5-acre lease
225' FSL, 1575' FEL of the survey

#202H SEM "NS 14-23 02", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.20 miles northwest of St. Lawrence
Section 11, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.042057, Longitude -101.033000. Datum: NAD 27
350' FSL, 605' FEL of 640.5-acre lease
350' FSL, 605' FEL of the survey

#102H SEM "NS 14-23 02", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
1.20 miles northwest of St. Lawrence
Section 11, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.042057, Longitude -101.032059. Datum: NAD 27
350' FSL, 555' FEL of 640.5-acre lease
350' FSL, 555' FEL of the survey

#3 Burchard "B", drill, El: NA
Coleman Ranch Field
9.50 miles northwest of Westbrook
A-141, Section 69, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 5000 feet
Latitude 032.291707, Longitude -101.031307. Datum: NAD 27
330' FNL, 1080' FEL of 80.4-acre lease
2074' FSL, 1833' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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"One of the reasons global car companies do something like this is they want to have a finger in the pie. Should we suddenly have to shift over, they want to be able to do it," said Jack Nera, an executive market analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

The number of fueling stations could also grow quickly if automakers partner with governments and energy companies, as they have done in California.

Earlier this year, 13 companies — including Shell and BMW — formed a council to accelerate the adoption of hydrogen as a transportation fuel.

Heather McLaughlin of San Ramon, California, was one of the first customers to lease a 2017 Clarity.

She says she prefers a fuel cell car over an electric because she can refuel it in minutes.

And one fill-up a week more than covers her 50-mile daily commute to Benicia, where she serves as the city attorney.

She recently drove the Clarity to Southern California and found plenty of stations along her route.

"I like the innovation," said McLaughlin. "It helps if we can have more of these on the road."



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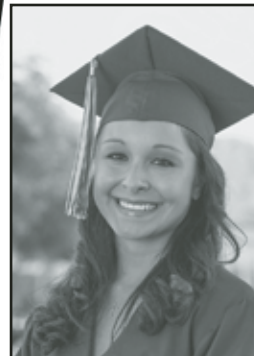
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A survivor, now a dad: Virginia Tech tragedy, 10 years later

By **ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Kevin Sterne has spent 10 years trying not to let himself be defined by the mass shooting that nearly killed him at Virginia Tech. But now that he's a new father, Sterne grapples with knowing that one day he must tell his son about the horror he worked so hard to put behind him.

"How do I approach that? Do I talk about it? What age is appropriate to go into what kind of detail?" Sterne asked, seated outside the building where he was taking a German class on April 16, 2007, when a mentally ill student with a gun chained the doors shut and killed 30 people before killing himself.

Not until months after the shootings did Sterne's mother hear him talk about what he saw that day. Even now, he doesn't discuss it much: the day a bullet cut through his right leg and another one ripped his femoral artery. The day he wrapped a power cord around his leg as a tourniquet, likely saving his own life. The day four officers carried his bloody body out of Norris Hall — an image plastered on the front pages of newspapers across the country.

How do you explain that to a little boy?

Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on campus that cold April day. More than two dozen others were wounded by bullets or hurt trying to escape. It was, at the time, the deadliest mass shooting in recent U.S. history. A massacre that claimed 49 lives at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub surpassed it last year.

The Tech shooting motivated schools across the country to reevaluate campus security.

It also prompted Virginia lawmakers to close a loophole that allowed Cho to buy guns even though a judge had declared him a danger to himself and ordered him to get involuntary mental health treatment. But a push from Tech survivors and relatives of the slain failed to persuade lawmakers to tighten oversight of sales at gun shows, revealing the depth of the gun culture in this Southern state.

Over the years, other students wounded at Tech have graduated and moved away, many becoming advocates for gun-control and campus safety. Quiet and unassuming, Sterne has chosen to stay out of the spotlight,

remain at the school and try to continue his life the way he imagined it would be before it was upended.

"I just don't think he wants that one day, that one horrific day that he can't change ... to control who he is," his mother, Suzanne Grimes, said.

That doesn't mean its effects don't linger.

He still sometimes loses feeling in his right leg, where the bullet remains lodged in the head of his femur. When the anniversary approaches, he gets more irritable and stressed — the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, he believes. Loud noises can still make him uneasy. His mother notices he gets anxious in crowds and sits with his back to the wall at restaurants so he can see the entrances and exits.

And he has never re-entered Norris Hall.

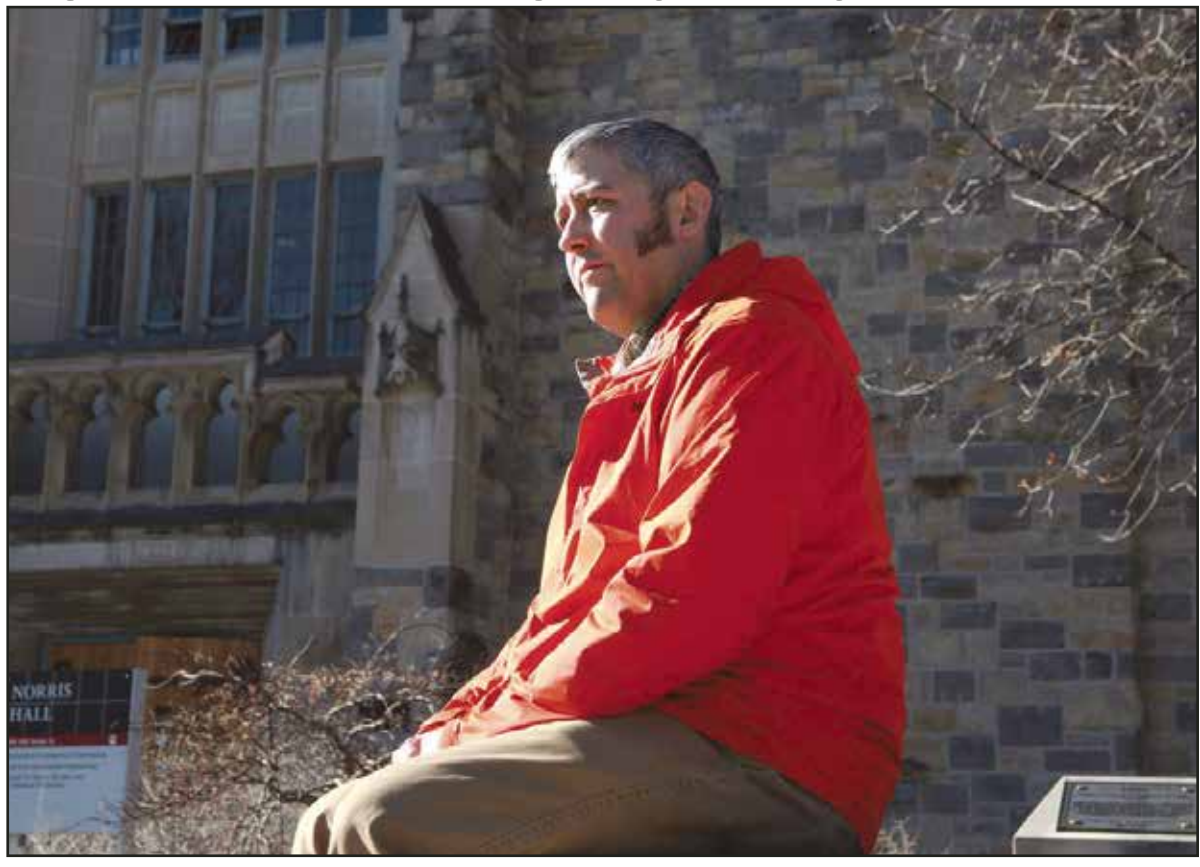
"This isn't something that happens and then it's gone and everybody is fine ... It stays with you," said Sterne, now 32.

Sterne is the only one of the wounded students still at Tech, where he works as an engineer in two labs. While recovering in the hospital, he was accepted at graduate school here and never considered not returning, despite protests from his mother. In the weeks and months that followed, he found it comforting to be around others on campus who witnessed the same horror. When he was offered a job at the school, he accepted and never left.

He didn't want to leave just because that terrible thing happened to him here, he said.

"It will be an event that changes and kind of shapes our lives, but there are so many other things to do," Sterne said.

On the massacre's 10th anniversary weekend, Sterne will bring his wife and son to campus to join other survi-



Matt Gentry/The Roanoke Times via AP

This Thursday March 2, 2017 photo shows Kevin Sterne as he sits in front of Norris Hall on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg Va. Sterne was in Norris Hall at Virginia Tech 10 years ago when a gunman walked in and started shooting.

vors for events honoring the lives lost that day. Not even a year old yet, his son is still too young to understand the reason for the solemn faces. Sterne knows tough conversation will eventually come.

But for Sterne, Tech is no longer just a place of tragedy: It's where he built a career, started a family and survived.

"I think one of the most incredible things about Kevin is he's not the guy who was shot on April 16," his wife, Kacey Sterne, said. "He's Kevin Sterne, an electrical engineer. He self-identifies as a nerd. He's a dad now."

"I don't think that he sees this as, like, 'the place I got shot' ... I think he thinks of it as... 'my home.'"

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Facebook targets 30,000 fake France accounts before election

PARIS (AP) — Facebook says it has targeted 30,000 fake accounts linked to France ahead of the country's presidential election, as part of a worldwide effort against misinformation.

The company said Thursday it's trying to "reduce the spread of material generated through inauthentic activity, including spam, misinformation, or other deceptive content that is often shared by creators of fake accounts."

It said its efforts "enabled us to take action" against the French accounts and that it is removing sites with the highest traffic.

Facebook and French media are also running fact-checking programs in France to combat misleading information, especially around the campaign for the two-round April 23-May 7 presidential election.

European authorities have also pressured Facebook and Twitter to remove extremist propaganda or other postings that violate European hate speech or other laws.

Facebook ramped up its efforts against the spread of false news and misinformation on its service in December, a month after the U.S. presidential election. The company said at the time that it will focus on

the "worst of the worst" offenders and partner with outside fact-checkers and news organizations to sort honest news reports from made-up stories.

It was accused of allowing the spread of false news in the months leading up to the U.S. election, which critics said may have helped sway the results in favor of Donald Trump. Since December, the company has broadened its efforts beyond the U.S.

Last week, it launched a resource to help users spot false news in 14 countries including the U.S., France and Germany. It's a notification, available for a few days, that leads users to a list of tips for spotting false news and ways to report it.

Facebook's other efforts include participating with other companies and tech industry leaders to establish a "news integrity" non-profit organization to promote news literacy and increase the public's trust in journalism. A nascent Facebook Journalism Project, meanwhile, is a lofty effort to work with news organizations to develop products, provide tools for journalists and generally promote trust in news.

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Cisco 7732'
Canyon 7976'
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#4 Burchard "B", drill, El: NA
Coleman Ranch Field
9.50 miles northwest of Westbrook
A-141, Section 69, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 5000 feet
Latitude 032.2916887, Longitude -101.030432. Datum: NAD 27
330' FEL, 330' FNL of 80.4-acre lease
2583' FWL, 2076' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#1H Willingham, drill horizontal, API #42-415-35291
Hermleigh (Strawn) Field, El: NA
12 miles east of Snyder
A-1482, Section 64, Block 3, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
Latitude 032.415581, Longitude -100.422333. Datum: NAD 27
200' FSL, 500' FWL of 621.58-acre lease
200' FSL, 500' FWL of the survey

#30310A SACROC Unit, drill, El: NA
Kelly-Snyder Field
7.40 miles southwest of Snyder
A-2714, Section 203, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7500 feet
X=910310, Y=396344. Datum: NAD 27
7430' FSL, 7307' FWL of 49,860-acre lease
2121' FSL, 2000' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#3 Partners, API #42-431-33493
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2632' GR
18 miles northwest of Sterling City
A-1244, Section 170, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey
330' FEL, 1980' FNL of the survey
Latitude 032.0673609, Longitude -101.2455664
Total Depth: 9312 feet. PBTD: 9272 feet.
Logs: Induction/Neutron/Density
Daily Potential: 32 Bbbls 37.0 gravity oil w/ 210 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 3437
Spud: 3-01-16. Completed: 11-17-16. Pay: NA
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Bufs defeat Hermleigh 16-2 in five innings

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Forsan varsity baseball team made their way to Hermleigh to face the Cardinals on Friday for their second district matchup, and came out on top in a very one-sided game.

The first runs of the game were scored in the top of the second inning when the Bufs drove in a whopping seven runs to set the tone of the game early. The big inning was thanks to RBI singles by Bryce Hergert and Brycson Pineda, scores by Pineda and Austin Darden on fielder's choice plays, a score by Lane Schafer on an error, and an RBI single by Ehren Hillger.

The Bufs continued to hold the Cardinals off of the scoreboard until the bottom of the fifth inning, all while driving in another nine runs. The scores came from an RBI single by Darden in the third, a score by Hillger on a passed ball, a Taylor Christian; and a score by Hergert on an error in the fourth, a score by Kobe Richardson on an error, an RBI single by Hillger, a score by Hillger on an error and an RBI single by Clarkson in the fifth.

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Hawks dominate Broncos 21-6 and 17-4

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team made the trek to Roswell, NM on Friday to kick off their four game conference series against New Mexico Military Institute. The Hawks displayed a dominant performance as they beat the Broncos in both games with final scores of 21-6 and 17-4.

Game One: Howard College 21 - New Mexico 6

The Hawks grabbed an early 3-0 lead with a solo home run in the game-opening at bat by Robert Bullard Jr., an RBI double by Trey Ochoa in the third, and an RBI triple by Nick Colavecchi in the fourth. New Mexico came right back in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie the score up at 3 thanks to a score by Tony Galindo on a ground out play and an RBI home run by Jordan Williams.

Howard College managed to add three more runs to the board to steal back the lead thanks to a 2RBI homer by Doug Facendo in the fifth, and an RBI single by Reese O'Farrell in the sixth.

The Broncos were downed 6-3 in the bottom of the sixth when Alex Pimentel doubled to center field, driving in two runs to keep the game close.

Unfortunately for New Mexico, that did not last long. The Hawks drove in a whopping 15 runs in the top of the seventh, putting the game way out of reach for the Broncos.

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Lady Hawks defeat Odessa in two shut out wins, clinch first place in conference

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team made their way to Odessa on Friday for the first two games of their four game series with conference opponent, Odessa College. The Lady Hawks defeated the Wranglers in shut out fashion, with final scores of 12-0 and 9-0.

Game One: Howard College 12 - Odessa College 0

The Lady Hawks were able to put the game away in just five innings of play while holding Odessa scoreless for the game, and got it all started in the second inning when they brought across five runs. The big inning was thanks to an RBI single by Madison Neff, a two-RBI double by Alexis Velazquez, and scores by Neff and Madeline on passed balls.

In the top of the third inning, Kaylynn Lopez knocked out a solo home run to left field which put them up 6-0 over Odessa.

Howard College continued their dominant performance by adding two more runs in the fourth, and four runs in the fifth. The runs were driven in by another homer from Lopez that brought Mado

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Lady Buff basketball post-season honors



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above are the girls of this year's Forsan Lady Buff basketball team who received All-District honors. (Dist 7AA) Front row from left to right: Mikahaela Willard (So.) Honorable Mention, Kendall Phillips (Sr.) Honorable Mention, Macey Evans (So.) 1st Team. Back row from left to right: Rhian Cunningham (Sr.) Second Team, Jenna Evans (Jr.) 2nd Team, Chassidy Grantham (Jr.) 1st Team.



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Pictured above is Chassidy Grantham (Jr.) of the Lady Buffs basketball team who also was awarded TABC All Region team.



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Pictured above are the girls from the Lady Buffs basketball team who were awarded TABC and THSCA Academic All State team. From left to right: Keelee White (Sr.), Kendall Phillips (Sr.), Hunter Seymore (Sr.), Sterling Freeman (Sr.)

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The NBA playoffs have arrived, and here are 10 things to watch



In this Dec. 9, 2016 photo, Houston Rockets guard James Harden is defended by Oklahoma City Thunder guard, Russell Westbrook, on a drive to the basket in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City. The playoffs start Saturday, with a series matching MVP candidates Russell Westbrook and James Harden the highlight of the first round.

(AP)- With the NBA playoffs starting Saturday, here's 10 things to know before the second season begins:
LEBRON IN FIRST ROUNDS

Good luck, Indiana. LeBron James not only never loses in a first-round series, but the man rarely loses first-round playoff games,

period.

He's played in 51 first-round games. His teams went 2-2 in his first four, and are 42-5 since — including 17-0 since May 6, 2012. James hasn't played in a Game 6 in a first-round series since 2008.

James has been part of 131 wins so far in his playoff career, tied with San Antonio's Tony Parker for the most among active players.

More milestones await James in these playoffs, too.

If Cleveland makes a deep run, he may take over the No. 1 spot on the all-time career playoff scoring list. He enters this postseason No. 4 at 5,572 points — behind only No. 3 Kobe Bryant (5,640), No. 2 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (5,762) and No. 1 Michael Jordan (5,987).

Another landmark for James comes Saturday in Game 1 against Indiana, when he makes his 200th playoff appearance.

MVP CANDIDATES COLLIDE

Mr. Westbrook, meet Mr. Harden.

No, the Maurice Podoloff Trophy — otherwise known as the MVP trophy — won't automatically go to the winner. But this will be the rage of the Oklahoma City-Houston first-round series, with presumptive MVP front-runners Russell Westbrook and James Harden set to lead their teams into the postseason.

Westbrook averaged a triple-double this season, 31.6 points, 10.7 rebounds and 10.4 assists for the Thunder. Harden averaged 29.1

points, 11.2 assists and 8.1 rebounds for the Rockets.

Including playoffs, Harden and Westbrook have faced off 16 times, each player walking away a winner in eight of those. Westbrook has posted five triple-doubles in those games, including two this season.

THE SPURS REMAIN FANTASTIC.

San Antonio is in the postseason for the 20th consecutive year. That's now tied for the third-longest such streak in NBA history.

Philadelphia went 22 consecutive times from 1950 through 1971. Portland made 21 straight trips from 1983 through 2003, and Utah got 20 appearances in a row from 1984 through 2003.

But that doesn't tell anywhere near the whole story of the Spurs' consistent excellence.

The Spurs haven't just had an NBA-record 20 straight winning seasons — they've won at least 60 percent of their games in each of those seasons. That streak is eight seasons longer than any other NBA franchise ever posted, and also the longest in any North American major pro sport (the Montreal Canadiens and San Francisco 49ers had winning percentages of .600 or better in 16 consecutive seasons).

BUSY IN BOSTON

Sports fans will be sufficiently busy in Boston over the next few days.

Bulls at Celtics on Sunday. Ottawa at Boston in the NHL playoffs on Monday. Bulls at Celtics on Tuesday. Senators at Bruins on Wednesday.

Oh, let's not forget the Boston Marathon on Monday — and of course, the annual Patriots Day game coinciding at Fenway Park that morning, with the Red Sox playing host to the Tampa Bay Rays.

FINALLY, THE POSTSEASON

Greg Monroe has played in 538 regular-season games. Markieff Morris, 448 regular-season games.

Combined, they have zero playoff appearances.

That will change this weekend.

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BUFFS

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Hermleigh was able to muster up two runs in a comeback attempt with a score on an error and an RBI single, but it wasn't near enough to stay in it. Hillger struck out the last batter for the third and final out, which brought the game to a close, ensuring Forsan the big 16-2 victory over the Cardinals.

"It was another good win for the guys. They settled down and started waiting on pitches that they could drive, which helped us jump on Hermleigh," said head baseball coach Stephen East. "We kept improving offensively and that is what we need to carry forward heading towards the playoffs."

Hergert earned the win on the mound for Forsan, as he threw for three innings, surrendered zero runs on zero hits, walked one, and struck out four.

The Buffs collected a total of 13 hits for the team. Hillger and Hergert drove in two runs apiece to lead the team on offense.

Forsan tore up the base paths with eight stolen bases. Hergert led the way with three.

Coming up, The Buffs will host Borden County on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

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line Seumalo in to score, a score by Taire Lee on an error, and a two-RBI double and a score on a passed ball, both by Megan Darling.

With the score at 12-0 and the Westerners up at their final at bat, the Lady Hawks ensured their shutout victory with a big defensive stop to end the game in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Celeste Villagrana earned the win on the mound for Howard College, as she threw for all five innings, allowed zero runs on four hits, walked two and sat three.

Lopez led the Lady Hawks on offense with two hits in four at bats and three runs batted in.

The Hawks were sure-handed in the field as they did not commit

a single error. Lee made the most plays on defense, with four.

Game Two: Howard College 9 - Odessa College 0

Game Two was a defensive battle for the majority of the innings between Howard College and Odessa College, as the first scores of the game weren't brought across until the top of the fifth, when the Lady Hawks got their bats going again and went on a nine-run streak.

The big inning was thanks to an RBI single by Mackenzie Mitchiner, scores by Seumalo and Darling on walks with the bases loaded, a two-RBI single by Mariah Young, and a three-RBI double by Lee.

Howard College followed with three quick outs to end the game, sealing their second shutout win of the day over Odessa.

Kylie Shay earned the win on the mound for the Lady Hawks. She threw for five innings, surrendered zero runs on one hit, walked two and struck out three.

Lee lead Howard College on offense with two hits in three at bats with four runs batted in.

The Hawks were, yet again, without an error in the field. Darling made the most plays on defense with four.

"I thought we played really well, maybe the best we have played all season. Our pitching was great, we hit very well, were strong defensively and had a lot of girls contribute, so I really couldn't ask for more from them," said head softball coach Kelly Raines. "Odessa is ranked ninth in the nation, and we are not ranked. We have been underrated all year, which is totally fine with me, so it was really good for us to get these two wins, especially in five innings like we did. Now, we just have to do the same thing that we did today in tomorrow's games."

The Lady Hawks hosted Odessa today for the last two games of the four game conference series. The double-header started at 1 p.m.

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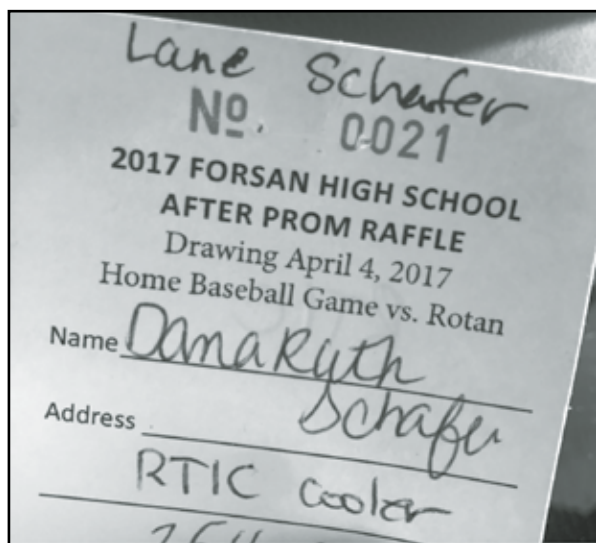
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Chicago Bulls guard Dwyane Wade (3) goes to the basket as Brooklyn Nets center Justin Hamilton (41) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

NBA

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Monroe and Milwaukee will play Toronto, Morris and Washington will play Atlanta. No active player had more games without a playoff appearance than Monroe. Once he plays this weekend, the active leaders in most-games-but-no-playoffs become Omri Casspi (499 after this season) and DeMarcus Cousins (487). There will also be playoff debuts for two referees. Brent Barnaky and Matthew Boland are the newcomers in the pool of 37 refs selected to work first-round games. Boland has more than 800 regular-season games in 15 years on his resume, Barnaky more than 400 in parts of eight

seasons. **HELLO AGAIN**
The first game of the playoffs will look like the first game of the regular season for some clubs.

Washington visited Atlanta in Game 1 for both teams back in October, and Atlanta will visit Washington for Game 1 of their playoff series Sunday. And Dwyane Wade's first game with the Chicago Bulls was against Boston, so it seems fitting that his first playoff game with his hometown team comes against the Celtics as well.

FAREWELL, THE TRUTH

This postseason will mark the end of Paul Pierce's career.

He's been used sparingly by the Los Angeles Clippers this season, getting into just 25 games. And he might not have much of an on-court role — if any — in the playoffs, though his leadership and playoff experience will surely be valued.

Pierce has played in 163 playoff games, mostly with Boston, the franchise with whom he got his first and so far only ring in 2008.

ELDER STATESMEN

The oldest two playoff-bound players this season are Vince Carter and Manu Ginobili.

Odds are, they'll be on the court together in the Memphis-San Antonio series. The 40-year-old Carter is still a key part of what the Grizzlies do, and the 39-year-old Ginobili — possibly in his final season, though speculating about his retirement has sort of

become an annual tradition in San Antonio — plays about 19 minutes per game off the Spurs' bench.

UPSET WATCH

No. 1 seeds almost always beat No. 8 seeds in the opening round. Turner Sports analyst and longtime NBA star Reggie Miller seems to think there's a chance that might not hold up this year.

He indicated he wouldn't be shocked if Chicago gave Boston all it wants in the first round.

"If you're Chicago, you think, hey, Dwyane Wade and (Rajon) Rondo have won championships, Jimmy Butler has gone deep in the playoffs before. We have playoff savvy and we know how to win," Miller said. "I think this is a great matchup for Chicago."

HAWKS

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The huge inning came with an RBI home run by Andrew Beck, a two-RBI single by Jordan Stephens, a two-RBI home run by Bullard Jr., a solo home run by Caleb Kyle, RBI singles by Austin Baker and Mason Peterson, a two-RBI double and a score on a wild pitch, both by O'Farrell, and a two-RBI single by Tommy Sepulveda.

New Mexico didn't have much of an answer to that other than an RBI single by Onix Vega in the bottom of the seventh, but that wasn't nearly enough, and the Broncos suffered a nasty 21-6 defeat.

Brandon Young earned the win for Howard College, as he pitched for five and one-third innings, surrendered five runs on seven hits, walked two and sat four.

The Hawks collected a team total of 21 hits for the game. Bullard lead the way offensively with three hits in five at-bats with four runs batted in.

Howard College did not commit a single error in the field. Peterson had the most defensive plays with eight.

"I thought our plan at the plate worked really well as a whole. We hit a lot of balls hard, had a lot of base hits, and really had a good mental approach," said head baseball coach Rob Martinez. "We got some things going in the first game and it just continued into the second game."

Game Two: Howard College 17 - New Mexico 4

The Hawks set the tone early for this game by driving in six runs in the top of the first. Facendo kicked things off with a huge three-RBI home run out to center field, which was then followed by an RBI single and a score on a wild pitch, both by Peterson.

New Mexico answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first from

an RBI single by Williams, but they still sat at a 6-1 deficit.

After scoreless second and third innings, Howard College brought four more runs across with an RBI single by Bullard Jr., a score by Stephens on an error and an RBI single by Kyle in the fourth, and an RBI double by Kyle in the sixth. This brought the Hawks to a 10-1 lead.

The Broncos seemed to come slightly more alive in the bottom of the sixth as they brought three runs across from an RBI single by Williams and an RBI home run from Pimentel.

The Hawks managed to put the game away in the top of the seventh inning after they drove in a total of seven runs. The big inning was thanks to a solo home run by Beck, an RBI double by Bullard Jr., a score by Bullard Jr. on a ground out, and ended on another homer from Facendo that drove Ochoa in for the final score of the game.

New Mexico could not find a way to come back, and fell to the Hawks with a final score of 17-4.

Ryan Williams earned the win on the mound for Howard College. He tossed for five innings, gave up four runs on four hits, walked four and sat five.

The Hawks were a force at the plate as they collected a total of 18 hits for the game. Colacecchi, Beck, Kyle, Peterson and Bullard Jr. each broke off multiple hits for the team. Facendo led offensively as he batted in seven of the team's 17 runs.

"I think everything really clicked today," said Martinez. "It was just one of those really good days where we had success at the plate, played really clean defense with a lot of routine plays and hopefully we can carry it over to tomorrow's games."

The four-game conference series will continue this afternoon in Roswell, with the first of the last two games to start at 1 p.m. and the second to immediately follow.

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Spreading the word about child abuse



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

A local annual event hosted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center is drawing attention to a difficult subject: child abuse.

"On April 13, we did our third annual Child Abuse Awareness Event," said SMMC spokesperson Amanda Duforat. "This is something that has kind of taken on a life of its own and it has grown each year. This started out with a simple proclamation and letting balloons go, and now we have a live band that comes out, we have the bike rodeo with it, and all kinds of stuff. We have information for child organizations that come out and do things. So each year it seems to grow and add more and more to it, which is what we're trying to do anyway."

Duforat said the goal of the event is to draw awareness to the subject while simultaneously fostering family togetherness and fun.

"Child abuse is something that we don't want to think about, and we don't want to think happens in our community, even as small as we are," she said. "But it does, and it's something we need to pay attention to and do our part to help stop it. Hopefully we won't have to have events like this, and we won't have to worry about it. We wanted to make it a fun event. That's what we're trying to do. We want to give attention, but we don't want to make it a sad event. This is just something we are happy to be a part of. It's one of the ways we can give back to the community. It's raising awareness for child abuse, but it's about building family time as well."

Duforat said the event and others like it seem to be having a positive effect.

"The past couple of years, the numbers have actually started to decrease," she said. "So I think more awareness is helping."

The whole community contributes to

the project, she said.

"There's a whole group that makes it possible," she said. "We have CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) that helps out on the planning committee. We have the Department of Children's Services that help out. We have Midland Rape Crisis and Intervention that helps out as well. This year, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care provided our hot dogs, along with Kindred Home Health, they're providing the fixings and the chips. The hospital provided the balloons, the refreshments, and the place to have it of course. The mayor came out and joined us."

Bikers Against Child Abuse, a group relatively new to Big Spring, helped out too.

"BACA played a big part," said Duforat. "They served our hot dogs and they helped with the Bike rodeo local chapter. They've had one in Sweetwater and then they expanded to Snyder, and now they're expanding into Big Spring. Guardians of the Children were part of it, they will help out as well. Big Spring Fire Department and the local police department also helped out. The PD actually came out and did fingerprinting with us. We had that service because we don't ever want to think about our children being lost, but we want to be prepared in case it happens."

Duforat said CASA donated two bikes to be given away to lucky kids, as did Guardians of the Children.

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The third annual Scenic Mountain Medical Center Child Abuse Awareness Event was held Thursday evening. The event featured a mayoral proclamation, live music from the Loco Motives, a balloon release, and a bike rodeo.



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Elisha Mack DAR hears report on school support



Special to the Herald

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met April 8 at the Big Spring Country Club with Regent Clara Lewis presiding. Twelve members and a guest were present.

Guest Speaker Jan Fields provided an informative program on the history of DAR sponsorship and supported schools in the United States. She told the group that the DAR has a strong history of providing support for schools who served disadvantaged and disabled children. She encouraged members to read "Miracle in the Mountains" by Dr. Mary Stoop, and investigate the Crossnore School Weavers, who produce beautiful weavings to help support the Crossnore School

ence that was held March 15 to 19 in Dallas.

Jan Fields drew for the door prize, which went to Marilyn Staggs. This month's door prize was a special memento charm and handkerchief from the State Regent's special project, Texas First Ladies Historic Gown Collection.

Sue Ann Damron provided information about a memorial proposed to be built in Galveston, dedicated to Spanish Governor-General of Louisiana, Bernardo de Gálvez, recognizing his efforts during the Revolutionary War. She encouraged members to consider purchasing a brick paver to be placed with the Capt. Elisha Mack chapter name at the memorial. A motion was made by Mary

in Crossnore, S.C. Sue Ann Damron provided a report on the NSDAR Texas State Confer-

Schuelke to purchase the brick paver for the memorial. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Staggs and unanimously passed.

Regent Clara Lewis provided information for members about the proposed bi-law changes, and the District X Summer Workshop and West Teas Regents Council Meeting June 14. TXDAR State Regent Judy Ostler will be the Keynote speaker.

Dottie Britton gave the National Defense Minute. She provided a brief history of WWI in recognition of the 100 year anniversary on April 6, 2017.

Sue Ann Damron passed the Pennies-in-a-Can and gave the Indian Minute about Native American John Herrington, who was born into the Chickasaw tribe and was the first Native American to walk in space.

Beverly Logsdon reminded chapter members that May 4th is the national day of Prayer.

Mary Schuelke announced that our Jr. Member Amanda Schafer will be married in two weeks. Members expressed their best wishes.

The next chapter meeting will be May 13, 2017.

A Critical Ear:

Piñata Sonata

We aren't New York City but we have a little cultural diversity here in Big Spring that I think is worth noting, but without any political sensitivities or correctness. I'm speaking of the Hispanic contribution that Texas is so fortunate to have. It makes our lives so much richer.

Hispanic holidays and traditions seem so much more colorful and fun. For instance: Cinco de Mayo; Day of the Dead; Diez y Seis; Quinceaneras; velvet paintings (just kidding); piñatas; random fiestas; the weddings they are famous for; or just simple Sundays in the park with families and a guitar.

What would we do if they weren't here?

Without their presence, the oil fields would dry up, construction would grind to a halt, and my law practice would simply blow away.

And if you can't sign on to what I've said so far, there's the Mexican food. And if you say you don't like that, sister your nose is gonna grow. And the beers are pretty good, except for Tecate.

As integral as their culture has become I don't want to imagine Big Spring without it. Here's what we might look like with only Gringo holidays: Arbor day; 4th of July (OK, that's an exception, but the Hispanics seem to celebrate even that with more gusto). Then there's the ever popular Old White Person's Day and Regis Philbin's birthday.

Some fun, huh?

But as vital as they are to giving our region cultural color, I've always noticed a poor showing of Hispanics at the Big Spring Symphony. That's sad when you consider the powerful influence of Hispanic composers and subject matter from Carmen to Capriccio Espagnol (subject matter), from Falla to Hector Villa-Lobos (composers). Their presence has rooted deep in the classical songbook.

That poor showing as an audience changed at the last presentation of our Symphony. They were there by the legion, and a fair turn out for Gringos was had too. Why? Loyalty and love in the first instance, curiosity in the second. Neither party was disappointed by the great Little Joe y La Familia. His stage presence and program, along with his wonderful band (a quarter of which studied under our own Rocky Harris and were originally from Big Spring) blended brilliantly with our full symphony. Keith Graumann interacted affably and genuinely with Little Joe to everybody's delight.

The effect was magical. The exchange of cultures by the audience and the music was palpable.

I've looked with both admiration and ignorance on Hispanic culture most of my life, but if I've ever wondered what it would be like to be a small part of it... I found out that Saturday night. Arriba! Arriba!

Rick Hamby is a local attorney and patron of the arts.



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Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meatloaf bowl, roll, corn mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, garden salad, fruit cup, chocolate crackers, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pepper Jack enchiladas, Spanish rice, baked beans, strawberries and bananas, garden salad, veggie cups, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage patty, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: FLEX DAY - Sack lunch bag, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: HOLIDAY

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, salsa; Lunch: Crispy chicken sandwich basket with Sun Chips or turkey and ham chef's salad or chicken Parmesan or spaghetti and meatballs, steamed broccoli, Romaine and spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit, wholegrain garlic breadstick.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle-n-sausage or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, apple cinnamon bake, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Corn dog basket with seasoned fries or strawberry grilled chicken salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni/Hawaiian) or loaded baked potato with chopped beef and roll, seasoned green beans, carrot sticks with ranch, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled mixed fruit, cheese, green onions, sour cream, fruit, peach crisp.

Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Burrito basket with chips and salsa or beef taco salad or twin crispy tacos or soft chicken tacos, seasoned black beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit, salsa, shredded cheese, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast: Homestyle cinnamon roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich basket with fries or chicken salad or ham and cheese sub or Texas chili mac, baked chips, seasoned corn, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled tropical fruit, fresh fruit, cornbread, mayo and mustard.

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, salad, 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, juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or mini-corn dogs, tater tots, salad, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread slice, yogurt; Lunch: Pulled pork slider, multigrain chips, cole-

slaw, savory green beans, apple slices.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, roasted potatoes, roll, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel or breakfast sliders; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato garnish, refried beans, salsa, tiny tomato cup, cinnamon apples.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, yogurt; Lunch: Pizza, baby carrots, broccoli bites, chilled pineapple, cookie.

Friday: Breakfast: Egg and cheese sandwich; Lunch: Hamburger, hamburger garnish, fries, fresh veggie cup, orange smiles.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chicken crisps, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, guacamole, peach crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Beef stew with vegetables, rice, oranges, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue smoked sausage, corn with red and green peppers, baked beans, snickerdoodle cookies, bread, milk.

Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, chocolate cake, bread, milk.

Friday: Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit cup, chips and salsa, milk.

BS Art Association hears acrylics presentation

Special to the Herald

At the most recent Big Spring Art Association meeting, Carolyn Walker of Colorado City demonstrated techniques in acrylics. She painted a spring picture with a tree in the background and flowers in the foreground. Mrs. Walker gave other instructions for making your art interesting. Among them were, when you have an area the same, such as a hedge, make different heights to draw interest, different shapes across the canvas, and when getting close to the edge of the painting, draw smaller rather than larger.

Tom Orsak of San Angelo and West Texas will be the demon-

strator for the April meeting. As a self-taught artist, Mr. Orsak strives to paint events that shape the heritage of the state. The harshness of drought, the promise of spring, and historical sites are just a few of the inspirations West Texas has to offer. Mr. Orsak paints a variety of subjects; however, painting landscapes is one of his favorite ways to express these events. Mr. Orsak was a dedicated studio artist until he discovered plein air painting, Mr. Orsak discovered being on location makes the whole world a canvas.

Mr. Orsak studied at San Angelo State University. He has a career in outdoor advertising. He is a member of Outdoor Painter's Society, Plein Air San Angelo, and West Texas Art Guild.

Mr. Orsak will be demonstrating "Plein Air Painting", the new renaissance in art. If you would like to experience this technique, the Art Association meets Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7 p.m. in the basement of Howard County Library.



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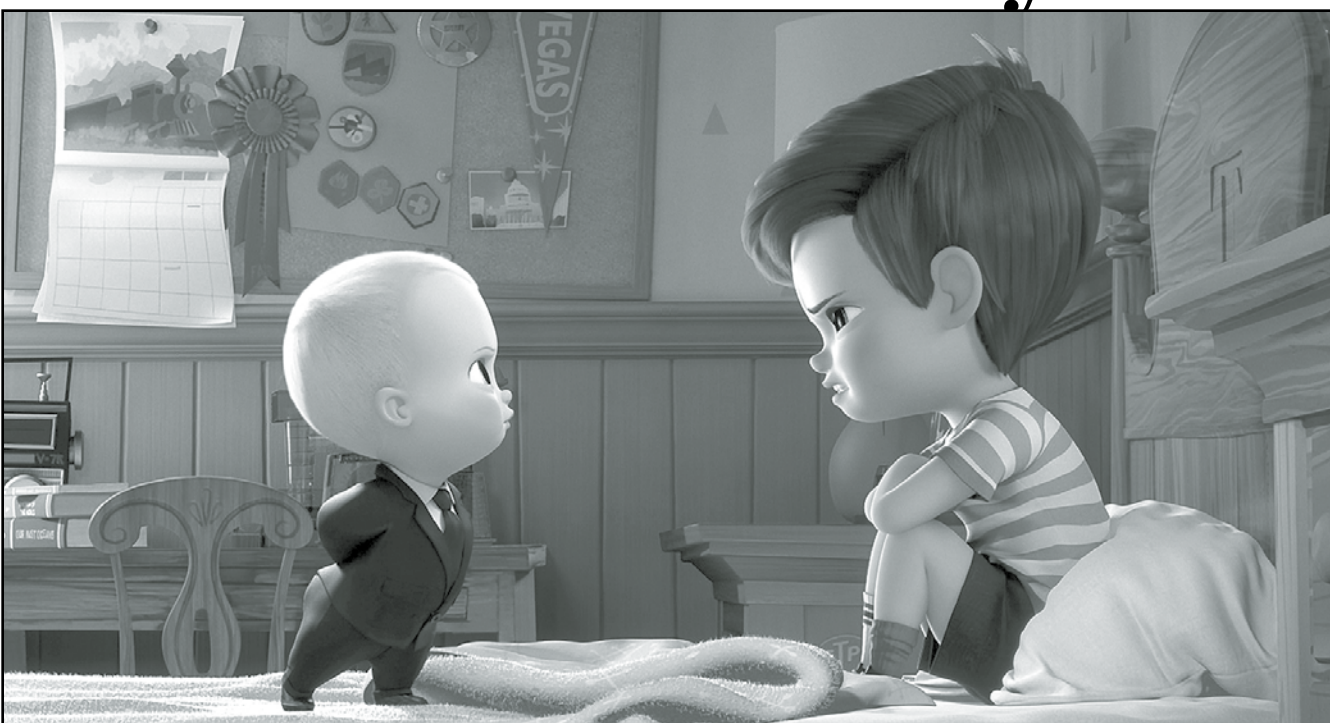
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Roger's Reviews:

The Boss Baby



I've noticed a trend recently. Okay, so maybe "trend" is a little generous. Let's just say I've seen a couple of animated movies recently with very bizarre plots...and they both deal with the disparate subjects of big business, and where babies come from.

The first you may remember from this column last year: "Storks," in which the stork baby delivery company has given up delivering babies, finding an Amazon-like merchandise delivery service with storks instead of Amazon's drone fantasy to be more profitable.

The other is the subject of this week's review: "The Boss Baby," the new release starring a host of recognizable names, including Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, and Lisa Kudrow.

"The Boss Baby" starts out in a baby factory, where yet-to-be-borns are whizzing around on conveyor belts, getting washed, powdered, and diapered. Most of the tots are cheerful and excited about the proceedings, but one seems frightened and nervous about the whole thing. When the tickle machine sends other laughing babies off to "Family" (as the readout displays), our glum hero is sent to...wait for it... "Management."

Next we meet Tim (Miles Bakshi), a nine-year-old boy with a gift for imagination, and his parents (Kudrow and Jimmy Kimmel). Tim's parents are both heroes (in his eyes) of the mysterious world of "marketing," but they somehow always have time to read him five stories, give him three hugs, and sing his favorite song (The Beatles "Blackbird," awesomely) at every bedtime. Tim loves his life, so when Dad asks him offhandedly one night if he would like a baby brother, he says, no, he's fine. This is awkward, as the audience sees, because Mom is already quite pregnant.

Oddly, though, Tim's baby brother doesn't arrive in the normal fashion (at least, from what Tim can tell, and the audience through his eyes). He shows up in a taxicab, wearing a suit and carrying a briefcase as he struts his confident way up to the front door, where he uses a collapsible presentation pointer to ring the doorbell. Tim immediately senses that something is amiss; his parents, however, see nothing wrong as the little tyke begins to take over their world.

Tim uses his imaginary ninja powers to spy on the tot, and discovers that he can talk like a grownup. He confronts the little guy, who introduces himself as "Boss Baby" (Baldwin). Yep, it's our friend from the beginning of the movie, and "Management" obviously did wonders for his self-confidence. Tim manages to spy on a meeting Boss Baby has with his minions - other neighborhood babies including energetic Staci (ViviAnn Yee), the always-positive Triplets (all three voiced by Eric Bell Jr.), and the hulking semi-vocal Jimbo (David Soren). During the meeting, Boss Baby reveals that there is a problem with cute, cuddly puppies - they're getting too much of the world's love. The puppy company, run by the evil Francis Francis (Buscemi), is planning on releasing a mysterious new puppy which will corner the love market, and Boss Baby is on a mission to discover what kind of puppy it is so that the baby masterminds can figure out what to do about it.

That's about all the plot I want to reveal in this review, but there are another couple of voice actors I

should mention: Conrad Vernon mostly grunts his way through the role of Francis Francis' muscle-bound brother Eugene; watch for James McGrath as Wizzie, a talking wizard alarm clock who serves as a rather ineffectual (and hilarious) mentor for Tim; and rounding out the big names, Tobey Maguire narrates the film as Grown-up Tim.

I have to say I wasn't expecting to like this movie nearly as much as I did. I think the biggest aspect of it that caught my fancy were the plethora of tiny details that give all the characters a lot of personality. For instance, Wizzie. What kind of kid has a talking animatronic wizard alarm clock? Well, the kind of kid I was when I was a kid, that's what. No I didn't have a Wizzie of my own, but I did love me some fantasy books and King Arthur and Merlin... ahem. Anyway, it's a cool detail that just gives a lot of insight into Tim's character. Jimbo is never without his trusty corn popper push toy. Boss Baby often reacts to problems by flicking a few bills at them off his bankroll. The choice of "Blackbird" as Tim's favorite song reveals a lot about Tim's parents and his relationship with them in one simple creative decision.

Another genius thing here is that we're never really sure how much of the entire story is real, and how much of it is Tim's overactive imagination. Don't get me wrong, it's not handled in a "Wizard of Oz"



up - it had been a dream the whole time!" kind of way. It's treated as full-blown fact the entire time. But there a couple of things in there that make you think, "Well, maybe, maybe not."

As I mentioned earlier, this is a bizarre premise for a movie. Personally, I like a little weird in my kids movies, but your mileage may vary. Some parents might worry that this movie might actually confuse kids about where babies come from; personally, I think it would make a great conversation starter about the topic for parents ready to have that talk with their children.

I can't really find a lot to downgrade "The Boss Baby" about, especially given the peals of childish laughter I heard in the theater (both from the kids that were there and from my own belly). For what it is, it's a cute, funny movie with messages about seeing past differences, and what love is really all about. Eight stars out of 10.



ROGER CLINE

Who's who in Howard County Robert Barlow



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Robert Barlow is the city reporter for the Big Spring Herald.

I have been living in Big Spring for the last 19 years or so, however I was originally born in a little town off the Pacific coast in Oregon. So while I may not be a natural born Texan, spending most of my life in West Texas I think I've all but claimed the right to call myself one.

I graduated from Coahoma High School in 2011 and continued my education at the University of Texas at Permian Basin in Odessa. I left with a Bachelor's in Art with a minor in communications in 2015. I chose these course studies specifically because I wanted a degree that emphasized art and how I could effectively use that design knowledge in a practical sense. Creating for me has always been something that comes naturally, and the real struggle came from determining how I could use that talent for creating in this new technological driven era.

During college, most of my art classes taught traditional techniques and practices which included ceramics, painting, sculpture. However in my free time my creativity tends to lean more towards the digital side, working with graphic design and illustration.

I have worked a number of different kinds of jobs but the most important was my time at CBS7. There I worked as a photojournalist and discovered I enjoy the rush of covering news stories and filming. That ultimately led me to my current job as a reporter at the Big Spring Herald.

I still enjoy practicing traditional art techniques like painting, but my focus now is mainly on digital illustrations and design. As with most people from my generation I am admittedly a technology fiend and enjoy all the new advancements that come with the time, so naturally I feel like art will evolve with it. You can find some of my artwork at the Desert Flower Art Bar, or in one of the Big Spring Art Association shows.

The Boss Baby
Director: Tom McGrath
Writer: Michael McCullers, based on the book by Marla Frazee
Production company: Dreamworks Animation
PG, 1 hr. 37 min., Animation/Comedy/Family,
March 31, 2017

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

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HEATHER MASSEY

IRS impersonators make threats of arrest, deportation and license revocation if they don't receive immediate payment. The scammers instruct people to put money on a prepaid debit card, an iTunes gift card or send payment via wire transfer.

Since 2015, BBB Scam Tracker has received more than 48,000 reports of this scam nationwide. More than 4,000 reports of this scam came from Texas. In the last year, Texans reported losing more than \$27,000 to this phone scam, according to Scam Tracker data.

BBB offers this advice to avoid getting scammed:

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- Protect your personal information. Don't provide any account number or other financial information over the phone.

- Don't be bullied. Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to push you into doing what they want. Be skeptical of what a caller claims he or she can do if you refuse to meet their demand.

- Hang up. Consider joining the Do Not Call Registry to cut down on telemarketing and sales calls. This may not help with scammers, but you'll get fewer calls overall. This may help you more quickly notice the ones that could be fraudulent.

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BBB wants people to remember that the IRS will never contact you by phone or email, and they won't ask for immediate payment in the form of a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS only contacts people by mail.

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

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Lawyer: Dragged passenger will need reconstructive surgery



AP photo

Crystal Pepper daughter of Dr. David Dao accompanied by attorney Stephen Golan, speaks at a news conference Thursday, April 13, 2017, in Chicago. Dao a passenger dragged from a United Express flight Sunday April 9, 2017, suffered a "significant" concussion and broken nose, and he lost two front teeth, attorney Thomas Demetrio said Thursday. Dao was removed from the plane after he refused to give up his seat on the full flight from Chicago to Louisville to make room for four crew members.

By DON BABWIN and SARA BURNETT

Associated Press
 CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines and the city of Chicago may find themselves the target of lawsuits by the man who was dragged off a United plane in Chicago last week after refusing to give up his seat.

One of Dr. David Dao's lawyers, Thomas Demetrio, said as much Thursday during a news conference in which he suggested that Dao could be "a poster child" for the mistreatment of passengers by the airline industry.

"It took something like this to get a conversation going," attorney Demetrio said.

Dao was forcibly removed from a fully-booked United Express flight out of O'Hare International Airport on Sunday to make room for crew members.

Demetrio said the 39-year-old Kentucky physician and father of five lost two teeth and suffered a concussion and broken nose during the incident. He also indicated that Dao will be suing the airline and the city of Chicago, which employs the airport police who dragged Dao down the aisle, his face bloody. Demetrio said the video showed an extraordinary instance of something that happens too routinely: Airlines overbooking flights then bumping paying customers.

It also exposed a corporate culture in which airlines — and United in

particular — have long "bullied" passengers, he said. The situation could have been avoided if the airline, which offered \$800 travel vouchers and a hotel stay for passengers to rebook on another flight, had simply upped their offer, Demetrio said.

"I hope he becomes a poster child for all of us," he said. "Someone's got to."

Dao, who didn't attend the news conference, was released from a local hospital late Wednesday and will need reconstructive surgery, Demetrio said. He said his client was in a "secure location" because he has been hounded by media, but that he would speak at a future date.

One of Dao's children, Crystal Pepper, said the family was "horrified, shocked and sickened" by what happened.

Early on, United CEO Oscar Munoz added to what was already a public relations nightmare for the company when he apologized for the incident but accused Dao of being belligerent. Later, Munoz offered a more emphatic mea culpa, saying: "No one should ever be mistreated this way."

He promised to review the airline's policies to make sure something like that never happens again, and said United will no longer use police to remove bumped passengers. The airline also said all passengers on the flight would get a refund.

In a statement is-

sued immediately after Thursday's news conference, United insisted that Munoz and the airline called Dao numerous times to apologize. Munoz himself said on Wednesday that he had left a message for Dao.

But Demetrio said neither Dao nor his family had heard from United.

The union for the airline's pilots issued a statement Thursday seeking to distance them from the incident, pointing out that it happened on a United Express carrier that is "separately owned and operated by Republic Airline" and that United pilots weren't flying the jet. It also said United pilots are "infuriated" by what happened and blamed the incident on the "grossly inappropriate" actions of the security officers.

The three officers who removed Dao have been suspended from their jobs at the Chicago Aviation Department.

Pepper said her father and mother had been traveling from California to Louisville, Kentucky, and had caught a connecting flight at O'Hare.

United had selected Dao and three other passengers at random for removal from the plane after unsuccessfully offering the vouchers and a hotel stay to customers willing to give up their seats. The three other passengers left the plane, but Dao would not. The attorney was unable to say precisely how Dao was

injured. Dao doesn't remember exactly what occurred because of the concussion he suffered, Demetrio said.

For Dao, who came to the U.S. after fleeing Vietnam by boat in 1975 when Saigon fell, being dragged off the plane "was more horrifying and harrowing than what he experienced in leaving Vietnam," Demetrio said. After what happened, Dao "has no interest in ever seeing an airplane" and will probably be driven to Kentucky, he said.

At a City Council committee hearing Thursday, aldermen ripped officials from United and the aviation department about the episode.

"There are no excuses," Alderman Michael Zalewski said.

John Slater, a United vice president, said bumping passengers to accommodate airline employees happens infrequently, and that federal guidelines requiring rest for crew members made it necessary to get the employees on the Sunday flight to Louisville. Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans told the committee that the officers had the authority to board the flight but that what happened on the plane is being investigated. The department's roughly 300 officers guard the city's two main airports but are not part of the regular Chicago police force, receive less training and cannot carry guns inside the terminals.

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Tara Billingsley vs. Jameson Billingsley, divorce.

Jason Pittman vs. Jessica Pittman, divorce.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Angel Salazar, contract — consumer/commercial debt.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Erica Delbosquez, contract — consumer/commercial debt.

Joshua Nalley vs. Cassy Hughes, family law matter.

Andriana Olvera vs. Joseph Olvera, divorce.

Shelley Smith vs. Russell Erwin, divorce.

CitiFinancial Servicing LLC vs. Mary Ramirez aka Mary Rodriguez Rios aka Mary Elizabeth Rios, Porfidio Rios aka Porfirio Rios, David Rodriguez, Roy Gomez, Linsa Ramirez, Mary Gomez, the heirs at law of Mary Ramirez aka Mary Rodriguez Rios aka Mary Elizabeth Rios, deceased, real property.

Peggy Sundry vs. Robert Sundry, divorce

County Court Rulings

(The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgments)

Defendant: Leonard Aguinaga

Offense: Resisting arrest, search, or transport
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
 Date: March 21, 2017

Defendant: Herman Hernandez

Offense: Driving while intoxicated — Second offense
 Sentence: \$1,500 fine, 365 days in jail, license suspended 180 days. Probated 24 months
 Date: March 29, 2017

Warranty Deeds

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 Date: April 6, 2017

Grantor: Jason Rand Harper

Grantee: Arkose Petroleum LLC
 Property: A 0.746-acre tract known as Lots 8 through 12, Blk. 6, Adell Addition
 Date: April 10, 2017

Grantor: John Chilton Webb Jr., individually and as independent executor of the estate of Bonnie Gay Webb, deceased.
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Property: Two tracts of land in Sec. 24, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
 Date: April 10, 2017

Grantor: Danny Lee Kennemur, sole executor of the estate of Nancy J. Hale.

Grantee: Danny Lee Kennemur, individually
 Property: SW/4 Sec. 33, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 11, 2017

Grantor: Curtis James, independent executor of the estate of Jesse C. James, deceased (aka J.C. James)

Grantee: Curtis James
 Property: Tract 1: W/2 of Lots 16, 17, 18, and 10 feet of Alley, in Blk. 1, Original Town of Big Spring. Tract 2: Part of Lots 13, 14, and 15, Blk. 1, Original Town of Big Spring.
 Date: April 11, 2017

Grantor: Gene Aiello

Grantee: Gene and Jennifer L. Aiello
 Property: Lot 2, Blk. 14, North Park Hill Addition.
 Date: April 11, 2017

Grantor: Randall T. Stiles and Sherry M. Stiles

Grantee: Brenda and Payton Parker
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 Date: April 12, 2017

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 Property: A 6.0-acre tract in NE/4, Sec. 39, Blk. 32, T-3-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 7, 2017

Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones

Grantee: Chana Kay Long
 Property: Lot 14, Blk. 3, Settles Addition. Minerals reserved.
 Date: April 10, 2017

Grantor: Jesus Lopez and Mario Lopez

Grantee: Moises Compean
 Property: A 20.0-acre tract in SW part of Sec. 27, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey., except an 18.0-acre tract.
 Date: April 10, 2017

Grantor: John Medina

Grantee: Rusty Keaton Martin and Berklie Martin
 Property: Lot 3, Blk. 1, Caroline Court Addition in Sec. 45, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.

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The City of Coahoma (Owner) will receive Sealed Bids for the construction of the 2017 Water Line Replacement Project, until 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, April 27,2017, at Coahoma City Hall, located at 122 N. First Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

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COAHOMA, TEXAS 79511

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Bidding Documents and Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are available from the engineer via CivCast.

Please visit www.civcastusa.com

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid. as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Bid sureties will be returned to all but the three lowest acceptable bidders within five days after the opening of Bids.

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Date: **April 9,2017**
Owner: **City of Coahoma**
By: **Warren Wallace**
Title: **Mayor**

#9349 April 9, 16, 2017
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of Asphalt Surfacing (chip seal of approximately 31.7 miles of county roads; two-course surface treatment of approximately 2.2 miles of county roads; chip seal of approximately 5,400 square yards of parking lots; and two-course surface treatment of approximately 2,900 square yards of parking lots) in Glasscock County will be received at the office of the GLASSCOCK COUNTY CLERK, GLASSCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 209 S. MYRL STREET, GARDEN CITY, TEXAS 79739, until 9:00 a.m., MAY 8, 2017, at which time the bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated. These bids will subsequently be considered for award by the Glasscock County Commissioners Court.

Bidders are expected to inspect the sites of the work

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and to inform themselves regarding the scope of work and all local conditions. Any questions may be addressed to the Engineer: Don W. Bonifay, P.E., 1709 Bonham Avenue, Odessa, Texas 79761, (432) 230-6815 (donbonifay@gmail.com). Bidders are also expected to understand and comply with legislation concerning payment of the prevailing wage rates.

The Bid/Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations; Office of the Engineer: Bonifay & Associates, 1709 Bonham Ave., Odessa, Texas, (432) 230-6815 or Glasscock County Judge's Office, Garden City, Texas. One copy of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from the Engineer at no cost to each potential bidder. Additional copies may be obtained at a cost of \$25.00 per set.

Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to **GLASSCOCK COUNTY** and must be marked on the outside with the name of the Bidder and the name of the project: **2017 ASPHALT SURFACING PROGRAM**. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid should be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, Garden City, Texas 79739.

All bids must be made on the required Bid form. The Bid form must be fully completed in ink and signed when submitted. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Bond, certified check or cashier's check, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid submitted and shall be made out and made payable to Glasscock County, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract (including executed bonds) within 10 days after notice of award of contract. The Engineer will return the bonds (or checks) of all except the three lowest responsible bidders. When the Contract is executed, the bonds (or checks) of the two remaining unsuccessful bidders will be returned. The Bid Bond of the successful bidder will be retained until the Payment Bond and Performance Bond have been executed and approved after which the Bid Bond will be returned.

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#9362 April 16 & 23, 2017



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Advertisement for Request for Proposal

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RFP# 17-008 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

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#9355 April 16 & 23, 2017

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COLLEEN BARTON, DISTRICT CLERK
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BIG SPRING, TX 79720

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BIG SPRING TX 79720

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To: Kurt Johnson

Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday May 8, 2017, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 15th day of March, 2017, cause number 51793 in the entitled cause styled

GRACE LACKEY vs KURT JOHNSON

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real Property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 23rd day of March, 2017.

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9338 March 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JoAnne Greene Hyer, Deceased, were issued on February 7, 2017, in Cause No. P-14637, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Reginald Frederick Hyer. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Reginald Frederick Hyer**
304 Washington Blvd.
Big Spring, Texas 79720

DATED the the 12th day of April, 2017.



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c/o: **Henry Torres**
7036 Thomas Place
Watauga, Texas 76148

DATED the 12th day of April, 2017.

/s/ Shonda K. Folsom
Shonda K. Folsom
Attorney for Independent Executor
State Bar No.: 24066591
P.O. Box 641

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Enchantments

Yesterday Venus
went direct to help us
navigate the mess-
iness of the Mercury
retrograde. Accidents
are the stuff of life.
Charm is making the
best of circumstances.
Fascinating people will
actually be glad for the
mishaps of the day,
as they provide a kind
of obstacle course for
character work, a gym
for social skills and
an aerobics class for
creativity.

ARIES (March



Tomorrow's Horoscope

21-April 19). The
day will be marked
by quiet satisfaction.
There is much that is
working in the rhythm
and rituals of daily life
that you've set up for
yourself. You'll tend
to and improve upon
such things today.

**TAURUS (April
20-May 20).** Your
emotional life will
travel a winding, foggy
road today, but despite
-- or perhaps because
of -- the precarious-
ness of this mysteri-
ous route, there are
pleasures to be found.

**GEMINI (May 21-
June 21).** "There are
no stupid questions,"
they say -- not entirely
true. But if a question
leads to a better one,
who's to judge? So
fear not, ask away,
and if you don't get an
answer, that will tell
you something, too.

**CANCER (June
22-July 22).** Even as
you dedicate your ef-
forts without credit and
devote yourself to the
good of the team, your
individual contribution
will be recognized.
The healthy dynamic
at play here is made
possible through
reciprocity and mutual
trust.

**LEO (July 23-
Aug. 22).** You've a gift
for being supportive,
even unconditionally
so. You'll live there
today, in your choice
to be there for others,
ready with an unfail-
ingly positive, con-
structive contribution.

**VIRGO (Aug.
23-Sept. 22).** The day
will be marked by a
state of awareness
and ease. You'll carry
this with you regard-
less of your company
or environment. So
commanding is your
presence, you have
the ability to relax all
who are around you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-
Oct. 23).** You've been
meaning to get togeth-
er with certain people,
and now you'll make a
bigger effort to realize
those intentions. Phys-
ical closeness and the
warmth of proximity
matter.

**SCORPIO (Oct.
24-Nov. 21).** What
good are theories if
nothing works? And
what good is practice

if everything works,
but no one knows
why? Today it works,
you know why and you
can repeat it to get
the same results. This
is truly something to
celebrate.

**SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**
For the most part, you
feel responsible for
what you do. Howev-
er, there's a lot that
happens automatically
that you're not even
aware of until some-
one points it out. Such
an instance could
surprise you today.

**CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**
In love, it's not what is
said but (SET ITAL)
how (END ITAL) it is
said that will matter.
This is why the writ-
ten word is not the
best way today. Text
doesn't convey tone,
and with the current
state of Mercury, tone
matters immensely.

**AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A
powerful collective
harmony is at work
today. The remarkable
thing about what you
accomplish together
is that it will happen
with little discussion or
planning; your group
will feel and move as
one.

**PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20).** Your
faith that good things
are coming your way
is partly what makes it
so. Also, your relation-
ship with a happy air
sign (Gemini, Libra or
Aquarius) will con-
tribute to your good
fortune.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-
DAY (April 16).** With
a sensible plan and a
determined attitude,
you'll get a life-en-
hancing project on
track over the next few
weeks. May brings
fortuitous connections
and your heartstrings
will be plucked in new
ways. June is your
chance to know a
different part of the
world. August begins
a building process that
will continue through
2017. Cancer and
Taurus adore you.
Your lucky numbers
are: 9, 40, 44, 47 and
38.

**FORECAST FOR
THE WEEK AHEAD:**
The curtain will open

on this week's cosmic
backdrop featuring
a lucky relationship
between the sun and
Saturn. The aspect
bodes well for having
both the energy and
the self-discipline
necessary to tackle
one of those "good for
you" tasks that people
often forego because
it's too hard, inconve-
nient or has a payoff
that's so delayed that
many don't have the
patience to hang in
there.

On Wednesday
the sun moves out
of high-energy Aries
and into Taurus, the
sign of finance, luxury
and material integrity.
A few hours later the
Taurus solar journey
gets interesting, with
a Mercury alignment
that will have people
mentioning money
more openly. Discuss-
ing dollars is a no-no
in polite company, but
who said the compa-
ny always has to be
polite?

Thursday is the
turning point for dwarf
planet Pluto with a
retrograde motion that
will continue until the
end of September.
The transit represents
a healing process as
dormant powers of re-
generation can be ap-
plied to body and soul
-- or to relationships
that have taken hard
knocks. It's not exactly
a chance to start new,
but by returning to the
part where things went
wrong, understandings
can be reached.

**CELEBRITY PRO-
FILES:** Actor, writer,
film producer, director
and "Two and a Half
Men" star Jon Cryer is
a versatile Aries born
when Mercury and Ve-
nus were also in this
passionate part of the
sky. His intuitive Scor-
pio moon suggests a
fascination with the
inner workings things
and a tendency to go
deeper with his inter-
ests than most people
would. Jupiter in Tau-
rus indicates financial
luck.

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- ACROSS**
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 - 9 Collector of Hezbollah intel
 - 15 34-time Emmy nominee, 1976-2015
 - 16 Accord alternative
 - 17 Rice, but not pasta
 - 18 Muffin
 - 19 Party planner's inspiration
 - 20 South of old, for short
 - 22 JCS VIP
 - 23 exoticindiaart.com offering
 - 24 Instruments once called "clangers"
 - 27 Turbulence reducer at sea
 - 28 Allure Pour Homme purveyor
 - 30 What Styx circles
 - 32 Almighty, in Ovid
 - 35 Shaped like sycamore leaves
 - 36 Subject of the book *Tune In Yesterday*
 - 37 Veterinary specialty
 - 39 Slight hint
 - 41 Charmer
 - 42 What Bryn Mawr grads once had to know
 - 44 Bilbao-to-Pamplona dir.
 - 45 Dessert pizza topping
 - 46 Habitat for many crocodiles
 - 48 Common Apr. signatory
 - 49 "Macy's worst nightmare"
 - 51 Brickmaking ingredient
 - 55 What a debater may exploit
 - 57 It turned down *American Idol*
- DOWN**
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 - 3 What might be in your driveway
 - 4 Short on punch
 - 5 Ten reams of paper
 - 6 Reader of the Bullblog
 - 7 Subject of click-through rate tracking
 - 8 Wheel in turnstiles
 - 9 Inflicting the silent treatment on
 - 10 "Loved that veronica!"
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 - 12 Gridiron clock monitor
 - 13 Real-estate listing
 - 14 Early American icon
 - 21 What Montana merchants don't miss
 - 24 Plutocrat
 - 25 Currently luckless
 - 26 ___ water
 - 29 Upright
 - 31 Minor chap
 - 32 Liner lounge
 - 33 Counterbalance
 - 34 Covered more ground than
 - 38 George ___
 - 40 What Othello calls Desdemona
 - 43 Devil-may-care attitude
 - 47 Work too hard
 - 50 Post-coup group
 - 52 Hobbyist's hand tool
 - 53 Hot-chocolate drinker of yore
 - 54 Pool maneuver
 - 56 Chicks that get rather big
 - 58 Whom John Wayne modeled his persona after
 - 60 Something spiced for holidays
 - 62 Temporal threshold
 - 63 Ataturk banned its use

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Embattled O'Reilly takes his longest spring break in years

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Embattled Fox News Channel host Bill O'Reilly, who announced he was going on vacation starting Wednesday and returning April 24, hasn't taken off this much time consecutively in March or April for at least 10 years, an examination of his show's transcripts revealed.

O'Reilly said he likes to take vacation around this time and that he booked this year's break months ago. That would appear to stave off stories that the cable host had been pressured to make himself scarce for a while. His show has seen an advertiser exodus since reports emerged of settlements reached with five women to keep quiet about harassment accusations.

Fox would not discuss whether network executives influenced the duration or timing of his break. O'Reilly's announcement immediately set off speculation about whether cable television's most popular host will return at all.

"I grab some vacation, because it's spring and Easter time," O'Reilly said Tuesday. "Last fall, I booked a trip that should be terrific."

Transcripts over the last decade show O'Reilly has taken at least some time off in March or April every year, although usually they amount to long weekends. He took a week off at the end of March last year. He appeared to be away for six consecutive days in April 2010, although not every night's transcript was available for that time. O'Reilly usually takes vacation time in August, too.

Dana Perino, former White House press secretary under President George W. Bush, substituted for O'Reilly on Wednesday night.

Dozens of advertisers announced they would not run commercials on "The O'Reilly Factor" following a New York Times story on April 2 that the five women have been paid a total of \$13 million in settlements. O'Reilly

has denied any wrongdoing.

The amount of ad time by paying customers on his show has since been cut by more than half, an analysis by Kantar Media revealed.

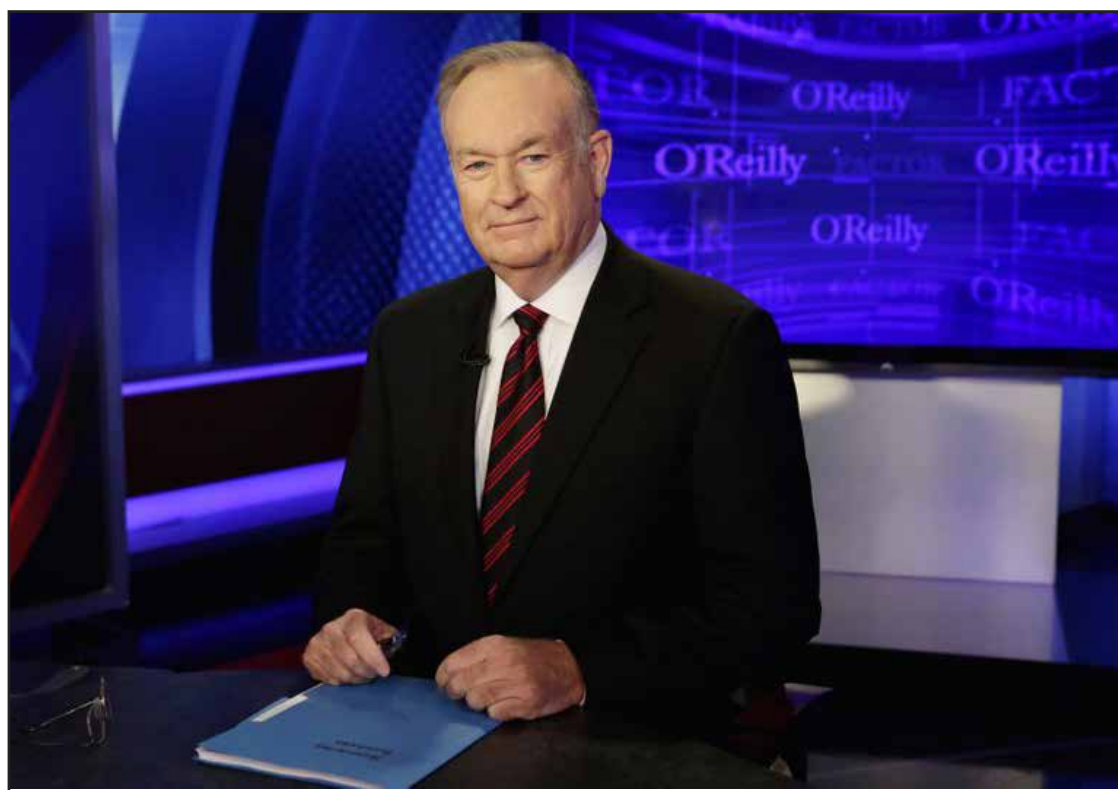
The stories haven't cut into his audience, though. "The O'Reilly Factor" averaged more viewers the week after the report than it did the week before, the Nielsen company said. O'Reilly this year has seen the biggest ratings of his career.

Joe Muto, a former Fox producer who used to work with O'Reilly, said he wouldn't be surprised if the vacation was O'Reilly's idea. The pugnacious O'Reilly is used to political attacks, but is bothered when criticism reaches the broader culture, noting last weekend's "Saturday Night Live" skit with Alec Baldwin impersonating O'Reilly and John Oliver suggesting on HBO that he wanted to buy ad time on O'Reilly's show.

"He has to lay low, and as long as another shoe doesn't drop, it could blow over for him," said Muto, who wrote "An Atheist in the Fox Hole" in 2013 about his experiences as an anonymous "mole" writing his experiences working at Fox.

Since last weekend, Fox's parent 21st Century Fox said it has asked the same law firm that investigated harassment charges against former Fox News chief Roger Ailes last year to look into another woman's claim that spurning O'Reilly's sexual advances slowed her career.

The vacation plans set off a round of palace intrigue. New York magazine reported anonymous sources suggesting some division among the Murdoch family that runs 21st Century Fox. The magazine said that while



AP photo
In this Oct. 1, 2015 file photo, host Bill O'Reilly of "The O'Reilly Factor" on the Fox News Channel, poses for photos in the set in New York. Embattled Fox News Channel host Bill O'Reilly hasn't taken this much time off consecutively in March or April for at least 10 years. O'Reilly says he's off "The O'Reilly Factor" until April 24. Cable television's most popular host has seen an advertiser exodus following reports of settlements reached with five women to keep quiet about harassment accusations.

family patriarch Rupert Murdoch and his son, Lachlan, wanted to keep O'Reilly, son James would like to see him taken off the air. The company declined to comment Wednesday.

The Fox issues have spilled over into Britain, where Murdoch is attempting to gain full control of broadcaster Sky PLC. British media regulator Ofcom is reviewing public interest issues surrounding 21st Century Fox's plan to buy the shares it doesn't already own in Sky. It and the U.K. competition regulator are due to report next month to Culture Secretary Karen Bradley, who will decide whether to approve the takeover.

Fox already owns 39 percent of Sky, a broadcasting and broadband company with operations throughout Europe. An earlier attempt to buy the remaining shares was scuttled by the 2011 phone-hacking scandal that rocked Murdoch's British newspapers.

On Wednesday U.S. online civil liberties group Color of Change wrote to U.K. media regulator Ofcom, urging it to investigate racial discrimination and sexual harassment at Fox News and 21st Century Fox before allowing the bid for Sky to move forward.

Andy Blankenbuehler makes the post-'Hamilton' leap

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After a long day working on his new Broadway show, Andy Blankenbuehler recently came home, poured himself a glass of wine and tried to unwind the way only he can.

The director-choreographer logged onto Pinterest and cruised through dozens of folders, examining images of the way folds of clothing catch light. That's how this Tony winner unwinds? For Blankenbuehler, it's like therapy.

"All I was looking at was light hitting dancers," he explained. "Many people think that I'm very tunnel-visioned because I'm quietly absorbing."

Blankenbuehler is directing the new musical "Bandstand," which this month competes on Broadway with two other musicals he choreographed — the revival of "Cats" and a little show called "Hamilton." And next month, his reimagining of the film "Dirty Dancing" arrives on ABC.

"I'm just a kid in a candy store for me to be able to have such amazing projects to work on," he said. Even so, he recognizes the pressure coming off his work on Lin-Manuel Miranda's bio of Alexander Hamilton. "A show like 'Hamilton' changes the stakes in a lot of ways as an artist and as a business person."

"Bandstand" tells the story of six World War II veterans who join together in Cleveland to compete in a radio contest with dreams of stardom. It has earned praise for its frank handling of veterans dealing with PTSD and a culture in denial.

The swing musical adds to Blankenbuehler's astonishing range, which includes cheerleading twirls for "Bring It On: The Musical," big, bold numbers in "9 to 5," Depression-era movement for "Annie," hip-hop in "Hamilton" and feline friskiness in "Cats."

It actually lands in a sweet spot for Blankenbuehler — he's an avid fan of the 1940s, soaking up movies, books and images of World War II. "The '40s have always spoken to me," he said. "That generation faced totally different circumstances than us and they stepped up. They stepped up with such conviction and put so much on the line. I find that very, very interesting."

Blankenbuehler, 47, started dancing when he was 3. He had an older sister who attended dance classes and — like a scene from "A Chorus Line" — he went, too, with his mother crocheting in the

hall. "My sister stopped dancing. I kept dancing," he said.

As a high school freshman, he saw his school's production of "Bye Bye Birdie" and regretted not

being a part of it. The next year, he danced in the school's "Godspell." That summer, at a theater

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camp in Cincinnati, he choreographed the entire "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

"There was no turning back after that," he said. Blankenbuehler moved to New York in 1990 and landed in the ensembles of "Guys and Dolls" and "Steel Pier." He also toured with "Music of the Night" and "West Side Story." Despite not having a background in salsa or hip-hop, he went on to choreograph Miranda's first hit, "In the Heights," which earned him his first Tony. His love of research led him to Los Angeles, where he took six classes a day to learn choreography.

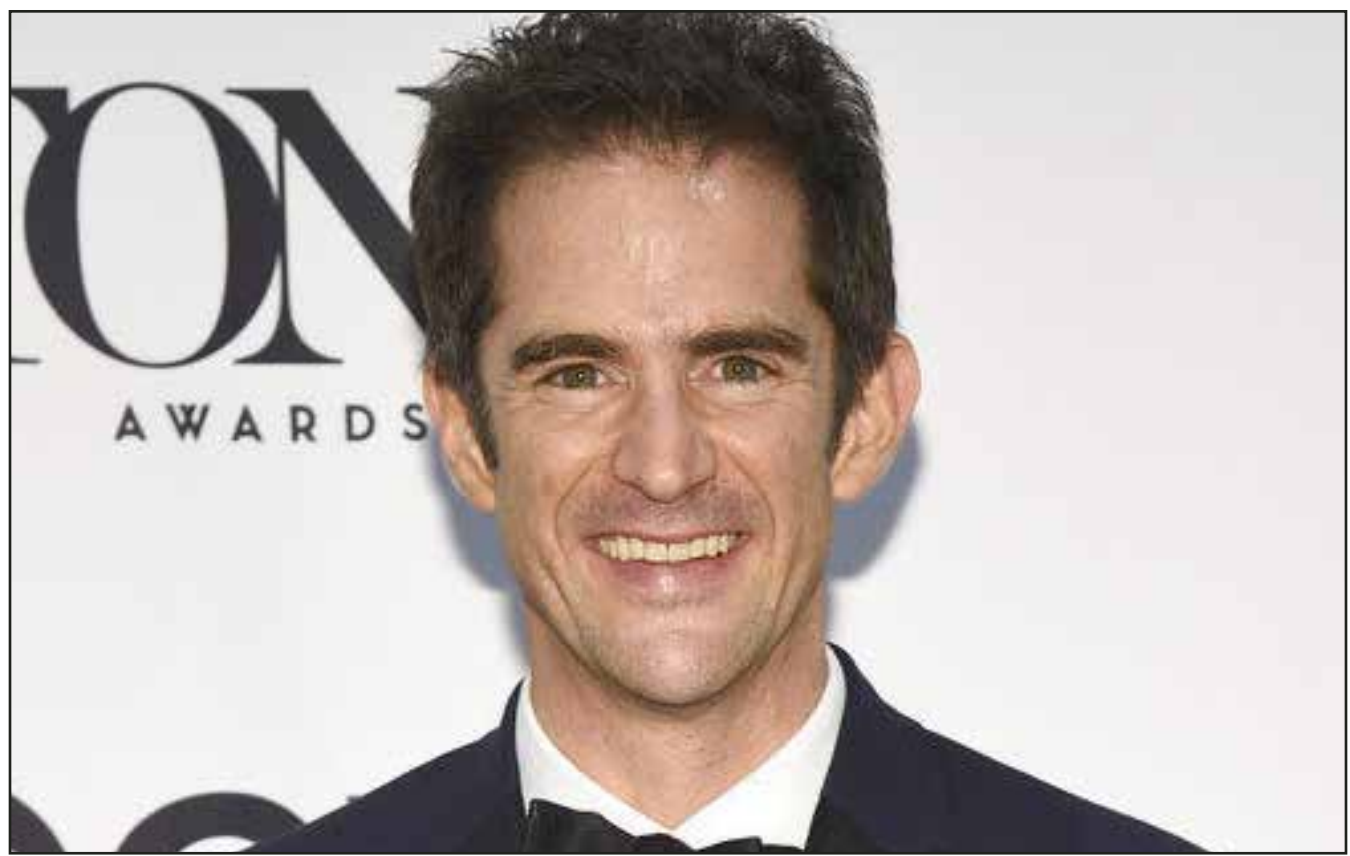
Richard Oberacker, who wrote the music and co-wrote the story and lyrics for "Bandstand" and toured with Blankenbuehler, said his old friend is relentless as an artist, constantly probing.

"He has this unbelievable mind where he just wants to get inside every single moment. He comes at everything from 360 degrees. He never stops asking questions," said Oberacker.

For "Dirty Dancing," his first foray into film, Blankenbuehler replicated his approach to rethinking "Cats" — tighten, improve parts, but don't mess with the cherished DNA. "The job assignment wasn't to recreate the wheel. It was to do what was there but go deeper," he said.

Blankenbuehler isn't a choreographer who gets hung up on proper technique or perfect leaps. His movements are inspired by things as varied as architecture or the way people act in subways.

"I was always the person who was like, 'Oh, look at the way that clown looks!' or 'Look at the way that person is bending over because their bag is so



In this June 12, 2016 file photo, Andy Blankenbuehler, winner of the award for best choreography for "Hamilton" poses in the press room at the Tony Awards in New York. Blankenbuehler is directing the new musical "Bandstand."

heavy.' Those are the things that are interesting to me."

One of the best things about "Hamilton" was Blankenbuehler's use of an ensemble member to carry a bullet across the stage in slow motion, a feat he

happily confesses he lifted from Quentin Tarantino films.

"For me, I'm like this mad scientist in the corner," he said. "You have to live in a way that you're awake."

Harrison Ford visit, Fisher tribute launch Star Wars event



AP photo

Costumed fans of the "Star Wars" franchise wait in line outside the Orange County Center, in Orlando, Fla., to attend the 2017 Star Wars Celebration, Thursday, April 13, 2017, marking the 40th anniversary of the original 1977 Star Wars film. Thousands of fans waited for hours in the line, estimated to be more than a mile long.

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How do you celebrate 40 years of "Star Wars" in 90 minutes?

With a surprise Harrison Ford appearance, a touching Carrie Fisher tribute, a John Williams performance and a fair amount of jokes about George Lucas' dialogue, of course.

Attendees at Star Wars Celebration were treated to that and more Thursday in Orlando, Florida, at the kickoff of the four-day fan event marking the anniversary of Lucas' space saga.

Actor Warwick Davis moderated the sprawling look-back at the four decade legacy, featuring appearances by Lucasfilm chief Kathleen Kennedy, Mark Hamill, Billy Dee Williams, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and Hayden Christensen.

There were also video messages from Liam Neeson, who joked that a film was being made about Jar Jar Binks going to the dark side, and from Samuel L. Jackson, who cheekily suggested that his prequel character Mace Windu is not dead.

"Let's make it happen," Jackson said directly to Kennedy. "All you gotta do is say the word."

Ford's unexpected appearance garnered the most enthusiastic response from the thousands of fans in the convention center.

"I can't believe we managed to keep it a secret considering you landed your plane" on Interstate 4, Davis joked when the applause died down.

"It was a good landing," Ford said, smiling.

The actor has historically had a tenuous relationship with the fandom around his character Han Solo, but he appeared genuinely happy to reminisce Thursday about the lasting legacy of Lucas' creation.

Lucas said he had already worked with Ford on "American Graffiti" when he gave Ford the part because it was about "spaceships and flying" and he could fly.

Ford, quoting another of his iconic characters, Indiana Jones, quipped

back, "Fly? Yes. Land? No."

For "Star Wars" super fans, most of the behind the scenes stories told were as well-known as the stories in the actual films — from the fact that Lucas' inspiration for Chewbacca was his dog Indiana to the actors' problems with Lucas' fanciful and technical dialogue.

"How can you make it sound like it's spontaneous dialogue rolling off the tongue?" Hamill asked.

"He was right. It was a bit much," Lucas responded.

Ford laughed.

"I said to George, 'You can type this stuff but you can't say it. Move your mouth when you're typing,'" Ford said.

Missing, of course, was Carrie Fisher, who died late last year at 60. Lucas and Kennedy saved their words about Fisher for the end.

"She was very strong, very smart, very funny, very bold and very tough. There were not very many people like her. They're one in a billion," Lucas said, recalling Fisher's willingness to tell him when his dialogue was too difficult to say in portraying Princess Leia. "We'll all love her forever and ever."

Fisher's daughter Billie Lourd, who acted alongside her mother in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," appeared on stage decked in Princess Leia white to remember her mother and grandmother Debbie Reynolds. Hamill also has planned a Fisher tribute for Friday.

Star Wars composer John Williams closed out the session, conducting the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in a performance of his score, from the Imperial March to the Main Title.

Star Wars Celebration runs through Sunday and includes a myriad of events for fans, many of which can be streamed online. Perhaps the most anticipated is a talk with "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" director Rian Johnson on Friday in advance of its December release.

Lady Gaga will make history as female headliner at Coachella

By **MESFIN**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Lady Gaga will history when she performs at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts festival this weekend, marking a decade since a solo woman has been billed as a headliner on the prestigious musical stage.

Beyonce had been slated to headline the festival in Indio, California, but backed out because she's pregnant with twins. Bjork was the last solo female to headline Coachella in 2007, so it begs the question: Why has it taken so long?

Women have always performed at Coachella, which began Friday, since it was launched in 1999. In the last few years the number of female performers has grown, including acts that blend alternative and pop, such as Sia and Tegan & Sara, to mega genre-mashers like M.I.A., Janelle Monae and Santigold.

Coachella is known as the festival for cool kids — and musicians. That leaves little to no room for acts that dominate Top 40 radio, where women have a strong presence, from Katy Perry to Rihanna.

Halsey, the Grammy-nominated singer who is readying her second

alternative album and had one of last year's biggest pop hits with "Closer" alongside the Chainsmokers, performed at Coachella last year. The 22-year-old said women who perform alternative music are often billed as pop artists because of their sex.

"Festivals like Coachella, they pride themselves on being part of the counterculture, being tastemakers, upholding themselves to a certain standard of the artists that they include, and I think one of the problems is that female artists are so often tainted as pop artists even when they don't necessarily intend to be," Halsey said. "Female artists can put out the same style of a record as a male artist and when a male artist does it, it has a certain type of dignity, it has a certain type of edge ... as soon as a woman puts out a record of the same caliber, it's immediately filed as a pop record no matter what."

Halsey said it's something she's experienced in her own career with the success of "Closer."

"It was this giant pop record and immediately I was a pop artist even though I put out an alternative album, I played alternative festivals and I was on alternative radio," she said.

"As soon as (you) do one pop record it's like the kiss of death for a female artist sometimes."

Gary Bongiovanni, CEO of concert trade publication Pollstar, said he didn't think the gap between male and female headliners at Coachella was calculated.

"I don't see that there's any sexism. There's nothing more than trying to put together a bill of artists that the public wants to see. And we live in a world where a significant majority of the acts are either male or male-fronted bands versus females or female-fronted bands," he said. "If you look at the level of business all of those artists do and you try to cobble together a lineup that's going to be appealing, it's difficult, and there are a lot of the female acts that may not lend themselves to performing in front of 60,000 or 80,000 people in an open field, versus headlining an area or more likely a theater."

In last year's Pollstar chart of the 100 top-grossing North America tours, women made up about 15 percent of the list, which was dominated by male acts and male-fronted bands. Only two women cracked the Top 10: Beyonce was No.1 and Adele came in fifth.

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