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## Big Spring bands together to support Harvey victims

### Big Spring VA sends team to Dallas

**Special to the Herald**  
 Four West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) employees headed east this past week. Their mission? To help displaced Houston and South Texas veterans impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Led by Emergency Manager Dawn McCright, the four hit the road to Dallas with their Emergency Management Mobile Clinic for later use in flood-affected area in Houston.

Hurricane Harvey's wake," said Kalautie JangDhari, WTVAHCS director. "When the opportunity came to help our fellow Texans and Veterans, members of the team enthusiastically raised their hands to volunteer."  
 The initial plan for the deployed team is to transport the mobile unit and train others who will join the team in Dallas. Staff from El Paso, Amarillo, and Big Spring VA sites will run the mobile unit on a rotating ba-

sis. The team

### Harvey evacuee finds shelter in Big Spring

*Reporter's Note: An 86-year-old Hurricane Harvey refugee spoke with the Herald Thursday to tell her story. She requested the Herald identify her by her first name only.*

but I want to go home to West Texas.' And God use a hurricane to get her up here," said Joyce's long-time friend Lillian Bohannon.

Joyce's late husband Dan was the minister of First Baptist Church in Sand Springs for about 10 years during the 1970s. Brother Dan established Maranatha Baptist Academy, a private Christian school in Big Spring, and recruited Dr. Bohannon to oversee the program, which she still continues today.

Joyce and Dan moved to South Texas 37 years ago to follow God's calling, but

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**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Thirty seven years ago Joyce left Howard County with her husband Dan, but for quite some time she's wanted to return. It only took a Category Class 4 hurricane to bring the 86-year-old back to West Texas.

"About five or six years ago, she said 'I want to come home to West Texas. I don't want to go to heaven yet,



Joyce

## County matchup goes to the Dogs



The Coahoma football team proudly raises up the Howard County Bowl trophy after defeating Forsan 24-19 on Friday, September 1, 2017. See related story, Page 7A.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

## CISD trustees call for bond election

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Voters in the Coahoma ISD district will head to the polls on Nov. 7 to decide on a \$4 million bond geared toward infrastructure improvements and the purchase of artificial turf.

According to Coahoma ISD Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs, the district will be hosting several public information meetings over the bond election in September and November.

"We've had a self-improvement plan we have been following and updating annually, sometimes twice a year, so we have everything we need now and into the future," Jacobs said. "We've been chipping away for the last five years at everything we can do that doesn't impact or take away from our maintenance and operation."

Jacobs said the district is ready to address some major infrastructure improvements such as roofing, rehabbing certain parking lot areas, enhancing safety and security such as installing campus keyless entries, updating entryways, and purchasing artificial turf for the district's football field.

"We feel like we are at a point that we've chipped away everything we can, and so we need to do some

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Jacobs

## Advance screening planned of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War"

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Basin PBS will host the first of three advance-preview screenings of the new series "The Vietnam War," by historical documentary film maker Ken Burns and Lynn Novick at Howard College Tuesday.

"Basin PBS is proud and excited to bring 'The Vietnam War' to the Permian Basin," said Alyson Tre-

vino, creative director at Basin PBS. "Our goal is to ensure rich and thoughtful conversations with our West Texas communities while bringing them different perspectives on the Vietnam War."

The screening will show a general overview of the 10-part, 18-hour documentary series and contains excerpts from every episode except the second, Trevino said.

The screening will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Hall Center for the Arts auditorium located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Seating will be on a first come,

first serve basis.

"The Vietnam War," will premiere on Basin PBS Sunday, Sept. 17 and the first five episodes will air nightly through Thursday, Sept. 21. The final five episodes will air nightly from Sunday, Sept. 24 through Thursday, Sept. 28. Each episode will premiere at 7 p.m. with a repeat broadcast immediately following the premiere.

According to a news release, "Burns and Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on

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## Obituaries

### Bettye Jane Hopper Moore



Bettye Jane Hopper Moore, 83, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2017, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Jane was born Dec. 20, 1933, in Coahoma, Texas, to Thomas T. and Carrie Faye Isbell Hopper. She married Miles Moore Dec. 5, 1975, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 14, 1997.

She was raised in Knott and played basketball while in high school. She worked as a bookkeeper for various businesses throughout her life and re-

tired from the Knott Co-op Gin after 16 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Cyndi Jane Morris, and Cara Jean Nichols and husband Allen, all of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Lacey D'Angelo of San Angelo, Kyle Nichols and wife Kayla Jo of Big Spring, and Kayla Marie Nichols of Andrews; and three great-grandchildren, Jack and Jules Nichols, and Klaira Jane D'Angelo.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Billie Hopper and Troy Hopper; and a sister, Dorthea Hunt.

The family suggests memorials to any organization that benefits veterans.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Esequio Paredez

Esequio "Chickie" Paredez, 80, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Esequio was born Oct. 3, 1936, to Aurora Duron Paredez and Eusebio Paredez in Big Spring, Texas. He married Alicia Moncada on Jan. 2, 1960, in Big Spring. He worked at the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring in 2002. Following his retirement from the state hospital, he went to work for Howard County. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a

member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Mary Ann Iturralde (Manuel), Jo Jo Paredez (Alma Gusman), and Rachel Martinez (Jason), all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five sisters, Irene Arrellano of Aurora, Colo., Eloisa Negrete of San Antonio, Bertha Chavez of Austin, Aurora Paredez of Big Spring, and Ernestina Garcia of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Alicia M. Paredez, on May 11 2015; one son, Robert Paredez; and two brothers, Johnny Paredez and Eleno Paredez.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Take Note

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.

The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency callouts. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see [www.acemministries.com](http://www.acemministries.com) for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable.

For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannan at 432-213-1046.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade.

Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated.

Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking dates are September 5 and

September 18-19. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

• 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.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month.

Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

• Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients.

Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

## 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 be held 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.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

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

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# JOYCE

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she kept close ties to Lillian and another friend Sandy Samuels, who teaches at Maranatha.

A week ago, Joyce was living in Aransas Pass, a small town near Corpus Christi, in a mobile home with her granddaughter and her family when Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas shore line. Aransas Pass was one of the first towns in Texas to receive the full force of the hurricane. Extensive damage and flooding was left in the wake of the storm displacing thousands of people from their homes.

Before the storm hit, Joyce said she and her family didn't leave.

"I've went through a hurricane before. In fact the eye came over me. I don't know. I guess I don't run," Joyce quipped. "I wouldn't have run from this, except they (Coast Guard) came and picked me up — my granddaughter and the kids. They plopped us in a helicopter and took us to a Corpus Christi hospital and run us through."

In all seriousness, Joyce said Coast Guard personnel explained urgency to evacuate.

"When they said water was going to come up that high, I knew I had to leave," she said. "I don't usually leave. Well, there things you can do during things like that that can save damage to your home."

As the Hurricane moved over the Aransas County, wind gust were

clock as fast as a 132 miles per hour.

"We went through the hurricane," she said. "I could feel it lift that mobile home but it was strapped down. Now that is something to think about. They brought all the kids into the living room area. We stayed during the hurricane. When they said there was going to be water, no we couldn't stay. I don't know what's left down there."

Even during the worst of the winds and rain, Joyce said she held onto her faith in God.

"The only thing I got nervous about when I was lying in that bed and I could feel that wind (picking the the trailer) and it went boom, boom, and I thought 'oh, boy,' but not a great amount. I said 'Lord, you know we're here. It's up to you.'"

The storm left damage all over the mobile home park. Some roofs were pulled off and large trees uprooted but Joyce's home only had minimal damage, she said.

"God was with us through that," she said. "It could have been half of our mobile home, but it wasn't that way."

Joyce left with only the clothes on her back. Her granddaughter carried her prescriptions in a locked box. The whole family were ushered into a helicopter while strong winds still blew through the area, and were taken to a Corpus Christi hospital. Not too soon after, Joyce and her family were on a bus heading to a medical shelter, where her nieces picked her up and brought her to San Angelo. Bohannon was there ready to meet her.

"I picked her up in San Angelo from

them. I was in touch with her grandson-in-law and we connected," Bohannon said. "She wanted to come up here, so we brought her up."

Joyce is on hospice care and needed medical equipment. Bohannon said through the efforts of Home Hospice in Big Spring, she was able to get the equipment within two days.

"She already has a brand new wheel chair...everything she needs," Bohannon said.

Joyce said she feels she came home.

"I don't really plan to go back," she said. "I plan to say here. I think God wants me here. I am concerned about my granddaughter and what she is going to go back to, but I have to trust God for that too."

Joyce doesn't know what shape her Aransas Pass home is in right now or even if it still stands. And she is saddened to know her family photos may be destroyed, but she is accepting of her loss.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Eighty-six-year-old Joyce, a resident of Aransas Pass, is a refugee from Hurricane Harvey. She is staying with friends in Howard County.**

"The Lord is in everything. That's the way I live," she said. "I wonder about some things, but I am ready for the Lord to say 'Let's all us Christians go to heaven.'"

# FILM

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film. "The Vietnam War" features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war, and others who opposed it; as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides."

Burns' other well-known works include "The Civil War," "Jazz," "The Roosevelts," and "Baseball."

"The Vietnam War" features new, original music written and recorded by Academy Award-winning composers Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross. The film also features new music arranged and performed by Grammy Award-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble. Additional music in the film was composed by David Cieri and Doug Wamble.

The series also features more than 120 popular songs that define the era, including tracks from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Simon and Garfunkel, Janis Joplin, Ben E. King, Phil Ochs, Donovan, Johnny Cash, Barry McGuire, Buffalo Springfield, The Byrds, Otis Redding, Santana, Joni Mitchell, Nina Simone, The Temptations, Booker T. and the M.G.s, Pete Seeger, and more.

Local support for "The Vietnam War" is provided by Robert E. Christensen DDS, Pinkie's Inc., Permian Basin Area Foundation, and Standard Sales.

Another West Texas screening will occur at Jeff Davis County Library in Fort Davis on Thursday, Sept. 7. The event will begin at 6 p.m. A community discussion lead by Mat Walker, American History professor at Sul Ross State University, will follow.

Midland College will play host to a third screening on Tuesday, Sept. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Allison Fine Arts Building, Wagner & Brown Auditorium. The event includes a local panel discussion consisting of moderator Pat Canty, publisher of the Odessa American; Andy Schaffer, Vietnam veteran; Dennis Sever, Vietnam veteran and Midland College VP of information technology & facilities; Wallace Craig, Vietnam veteran and photographer; Derek Catsam, US History Post War expert and professor of history; and Kathryn Cospier Dunagan, professor in the humanities University of Texas at the Permian Basin and senior research associate Rhodes University Grahamstown, South Africa. In addition, the group will join a panel discussion live from Washington D.C. that includes filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick along with others from the film.

# CISD

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improvement projects and some big things," Jacobs said. "We are looking at roofing. We are looking at arti-

ficial turf as far as a playing surface. We are one of the very few schools that still have grass."

Over the past three years, the board of trustees has refinanced two of the district's bonds, saving taxpayers money by reducing the amount

of interest Coahoma ISD will pay over the life of the bond, Jacobs pointed out. That savings has reduced the amount of bond money needed to finance the facility improvement, she said.

"We hope that everybody will take the

time to be educated," Jacobs said. "We will give plenty of opportunities for that to happen, so we hope people will look at the numbers very specifically. Any amount you put on the taxpayers can be looked at as a burden, but we feel like with the

cost savings we have done with our bond refunding and what we can do for our students and our school and our district and our community moving forward, we feel like it's a good match for the value."



Courtesy photo

**From left to right, VA personnel including Dawn McCright, emergency manager; Johnny DeLeon, program support assistant; Cynthia Schaffner, registered nurse; and Erica Cate, medical support assistant pose with bags packed and ready to head east to help Harvey victims.**

# Desperate search for Harvey missing, funerals begin for dead

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS and ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE**

Associated Press

It's been four days since volunteer rescuers Ben Vizueth and Gustavo Rodriguez went missing in Harvey's murky floodwaters when their boat hit submerged power lines and everyone was pitched overboard.

The bodies of two other men on the boat at the time — Vizueth's brother, 45-year-old Yahir Rubio-Vizuet, and 33-year-old Jorge Perez — were found dead floating in the water soon after.

Two journalists for the British newspaper The Daily Mail were aboard and survived.

Vizueth's wife, Perla Jaquez, trudged through a wooded area filled with downed trees and debris Thursday with other volunteers looking for the missing men.

"There's still a lot of faith and a lot of hope that we can recover them," she said in a

Facebook Live video.

A week after Harvey came ashore as a Category 4 hurricane, leaving a trail of devastation on the Texas Gulf Coast, the search for the missing has become more desperate and funerals have begun.

Authorities say 39 people are confirmed dead so far from Harvey and 19 are still believed to be missing. But more bodies are likely to be found.

A gathering of friends and family was planned Friday for Benito Juarez Cavazos, 42, who was found dead in a parking lot after floodwaters receded Tuesday near a Houston freeway.

His death was being listed by police as a drowning or accident.

When news of Cavazos's death spread through the small, tightknit and mostly Mexican neighborhood of Port Houston, dozens of people congregated for an impromptu memorial service, said childhood friend Rene Velez.

# VA

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consists of a registered nurse and medical support assistant with a provider who is accessible by real-time secure interactive video conferencing.

The mobile clinic is equipped with two examination rooms with tele-health equipment located in each.

"We're estimating that the unit will return to Big Spring in two months, said JangDhari. But we will gladly have it re-

main in service as long as it's needed."

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Steve Gray, 52, died Thursday. Funeral service was at 10:30 AM this morning at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

Earl Weston, Sr., 73, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Esequio "Chickie" Paredez, 80, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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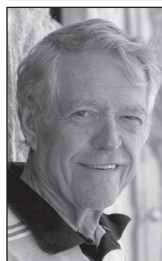
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## The Pecos Run and Gun in the Sun

The Pecos Rifle Club has an annual rifle and pistol event the third Saturday in September that takes place in wide-open country between Pecos and Barstow. Participants run about a mile, shoot at some targets, run another mile and shoot at other targets. Half the score is for running; the other half is for shooting.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"This will be our sixteenth year for the event," says Smokey Briggs, club president. "It'll be September 16th this year. It's sort of like the Olympics Biathlon where people ski and shoot. We don't have any snow here so we just run and shoot."

It all started after some Pecos shooters were having a bull session after a shooting event in New Mexico. Apparently they were licking their wounds for their sub-par performances against their competitors.

"Somebody said, 'I bet if we ran those guys about a mile before they shot that would change things up.' We got to thinking

about it and realized that was true. I've always liked competition that involved more than one skill. We decided to see if we could create something involving shooting and running."

So they organized the PECOS RUN AND GUN IN THE SUN and advertised for people to enter. Only a handful showed up that first year. That has changed.

"We can run a maximum of a

*There are no age brackets. Smokey says he has seen seventy year olds do better than twenty year olds.*

hundred people. We've had to turn people away for the last seven or eight years. It's a unique event and captures a lot of people's imagination. We get entries from several states."

It's an individual thing, open to men and women of all ages. There are no age brackets. Smokey says he has seen seventy year olds do better than twenty year olds.

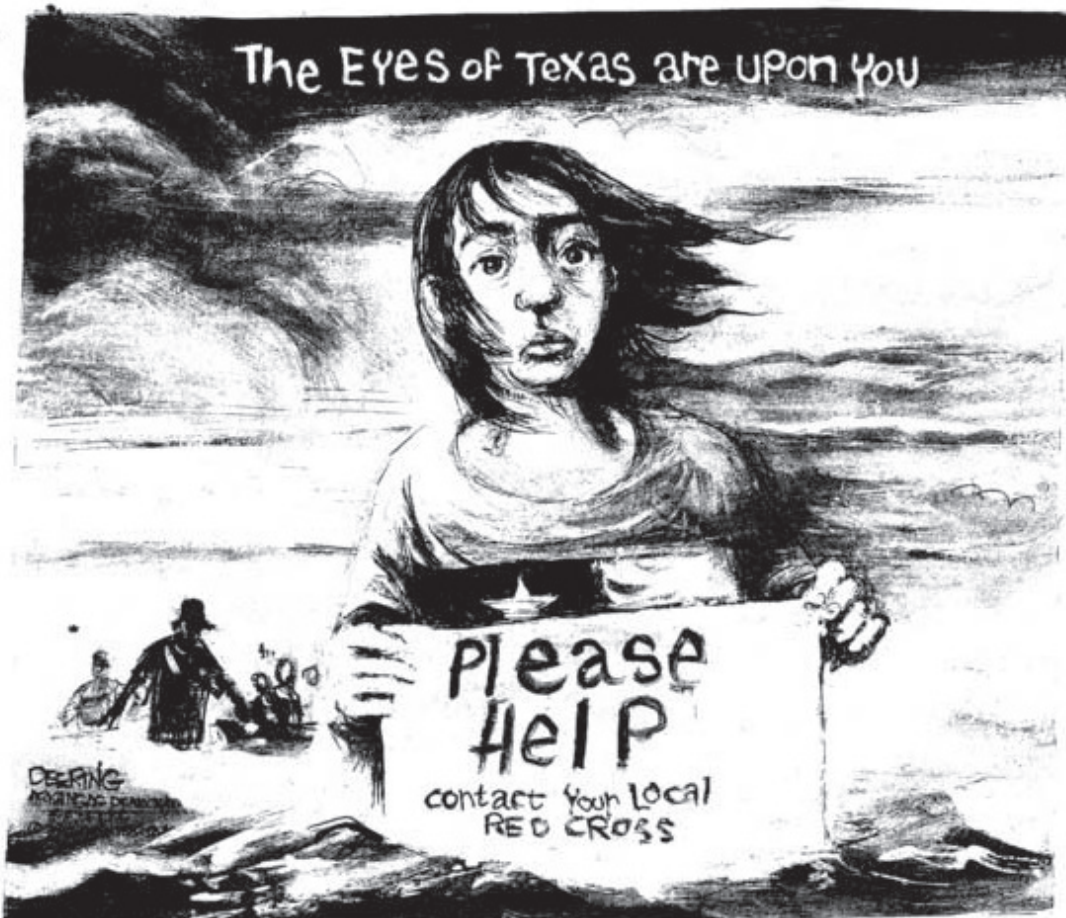
"We start runners about every five minutes. Some are faster than others and some get passed. I don't sprint the course any more, but we have guys in their twenties just out of Ranger School and they sprint the course."

There are five stations along the six-mile course. It's a big circle and shooters fire away from the center of the circle.

"At different stations you might need to score as few as six hits. I think last year there were forty-two hits with a rifle required. You can shoot as many times as you wish. I may shoot eighty times to get my forty-two hits.

"We try to keep it very simple and have few rules. You have to carry your weapons and ammo, maybe some water. It's probably best to wear long pants and long-sleeve shirts because some of the terrain is rough and you have to do some modified basin training crawling, but no barbed wire or machine gun fire overhead.

"The ninety-five dollar entry fee gets shooters a t-shirt and a fine meal at the Pecos Valley Country Club, where we have our banquet and award prizes. There aren't many. The six top participants get a t-shirt and a plaque that I make."



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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You are heavenly love.  
Your righteousness fills our hearts  
and souls. Amen.

## 'Greasy spoon' lingo

They were called "greasy spoons," those folksy diners of yesteryear.

Printed menus were limited, but waitpersons had their slang menu "down pat." The one I remember best had a single line of stools, and patrons typically waited in outdoor lines for weekday "lunch runs."

Admittedly, I've already used this week's quota of quotation marks, but strong in my memory is how the "wait-person" yelled food orders to the nearby cook, who had to be "quick on the uptake" of verbal orders.

The system has given way to numbers, and this is regrettable. Numbers can include various cadences, of course, but words can sing, rhyme and humor, sometimes all in the same food order.

My memory dredges up the "Yellow Squeeze Inn," long since closed, but a "hopping place" in the 1930s and 1940s.

The Brownwood eatery had a yellow storefront, and was perhaps the "narrowest" business ever. Stools stretched single file, front door to kitchen. The walkway between the stools and wall was little more than a yardstick wide.

Patrons entering as others excited could-and did-sometimes get caught in "squeezes" that warranted stares, if not an ur-

gent need for a crowbar. Thus the "Yellow Squeeze Inn" name, I guess....

Casting a giant shadow in the diner was Maggie, the waitress who seemed ever present. She was into verbal jousting with the clientele, most of whom were men. She "out-jousted" most of 'em.

A majority ordered a "bowl a' chili," but Maggie had several names for it. Heading the list was "bowl of red," with an addendum of "in a hat" if it happened to be take-out.

Those passing on chili typically ordered hamburgers, and Maggie had a long list of instructions for the cook. "Make it cry" meant, as one would guess, "add onions." Variations for hamburger preparation numbered into the dozens.

Old-time diner orders came back into focus recently as I stood in a sandwich line.

The guy in front of me wanted every possible vegetable on his hamburger, naming some veggies repeatedly. The lady taking the order was old school. That's what her instructions to the cook suggested, anyway.

"Drag it through the garden," said she....

Upon reaching home, I found the "dinerlingo.com" website, and sure enough, "drag it through the garden" is an old term.

It was enlightening to find hundreds of colorful terms heard in diners. One was "Adam's ale, hold the hail." This meant, of course, a glass of water without ice.

"Belly cheat" is diner slang for apron....

It's worth an Internet visit for readers of a certain age. Some of the terms are worth repeating; some of 'em aren't. Many are obvious, but some are cleverly finessed.

Several I'd never heard, such as "Bronx vanilla," garlic; "cluck and grunt," eggs and bacon; "hamlette," omelette with ham; "make it moo," add cream; "nervous pudding," jello; "on the hoof," rare; "wrecked and crying," scrambled eggs with onions, and "wimpy," which, of course, refers to hamburgers.

"Wimpy" was a character in the popular Popeye cartoons, and it also is the name of a well-known 'burger chain founded in the 1930s.

All this talk about dining brings to mind late comedian Jerry Clower, whose bulk suggested he was fond of food.

He joked about an early diner visit for breakfast. "How do you like your eggs?" the waitress asked. "I like 'em fine," he responded, and, asked how many: "I wouldn't 'yeller' up my mouth for less than a dozen."

While paying the cashier, he noticed a small open toothpick holder. He started using one, and perceived a glare from the lady at the register. Fearing he had violated "diner etiquette," he quickly deposited the toothpick back in the holder, commenting, "I guess you thought I was going to walk out of here with that toothpick without paying for it," he said.



# Where to donate to Harvey victims

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

People in South and Southeast Texas are suffering due to the recent floods caused by Hurricane Harvey; and, as usual, Big Spring residents are reaching out to help. Several local people are headed that way to offer services as volunteers or to take loads of supplies to those in need.

The following organizations are collecting funds and items to help fellow Texans weather this storm:

- The Salvation Army is accepting funds to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Donors can call 1-800-SAL-ARMY, donate online at [www.helpsalvationarmy.org](http://www.helpsalvationarmy.org), donate by texting STORM to 51555, or mail donations by check to Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1959, Atlanta, Ga., 30301. Be sure to note "Hurricane Harvey" on all mailed donations. For those wishing to donate clothing or other items, the Salvation Army is partnering with relief efforts at First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

- The Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is collecting items and donations for the relief effort. They are requesting paper goods such as toilet paper, napkins, paper towels; plastic eating utensils; Ziploc bags; wipes; laundry soap; bedding such as sheets, blankets, pillows, etc.; towels and rags; soap, shampoo, toothpaste; diapers, pullups, and Depends (all sizes); clothes of all sizes; hand sanitizer; wrapped snacks and drinks; and charcoal. To donate, contact Christy Brownfield at 432-606-5012 or 432-816-2977; or bring items to 3701 Wasson Road in Big Spring.

- Trinity Baptist Church of Big Spring accepts cash donations, which are then forwarded to churches in the affected area to use for their local relief efforts. Those wishing to support this effort can call 432-267-6344.

- Happy Day Humane Society is accepting donations of food and supplies for animals and people affected by the hurricane. Food, blankets, and clothes are requested. The supplies will be sent out Friday. Bring donations to the Happy Day Humane Society at 5710 W. Interstate 20 in Big Spring. Call 432-267-7832 for more information.

- First Baptist Church of Big Spring, 705 W. FM 700, is working in conjunction with the West Texas Food Bank to collect items for the relief effort in South Texas. The Food Bank will provide an 18-wheeler to deliver the items, which can be dropped off at First Baptist Church Saturday, Sept. 3, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The drop-off location is at the east side entrance of the building. First Baptist requests that donors not leave donations outside unless someone is there to receive them.

Requested items include: Pop-top style canned goods, hand-held foods such as granola bars, beef jerky, etc., snack foods, camping-type food (open and eat packet type), fruit, and snacks; as well as razors, shaving cream, tampons, feminine pads, baby wipes, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, brushes, face and body wipes, band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, Chapstick, mosquito spray, gallon-sized Ziploc bags, body lotion, shampoo, deodorant, and hand sanitizer.

The coordinator for the drop-off is Debi Pirkle; people can call her to volunteer to sort and box the donated items at 432-935-2301.

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**Howard County**

#1 Diamondback-County Line SWD, drill, API #42-227-39233  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA  
3.25 miles southwest of Knott  
A-593, Section 49, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 10,600 feet  
Latitude 032.222463, Longitude -101.410246. Datum: NAD 27  
273' FWL, 129' FNL of 40-acre lease  
273' FWL, 1449' FNL of the survey

#3AH Nessie Unit "A 39-46", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39235  
9.91 miles east of Vealmoor  
A-198, Section 39, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.521850, Longitude -101.401041. Datum: NAD 27  
662' FNL, 330' FEL of 483.16-acre lease  
2034' FSL, 2393' FWL of the survey

#4844WA Kramer "D", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1479, Section 48, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 11,360 feet  
Latitude 032.213486, Longitude -101.314649. Datum: NAD 27  
252' FNL, 251' FEL of 480-acre lease  
252' FNL, 251' FEL of the survey

#2BH Muse-Newton "31-42", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39236  
1.55 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.500618, Longitude -101.558367. Datum: NAD 83  
329' FNL, 12878' FWL of 961.08-acre lease  
2306' FSL, 12887' FWL of the survey

#1 Fletch, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39038  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
2.60 miles southwest of Big Spring  
A-364, Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,800 feet  
X=770854.778, Y=217785.878. Datum: NAD 27  
400' FNL, 284' FWL of 36.71-acre lease  
915' FSL, 899' FEL of the survey

#2SH Clark Unit "A 24-13", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39237  
5.39 miles northeast of Knott  
A-1105, Section 24, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Latitude 032.408973, Longitude -101.548666. Datum: NAD 27  
395' FSL, 1242' FWL of 518.29-acre lease  
395' FSL, 1242' FWL of the survey

#4848WA Costanza "D", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
8.20 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-1503, Section 48, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,400 feet  
X=757601.0, Y=276817.1. Datum: NAD 27  
2451' FNL, 1274' FEL of 382.13-acre lease  
2451' FNL, 1274' FEL of the survey

**Borden County**

#3BH Dragon Unit "A 20-29", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
1.78 miles northeast of Vealmoor  
A-1052, Section 20, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9500 feet  
X=751902.17, Y=341818.17. Datum: NAD 27

- Midway Baptist Church, 6200 N Service Rd, is collecting supplies to take down to South Texas on Tuesday morning, September 5. The church is requesting donations of dog food, feminine products, diapers, baby formula, paper goods (plates, plastic silverware, etc), clean five gallon buckets, and monetary donations. Volunteers will be at the church collecting donations today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If donors are unable to make it to the church either day, the church is able to come pick supplies up by calling 432-263-6274. The church is also looking for an enclosed motorcycle trailer to use for the trip to South Texas. If a volunteer is willing to let the church use a trailer for the trip, please text or call 432-816-3375.

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# New Houston water release could keep 20K homes flooded

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly a week after Harvey crashed into the Texas coastline, the storm chased more people out of their homes Friday after dumping heavy rain on Louisiana, and Houston planned a water release that could keep as many as 20,000 homes flooded for up to 15 days.

In another Texas city with no drinking water, people waited in a line that stretched for more than a mile to get bottled water.

Residents of the still-flooded western part of Houston were told Friday to evacuate ahead of the planned release from two reservoirs protecting downtown. The move was expected to flood homes that were inundated earlier in the week. Homes that are not currently flooded probably will not be affected, officials said.

Mayor Sylvester Turner pleaded for more high-water vehicles and more search-and-rescue equipment as the nation's fourth-largest city continued looking for any survivors or corpses that might have somehow escaped notice in flood-ravaged neighborhoods.

Turner also asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide more workers to process applications from thousands of people seeking government help. Harvey victims expect FEMA to work "with the greatest degree of urgency," he told CBS "This Morning" for a segment broadcast Friday.

The mayor said he will request a preliminary aid package of \$75 million for debris removal alone.

The remnants of the storm were dying as they pushed deeper inland but remained powerful enough to raise the risk of flooding as far north as Kentucky.

More than 1,500 people were staying at shelters in Louisiana, and that number was climbing as more people evacuate from communities in Texas. The state opened

a seventh shelter Friday in Shreveport for up to 2,400 people, said Shanna Sanford, a spokeswoman for Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards.

The Texas city of Beaumont, home to almost 120,000 people near the Louisiana state line, was trying to bring in enough bottled water for people who stayed behind after a water pumping station was overwhelmed by the swollen Neches River.

In Houston, officials turned their attention to immediate needs such as finding temporary housing for those in shelters, but also to the city's long-term recovery, which will take years and billions of dollars.

Authorities raised the death toll from the storm to 39 late Thursday, while rescue workers conducted a block-by-block search of tens of thousands of Houston homes.

The latest statewide damage surveys revealed the staggering extent of the destruction.

An estimated 136,000 structures in Harris County, or 10 percent of all structures in the county database, were flooded, according to the flood control district for the county, which includes Houston.

Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist for the agency, called that a conservative estimate. It is 36,000 more homes than were flooded by Tropical Storm Allison in 1989, the area's previous epic flood.

Figures from the Texas Department of Public Safety indicated that nearly 50,000 homes sustained minor damage, and 37,000 sustained major damage. At least 6,800 homes were destroyed.

Gov. Greg Abbott warned Friday in an interview with ABC's "Good Morning America" that it could take years for Texas to "dig out from this catastrophe." President Donald Trump tweeted that there's still "so much to do" in Texas' recovery.

## OIL REPORT

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300' FNL, 775' FEL of 639.96-acre lease  
300' FNL, 1864' FWL of the survey

#4SU Barbee "B 2-1" (Allocation "D"), drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
15.80 miles southeast of Garden City  
A-1224, Section 2, GB&CNG RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 031.400428, Longitude -101.205885. Datum: NAD 83  
282' FNL, 2728' FEL of 2,932.5-acre lease  
282' FNL, 2728' FEL of the survey

#5SU Barbee "B 2-1" (Allocation "E"), drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
15.80 miles southeast of Garden City  
A-1224, Section 2, GB&CNG RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 031.400435, Longitude -101.205857. Datum: NAD 83  
281' FNL, 2704' FEL of 2,932.5-acre lease  
281' FLN, 2704' FEL of the survey

#2SU Barbee "B 2-6" (Allocation "B"), drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37700  
15.80 miles southeast of Garden City  
A-1224, Section 2, GB&CNG RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 031.400041, Longitude -101.211460. Datum: NAD 83  
311' FNL, 1011' FWL of 1,998.36-acre lease  
311' FNL, 1011' FWL of the survey

#20H Houston-Wells "2T", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
21.30 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-822, Section 2, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,600 feet  
X=1556137.13, Y=871758.6. Datum: NAD 27  
1195' FEL, 840' FNL of 1,115.9-acre lease  
1195' FEL, 840' FNL of the survey

#21H Houston-Wells "2U", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
21.30 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-822, Section 2, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,600 feet  
X=1556156.7, Y=871763.5. Datum: NAD 27  
1175' FEL, 840' FNL of 1,115.9-acre lease  
1175' FEL, 840' FNL of the survey

#22H Houston-Wells "2V", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
21.30 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-822, Section 2, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,600 feet  
X=1556176.1, Y=871768.4. Datum: NAD 27  
1155' FEL, 840' FNL of 1,115.9-acre lease  
1155' FEL, 840' FNL of the survey

#23H Houston-Wells "2W", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
21.30 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-822, Section 2, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,600 feet  
X=1556195.5, Y=8871773.3. Datum: NAD 27  
1135' FEL, 840' FNL of 1,115.9-acre lease  
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#3SU Barbee "B 2-6" (Allocation "C"), drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field

Authorities were also monitoring a flood-crippled chemical plant near Houston, where the loss of power set off explosions and a fire Thursday.

The blasts at the Arkema Inc. plant northeast of Houston sent up a plume of acrid black smoke that stung the eyes and lungs.

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## DONATIONS

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The Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team is setting up their first of many relief efforts at the North Bay Church of Christ in Portland, Texas. They are distributing supplies, cleaning up homes and serving home-cooked meals to the communities as well as the National Guard working in the area. Volunteer opportunities and information about donating can be found at [www.churchesofchristdrt.org](http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org).

If you know of other reputable organizations collecting supplies for Harvey victims, or otherwise assisting with relief efforts, get the information to the Herald and we'll run it in an updated list in the coming days. Call 432-263-7331, ext. 232;

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### Big Spring and Caprock hook horns, Steers fall 38-18

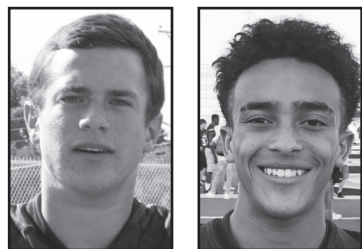
By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

It was a battle of the cattle Friday night as the Big Spring varsity football team made the trek to Amarillo Friday night to take on the 5A Caprock Longhorns in their 2017 season opener, but came up short in a 38-18 defeat.

The Longhorns got off to a hot start on their first drive of the game as they found the end zone after nine plays and 78 yards, putting them up 7-0.

The Steers, however, got off to a not-so-hot start. In the kickoff return following Caprock's opening touchdown drive, the kick coverage smothered the return man, #21 senior Justin Cuellar,

for a loss of yards. This gave Big Spring poor field position as they started their opening drive from their own 11 yard



Everett

Ludington

line.

The Steers found themselves in a third and 17 situation after being pushed back to their own four yard line. The Longhorn defense took advantage and took down

Steer quarterback, #12 junior Jack Everett, in the end zone for a Caprock safety, increasing their lead to 9-0.

With key defensive plays from #42 senior Damien Cisneros, #21 senior Justin Cuellar, and #33 junior Brett Berringer, the Big Spring defense was able to hold Caprock to a field goal on their second drive of the game. After sending a 25-yarder through the uprights, the Longhorns were up 12-0 with less than three minutes remaining in the first quarter.

#15 senior Robert Valencia jump started the Steers' first scoring drive of the season with an electric kick return to Big Spring's 38 yard line. On the very next play, Ever-

ett found wide receiver #19 junior Jeremiah Cooley on a screen pass for 16 yards. The Steer offense kept the Longhorn defense honest with a two-yard quarterback keeper and followed by throwing a 44 yard strike to #17 junior Jaidon Ludington for a touchdown with under two minutes to go in the first quarter.

Big Spring's extra point was blocked and returned for a defensive two-point conversion for 97 yards. After one quarter of play, Caprock sat at a 14-6 lead.

Following a 38 yard quarterback keeper in the second quarter, the Longhorns punched in a halfback dive for another six points. With a PAT sent through the up-

rights, Caprock now led 21-6.

Just before the end of the half on the Longhorns' first play of their drive, Berringer snagged an interception for 37 yards, down to the Caprock seven yard line. After a string of untimely penalties, the Steers were pushed back out of the red zone and not able to capitalize on the big defensive play.

In the last seconds of the half, Caprock attempted a quick scoring drive, but had no luck. Thanks to a stout defensive showing by Everett, Caprock took it into the half with a score of 21-6.

"Although in that first half

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### Coahoma beats Forsan



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Coahoma's Joe Isaac Escobedo (27) scores a touchdown through the Forsan defense during the Bulldog's 24-19 win over Forsan in the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017.

### Bulldogs take home trophy after two years of Forsan wins

By **STEVE BELVIN**  
Contributing Writer

Chalk this one up to the Coahoma Bulldogs. The Howard County Bulldogs are officially tied at 2-2 after the Coahoma Bulldogs outlasted the Forsan Buffaloes Friday night at Memorial Stadium. With its 24-19 victory Coahoma gets bragging rights until next season. The game was a far cry from last year's 42-19 Forsan romp. Last year Forsan had a veteran-laden team, a team that went three rounds deep into the playoffs. Coahoma on the other

hand had a very inexperienced team. This year the tables are turned. Coahoma has a squad with 15 seniors, compared to Forsan only returning eight players.

Perhaps the players that stood out the most for Coahoma were the linemen of senior offensive linemen Rolando Ortiz, senior Braidon Walker, senior Bracy Bacon, senior Lane Williams, and sophomore Keegan Dobbs. They paved the way for a potent Coahoma running attack that pretty much dictated the game. The Bulldogs didn't com-

plete a single pass; in fact, they only tried three. But they displayed a raw desire to run the football.

Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz said that was the team's mindset on opening night.

"Our offensive line is pretty strong. I felt we could run the football," he said. "We wanted to control the clock."

And control the Bulldogs did, especially in the first half as they took an 18-6 halftime lead. On their opening drive of the game, the Bulldogs marched 66

yards in 12 plays. Coahoma gave Forsan a steady dose of senior running back Joe Isaack Escobedo, gaining 38 yards in the drive. It was capped off by a 15-yard scoring run by senior quarterback Braden Pearson. That drive alone ate up about 10 minutes of the clock.

"We usually like to balance out the offense, maybe 60-40 (run-pass)," said Dietz. "But we felt we could run the ball, that's what we wanted to do. We wanted to keep the ball away from

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### BSJH volleyball crushes Sweetwater

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Junior High Lady Steers made their way east on I-20 Thursday evening to take on the Lady Colts of Sweetwater. All four teams crushed the Colts and started the volleyball season out on a high note.

The 8th grade A team Lady Steers defeated Sweetwater in only two sets. According to Coach Vedder, there weren't just one or two players that stood out; they all had a hand in walking away with their first W.

"They played as a team, worked hard, pumped each other up, and were all coachable and executed everything asked of them," said Vedder. "I cannot wait to continue this journey this season with such an amazing talented group of girls."

The 8th grade B team Lady Steers are undefeated. 8th grade B won in two sets against the Sweetwater Colts. Team captain Savannah Zarraga had amazing serves with nine aces in the game. Shanelle Landshaw's passes to her targets Lilly Acosta and Vanessa Viasana led to many great hits from the front row.

"Great job all the way around from all of our 8th grade Lady Steers," said Coach Lindsey Moore.

The 7th grade A team crushed the Colts in two sets (25-17 and 25-9). Kortney Moore and Neli Mendez led the offense with an impressive 26 ace serves combined. Elaina Arredondo and Emily Matthews played great defense.

"All the girls did an outstanding job representing BSJH on and off the court," said Coach Tabitha Barbee.

The 7th grade B team Lady

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### Rangers outlast Angels 10-9, move up in AL wild-card race

By **SEAN SHAPIRO**  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Despite mounting injuries and adversity, the Texas Rangers are still clinging to their wild-card hopes.

Hours after getting confir-

mation that star third baseman Adrian Beltre was likely done for the season with a strained left hamstring, the Rangers outlasted the Los Angeles Angels 10-9 in a back-and-forth game that lasted more than 4 1/2 hours.

"Probably the best charac-

ter win we've had all year. That's how you sum it up," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

"Typically when you give the lead up a couple of times, you don't win games like that. We had a lot of different players play big in this game

tonight from the pitching staff to the guys in the batter's box. It's just everybody up and down played a part in this win," he said.

Carlos Gomez scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning on wild pitch in a matchup that took 4 hours,

33 minutes, setting franchise records for both teams as the longest nine-inning game in club history.

Texas stopped the Angels' three-game winning streak and closed within three games of Minnesota for the second wild-card spot.

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## Gasoline prices head higher while motorists panic

DALLAS (AP) — The spike in gasoline prices in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey has hit the accelerator.

The national average for regular was \$2.54 a gallon by Friday afternoon, an increase of 18 cents in the last week, according to GasBuddy.

Prices jumped at least 10 cents a gallon in 24 hours in Texas, Ohio, Georgia and the Mid-Atlantic states, travel club AAA reported Friday.

The nationwide average was already higher than most experts had given as a worst-case scenario when flooding from the devastating storm began knocking out refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast a week ago.

Two of the leading price-forecasting analysts, GasBuddy's Patrick DeHaan and Tom Kloza of the Oil Price Information Service, now see the national average peaking as high as \$2.75 a gallon in the next few days.

Many stations in the Dallas area were out of gas Friday, and those that had it were often charging more than \$3 a gallon — and drawing long lines of desperate drivers.

The analysts said interruptions in supply were isolated and lines were largely the result of people rushing out to top off their tanks. DeHaan said only one rack, or wholesale gasoline terminal, out of the six in the Dallas area was dry.

"There is enough gas out there," he said. "It's just a matter of getting it to the right places before motorists panic."

Long lines could pop up next in the Southeastern and Eastern states, as far north as New York, which get much of their gasoline from the Colonial pipeline that taps into refineries in Texas and Louisiana. The operator doesn't expect the pipeline to resume normal operations until Sunday. On top of that, analysts said some gasoline from the Northeast is being diverted to Florida, and gasoline exports are contributing to the higher prices.

The U.S. now exports large amounts of gasoline, especially to Mexico and other parts of Latin America, and buyers there are competing with domestic distributors and bidding up prices.

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The plant's owners warned more explosions could follow because a loss of refrigeration was causing chemicals stored there to degrade and burn.

In Beaumont, people waited Friday in a line of cars that stretched more than a mile at a water-distribution center at a high school football field. Each vehicle received one case. Earlier, people stood in line at a Kroger grocery store that was giving away gallon jugs of water, which were gone in two hours.

In Galveston County, officials said the water supply for the Bolivar Peninsula is expected to run out within days, and could be out for weeks, after a pumping station 30 miles away was submerged by floodwater. About 2,000 people live year-round on the 27-mile (43.45-kilometer) long peninsula, a narrow strip of land in the Gulf of Mexico.

About 1,800 people were staying in shelters in Dallas, including about 1,000 who were flown late Thursday from Beaumont, officials said. Most were taken to the Hutchison Convention Center in downtown Dallas, but others went to smaller shelters in the area.

Drivers had been urged to wait three or four days to fill up gas tanks after widespread reports of gas shortages caused panic-buying and empty fuel pumps. But on Friday, the governor said there was no danger of running out after a pipeline that had been supplying gasoline from Texas to Oklahoma was reversed. More fuel was being shipped in from surrounding states.

Harvey initially came ashore Aug. 25 as a Category 4 hurricane, then went back out to sea and lingered off the coast as a tropical storm for days, inundating flood-prone Houston. The storm brought five straight days of rain totaling close to 52 inches (1.3 meters), the heaviest tropical downpour ever recorded in the continental U.S.

## OIL REPORT

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Coleman Junction 1100'  
Canyon 4000'  
Clear Fork 4300'  
Strawn 5100'  
Wolfcamp 5445'  
Cisco 6000'

15.80 miles southeast of Garden City  
A-1224, Section 2, GB&CGN RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9000 feet  
Latitude 031.400047, Longitude -101.211432. Datum: NAD 83  
311' FNL, 1035' FWL of 1,998.36-acre lease  
311' FNL, 1035' FWL of the survey

#1SA Pfluger "D", drill, El: NA  
Rives (San Andres) Field  
24.90 miles southwest of Sterling City  
A-8527, Section 24, Block A, TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 7000 feet  
Latitude 031.321660, Longitude -101.130700. Datum: NAD 83  
4706' FSL, 3537' FWL of 2,241.41-acre lease  
1475' FNL, 3537' FWL of the survey  
SWR 36 (H2S)

#2202 Pfluger "N", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-451-31926  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
44.79 miles northwest of San Angelo  
A-8547, Section 22, Block A, TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 8150 feet  
Latitude 031.325110, Longitude -101.113148. Datum: NAD 83  
1902' FSL, 564' FEL of 794.6-acre lease  
1902' FSL, 564' FEL of the survey

#2102 Pfluger "B", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-451-31996  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
42.08 miles northwest of San Angelo  
A-4911, Section 21, Block H, TC RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9200 feet  
Latitude 031.315119, Longitude -101.085304. Datum: NAD 83  
2684' FEL, 949' FSL of 2,588-acre lease  
900' FWL, 1100' FNL of the survey

#1AH Middleton Unit "A 47-38", API #42-227-38805  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2744' GR  
2.75 miles southwest of Vealmoor  
A-1007, Section 38, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
448' FNL, 380' FWL of the survey  
Latitude 032.4856086, Longitude -101.5932319  
Total Depth: 7978 feet. PBT: 7978 feet. Logs: Neutron  
Daily Potential: 631 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 3,417 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: 613  
Spud: 7-31-16. Completed: 10-09-16. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7775 feet w/ 680 sx.; MS tool @ 4457 feet w/ 930 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 17,749 feet w/ 3,030 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7254 feet  
Perfs: 8469-17,617

#4 Perry Brooks "1A", API #42-173-36390  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2555' GR  
17.42 miles northwest of Garden City  
A-293, Section 1, Block 35, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
475' FEL, 1380' FSL of the survey  
Latitude 032.0742441, Longitude -101.6463384  
Total Depth: 10,520 feet. PBT: NA. Logs: Neutron/Density  
Daily Potential: 227 Bbls 42.5 gravity oil w/ 930 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: 806  
Spud: 5-10-14. Completed: 9-10-14. Pay: NA  
8-5/8" @ 4463 feet w/ 1,050 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 10,520 feet w/ 1,750 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 9098 feet  
Perfs: 8278-10,403

#2 Flying "B" Ranch, API #42-451-32852  
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, new well, El: 2511' GR  
19 miles southwest of Water Valley  
A-8472, Section 86, Block 6, H&TC RR Co. survey  
206' FSL, 445' FWL of the survey  
Latitude -31.5502257, Longitude -100.9837122  
Total Depth: 6551 feet. PBT: 6454 feet.  
Logs: GR/CCL, Platform Express; Acceptable cased hole logs  
Daily Potential: 8 Bbls 36.0 gravity oil w/ 1651 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: tstm  
Spud: 12-28-16. Completed: 5-18-17. Pay: NA  
5-1/2" @ 6550 feet w/ 1,495 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 5505 feet  
Perfs: 5441-5465, 5500-5540, 5542-5553  
5441-5553: Frac w/ 192,000# sand

## New Texas law easing insurer penalties takes effect amid Harvey

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A new Texas law pushed by the insurance industry kicked in Friday, a week after Harvey made landfall, softening the financial penalty companies could face if they are sued for dragging out homeowner damage claims.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott signed the changes in May, but they didn't take effect until now, along with most other new laws passed this year in Texas. The destruction wrought by Harvey ignited calls to delay the start date, but Abbott has dismissed the backlash as overhyped.

The record-breaking storm flooded thousands of homes in the Houston area and along the southeastern Texas coast, where Harvey made landfall on Aug. 25 as a Category 4 hurricane.

State officials say few Harvey victims are likely to be affected by the insurance law changes, because they doesn't apply to flood claims or coastal residents covered by the state's insurer-of-last-resort.

Insurers sued for dragging out claims previously had to pay 18 percent interest if a court ruled against them. Now that penalty is around 10 percent, which lawyers and consumer advocates say won't incentivize insurers to act as quickly.

"The timing is obviously horrible," said Mark Lawless, an Austin-based attorney who clients are mostly businesses. "Nobody anticipated having a major event four days before the effect date. I don't think people focused on what that meant."

The latest figures released Friday by state officials show that more than 50,000 homes have suffered major damage or were destroyed entirely by Harvey. More than 200,000 others homes were affected or sustained minor damage.

Abbott this week criticized lawyers who urged Harvey victims to rush to file claims before the law took effect, or risk losing out.

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# Judge tosses most serious charges in Penn State frat death

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — A judge on Friday threw out involuntary manslaughter and felony aggravated assault counts against members of a Penn State fraternity in a pledge's alcohol hazing-related death, ordering 12 of the defendants to stand trial on lesser counts.

District Justice Allen Sinclair dismissed charges altogether against four of the members of the now-shuttered Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Fourteen fraternity brothers are now headed to trial in the case. Two had previously agreed to waive a preliminary hearing.

Charges remaining range from alcohol violations and hazing to reckless endangerment. The judge bound over hazing and alcohol law charges against the fraternity itself, but dismissed its involuntary manslaughter count.

"Obviously now the teeth have really been taken out of the commonwealth's case," said defense attorney Michael Engle, lawyer for Gary DiBileo, 21.

The decision followed a hard-fought, unusually long preliminary hearing in which the defendants and a platoon of defense attorneys wedged into the courtroom fought against allegations that a night of hazing and heavy drinking caused the death of Tim Piazza on Feb. 4.

Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller said she planned to seek a county judge's permission to refile involuntary manslaughter charges, and might also attempt to reinstate aggravated assault charges.

She rejected any suggestion she may have overcharged in the case, which was the subject of a grand jury investigation that recommended charges.

"Was it a grand jury overreach?" Parks Miller said outside the courthouse. "I didn't make that decision."

She said she believes the judge ruled based on an assessment of the defendants' individual roles, which she called "a huge legal error" in a case she pursued based on a theory of accomplice liability. Sinclair declined to comment about the case after he ruled.

"Sometimes judges get it wrong — that's why we have an appeal," she said.

Defense attorneys said they would challenge any effort to restore the dismissed charges, and will work to whittle down what remains.

"We're going to challenge any of these charges that were bound over that we feel shouldn't have been," said attorney Andy Shubin, whose client Nick Kubera, 19, still faces six counts of reckless endangerment, down from 14, as well as hazing and alcohol law allegations.

Leonard Ambrose, lawyer for Joseph Sala, 19, said there was "no basis for most of the charges."

"She can refile, but obviously we're going to contest any refiling,"

he said. "She had seven days to make her case."

Parks Miller said a current FBI attempt to recover suspected deleted footage from the Beta Theta Pi security system could produce new evidence, and may warrant additional charges.

She had argued that members of the fraternity pressured Piazza and other pledges to drink heavily, plying them with wine, vodka and beer after a ceremony to mark their decision to pledge the organization.

That pressure included running them through a speed-drinking "gantlet" and directing them to collectively drain a large bottle of vodka.

The house's security video recorded Piazza, 19, a sophomore engineering student from Lebanon, New Jersey, appearing intoxicated and being led to a couch after 11 p.m. A few minutes later, he fell head-first down a set of basement stairs and had to be carried back up in an unconscious state.

For several hours members of the fraternity appeared to take half-hearted and even counterproductive measures to tend to their injured friend, pouring liquid on him and strapping on a loaded backpack to prevent him from rolling over and choking on vomit.

In the early morning hours, Piazza was pictured stumbling from the couch to other areas on the vast house's first floor, including falls into a door and onto a stone floor.

He somehow ended up back in the basement the next morning and was again carried back upstairs to a couch. It took another 40 minutes for fraternity members to call an ambulance.

Authorities said Piazza had ingested a dangerous amount of alcohol and suffered severe head and abdominal injuries. He soon died at a hospital.

Piazza's parents watched the seven-day hearing from the gallery's front row, and left the courthouse without commenting. Their civil lawyer, Tom Kline, said they planned to return home and consider that their son won't be at Penn State's home football opener on Saturday.

"This is no day for celebration for anyone," Kline said.

Defense attorneys argued that their clients' roles were minimal or their actions did not amount to criminal behavior. They argued the students had little reason to anticipate tragic results from a night that also included an alcohol-fueled social mixer with a sorority group.

Piazza's "tragic death was an accident, and that's what the judge saw," said defense attorney Frank Fina, who represents the fraternity president, Brendan Young, 22. He called the defendants' experience horrible and said they have been demonized.

# Trump administration slashes funds for health care sign-ups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Affirming its disdain for "Obamacare," the Trump administration on Thursday announced sharp cuts in programs promoting health care enrollment under the Affordable Care Act for next year.

Advertising will be cut from \$100 million spent on 2017 sign-ups to \$10 million, said Health and Human Services officials.

Funding for consumer helpers called "navigators" will also be cut about 40 percent, from \$62.5 million for 2017, to \$36.8 million for next year. That change reflects a new performance-based ethic that penalizes navigator programs failing to meet their sign-up targets, administration officials said.

About 12.2 million people signed up for subsidized private health insurance under Barack Obama's signature law this year, many in states that President Donald Trump carried in November. Current enrollment is estimated to be around 10 million, due to attrition also seen in prior years.

Top Democrats accused the administration of malice.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said the administration is waging a "cynical effort to lower enrollment" that would "create chaos" and increase premiums.

Her Senate counterpart, Chuck Schumer of New York, said the administration "is deliberately attempting to sabotage our health care system," adding that "the American people will know who's to blame."

It was unclear how Trump's latest move might affect a planned effort in the Senate to craft bipartisan legislation that would stabilize insurance markets.

Trump and congressional Republicans have been unable to deliver on their vow to "repeal and replace" the 2010 health care law, but the president has repeatedly pronounced the program on the verge of collapse.

On Twitter and in interviews, Trump has threatened to give "Obamacare" a nudge by cutting off payments to insurers that help reduce consumers' copays and deductibles. Still, his administration has continued making payments month to month.



AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File

**FILE - In this Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump walks from Marine One across the South Lawn to the White House in Washington. Affirming its disdain for "Obamacare," the Trump administration on Thursday, Aug. 31, announced sharp cuts in programs promoting health care enrollment under the Affordable Care Act for next year.**

Independent observers say the ACA's insurance markets have problems, but are not about to implode. For next year all U.S. counties will have at least one participating insurer, although consumers in close to half of counties will only have a single carrier serving them. Some major insurers have left the program after taking deep financial losses.

HHS officials announced the promotional cutbacks in a conference call with reporters. The three officials who described the details of the cuts refused to be identified by name.

The administration says the government hasn't gotten much bang for its buck as far as ACA advertising and the navigator program, with some enrollment centers signing up very few customers.

By comparison, HHS said the combined advertising budget for Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug plans is \$9.7 million.

HHS officials said the 98 navigator programs funded by the ACA enrolled fewer than 82,000 people, or less than 1 percent of the total. Navigator staffers are supposed to guide consumers through the sometimes complicated enrollment process, which involves estimating income for the coming year, proving citizenship or legal residence, and sorting through various health plan options.

For next year, officials said

navigator funding will reflect each sign-up center's prior performance. For example, if a navigator program met 70 percent of its enrollment target, it will get 70 percent of its previous funding. If it only enrolled 30 percent, its funding will be cut to 30 percent. However, every center will get some money from the government, even if it's only a few thousand dollars.

"Judging effectiveness by the amount of money spent, and not the results achieved, is irresponsible and unhelpful to the American people," HHS spokeswoman Caitlin Oakley said in a statement. "During the upcoming enrollment period, navigators will be funded in proportion to their performance."

HHS said only 1 in 5 navigators met their own performance goals. Officials said 17 programs enrolled fewer than 100 people each, although they did not identify whether those programs were in urban areas or less populated rural zones. One program got \$200,000 and signed up one person, HHS said.

Adding to sign-up challenges, the ACA enrollment season will be considerably shorter for 2018, running from Nov. 1-Dec. 15.

Soon after taking office, the Trump administration pulled back some advertising for the 2017 sign-up season, angering Democrats, who requested an investigation by the HHS inspector general. That probe has not yet been completed.

# Mattis begins sending additional troops to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has begun sending additional troops to Afghanistan to carry out President Donald Trump's new war strategy, which will stick to his predecessor's approach of supporting the Afghans' fight against the Taliban rather than doing the fighting for them, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Thursday.

"Yes, I've signed orders, but it's not complete," Mattis told reporters in an impromptu news conference at the Pentagon.

He would not say how many additional troops are deploying or what their exact roles will be. Trump's decision to deepen the American military commitment was taken after months of debate within the administration over whether the risk was worth the potential reward of eventually stabilizing Afghanistan to the point where its own forces can prevent a Taliban takeover and contain other militant threats.

Mattis stressed that Afghan forces will remain in the lead, with the extra U.S. troops

taking a support role.

"By and large this is to enable the Afghan forces to fight more effectively," Mattis said. "It's more advisers, more enablers," such as "fire support" teams, which he declined to specify but could be artillery units. He said the additional U.S. troops have not yet arrived in Afghanistan.

"I just signed the orders," Mattis said. "It's going to take a couple of days."

Other officials have said the U.S. will send about 3,900 additional troops. In a speech announcing his new strategy Aug. 21, Trump did not mention that an increase in U.S. troop levels was part of his new strategy. He said "conditions on the ground, not arbitrary timetables," will guide the strategy, and suggested troop levels will be kept largely secret.

"We will not talk about numbers of troops or our plans for further military activities," Trump said.

On Wednesday, at Mattis' instruction, Pentagon officials said that about 11,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan, ac-

knowledging publicly for the first time that the 8,400 figure that officials had used for many months was inaccurate. Mattis said he wanted to publicly clarify the current troop total before discussing how many more would be sent.

Officials have said the U.S. plans to send as many as 3,900 more troops — which would bring the number of publicly recognized troops in Afghanistan to about 15,000.

Mattis said he and other senior administration officials are scheduled to brief members of Congress on the latest deployments and the new war strategy next Wednesday. Critics have questioned whether sending a few thousand more troops will make a decisive difference in a war that began when U.S. forces invaded to topple the Taliban regime in October 2001.

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## STEERS

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we didn't execute, we still sort of found our identity the second half. We found our stride," said head football coach Mitch McLemore. "We did make some mistakes that we can't afford to make against a dang good Caprock team. They're a 5A team, they are all one-way players, they do a great job and so does their staff. We did find some things that got me a little bit excited as well, so we will see how it progresses."

The Steers opening drive of the second half began at their own 33 yard line after a kick return from Valencia. Everett hit back-to-back receivers, first with a 24-yard pass to Cooley and a 12-yard catch-and-run to Mike Renteria.

Four plays later, the Steers lined up to go for it on fourth and 16, but caught Caprock offside for a free five-yard penalty.

Big Spring was able to convert on fourth down with a 23-yard catch made by Ludington. After a quarterback keeper for five yards, the Steers lined up at Caprock's one yard line. Everett lined up under center, tossed it to Valencia, who pounded it in for six. A failed two-point conversion left the score at 21-12, Caprock.

With a gutsy call from the coaching staff, Big Spring kicked and recovered an onside kick to maintain possession.

The Longhorns defense was able to push the Steer offense back with multiple tackles for loss, forcing them to punt on fourth and 17.

"I'm proud of our defense. I did get on them pretty good at half time because we weren't ready and a little panicky. A lot of that is youth on the field, and a lot of that is also what has happened over the course of the last year," said McLemore. "But as I told them, my love for them is not based on their performance on the football field, But I do expect them to be young men and play like warriors, and that is what they did the second half."

Later on in the third quarter, Caprock converted on third down and eight to go, thanks to a 19-yard scramble from their quarterback.

On the very next play, he scrambled for another 55 yards in what looked like trouble as the snap went over his head, but he managed to get out of it and found the end zone for another six points. With a successful PAT, the Longhorns led 28-12 with three minutes remaining in the quarter.

Following an unsuccessful drive, the Steers lined up on their own five yard line to punt on fourth and 28.

They got the punt off, but not before a Longhorn was able to get a hand on it, sending it straight up in the air and into their possession.

Caprock took over on the Big Spring two, and it didn't take much for them to push it in the end zone for another touchdown. With the PAT sent straight through the uprights, the score was now at a 35-12 Longhorn lead.

To start the fourth quarter, Big Spring began their final scoring drive from their own nine yard line.

The Steers stuck to their ground game, and with 37 rushing yards from #8 junior Abel Clark and 41 rushing yards from Valencia, combined with a few short passes, they marched the ball down the field for another touchdown. Due to a high snap, the PAT never got off and the score was at a 35-18 Longhorn lead.

On second and nine with a little under five minutes remaining in the game, Clark was ready and picked off by a Caprock safety, who made his way to the Big Spring 38 yard line for good field position and was later tackled by #52 senior Dylan Tredaway.

The Steers defense was able to hold the Longhorns offense to a field goal, and with a final score of 38-18, Caprock left with the win.

- Rush Yards: Big Spring - 68, Caprock - 239

- Pass Yards: Big Spring - 183, Caprock - 96

- Turnovers: Big Spring - 4, Caprock - 1

- Sacks Allowed: Big Spring - 5, Caprock - 1

- Penalties (yds): Big Spring - 110, Caprock - 85

Up next, Big Spring will take on the Sweetwater Mustangs in Sweetwater on Friday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Forsan's Garrett Evans scores a touchdown during the Buffalo's 24-19 loss to Coahoma in the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, September 1, 2017.

## BOWL

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them."

It's a good thing Coahoma did, because at times the Buffaloes' spread offense moved the ball through the air. Forsan didn't have much of a running game until the second half. All of their movement until then was via air.

Buffalo senior quarterback Bryce Hergert had a strong game, completing 17 of 28 attempts. No doubt his favorite target was senior wide out Garrett Evans, who pulled in

15 of those passes for 191 yards, scoring all three Forsan touchdowns on passes of three, 11, and 9 yards. Hergert also had a couple of potential big play passes dropped.

Escobedo carried the load for Coahoma in the first half, running for two touchdowns while gaining 113 yards on 18 carries, staking Coahoma to a 18-6 halftime lead.

He finished the game with 158 yards on 24 carries. "He's (Escobedo) not a very big kid, but he's a tough kid. He's not one to get tackled easily," said Dietz.

Hergert-Evans com-

bined for two touchdowns late in the fourth quarter to pull Forsan within striking distance.

Forsan coach Jason Phillips said his team showed its youth. "We looked real young in the first half, I think we were kind of gun shy," said Phillips. "I like the level we played in the second half, we ran the ball better. I really like this team's potential. By the end of the season I think we'll be right where we need to be."

Next Friday Coahoma will be on the road against McCamey and Forsan travels to Eldorado. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

## BSJH

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Steers fought hard for their win Thursday night over the Sweetwater Colts. They won the first set, lost the second set, but battled for the win in the third set.

"They had some nice aces on serves,"

said Coach Lauren Bratcher. "All the girls worked hard on defense. I'm so proud of these girls and how far they've already come! I can't wait to see where this season takes us! Way to go Lady Steers."

Next up, the Big Spring Junior High Lady Steers will take on Midland Christian in Midland on Thursday, Sept. 7, beginning at 5 p.m.

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### A son's memories in wood and music



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Other photos courtesy Jake Willoughby

Top to bottom, left to right: Jake Willoughby of Big Spring, owner and luthier of C.R. Alsip Guitars, sands a "Flying V" style guitar at his garage-based shop. Willoughby has crafted guitars for several well-known musicians; Bill Leverty of the glam-metal band FireHouse performs on a guitar named "Haole" crafted by C.R. Alsip Guitars from Hawaiian koa wood; the C.R. Alsip logo, which is also the signature of Willoughby's mother Connie Rae Alsip, graces the head of every C.R. Alsip instrument; Frank Hannon of heavy metal band Tesla displays his C.R. Alsip-made "Tejas-S" model guitar; Def Leppard's Phil Collen, second from left, shows off his C.R. Alsip "Tejas" model guitar; Willoughby's mother Connie Rae Alsip Willoughby, prior to her 2012 death to cancer.

Big Spring's Jake Willoughby looks like a pretty regular guy. When I met him for the interview for this article, he met with me at his garage in shorts, a ball cap, and a well-worn Def Leppard T-shirt. A friendly smile and a firm handshake, and we began to delve into Jake's artistry. Jake Willoughby makes guitars for some of music's biggest stars. Remember that Def Leppard T-shirt?

"I'm a huge fan of Def Leppard. The guitar player, his name is Phil Collen, has been with Def Leppard since the Pyromania album. He was the guy who played the leads on "Photograph" and stuff like that. The first time I saw Phil play, I was just, like, "I want to play like that guy," Willoughby said.

Willoughby learned to play the guitar, perhaps not as well as his childhood idol; but playing guitars isn't Jake's great gift; it's making them. Jake got to meet his childhood idol and make a couple guitars for him later, but this story is ultimately about a son's love and memory of his mother.

"My mom was a big music lover, a fan of music of all types; but she was really into the Eagles, Rick Derringer, she was into Uriah Heep, stuff like this," he said. "So growing up I listened to all this stuff. I was born in the '70s, so as we got into the late '70s and early '80s, she was introducing me to all kinds of music. She introduced me to Def Leppard, when I first saw them."

Jake returned the favor, he said.

"Then as we got all into me growing up and playing guitar, I found bands like Tesla and FireHouse, so I introduced her to some of this stuff and her and I just shared that in common," he said. "I can remember riding along and she'd be singing these songs in the car, taking me to school or whatever."

After being laid off from Boeing, Willoughby's family bought a pawn shop, which morphed over the years into a music shop.

Jake taught himself to build guitars through a combination of books, experimentation, and

training from a music store employee named Ray Cassel.

"Ray said, 'I tell you what. I'd like to learn about electric. You teach me about electric, and I'll teach you about acoustic.' So we just kind of traded off."

Jake constantly fields questions about the name of his guitar company, C.R. Alsip.

"People tell me all the time, 'Well your name's not Alsip.' No, it's not. It's my mom's maiden name. C.R. Alsip is Connie Rae Alsip. In 2012, I lost her to pancreatic cancer."

After his mom's death, Jake's heart wasn't in the music store business anymore. He wanted to build guitars full-time, but needed a name.

"I was leaning toward the name 'Mason Alsip.' My granddad, her dad, he's a retired stonemason," Jake said. "He's 94 now, he still gets around, feeds his cattle every day. He was a big inspiration in my life and I wanted to pay homage to him, but when she passed away, she and I were so close, I had to figure out a way to cope."

Plus, there were practical considerations.

"When I came down to it, I thought, 'I can't call it Willoughby because the name wouldn't fit on the head stock'" he said. "So I was thinking about Mason Alsip, so what if I just call it 'C.R. Alsip?' Because you have companies like C.F. Martin, G&L, stuff like that. I thought 'That actually sounds like a guitar builder.'"

In designing the company logo, Jake used his mom's writing.

"I found my baby book, and in my baby book, she had signed her name 'Connie Alsip Willoughby,' and then had a family tree in there. When you went down, she had put my great-grandpa's name which was Ray Thomas," he said. "So I took the R from Ray, and the C from Connie, and her name, and that's actually her signature. We brought it into Photoshop and turned it into a logo, into a font."

Jake has sold his guitars to Bill Leverty of the band FireHouse; Frank Hannon of Tesla; and, yes, Phil Collen of Def Leppard.



"We met at a Sammy Hagar concert," Leverty said of Jake. "FireHouse was opening for Sammy Hagar and Jake introduced himself and he said, 'I build guitars.' And I said, 'Cool, man,' you know, because I've heard that kind of thing before. But we hit it off and became good friends."

One day, Jake offered to build Leverty a guitar.

"He said, 'Hey man, I'm gonna be building some guitars.'"

Leverty says he loves C.R. Alsip guitars.

"The thing about his guitars is, they're so well-made and they play so well, they look great," he said. "I've got them on the road all the time. I fly them underneath the plane, I don't carry them on the plane. I open them up, they're in tune, they sound great, and they play great. But the thing about his guitars that's really exceptional is they're really inspiring. I have practiced more since I got his guitars than I've practiced in years. They just make you want to play."

Big Spring's C.R. Alsip offers instruments for sale or repairs, as well as guitar building classes. For more information, visit [www.cralstipguitars.com](http://www.cralstipguitars.com).



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# Joan Osborne channels her inner Bob Dylan on covers album



Photo courtesy Womanly Hips Records via AP

This image released by Womanly Hips Records shows "Songs of Dylan," by Joan Osborne.

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Joan Osborne first met Bob Dylan, the two singers got very, very close. There wasn't much of a choice — they had to share the same recording studio microphone.

"I'm like literally inches away from his face," Os-

borne recalled. "I had to focus so particularly on his mouth and his lips just to get the phrasing right — because I was doing harmony to him and I had to match him — that the whole room became this tunnel."

On that day in 1998, the two did three quick versions of his iconic song "Chimes of Freedom," which would play over the end credits of the NBC show "The 60's." Each take was completely different.

"You've got to be focused on him or you're going to be left behind. I felt like that was an interesting challenge but also, for me, it was a testament just to the way his mind works so quickly," she said. "He has an idea. He does it. He's bored with it, he moves on to something else."

Osborne, 55, clearly wasn't bored with Dylan or his songs. The Grammy-nominated singer of the hit "One of Us" has put together a new album of her unique takes on 13 of his classic tunes. "Songs of Bob Dylan," released Friday, is equal parts tribute album, musical experiment and fan letter.

On the album cover, she stands arms folded as she leans on a car as a subtle homage to an old image of the rock great.

"There's political songs — like 'Masters of War' — and then there's very tender, romantic love songs

like 'Buckets of Rain' and kind of everything in between," said Osborne.

"He's got this incredible range of what he can do as a writer so I wanted to dig into all those different territories of what he's capable of doing."

She also shows what she's capable of doing, especially on "Highway 61 Revisited," which leans on Middle Eastern rhythms.

Osborne was inspired by Dylan's use of biblical imagery in the song and decided to weave in sounds from the area.

"Certainly, Dylan's version is amazing and incredible and we were not trying to out-do him. What we were trying was to bring a different flavor and a different perspective."

John Ingrassia, who worked with Dylan when he was an executive at Columbia Records, said he was enthusiastic to hear what Osborne could do.

Now Osborne's manager, he called her "one of our great treasures and underappreciated singers."

"I was actually excited that she would be interpreting Bob because the songs are rock-solid and I knew she had enough respect not to do any harm. In fact, I think some of her interpretations have opened them up and given them a fresh perspective," he said.

Osborne has long been haunted by Dylan. She got her start playing acoustic sets at the same downtown Manhattan clubs the future Nobel Prize winner had played years earlier. "His ghost is sort of everywhere," she said. Osborne covered Dylan's "Man in the Long Black Coat" on her debut album, "Relish," and the two met a second time in 2003 when she was singing with The Grateful Dead and shared the stage to sing his "Tears of Rage."

# Italy displays marble Roman head stolen in World War II



AP photo  
**Italian Carabinieri Massimo Maresca shows the first century A.C. Druso marble head during an interview in the Carabinieri barracks, Friday, Sept. 1, 2017.**

ROME (AP) — Italy is putting on display a 1st century marble head that an American museum returned after learning it was stolen during World War II from a southern Italian museum.

The Cleveland Museum of Art in Ohio acquired the sculpture depicting Roman Emperor Tiberius' son Drusus in 2012.

Major Massimo Maresca of Italy's national

paramilitary police art squad said Friday the original working assumption had been that the piece had been stolen by Nazi troops and taken to Germany, the fate of many artifacts and artworks from countries occupied by Nazi Germany.

But "we were looking in the wrong place," said Maresca, of the Carabinieri art squad, which has an excellent record of tracking down an-

cient artifacts illegally exported from Italy.

Instead, Maresca said, research determined that the piece, portraying Drusus, a general, with an aristocratic air, had been looted by Algerian soldiers from the museum in the southern town of Sessa Aurunca, near Caserta, in 1943, a chaotic time as Allied troops pressed their movement up the peninsula in the campaign against Nazi troops.

# Howard County school and senior menus

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## Big Spring ISD

### Kentwood Early Childhood

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Graham crackers, strawberry banana yogurt, fresh apples, milk; Lunch: Hamburger, green beans, red pepper strips, diced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, pears, milk; Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, sweet potato bites, fresh squash, diced pears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, fresh banana, milk; Lunch: Roasted turkey, charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, fresh cantaloupe, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit, apples, milk; Lunch: Cheese pizza, spinach, fresh baby carrots, diced apricots, milk.

### Elementary Schools

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Maple waffles, fresh oranges, fruit juice; Lunch: Hot dog on a bun, chicken nacho salad, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad, fresh banana, diced peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, beef Philly sandwich, dinner roll, fresh apple, diced pears, sweet potato bites, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, side salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh apples, cherry star juice; Lunch: Cheeseburger, roasted turkey with gravy, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, side salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh banana, apple juice; Lunch: Beef taco salad, pepperoni pizza, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, side salad.

### Intermediate School

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast corn-dog, fresh oranges, fruit juice; Lunch: Sloppy Joe or cheeseburger or hot dog with fresh bananas, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice; Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger or hot dog with fresh apples, diced pears, sweet tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, strawberry/banana yogurt, fresh bananas, cherry star juice  
Lunch: Chicken fatty sandwich or chicken carbonara pasta or turkey chef salad with dinner roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, charro beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh grapes, apple juice; Lunch: Cheeseburger or chili/cheese hot dog or cheese pizza with pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed kale, creamy coleslaw, garden salad, fresh cantaloupe.

### Junior High School

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, fresh oranges, fruit juice; Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or diced chicken salad or Cajun meatball stew, dinner roll, fresh bananas, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice; Lunch: Cheeseburger or popcorn chicken salad with soft pretzel roll or oriental chicken and broccoli with rice, fresh apples, diced pears, tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple-cinnamon muffin, fresh bananas, cherry star juice; Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or popcorn chicken salad or roasted turkey with gravy, dinner

roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.  
Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh grapes, apple juice; Lunch: Cheeseburger or bean taco salad or stew with rice, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, garden salad.

### High School

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Lunch: Line 1: Made to order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches. Line 2: Pizza. Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

### Coahoma ISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cheese omelet with toast and yogurt or breakfast taquito; Lunch: Crispy chicken salad or crispy taco with Spanish rice or Frito pie; veggie cup, charro beans, salsa, apple-pineapple d'lite.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles and sausage; Lunch: Asian salad or stuffed shells or chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, garden salad, Tuscan veggies, roll, pears.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza; Lunch: Chef's salad w/ham or hot dog or hamburger/cheeseburger, fries, baby carrots, orange smiles.

Friday: Breakfast: Donut holes and sausage; Lunch: Santa Fe salad or pulled pork sliders with chips or chicken Parmesan with breadstick, green beans, chilled pineapple.

### Forsan ISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or taco soup with Tostitos, California blend, tater tots, ranch-style beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or mandarin orange chicken Asian bowl with

egg roll, waffle fries, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry sausage wrap or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or beefy spaghetti with garlic bread sticks, seasoned corn, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

### Sands CISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Sunrise sandwich, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti bowl, bread sticks, garden salad, California blend, fruit cup, pudding, fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Boneless chicken wings, multi-grain chips, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, brownie, fruit variety, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hashbrowns, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe sandwich, broccoli bites, fries, fruit variety, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread slice, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, refried beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, sliced peaches, fruit variety, milk.

### Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Labor Day Holiday  
Tuesday: Texas chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, green peas, tapioca pudding, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Beef enchiladas with Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, pears, milk.

Thursday: Chicken salad with mini croissant, lettuce-tomato-pickle-onion, fruit salad, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Friday: Battered fish with tartar sauce and lemon, hushpuppies, au gratin potatoes, zucchini, and tomatoes, Jell-O with fruit, milk.



Roger's Reviews:

# Wind River



A Google of "Wind River Reservation" reveals some interesting facts about the place. It's the only Native American reservation in the state of Wyoming, and it's larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined. Life expectancy on the rez is 49, and unemployment is above 80 percent. The high school dropout rate is 40 percent higher than that in the rest of Wyoming. What a quick internet search won't reveal is the number of Native American women who go missing every year; as the new movie "Wind River" written and directed by Taylor Sheridan makes clear, that statistic is not tracked.



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I don't know for a fact that that statement, revealed in a text card at the end of the movie, is accurate; but I certainly couldn't discover any solid statistics in a 30-minute perusal of the webiverse. I found statistics about missing women, and statistics about missing Native Americans, but none that juxtaposed the two. "Wind River" starts with a young woman (Kelsey Asbille) running through the snow at night. She falls a couple of times, and we are able to see that she is barefoot. She finally collapses.

Next, it's daylight, and we see a pack of wolves

eyeing some goats, also in the snow. Just as the wolves seem about to make their move, a shot rings out and a wolf drops. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agent Cory Lambert (Jeremy Renner) is doing his job, thinning out the pack of predators to protect local ranching interests. After killing a couple of the wolves, he heads home to pick up his son Casey (Teo Briones) from ex-wife Wilma (Julia Jones), to take him to visit his maternal grandparents Dan and Alice Crowheart (Apesahkwat and Tantoo Cardinal) on the reservation.

While there, Lambert is out walking in the snow (as he does) and discovers a set of human tracks. Following them, he discovers the body of the young woman we saw earlier, and calls the Tribal Police. Chief Ben (no last name given - Graham Greene, of course) shows up, and the two wait for the FBI to arrive - murders on reservations are federal crimes, and so the FBI has jurisdiction. The FBI arrives in the person of Agent Jane Banner (Elizabeth Olsen), a rookie from the Las Vegas office. She's obviously not prepared for the harsh winter conditions. When questioned, she reveals that she's not originally from Las Vegas, she grew up in Fort Lauderdale.

After borrowing some clothes (during which scene we learn that Lambert's daughter also died



on the reservation, frozen to death), they set out on snowmobiles to the crime scene, which is already inhabited by additional Tribal Police officers. Turns out the girl is Natalie, a "local" who lives about a 30-minute drive away. The closest places she could have been running from include a mobile home about 3 1/2 miles away, inhabited by ne'er-do-well brothers, and an oil drilling camp about five miles away. We also learn that she had a mysterious white boyfriend. The rest of the movie entails the investigation into those sources and the results of that investigation.

I won't spoil it any further. "Wind River" is tight, well-acted movie. Renner gives a solid performance as a white man whose job and former marriage take him daily onto the reservation. He's generally respected among the locals, but does face some racial blowback. Olsen is also quite solid, standing out like a sore thumb as an unprepared outsider, and learning some harsh truths about the land she's policing.

There are several Native American actors in this film, and all do a great job. Some scenes get slightly preachy. In one scene the dead girl's father Martin (Gil Birmingham) is seen sitting in full blue and black face-paint. Lambert approaches and sits with him, and he explains that this is his "death face." When Renner asks who taught him how to do the paint, he says that there was nobody to teach him, so he made it up. We also notice that Martin has a pistol in hand during this scene. The implication is he's considering suicide, another social problem that's at epidemic proportions among Native Americans. It's an effective scene, but it feels a little like this movie is trying to cover all the woes of native peoples in one swoop. It might be a touch much.

Additionally, the movie is largely character-driven, and there's not much in the way of a complex plot. Not to say the plot that's there isn't good, it's just rather direct and less mysterious than many modern murder mysteries.

Overall, I'm thumbs-up on "Wind River." The solid acting and direction, and the beautiful, stark scenes of snowy (well, it was filmed in Utah, but it was supposed to be) Wyoming are wonderful. Eight and a half stars out of 10.

**Wind River**

Director: Taylor Sheridan

Writer: Taylor Sheridan

Production companies: Acacia Entertainment, Synergics Films, The Fyzz Facility, Riverstone Pictures, Voltage Pictures, Wild Bunch, Ingenious Media, Star Throver Entertainment, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Savvy Media Holdings, Thunder Road Pictures, Film 44

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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](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.



## Gist and Aguirre plan Port Aransas wedding

Gist and Aguirre plan Port Aransas wedding

Amanda L. Gist and Adam Aguirre announce their upcoming wedding.

The private ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 9, 2017, in Port Aransas, Texas.

Parents of the bride are Mona Lisa and Johnny Talamantez.

Parents of the groom are Rosita Aguirre and Andrew Aguirre Sr.

Flower girl for the wedding will be Zoe Aguirre.

Lucas Blake Aguirre and Nickoli Aguirre will serve as ring bearers for the event.

## Mystery continues after removal of object off beach

WESTERLY, R.I. (AP) — Questions are still swirling after a mysterious object was removed from the waters off a Rhode Island beach.

The circular metal object was taken out of the waters off East Beach in Westerly by an excavator Thursday, and it's much bigger than originally thought.

Peter Brockmann, president of the East Beach Association, tells The Westerly Sun (<http://bit.ly/2epxvti>)

he hopes someone who sees a media report about the object knows what it is.

Before it was removed, the best guess was it is what is called an acoustic Doppler profiler to monitor currents. That device is about 4.5 feet (1.37 meters) long. But the object removed Thursday is about twice that size.

The object was discovered last month at the beach near singer Taylor Swift's oceanfront mansion.

# Who's who in Howard County: Sandy Taylor



**Where do you work, and what do you do?**

Howard County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - provide educational programs for adults and youth in areas of nutrition, health and worksite wellness, and I work with the 4-H program.

**Where were you born?** Kansas - raised in New Mexico.

**What city do you live in?** Big Spring.

**Who is in your family?** My supportive husband Kelly and myself.

**What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy?** I enjoy cooking, trying new foods, reading, sewing, and spending time with family and friends.

**What is your favorite book?** Oh, that's a tough one. I love all of the Tony Hillerman series of mysteries that mainly take place on the Navajo Nation, and I really loved reading "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel over and over, and the classic "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

**What is your favorite television show?** "Last Man Standing"

**What is your favorite movie?** I have two: "Amelie" and "Whale Rider."

**What type of music do you enjoy?** Old

rock and country.

**Where would you visit if you could go anywhere?** I would love to explore South America - Chile and Brazil are on the top of the list.

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## Tips for donating to charities following Harvey

**H**urricane Harvey has left thousands of Texans in desperate need for help. People from around the country have already begun to help in relief efforts by either volunteering their time or donating money. Unfortunately, it's during these times that illegitimate charities thrive, and BBB wants to warn people who want to help.

BBB suggests donors watch out for red flags, such as a charity or fundraiser that:

- Refuses to provide written information about its identity, mission and how the donations will be used.
- Won't provide proof that a contribution is tax deductible.
- Uses a name that closely resembles that of a better-known, reputable organization.

Asks a potential contributor for bank account or credit card information before the person has reviewed the organization's information and agreed to donate.

Uses high-pressure tactics to secure a donation before the potential donor has had a chance to make an informed decision about giving.

Asks for donations in cash.

Better Business Bureau Serving the Heart of Texas

recommends you follow these tips to avoid donating to the wrong people:

- Be cautious when giving online. Be cautious about online giving, especially in response to spam messages and emails that claim to link to a relief organization. If you are seeking to give to a charity organization involved in relief efforts, go directly to the charity's website.
- Rely on expert opinion when it comes to evaluating a charity. Be careful when relying on third-party recommendations such as bloggers or other websites, as they might not have fully researched the listed relief organizations. The public can go to BBB Wise Giving Alliance at give.org to research charities and relief organizations accredited by BBB.

Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations will assist relief victims. Despite what an organization might claim, charities have fundraising and administrative costs. Even a credit card donation will involve, at a minimum, a processing fee. If a charity claims 100 percent of collected funds will be assisting victims, the truth is that the organization is still probably incurring fundraising and administrative expenses.

Specific questions you should ask a charity or fundraiser:

- Does the charity have an on-the-ground presence in the impacted areas? Check that the charity's website clearly describes what they can do to address immediate needs. Watch out for charities that don't already have staff in the affected areas as they may not be able to provide assistance quickly.
- Is the charity providing direct aid or raising money for other groups? Some charities may be raising money to pass along to relief organizations. If so, you may want to consider "avoiding the middleman" and giving directly to charities that have a presence in the region. Find out the ultimate recipients of these donations to ensure the organizations are equipped to effectively provide aid.

Is the charity accepting and distributing clothing, food or other in-kind donations, or just money? In-kind drives for food and clothing (while well intentioned), may not necessarily be the quickest way to help those in need, unless the organization has the staff and infrastructure to be able to properly distribute such aid. Ask the charity about their transportation and distribution plans and find out their greatest need. Be wary of those who are not experienced in disaster relief assistance.

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) 741-2592.

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## Thank you banner



Courtesy photo

**Thank You Christy's Hair Studio & Spa, 100 E. 3rd Street, was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.**

## Permits

Silverleaf Communities, 717 Bucknell Ave., res sprinkler system, Val.: \$2,000, Fee: \$15.75

Drive Thru Daiquiri Shack, 1715 E. Fourth St., sign, Val.: \$3,000, Fee: \$25

Big Spring Realty Inc., 2300 E. FM 700, res elec, Val.: \$11,000, Fee: \$71.50

Silverleaf Communities, 716 Bucknell Ave., res plumb, Val.: \$9,500, Fee: \$99

Virginia Ruth Miller, 3201 Duke Ave., res elec, Val.: \$1,100, Fee: \$25

Jimmy Johnson, 1606 Johnson St., res plumb, Val.: \$1,000, Fee: \$32; res HVAC, Val.: \$7,500, Fee: \$45; res re-roof, Val.: \$5,000, Fee: \$35; total, Val.: \$13,500, Fee: \$112

Kay Slate McDaniel, 1600 Parkhill Dr., res gas, Val.: \$800, Fee: \$32

Rita Hickson, 400 Westover Rd., res gas, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$32

Adella Rivera, 4210 Hamilton St., res HVAC, Val.: \$4,500, Fee: \$45

Lisa Lenae Cooper, 3706 Boulder

Dr., res gas, Val.: \$1,100, Fee: \$32

Wesley Davis, 1618 E. 17th St., structure (replace existing fence), Val.: \$1,000, Fee: \$25

Jimmye Burks, 3201 Auburn Ave., res HVAC, Val.: \$3,100, Fee: \$35

Ruby Matlock Honea, 3603 Cactus Dr., res HVAC, Val.: \$4,500, Fee: \$45

Hebrew Jones Jr., 1903 Choctaw Dr., res HVAC, Val.: \$3,700, Fee: \$45

Eye Associates, Inc., 2311 Scurry St., com HVAC, Val.: \$6,500, Fee: \$45

Lunsford Plumbing, 3000 Cactus Dr., res HVAC, Val.: \$6,000, Fee: \$45

Gabriel Martinez, 2502 Central Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$3,200, Fee: \$30

Ricky Viera, 405 W. Fifth St., res HVAC, Val.: \$3,900, Fee: \$45

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, com HVAC, Val.: \$400,000, Fee: \$45

Tony Teague, 213 Jefferson St., res re-roof, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$25

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, 2311 S. Gregg St., com elec, Val.: \$1,500, Fee: \$25

William Latimer, 2407 Alamesa Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$3,000, Fee: \$25

James David McKinnon, 1710 Purdue Ave., res sewer tap, Val.: \$265, Fee: \$265

Thomas Stewart, 300 N.E. Eighth St., res ZBA variance, Val.: \$50, Fee: \$50

Marcelo T. Hernandez, 505 N.W. Eighth St., res sewer tap, Val.: \$265, Fee: \$265

Adolfo Saldivar, 1110 N. Nolan St., res elec, Val.: \$650, Fee: \$25

Star Dodge, 821 W. Interstate 20, structure (carport), Val.: \$221,500, Fee: \$826

Crossroads Baptist Association, 1311 Goliad St., com curb cut, Val.: \$5,000, Fee: \$25

Jerrold Paul Beall, 1710 Yale Ave., res sewer tap, Val.: \$265, Fee: \$265

Leonor R. Sotelo, 2108 S. Main St., res gas, Val.: \$1,800, Fee: \$32

Big Spring Hospital Corp., 1601 W. 11th Place, com addition/alteration, Val.: \$2,750,000, Fee: \$6,210

## Public Records

### Marriage Licenses

Cristopher Amilivia Gomez, 22, of ???, and Reagan Nichole Munoz, 19, of Big Spring.

Karen Elaine McGinnis, 44, and Melinda Gail Smith, 45, both of Big Spring.

Justin William Gonzales, 24, and Alexandria Monique Minjarez, both of Big Spring

### District Court Filings

Plaintiff: John Deere Construction and Forestry Company  
Respondent: Matthew Alexander, Stellar Automation Inc.  
Type of Case: Contract – consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: Aug. 24, 2017

Plaintiff: Luis Herrera  
Respondent: Dana Herrera  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Aug. 24, 2017

Plaintiff: Loyda Sorenson et al  
Respondent: Dr. James Carpenter DDS  
Type of Case: Injury/damage – motor vehicles  
Date: Aug. 24, 2017

Plaintiff: Bank of America NA  
Respondent: John Anderson  
Type of Case: Contract – consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: Aug. 25, 2017

Plaintiff: Patricia Nabors  
Respondent: Paul Nabors  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Aug. 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Misti Fontana  
Respondent: Brian Fontana  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Aug. 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Teresa Darden  
Respondent: Russell Darden  
Type of Case: Divorce  
Date: Aug. 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Burt Sheppard and Kathy Sheppard  
Respondent: State Farm Lloyds, Jack Hearn  
Type of Case: Contract  
Date: Aug. 28, 2017

Plaintiff: MidFirst Bank  
Respondent: Barbara Beeler et al  
Type of Case: Contract  
Date: Aug. 29, 2017

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

Defendant: Darryl Lee Miller  
Offense: Theft of service \$500 to \$1,500  
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 37 days in jail.  
Date: July 26, 2017

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: BCBHG Vista Spec. LLC  
Grantee: Tony Sasser and Shannon Sasser  
Property: An 0.67-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 8 Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: Aug. 28, 2017

### Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Matthew David Thomas  
Grantee: Jerry Bryant and Clara Bryant  
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 6, Replat of Wasson Place Addition  
Date: Aug. 20, 2017

Grantor: Terry Huit  
Grantee: Terry Nichols and Dorothy Nichols  
Property: Part of Sec. 43, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: Aug. 28, 2017

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.  
Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls  
Property: Surface estate only of Lot 22, Blk. 14, Monticello Addition  
Date: Aug. 29, 2017

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc  
Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls  
Property: Lot 19, Blk. 15, Monticello Addition  
Date: Aug. 29, 2017

## Harvey help: How you can put your money to good use

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

AP Technology Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Want to help? Local and national charities are asking for donations as Hurricane Harvey pounded Texas and Louisiana, leaving countless

residents — and pets — displaced from their homes. The recovery will be long and expensive.

While the urge to donate clothes and other supplies is natural, money is the best way to contribute during times of disaster. charities and

philanthropy experts say. And donating directly through a website gets money to a charity faster than a text donation, even though the text might seem easier.

Here's how to make sure you are giving in a way that matters the

most. — GIVE TO ESTABLISHED RELIEF AGENCIES  
GuideStar's website has a database that lets you vet charities.

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# Plant explosions, spills test industry's response to Harvey

By **MATTHEW BROWN**

Associated Press

Explosions that rocked a Texas chemical plant after it was inundated by Harvey's floodwaters are raising questions about the adequacy of industry preparations for the monster storm and stoking fears of more accidents in the days ahead.

The owners of the plant in Crosby, Texas, said Friday they will let 500,000 pounds (227,000 liters) of liquid organic peroxide that caused two explosions continue to burn because they have no way to cool the unstable chemical to prevent it from igniting.

The explosions came after the site lost power and the company's backup generators flooded. The site had flooded before, Arkema Inc. vice president Daryl Roberts said, yet no one at the company had planned for the amount of water that came with Harvey.

Meanwhile, the scope of the damage to the region's refineries and chemical plants continues to expand, as companies report spills and toxic pollution releases linked

status. Andrea Morrow, a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, said the agency had received "no other reports of concern" from other chemical plants in the state.

Harvey is only the latest severe weather event to pound the U.S. Gulf Coast, and oil and chemical companies operating there had touted changes made to improve safety in the wake of other devastating storms, most notably Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Those included elevating electrical systems to prevent power losses that can cause equipment to fail, spurring uncontrolled releases of pollutants, and making facilities more resistant to damage from high water or wind.

"Our industry has applied lessons from previous hurricanes and developed new technology, best practices and safety standards to help companies secure infrastructure, assess any damage, and work to minimize disruptions to supply," said Michael Tadeo, a spokesman for the American Petroleum

in-a-lifetime" catastrophe. He said removing the unstable chemicals from the plant would have been too great a risk, so the company opted to leave them on site.

"Clearly that wasn't enough," Roberts added. "Clearly going forward we will have to do something different."

He was unaware if the company had taken additional precautions in response to industrial accidents elsewhere caused by flooding.

Eric Frumin, health and safety director for a federation of labor unions, Change to Win, said the plant flooding was foreseeable.

"They clearly knew they were in a hurricane zone and could lose power because they had backup generators," he said. "Where was their 'plan C'?"

Experts say such efforts remain largely voluntary because federal regulations governing plant safety have not been updated since 1992. The rules were adopted in response to an infamous chemical accident in Bhopal, India, where a gas leak at a Union Carbide pesticide plant exposed a densely populated area to poisonous gas that killed thousands of people.

The rules provide limited guidance on how companies should handle so-called reactive chemicals such as those at the Arkema plant in Crosby that apparently caused Thursday's explosions and fire, said Hoyle, the former safety investigator.

The Chemical Safety Board has sought to close the loophole for reactive chemicals since at least 2002, when it issued a study that detailed 167 accidents involving the chemicals that had resulted in 108 deaths over two decades.

Proposed updates to the federal regulations have languished for more than two decades, said Michael Wilson, director of occupational health for the BlueGreen Alliance and a former chief scientist for the California Department of Industrial Relations.

The effort gained renewed momentum after a 2013 explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, killed 15 people, most of them firefighters and other first responders. However, stricter rules issued by the Obama administration in its final days were put on hold for two years once President Donald Trump took office.



AP photo

**The Arkema Inc. chemical plant is flooded from Tropical Storm Harvey, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, in Crosby, Texas. The plant, about 25 miles (40.23 kilometers) northeast of Houston, lost power and its backup generators amid Harvey's dayslong deluge, leaving it without refrigeration for chemicals that become volatile as the temperature rises.**

to toppled fuel storage tanks, shutdown refineries and at least one broken pipeline used to transport hazardous materials.

"The event is still unfolding. But it's clear that what actions and precautions were taken and were in place have proved inadequate," said Bill Hoyle, a former senior investigator for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board. "When Crosby is resolved, there are many more dominoes to fall in the region."

The six counties in the Houston area are home to some 230 chemical plants, 33 oil refineries and hundreds of miles of pipelines transporting hazardous materials, according to information from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Sierra Club. That infrastructure stretches east into Louisiana, where the storm traveled after leaving Texas and where damage is just beginning to be assessed.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said they were working with the state to contact plant operators to determine their

Institute.

Tadeo said the group was unable to quantify or put a dollar value on facility upgrades that were intended to better protect against storms.

Reports submitted to Texas regulators and analyzed by The Associated Press reveal more than two dozen air pollution releases from refineries and chemical plants in the 11-day period leading up to Harvey and its immediate aftermath. That includes both intentional releases as plants scrambled to shut down their operations as the storm approached and accidental emissions caused when fuel storage tanks were compromised or other equipment malfunctioned as Harvey rolled ashore.

As the storm approached, the American Chemistry Council issued a statement saying the industry was prepared for Harvey: "Chemical companies know well to avoid the dangers of being unprepared for any threat," the council said.

Arkema's Roberts defended the company's response Friday to what he called a "once-



AP photo

**Volunteer Elizabeth Haley organizes boxes of infant diapers donated for hurricane Harvey victims at a North Dallas donation drop-off location, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017.**

## GIVE

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Stacy Palmer, editor of The Chronicle of Philanthropy, also suggests looking through local news reports for information on a charity's work, or contacting the local United Way and the local Community Foundation — in this case Houston's.

It's up to you whether to go with a local charity that might know the area better, or a national charity that has wider reach. Palmer says "both kinds of organizations have their place right now."

### TEXTING TO GIVE?

It might be tempting to make a donation through text and have the phone company charge it on your phone bill. But Palmer says charities have to wait for phone companies to release the money. It's quicker if you go to the charity's website and donate directly, using a credit or debit card.

That said, relief agencies will need money beyond first few days or even weeks, so if the ease of text donations appeals to you, tap away. To donate \$10 to the Red Cross via text, send a text message saying "RED-CROSS" to the number 90999.

Apple users in the U.S. can also donate to the American Red Cross through the company's iTunes and app stores.

### TIMING

Donations often pour in immediately after disaster strikes but peter out during the long recovery process. While there are a lot of immediate needs, Palmer says, "charities are going to need support on the long haul."

Consider saving some of your money so you can donate again in a few weeks or months. Better yet, set up a recurring donation to support your chosen charity over time.

Some charities will say when they have raised enough for a particular disaster and use any extra money for their general fund, Palmer says.

This isn't bad.

"One of the things this disaster shows is that it's important to have resilience," she says. "It's smart to just give and say that it can be used wherever it's most needed."

### CROWDFUNDING

Group fundraising services such as GoFundMe let people raise money for friends, families, neighbors or themselves — as well as for charity. As always, do your homework before giving to a stranger or cause online.

GoFundMe has a special page for Hurricane Harvey pleas for charities, individuals and families. GlobalGiving, a crowdfunding site for charities, is trying to raise \$2 million for local relief and recovery efforts.

Remember that donations are tax-deductible only if they go to a registered non-profit or charity. Otherwise, they are generally considered gifts.

### HOLD OFF ON MATERIAL DONATIONS

Donating food, clothing and household items can complicate and even hinder relief efforts, experts say. The U.S. Center for Disaster Information says unsolicited goods are "never required in early stages of response, and they compete with priority relief items for transportation and storage."

It doesn't mean there will never be a time or place for such donations — check with relief agencies as time passes. And a few charities have announced immediate needs for material donations; the Houston Humane Society has set up an Amazon wish list for the most needed items.

### SERVICES

Consider volunteering or opening your homes to displaced families and emergency workers. Airbnb is waiving service fees and a requirement that hosts charge at least \$10 a night; free accommodations are permitted in selected area.

Facebook's "Community Help" feature lets

people offer and ask for help, such as food, supplies, shelter and rides. To browse what people are asking for, go the "explore" tab on your Facebook site or on the mobile app. Then, click on "Safety Check," where you will see a section for Hurricane Harvey. On Friday afternoon, people were asking for everything from volunteers to shelter, baby supplies and food.

### CONSIDER SPECIAL NEEDS

Consider charities that focus on vulnerable populations, such as seniors, the disabled, children and even pets.

The Texas Diaper Bank says diapers (whether for babies or adults) are not provided by disaster relief agencies. Again, these charities need money — not boxes of diapers you picked up at Costco.

Save The Children is setting up "child-friendly spaces" inside shelters to give kids a safe area to play, get support from trained experts and "get a sense of normalcy" during disasters, spokeswoman Jordyn Linsk said. The organization is also distributing infant and toddler supplies.

Portlight Strategies helps people with disabilities, older adults and their families recover after disasters.

To help animals, check the San Antonio Humane Society, which has set up an emergency fund for pets and strays, or the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. And the Houston Humane Society needs money, too.

Local charities such as the Houston Food Bank are also asking for help.

### RELIGIOUS AND HUMANITARIAN GROUPS

Some of the religious organizations are "some of the strongest relief groups," Palmer says.

Those accepting donations include Catholic Charities USA, International Orthodox Christian Charities, World Vision, Islamic Relief USA, the Jewish Federations of North America and Tzu Chi USA, a humanitarian organization with Buddhist roots.



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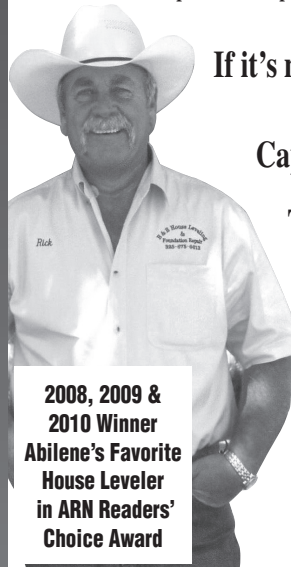


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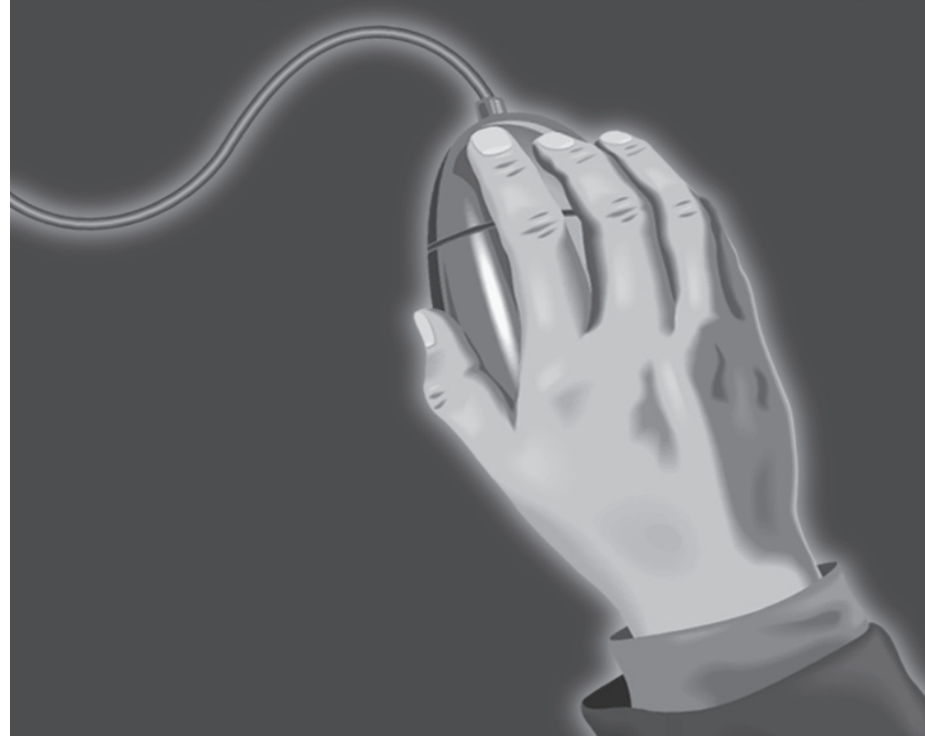
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#9513 August 27 & September 3, 2017

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GWENDELYN STORIE vs LOUIS WOODSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LOUIS WOODSON

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.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

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#9520 September 3, 2017

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

read it as a signal that there's something very wrong -- or very right -- afoot.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Thoughts about your home, food, belongings, family and work will supersede everything love-related -- until tonight. Romance will seem to be (and indeed will be) what all of life swirls around.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your work will be art when it's done. But right now, it's art in progress. Tweaks, fixes and alterations are in order. Then rinse and repeat. This stage could take a while.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Small daily habits, such as doing one situp or saying hi to one new person, will open the way for a lifestyle change. You won't believe the remarkable difference one seemingly minor but incredibly persistent gesture can make.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** These days, you're a minimalist at

heart. All you need is a purpose and a cellphone. But it doesn't hurt to also have supportive friends you can share news and views with at the end of the day.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll try to keep your word no matter what. In fact, you stress yourself so thoroughly over showing up strong that it makes you want to be even more careful about what you promise in the future.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** If people would actually take your advice, their problem would most likely go away. Alas, they are not even asking today. Their bad. Withhold your unsolicited opinions, and focus on what will make (SET ITAL) your (END ITAL) life better.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The person who gets flustered around you has good reason to. When one cares about making a connection, every move seems crucial. That's a lot of pres-

sure. In other words, no one wants to disappear a crush.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're comfortable with who you are, so silliness ensues. Who cares if you're being ridiculous? So much about life is ridiculous that you're really just matching up with the nature of existence.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Social situations may be harder to understand today, but if you're at a loss as to what to do next, just remind yourself that you can't be expected to automatically know. Everything is a learning process.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're a mystery. It's not because they don't know you but because no matter how well they know you, there's still more to discover. Enjoy your mysterious status, because it's certainly working for you today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're confident in what you have to offer. Put a

high price on it first and see what happens. The "price," by the way, doesn't have to be in dollars. For today, most exchanges that are worthwhile won't be monetary.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 3).** Ease and comfort will definitely be a part of your destiny, though not a big part. From a distance, you like the way it looks -- but when you get inside it, the leisure life can only entice you for the shortest amount of time. The rest you get only primes you to jump back in the game to play at an even higher level. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 5, 33, 28 and 16.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** It came to my attention that some of the emojis I was sending to express joy and appreciation appeared as one face when I viewed them from my computer and quite another when seen from a mobile device. The mobile interpre-

tation was more of a grimace than a grin, the kind of look one makes when an egregious error has been committed. By the time I noticed the discrepancy between my intention and the face at the receiving end of it, it was too late. I had already sent grimaces to the school nurse, an insurance agent and my grandmother, among others. Any rush to explain how my emotional state may have been misrepresented seemed, well, a little over-the-top. I resigned myself to have a laugh over the fact that emojis, like the emotions they represent, can be complicated, often misconstrued and (judging from their keystroke computer codes) difficult to aptly name.

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Mercury, Mars and Risk

Social situations are tricky and easy to get wrong. But everybody gets them wrong at one time or another, so the forgiveness rate is high. Anyway, if you've nothing to forgive, you haven't risked enough. Do it now under the Mercury-Mars conjunction. Learning will be swift. If you don't get it right, you'll at least be admired for your boldness.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're very sensitized to deviations from the norm. If one or two things are out of place, you'll pick up on it right away and

Annie's Mailbox

my being great and all, there is a problem: a 5-foot-tall trumpet-playing problem. "Addie" has been in concert band for a year and in marching band for about two years. She has been up the director's rear end ever since our winter concert last December about being a trumpet in the halftime show. Recently, as the

director and I were discussing halftime show music, Addie came up and inserted herself into the conversation. Then she and the director talked, and it was decided that I would be on second trumpet.

I have been working hard to be first trumpet in the halftime show for years now, and I wasn't going to

let Addie steal that from me. After my mom had a discussion with our director (even though I told her not to), we all agreed on splitting up the parts. I mainly have the second trumpet part, except for three songs in both pregame and halftime. I was given the solo I had wanted so badly, and I'm also part of a brass quintet in another halftime song. (Addie got an eight-measure feature in that song, which she brags about daily.)

But still, I feel that she's trying to steal my part. She played my solo the other day while the high brass members were just messing around and said, "Ha! That's fun. I can see why you like to play it." I'm unsure whether she's trying to one-up me or trying to support me. What should I say to her to get her to stop? -- Band Geek in a Bad Mood

**Dear Band Geek:** That football field is big enough for the both of you. I doubt Addie is out to get you, but even if she were, you can't stop a one-upper by one-upping her. Instead, focus on practicing even harder. If you channel your competitive energy into becoming your best rather than besting somebody else, it

will pay off.

**Dear Annie:** I have a friend who, without fail, will blow her nose either before or after eating a meal, often using her dinner napkin. I don't notice her blowing her nose so much otherwise -- probably because it doesn't repulse me as much when I'm not eating. She has no clue that this habit -- and its accompanying sounds -- does not belong at the dinner table.

Every time we go out, I tell myself that maybe just this once it won't happen (but it does, without fail). I don't know how to bring it up, and I can't believe she has to be told. We have been friends for so long that at this point, I think it would be just as rude of me to tell her to mind her manners. I am hoping she will get the drift via your column. -- Baffled

**Dear Baffled:** Remember that nobody's perfect, and the best test of good manners is patience with the bad ones. That said, if you two are close enough friends for her to regularly clear her sinuses in front of you, then you're close enough to be honest with her. Be a bit self-deprecating (e.g., "I might just be a germophobe, but...") to soften the blow. If you absolutely can't bring yourself to tell her, then either make peace with the habit or stop going out to eat with her.

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# Did 'Thelma & Louise' move the needle for female-led films?

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon clasped hands, stepped on the gas and flew over the canyon ridge in that memorable ending to "Thelma & Louise," many in Hollywood believed they were launching more than that turquoise Thunderbird.

It was 1991, and the expectation — or at least the hope — was that they were also launching a new era for women in movies, an era in which it would be easier to get films made with meaty female lead roles, and in which female filmmakers would find it easier to get work.

It didn't happen, says Thelma herself. "It hasn't changed at all," says Davis, who in the intervening quarter-century has become an advocate for diversity in Hollywood, focusing especially on gender representation in media made for children. "We never seem to get any momentum going."

In fact, she says, things actually haven't gotten better since the 1940s. "Our research shows the ratio of male to female characters in film has not changed since 1946,"

Davis said in an interview, referring to studies by the nonprofit research group she launched, the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media.

So what about "Wonder Woman," the mega-hit that has shattered glass ceilings, turned Gal Gadot into a superstar and earned the top global haul for a live-action film directed by a woman? Davis remains skeptical. "Look, there was 'Hunger Games,' there was 'Frozen,' even 'Star Wars' with a female lead... and now 'Wonder Woman.' You figure, 'We're done!'" she says. "But we have to wait for the data. It's been a quarter-century since 'Thelma & Louise' and nothing's changed. I know it WILL change, but to say this is the exact moment — well, you'll have to prove it to me."

Also in the skeptical camp: screenwriter Callie Khouri. Her tale of that fateful journey from Arkansas to the Grand Canyon by Thelma, a timid housewife with a chauvinist husband, and Louise, a hard-bitten waitress with a painful secret, was Khouri's debut screenplay. And she won the Oscar — the first solo screenwriting Oscar awarded to a woman for an original work in 60 years.



In this Aug. 18, 2017 photo, actress Geena Davis poses for a photo in New York. Davis starred with Susan Sarandon in the 1991 film, "Thelma & Louise."

AP photo

But a turning point for women? "Yeah, that didn't happen," says Khouri, with bitter humor. "I'm still waiting." The rise of "Wonder Woman," she says, feels like a "tiny little crack" in the ceiling. But, she adds: "You know, it's been a little daunting to see how slowly things actually do change. I can tell you that

I, for one, am so sick of the conversation. Why haven't things changed for women? I mean, don't ask US!"

Twenty-six years after "Thelma & Louise" landed on the cover of Time because of the gender conversation it launched — was it feminist or fascist, inspiring or outrageous? — the film still

resonates, and remarkably so, says author Becky Aikman, whose "Off The Cliff," released this summer, takes a deep dive into the unlikely story of a film that defied the odds merely by getting made. But it was clearly an anomaly, not a launching point, the

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## APNewsBreak: SeaWorld seeks restraining order vs. protesters



AP photo

In this Jan. 31, 2017, file photo, the entrance to Sea World is seen, in Orlando, Fla. SeaWorld said Thursday, Aug. 31, that it is seeking a restraining order against three animal rights activists who disrupted a killer whale show at its San Diego park on July 24.

By **JULIE WATSON**  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — SeaWorld is seeking a restraining order against three animal rights activists who disrupted a killer whale show at its San Diego park last month in a protest led by actor James Cromwell.

The company wants to bar Lyanne Fernandez, Ricky Chavez Rodriguez and Lisa Lange from the San Diego park and SeaWorld's nearby waterslide park, Aquatica,

according to court documents filed Thursday in San Diego County Superior Court.

Company officials told The Associated Press that the three were particularly aggressive but the order would not bar them from its other parks in San Antonio and Orlando, Florida. The court plans to hold a hearing before deciding, the documents say.

Lange said SeaWorld's action is retaliation for the complaint the trio filed to

press charges against the company's head of security in San Diego. They said some of the protesters were thrown to the ground.

"I think it's an odd reaction for saying to their security guy, 'Hey, you're not allowed to beat people up,' they seek a restraining order against us," said Lange, who works for PETA in Los Angeles. "He really roughed us up."

Lange said it won't stop

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## Utah theater wins 'Deadpool' case over law banning booze

By **LINDSAY WHITEHURST**  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A U.S. judge on Thursday struck down a Utah law that landed a movie theater in trouble for serving alcohol during the racy superhero film "Deadpool."

U.S. District Judge David Nuffer said state regulators violated Brewvies' freedom of speech when it threatened to fine the theater up to \$25,000 under a law that prohibits serving booze during films with simulated sex or full-frontal nudity.

Attorney Rocky Anderson calls the decision enormously important for First Amendment rights.

He argues the law is so vague it would apply to an art gallery offering wine near Michelangelo's "David" and that the state used it to intimidate the

theater. "This is a huge victory for everyone," he said.

Lawmakers and the governor have supported the law in the conservative state where politics are dominated by Mormons whose faith teaches avoidance of alcohol.

The case caught the attention of "Deadpool" star Ryan Reynolds, who donated \$5,000 to help pay the theater's legal bills last year.

The state is reviewing the ruling and considering its options, said Dan Burton, a spokesman for the Utah Attorney General's Office.

State attorneys call alcohol and sexual content an "explosive combination."

The 2016 complaint against the theater came under a law generally used to ensure strip clubs that serve liquor keep dancers wearing G-strings

and pasties. But it also bans serving booze during films featuring nudity or sex scenes.

Utah argued that "Deadpool" violated the law because the movie includes nudity and simulated sex, including a suggestive scene in the film's credits involving a cartoon unicorn.

The judge disagreed.

"Brewvies is not an adult oriented establishment," Nuffer wrote. "Brewvies does not focus on sex. It shows the same movies that other, non-sexually oriented movie theaters show but with alcohol."

Utah's law is similar to an Idaho measure that lawmakers repealed last year when a theater sued after its liquor license was threatened for showing "Fifty Shades of Grey" while serving alcohol.

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author says.  
"I wanted to see how this one made it through the wormhole, in part because it hasn't happened before or since," Aikman says. "A lot of people thought at the time, 'Wow, this movie is so successful, we've got to have more movies like this!' And then no one did it, which is wildly frustrating, and just shows how entrenched the point of view of Hollywood is ... that even a very successful movie didn't seem to get people in positions of power to say we should do more like it."

The uphill struggle for women in Hollywood — onscreen and behind the camera — has been the subject of numerous studies, including several in recent weeks. Most research has been about films for adults, but Davis' institute has always focused on content aimed at children. Lately, it has focused its research on family-oriented films.

In a yet-unreleased report, the institute analyzed, using technology developed in partnership with the University of Southern California's Viterbi School of Engineering, the 50 top-grossing 2016 family films. It found, among other things, that male characters outnumbered females by 2 to 1, and male characters had twice the screen time and speaking time.

"If you want to change the world, you can change it overnight in the mind of a child," says Madeline Di Nonno, the institute's CEO, who shared the data with the AP. "Geena pioneered this field of research because she was watching programming with her young daughter, and was concerned about what she saw."

Davis says with a laugh that now, when she watches movies and TV with her three kids, "They'll turn to me before I even say anything and say, 'Yeah, I noticed that.'"

In another recent study, the Viterbi School's SAIL Lab (Signal Analysis and Interpretation) analyzed language of 7,000 characters and 53,000 character interactions in 1,000 film scripts. It found that women had about 15,000 interactions, or "dialogues," while men had over 37,000. Women portrayed just over 2,000 characters, while men portrayed almost 4,900.

Yet another study, from USC's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, found that behind the camera, women directors are still a rarity: In the top 100 films of 2016 there were only five female directors out of 120, including co-directors.

In a statistic that remains ever striking, only one woman has won the Oscar for directing in the awards' 89-year history: Kathryn Bigelow for "The Hurt Locker."

Khouri's experience is instructive. Her Oscar aside, "It still took 10 years before anybody would let me direct anything — I was trying, every day of that 10 years," she says. She eventually directed "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" in 2002, then was frustrated to find herself typecast as a director of female-oriented films. "I never really understood why I was only ever sent things about women bonding through their tears," she says. "Nobody wants to be put in a box."

"Besides," Khouri adds, "I never thought of 'Thelma' as a particularly soft movie." (The film has a shooting death, attempted rape, armed robbery, and of course, suicide — though Khouri intended the ending as a metaphor.) She later turned to television, creating "Nashville."

But despite her struggles to build on the momentum of "Thelma & Louise," Khouri can point to a clear silver lining — well, besides that statuette on the mantel.

"Honestly, here we are, 26 years later, talking about this movie," she says. "So, I win."

Public mourns Princess Diana on 20th anniversary of death

By DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Kathy Martin joined the stream of visitors laying tributes to Princess Diana outside the gates of Kensington Palace on Thursday, just as she did 20 years ago.

The 55-year-old Diana devotee vividly remembers Aug. 31, 1997. She was wakened by an early morning phone call from family in Australia telling her the princess had died in a Paris car accident, then raced to the palace with her daughter and was among the first to leave a floral tribute. Throngs of people began arriving 10 minutes later, adding cards, teddy bears and mountains of flowers.

Martin returns to Kensington Palace, where Diana once lived, every year on the anniversary of her death, on Christmas and on the princess' birthday. On Thursday, she brought picture collages, poems and a Victorian spongecake decorated with Diana's picture, which she shared with other royal fans.

"She was just the beautiful, warming, caring humanitarian," Martin said. "She touched all walks of life. Diana always put a smile on the face and that's something for people."

The weeks leading up to the anniversary have been filled with television documentaries and newspaper stories reflecting on the princess and her contribu-



AP photo

People crowd around the gates of Kensington Palace in London to pay tribute to the late Diana, Princess of Wales, Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017. Tributes at the gates are to mark the 20th anniversary of Diana's death, in a car crash in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

tions to the country and to the monarchy. Diana's sons, Princes William and Harry, added to the buildup with a series of heart-wrenching interviews in which they talked about their mother's love and the pain of her death.

On Thursday though, it was the public's turn to recall "The People's Princess." Fans like Martin gathered at the palace to mark the two decades since Diana's death triggered a flood of grief across Britain and beyond. Her admirers began paying tribute to the princess before dawn, placing candles

shaped in the letter "D" at the palace gates.

"We had never met her and been nowhere near her, but I think she touched so many people because of who she was, the way she conducted herself in the context of where she was living and who she became," said Mara Klemich, 55, a well-wisher from Sydney.

William and Harry weren't scheduled to take part in any events Thursday. They honored their mother Wednesday, visiting a garden at Kensington Palace where she used to stroll and talk

to gardeners about their ever-changing displays. The princes and the Duchess of Cambridge, William's wife, met with well-wishers afterward.

The 36-year-old princess died in the early hours of Aug. 31, 1997. Her Mercedes, pursued by paparazzi, crashed into a concrete pillar in the Alma Tunnel in Paris while traveling at more than 60 mph (100 kph). Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver Henri Paul were all killed. Her bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, was injured but survived.

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her from protesting against SeaWorld. The two other activists could not be immediately reached for comment.

Wearing a "SeaWorld Sucks" T-shirt, Cromwell and six activists with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals barged in to the "Orca Encounter" show July 24 and spoke through a megaphone demanding SeaWorld release its orcas living in tanks and move them to massive pens in the ocean.

Cromwell, who starred in the movie "Babe," told park visitors that SeaWorld was condemning the orcas to premature deaths unless they are moved immediately to ocean sanctuaries.

When park security asked them to leave, the protesters locked arms, went limp and refused. After they were removed by force, SeaWorld alleges one protester later lashed out at a security guard.

PETA has denied the allegations and said the security guard manhandled the three protesters, wrestled phones away and threw two of them to the ground, sat on them and put a knee on a woman's chest until she yelled that she could not breathe.

PETA said in a statement after the arrests that it was a "non-confrontational protest against cruelty to marine life" and that the protesters obeyed the uniformed officers.

Cromwell, who was handcuffed and escorted out of the park, was separated from the other demonstrators when they were taken away.

Fernandez, Rodriguez and Lange were charged with criminal trespassing last month, and one of them also was charged with assault and battery, according to SeaWorld.

If the order is issued and the trio tries to enter the San Diego parks, the company will call police, said Marilyn Hannes, president of SeaWorld's San Diego park.

"We certainly respect free speech. When they demonstrate on SeaWorld Drive, we are respectful and understand that. But this is not about that at all," Hannes said. "This is really about safety."

PETA has long been known for its

stunts to draw attention to its protests. But Hannes said it has been escalating in recent months.

"Now that it's gotten to the point of becoming violent, that is beyond acceptable," she said. "We're very proud of the conduct of our security team under difficult circumstances."

Hannes said the request for a restraining order is the first such action taken by SeaWorld that she knows of in

her 20 years working at the San Diego marine park.

The educational attraction called "Orca Encounter" debuted this summer at the San Diego park as part of the Orlando-based entertainment company's move to end its world-famous killer whale shows amid public pressure that has intensified after the 2013 release of "Blackfish," a documentary critical of SeaWorld's orca care.

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