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Main break shuts down several mall businesses

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A water main leak in the neighborhood north of the Spring Town Plaza mall has been causing issues for mall businesses and area residents since Wednesday afternoon; but according to reports from Evita's Fine Mexican Cuisine, a restaurant in the mall, the water is once again flowing.

The Herald first became aware of the outage when Jeremy Grimes, manager of the Cinemark Cinema 4 movie theater, located in the

mall, posted the following statement in the Big Spring Trading Post Facebook page Wednesday evening:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I apologize but due to the water getting cut off at the mall due to the water main repairs throughout city, Cinemark Cinema 4 has to shut down till further notice. We will open as soon as the repairs have been fixed and water is restored. We are unable to remain open without operating restrooms, hand washing sinks, and water to adequately clean.

"We apologize for the inconvenience."

In an interview Thursday, Grimes reported that the water was still out.

"They have not given us any type of time frame," he said. "It could be later on this afternoon, it might be later tonight. There may be a chance that if it hits 5:30 and I still haven't heard anything, I might have to shut it down for the day again. We'll see how that goes. Right now I don't know."

The theater did indeed remain closed Thursday, and Grimes again posted to Big Spring Trading Post Thursday evening.

"Ladies and Gentlemen of Big Spring. I have been trying all day but alas, we are still having to remain closed for the entire day at Cinemark Cinema 4," he wrote. "We have not been given a good ETA from the City as to when this will be done but I do know that it will not be today."

"I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience."

Big Spring Public Works Director Johnny Wommack explained the situation.

"We've got a leak over behind the mall," he said. "To

make long story short, we've got to wait until school's out. So they're going to start on it again at 4 o'clock (Thursday), because we've got to kill one of the schools over there. Kill the water. So that's why we couldn't just leave it running.

Speaking Thursday, Wommack said he hoped to have the leak fixed and water restored before the night was over.

"It's been an ugly mess, but hopefully before the night's over we'll have it fixed," he said. "If we kill the school,

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Recycling made easy by new Big Spring based company

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

Over the last ten years, our planet's human inhabitants have produced more plastic than during the whole of the last century, and enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times. While that's just one shocking statistic of many and plastic waste is only part of a much larger problem, companies like Howard County Recycling are working to become part of the solution. HCR is a Big Spring based company that started as an idea exchanged between two local residents, Chris Mason and Jake Willoughby.

"I decided to do this because there is a need for it here and currently, there isn't anywhere to take recyclables," said part owner/operator of HCR Chris Mason. "I figured this would be great for our city in the long run and save people time while also helping the environment."

Beginning in February, when HCR is officially open for business, they'll offer what is referred to as "curbside recycling," which is just like a regular curbside garbage pickup service. HCR will provide residents with a large recycle bin that they can fill and place on their curb for easy pickup.

"We'll pick up 2 to 4 times a month as needed and collect recycled materials in bulk and then Jake and I will take it to San Angelo Friends of the Environment (S.A.F.E.) recycling center in San Angelo, Texas," said Mason. "We'll offer 10 gallon, 32 gallon, 55 gallon, and 95 gallon bins for rent to businesses and area residents."

According to Mason, on a small scale, recycling can help reduce trash that is often left out in the open and helps reduce what goes into our landfill. During certain times of the year, trash overflow goes into alleyways. Recycling would offer a way to relieve stress on the city when it comes to trash pick-up. It's something that can be seen in excess around Christmas time for example, but trash overflow is an issue throughout the year. Consumers are using more product than ever before and the metric ton of trash output in the U.S. has grown exponentially in the past 15 years or so. Mason went on to describe the benefits

Steers take on the 'Stangs



Big Spring's CJ Harris goes up strong for an offensive rebound during the Steers' loss to Andrews at home in Steer Gym on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Tonight the Steers take on the Sweetwater Mustangs at Sweetwater at 7:30 p.m.

Trump disparages African countries, Haiti with vulgarity

By **ALAN FRAM and JONATHAN LEMIRE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In bluntly vulgar language, President Donald Trump questioned Thursday why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "shithole countries" in Africa rather than places like Norway, as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to people briefed on the extraordinary Oval Office conversation.

Trump's contemptuous description of an entire continent startled lawmakers in the meeting and immediately revived

charges that the president is racist. The White House did not deny his remark but issued a statement saying Trump supports immigration policies that welcome "those who can contribute to our society."



Trump

language was "tough," but "this was not the language used." He did not specifically deny using the

word "shithole."

Trump later went on to argue: "Never said anything derogatory about Haitians other than Haiti is, obviously, a very poor and troubled country."

Referring to a report in the Washington Post, that he said "take them out" in reference to Haitians, Trump said that never happened.

The White House did not immediately respond to questions about the president's tweets.

Trump's comments Thursday came as two senators presented details of a bipartisan compromise that would extend

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Obituaries

Gregorio Estrella Arenivaz



Gregorio Estrella Arenivaz, 75, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at his residence. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, and Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Gregorio was born Oct. 11, 1942, in Mexico to Jo-vita Estrella Arenivaz and Toribio Arenivez.

Gregorio Arenivaz is survived by four sons, Jose Arenivaz and wife Yolanda, Miguel Arenivaz and wife Elidia, Gregorio Arenivaz, Jr. and wife Sallie, and Toby Arenivaz and wife Peggy, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Ramona Flores and husband Esequiel, Jr. and Denice Diaz and husband Santa, Jr., also of Big Spring; his father, Toribio Arenivaz of Lovington, New Mexico; six brothers and six sisters, 21 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his wife Evangelina "Angie" Arenivaz on May 4, 2017, and a grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Marjorie Geurin Mauldin Schulze



Marjorie Geurin Mauldin Schulze, 92, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, at her residence. Memorial services will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at the Midway Baptist Church.

She was born April 15, 1925, in Colorado City, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette Coker and Carolyn Bing-ham both of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Russ Mauldin and Tommy Mauldin; two sisters, Lurlene Lawson and Frances Herron; and on brother, Perry Geuri.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Police blotter, Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DANIEL WAYNE MCK-NIGHT**, 41, of 1108 Lloyd Ave., was arrested on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- **TIMOTHY CHARLES DRAKE**, 53, of 113 E 14th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on 100 block in E 13th St.
- **THEFT** on the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was re-

ported on 1200 block of Runnels.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

• **EMMIT HOWARD BARTEE**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE**, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief

less than or equal too \$100 to \$750.

• **TIMOTHY CHARLES DRAKE**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DANIEL WAYNE MCK-NIGHT**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ JR.**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of criminal mischief less than or equal too \$100 to \$750.

Take Note

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• 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 call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• 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. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. 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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours.

For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers.

If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Hwy 350 and FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels. Two people was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

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.

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.

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.

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protections against deportation for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants — and also strengthen border protections, as Trump has insisted.

The lawmakers had hoped Trump would back their accord, an agreement among six senators evenly split among Republicans and Democrats, ending a monthslong, bitter dispute over protecting the "dreamers." But the White House later rejected it, plunging the issue back into uncertainty just eight days before a deadline that threatens a government shutdown.

Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, explained that as part of that deal, a lottery for visas that has benefited people from Africa and other nations would be ended, the sources said, though there could be another way for them to apply. Durbin said people who would be allowed to stay in the U.S. included those who had fled here after disasters hit their homes in places such as El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti.

Trump specifically questioned why the U.S. would want to admit more people

from Haiti. As for Africa, he asked why more people from "shithole countries" should be allowed into the U.S., the sources said.

The president suggested that instead, the U.S. should allow more entrants from countries like Norway. Trump met this week with Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg.

Asked about the remarks, White House spokesman Raj Shah did not deny them.

"Certain Washington politicians choose to fight for foreign countries, but President Trump will always fight for the American people," he said.

Trump's remarks were remarkable even by the standards of a president who has been accused of racism by his foes and who has routinely smashed through public decorum that his modern predecessors have generally embraced.

Trump has inaccurately claimed that Barack Obama, the nation's first black president, wasn't born in the United States. He has said Mexican immigrants were "bringing crime" and were "rapists." He said there were "very fine people on both sides" after violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, left

one counter-protester dead.

House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland said, "President Trump's comments are racist and a disgrace." But it wasn't just Democrats objecting.

Republican Rep. Mia Love of Utah, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, said Trump's comments were "unkind, divisive, elitist and fly in the face of our nation's values." She said, "This behavior is unacceptable from the leader of our nation" and called on Trump to apologize to the American people "and the nations he so wantonly maligned."

Trump has called himself the "least racist person that you've ever met."

The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly describe the conversation. One said lawmakers in the room were taken aback by Trump's remarks.

The Trump administration announced late last year that it would end a temporary residency permit program that allowed nearly 60,000 citizens from Haiti to live and work in the United States following a devastating 2010 earthquake.

Trump has spoken positively about Haitians in public. During a 2016 campaign event in Miami, he said "the

Haitian people deserve better" and told the audience of Haitian-Americans he wanted to "be your greatest champion, and I will be your champion."

The agreement that Durbin and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., described to Trump also includes his \$1.6 billion request for a first installment on his long-sought border wall, aides familiar with the agreement said. They required anonymity because the agreement is not yet public.

Trump's request covers 74 miles of border wall as part of a 10-year, \$18 billion proposal.

Democrats had long vowed they wouldn't fund the wall but are accepting the opening request as part of a broader plan that protects from deportation about 800,000 "Dreamers." The deal also would include restrictions on a program allowing immigrants to bring some relatives to the U.S.

In an afternoon of drama and confusing developments, four other GOP lawmakers — including hardliners on immigration — were also in Trump's office for Thursday's meeting, a development sources said Durbin and Graham did not expect. It was unclear why the four Repub-

licans were there, and the session did not produce the results the two senators were hoping for.

"There has not been a deal reached yet," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. But she added, "We feel like we're close."

Underscoring the hurdles facing the effort, other Republicans undercut the significance of the deal the half-dozen senators hoped to sell to Trump.

"How do six people bind the other 94 in the Senate? I don't get that," said No. 2 Senate Republican John Cornyn of Texas.

The six senators have been meeting for months to find a way to revive protections for the "Dreamers." Trump ended the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program last year but has given Congress until March 5 to find a way to keep it alive.

Federal agencies will run out of money and have to shut down if lawmakers don't pass legislation extending their financing by Jan. 19. Some Democrats are threatening to withhold their votes — which Republicans will need to push that legislation through Congress — unless an immigration accord is reached.

Cybersecurity firm: US Senate in Russian hackers' crosshairs

By RAPHAEL SATTER

Cybersecurity Writer

PARIS (AP) — The same Russian government-aligned hackers who penetrated the Democratic Party have spent the past few months laying the groundwork for an espionage campaign against the U.S. Senate, a cybersecurity firm said Friday.

The revelation suggests the group often nicknamed Fancy Bear, whose hacking campaign scrambled the 2016 U.S. electoral contest, is still busy trying to gather the emails of America's political elite.

"They're still very active — in making preparations at least — to influence public opinion again," said Feike Hacquebord, a security researcher at Trend Micro Inc., which published the report. "They are looking for information they might leak later."

The Senate Sergeant at Arms office, which is responsible for the upper house's security, declined to comment.

Hacquebord said he based his report on the discovery of a clutch of suspicious-looking websites dressed up to look like the U.S. Senate's internal email system.

He then cross-referenced digital fingerprints associated with those sites to ones used almost exclusively by Fancy Bear, which his Tokyo-based firm dubs "Pawn Storm."

Trend Micro previously drew international attention when it used an identical technique to uncover a set of decoy websites apparently set up to harvest emails from the French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron's campaign in April 2017. The sites' discovery was followed two months later by a still-unexplained publication of private emails from several Macron staffers in the final days of the race.

Hacquebord said the rogue Senate

sites — which were set up in June and September of 2017 — matched their French counterparts.

"That is exactly the way they attacked the Macron campaign in France," he said.

Attribution is extremely tricky in the world of cybersecurity, where hackers routinely use misdirection and red herrings to fool their adversaries. But Trend Micro, which has followed Fancy Bear for years, said there could be no doubt.

"We are 100 percent sure that it can be attributed to the Pawn Storm group," said Rik Ferguson, one of the Hacquebord's colleagues.

Like many cybersecurity companies, Trend Micro refuses to speculate publicly on who is behind such groups, referring to Pawn Storm only as having "Russia-related interests." But the U.S. intelligence community alleges that Russia's military intelligence service pulls the hackers' strings and a monthslong Associated Press investigation into the group, drawing on a vast database of targets supplied by the cybersecurity firm Secureworks, has determined that the group is closely attuned to the Kremlin's objectives.

If Fancy Bear has targeted the Senate over the past few months, it wouldn't be the first time. An AP analysis of Secureworks' list shows that several staffers there were targeted between 2015 and 2016.

Among them: Robert Zarate, now the foreign policy adviser to Florida Senator Marco Rubio; Josh Holmes, a former chief of staff to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who now runs a Washington consultancy; and Jason Thielman, the chief of staff to Montana Senator Steve Daines. A Congressional researcher specializing in national security issues was also targeted.

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they should be able to fix it pretty quick. It's already dug up, it's just a matter of getting in the hole and fixing it once we get the water off."

Spring Town Plaza Manager Joe Wennik commented on the situ-

ation and its effect on mall businesses.

"It's been trying for some of them," he said. "Some of them, they just had to shut down, like the movie theater, Evita's restaurant...the hair place has been having issues as well, obviously. So any place that requires water for them to operate, they're kind

of shut down."

A call Friday morning to Evita's, which opens early for breakfast, revealed that the water was once again in operation.

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of recycling on a larger scale, pointing out that if enough communities in Texas recycled, the state would be more apt to offer recycling at the state level. In other states, receiving cash in exchange for recycled materials is the norm. The simple fact is that if we can reuse these materials, we can conserve our natural resources, he said.

HCR hopes to expand its services to include other less common forms of recycling like composting, which involves piling up organic waste, and then maintaining that pile while micro and macro organisms break down what is inside. Like traditional recycling, composting is beneficial to the environment in many ways. "The process of recycling includes cleaning the materials you want to recycle and then organizing them into the appropriate bin for that

type of material," said Mason. "Paper, plastic, glass, metals, electronic/appliances are some of the types of materials that can be recycled."

Residential services will be \$45/mo for 2 pick-ups a month and business services will be \$100/mo for 4 pick-ups a month, with an additional \$1 per mile for pick-ups outside of city limits.

Currently the closest facility is Butts Recycling in Midland, TX. Mason and his wife have been taking their own recyclables to this facility for years. To anyone who might be new to the process, he recommends collecting information on recycling first and then deciding what materials they'd

most like to recycle. "It takes effort to organize your trash so people need to know that," he said. "I'd hate for customers to organize their trash the wrong way, so it's important to educate yourself on the process first."

For more information, contact Howard County Recycling through their Facebook page, or call/message Chris Mason at 432-270-2708.

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Rickey Earl Hokes, Jr., 4 day old infant, son of Brianna Graham and Rickey Earl Hokes, Sr., died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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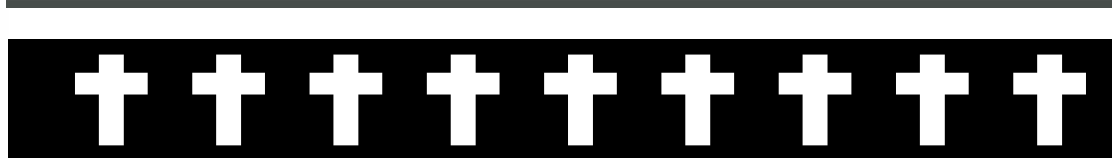
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Reflections: Something about that name

When my daughter was little, I rocked her to sleep every night and sang the same song: Jesus, There Is Something About That Name. One line in song says, "Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away, but there is something about that name. My daughter is now grown and the mother of three. Sometimes she sings that same song to my grandchildren.



BILL TINSLEY

My wife and I just returned from Israel, a trip we chose to launch our 50th year of marriage. We spent several days in Jerusalem, walking through the Garden of Gethsemane, looking on the Holy City from the Mount of Olives, visiting the Pool of Siloam and the Western Wall. We sat

on the Southern steps to the temple and walked the Via Dolorosa.

Everywhere we went we were shoulder to shoulder with tourists from all over the world, tourists who had come to walk where Jesus walked. We met a young man from New Zealand, another from Colombia, entire groups from Indonesia, China and Korea. They came from Africa, South America and Europe. They were Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Non-denominational. They came from everywhere. Tour buses lined up on the streets of the city, in spite of the political tensions reported in the news. They came because "there is something about that Name."

We visited the Trans-Jordan site, just above the Dead Sea, the most likely place where Jesus was baptized by John. A barbed wire fence runs down the middle of the Jordan River separating Israel from Jordan. Armed guards are visible. On the other side

of the river, beyond the barbed-wire fence, a group of Orthodox believers were baptizing, joyfully and with passion. Separated by politics and boundaries, we could not speak to them or touch them, but, like us, they were drawn to that site because Jesus was there.

In Jerusalem most of the actual places where Jesus walked are buried, beneath many layers. The temple of His day, built by Herod, was destroyed in 70 AD. Only the supporting walls remained, including the western wall where hundreds gather to pray every day.

In the 2nd century the Roman Emperor Hadrian rebuilt Jerusalem as a pagan city with a temple to Jupiter. After 325, Emperor Constantine rebuilt the city as a Christian center. Islamic rulers conquered the city in 638, the Crusaders in 1099. It was conquered by Saladin in 1187. Its walls were destroyed in 1219 then repaired

in 1243. It was taken over by the Ottoman Empire in 1517. Jerusalem has been conquered, destroyed and rebuilt numerous times.

When Neil Armstrong visited Israel following his landing on the Moon, he walked up the steps to the Temple entrance. He asked his guide, archeologist Meir Ben Dov, if these were the same steps Jesus walked on. Ben Dov confirmed that they were. "I have to tell you," Armstrong said, "I am more excited stepping on these stones than I was stepping on the moon."

The very stones of the city, with the numerous archeological digs, bear witness to history. Kings and kingdoms have come and gone. But the name of Jesus remains. 2000 years after Jesus first walked the streets of Jerusalem, His name continues to transform people of every language, culture and nation who trust in Him.

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First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, Pastor Derrell's message is "Our Neighbor," and the scripture is from Luke 10: 25-37. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship services on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

Evening Adult Bible Study, Real Life, meets Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

First Church of the Nazarene

Join us on Sunday Morning, David Menefee will be joining us for a couple of months and bringing some really good messages about Jesus. Service starts at 10 a.m. Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday Service.

Small groups for both men and women meet Sunday morning at the Lancaster campus at 9 am while kids enjoy fellowship and breakfast before service.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 pm on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week, if you are interested pick up our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number. For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join them in worship Sunday at 2 p.m. Come lift your heart to God with this vibrant group as they give praise and thanks for our risen Savior Jesus Christ. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com. We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love

the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Sunday, January 14th - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service as we launch of our brand new Series entitled, "Elephant In The Room." During this series we will journey through 10 or so weeks of sensitive, but relevant subjects that are often times not spoken of nor touched on particularly in the Church community. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching

& preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better. Tuesday, January 16th- Join us each Tuesday for 7 weeks from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in the ARC as we study and learn with Natasha Bailey on the book Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst. For this class You will need to purchase your book. The journal & Study guide are NOT needed for this class.

Covenant Life New Believers Course - Are you a New Believer? Were you recently baptized? We have a course just for you. Our CLNB Course will be held each Sunday in February from 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in the Academic Resource Center. Members of our Pastoral Care Team will be sharing this 4 week course designed to walk you through the steps of: Salvation, Faith & Assurance, Power of the Holy Spirit and Overcoming Trials.

Monday, February 12th- Join Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. As we encourage and equip each other in God's word. Bring your favorite dish to share for food, fun and fellowship. For more info contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Baptist Church

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Sunday morning at 10:50, you're invited to join the people of First Baptist Church as they gather in worship and adoration of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of music which will include contemporary praise and worship songs, and foundational hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Fruit of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. Titled "Joy: Deep Gladness in the Good and Bad of Life," Sunday's message reminds hearers that true joy has its foundation in God, which is a constant and abiding delight in Him, thus shedding His light into the darkest of circumstances, and lifting the believer above whatever events occur, good or bad, providing a deep, personal sense of lasting pleasure. If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout



the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and hot coffee.

Sunday evening Bible study starts at 5:30. Also, the Worship Arts for Kids program kicks off at 5:30, and all area children are invited to participate in this exciting time of learning about worship through music, drama, and instruments. Beginning Jan. 21, the new selection of Winter Semester Discipleship classes for youth and adults begin; more details are upcoming.

FBC Mother's Day Out program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones, or go to fbcbigspring.com to download a registration form.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm and include: Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, 'Saturate' youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children. Upward Basketball games continue Saturday January 20th. For additional information about how to support this fun Bible based sports program, call 432-267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. Happy 2018!, and "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Forsan Baptist Church

he message this week begins a new series called Big Sandals: Retracing the Footsteps of Kings. The opening for this series comes from 1 Kings 3:4-9 and is called Wise Counsel.

Wednesday youth and children's activities have resumed for the spring. Students from pre-k to 6th grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by class at 6 p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We have a new "App" for your use this year. It should be easier to work with have more applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download, then search for Spring Creek Fellowship Texas. That should take you to our Home Page.

KID CONNECTION:1/14 Peter Visited Cornelius, Acts 10, check the Bible lesson under the Kid Connect tab, Winter 2017-18, at springcreekfellowship.org. Better yet, join us in the "yellow room" at Spring Creek this Sunday.



CHURCH

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As Kids On A Mission, we have learned that our 126 shoeboxes sent for Operation Christmas Child are headed to Panama and Ecuador to bless children with the message of Jesus' and His love!

New Connection Groups will be starting up in January. More info to come!! Some include "What Does the Bible Say?", "Discovering Who You Are In Christ" and "Love and War" for married couples. Others continuing are "Walking Through The Gospel" and "Men's 33". All start at 9:15 on Sunday mornings!

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left!

You may also visit our Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the church entrance to get food. Donations are needed to keep us stocked for those in need. Please consider donating on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

We are updating our files and need your help to make sure we have the correct information for you and your family. Please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year Associates Degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office.

Community Groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the church office for times and locations.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Our Worship Team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Klint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Weekly Happenings: Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service. Between 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups. In between 10:15 a.m.-

Do you really want to know?

What was, or is, your favorite subject in school? Math was always mine and the sciences were close behind. Whatever it was, your marks for that subject were likely better than the grades you received in classes that you did not care for.

There are many factors to learning. One of the more important factors, if not the most important, is a willingness and desire to learn. I enjoyed being able to work out mathematical equations. I didn't care so much about English literature or Early American Poetry or writing papers. It is slightly ironic that my current occupation requires a great deal of reading and not an insignificant amount of writing. I guess that goes to show you that attitudes (hearts) can change.

That goes with spiritual learning as well. If your heart is not in it, then it is not going to happen. If you are not focused on

spiritual matters, then you will not learn spiritual lessons. When the heart of a person is only concerned with physical, temporal, and worldly pursuits, even if a spiritual lesson "hit them right between the eyes," they would not understand it.

Jesus stated it like this in Matthew 13:13-17, This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, not do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them." But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it (ESV).

There are some who completely refuse to consider spiritual matters. In fact, they outright deny

anything beyond the natural, material sphere in which we exist. You may know someone like this. Trying to help them learn of spiritual matters is next to impossible. They don't believe in God, and at some point they determine to never entertain such a thought, because they realize how that would fundamentally change their lives.

Others, like Jesus said, have just grown dull. They become like a car that is parked in a garage and never run for years. It will require some repair and overdue maintenance before they can exercise their spiritual muscles once again. They still believe in God (at least they say they do), but they are more focused on their job, earning money, and pursuing pleasure and finding fulfillment in this life.

We should all have a spiritual eye and ear checkup. Am I focused on spiritual things, or am I only concerned with the here and now? Is the thought of reading the Bible more one of delight or drudgery? Are your eyes blessed because they see beyond this physical realm and, by faith, see into the eternal?

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.



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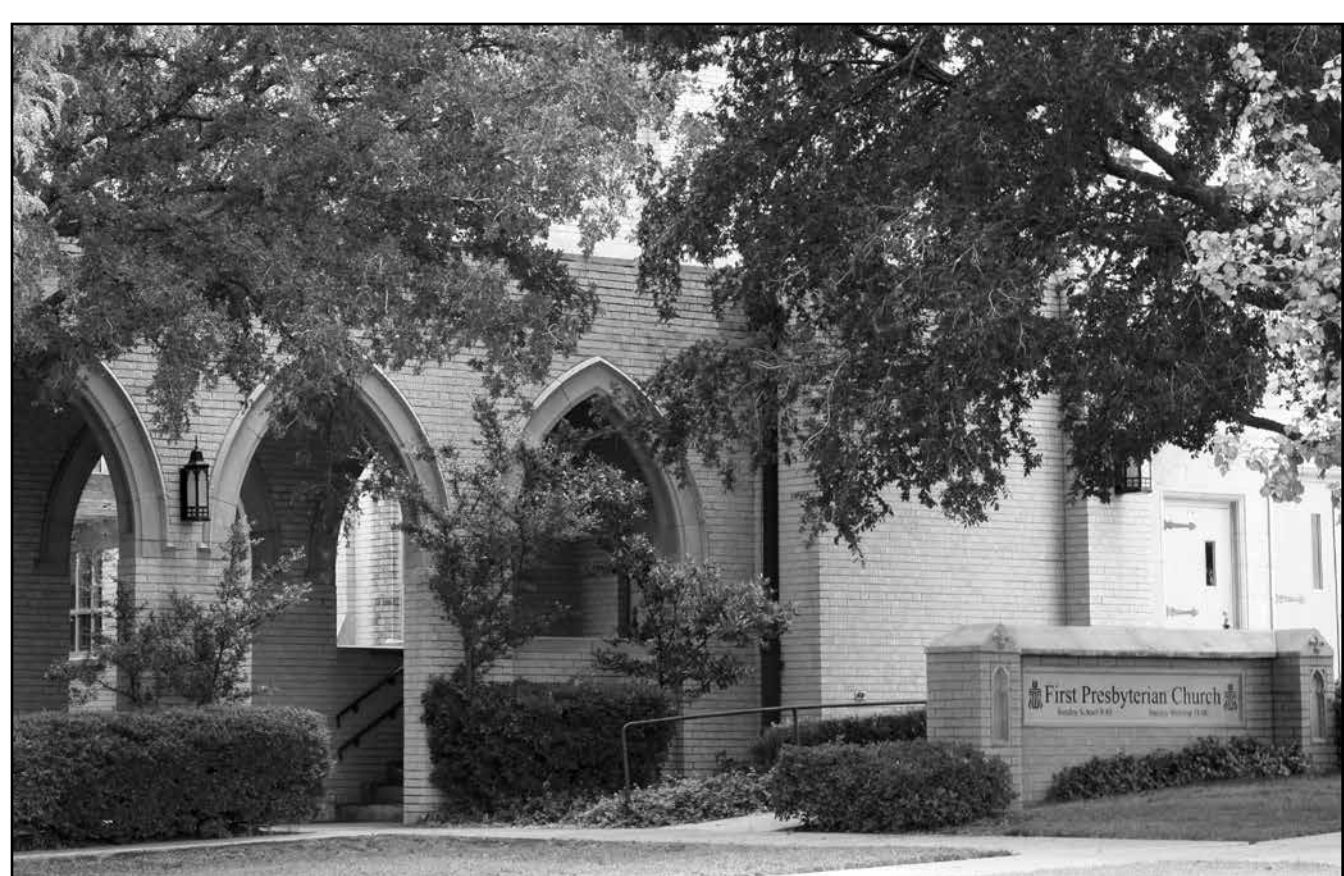
the church library. The Chancel Choir will have its regular rehearsal at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Claudie Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. The lectionary passages for January 14th are 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and John 1:43-51. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Children's music programs meet on Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by youth group dinner and handbell practice at 6 p.m. Mark Morgan is providing the youth dinner.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

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Clarendon too much for Hawks, sweeps Howard College



By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks made their way to Clarendon on Thursday for a conference double-header against the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs of Clarendon College. Both Hawk teams got outplayed and took losses that set both teams back to a 1-3 record in conference play.

For the Hawks, it started out close. Howard was only down by four points at the half, but managed to let it slip out of their grasp as they were outscored 45-34 in the second half. They lost with a final score of 93-78 and dropped to 1-3 record in conference, 13-5 overall.

Xavier Trent, of Clarendon, gave Howard trouble as he racked up a total of 39 points for the game, along with 8 rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Leading Scorers for the Hawks:

- Jack Pagenkopf - 15 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals
- Jeremy Hayes - 14 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists
- Jake Hutchings - 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3 as-

sists and 1 steal

For the Lady Hawks, it wasn't quite as close. They were outscored in the first three quarters by four, nine and ten points, which created a hole that they just couldn't dig themselves out of. They had trouble sinking shots as they shot for only 28.6% from the floor, 31.3% beyond the arc and 72.4% from the free throw line compared to Clarendon's 45%, 44.4% and 78.6%. With a final score of 77-58, the Lady Hawks dropped to 1-3 in conference play and 11-9 on the season.

Leading Scorers for the Lady Hawks:

- Corbyn Cunningham - 19 points, 17 rebounds, 4 assists and 1 steal
 - Addyson Moseley - 10 points, 3 rebounds and 1 assist
 - Kaki Simpson - 10 points, 1 rebound and 2 assists
- Up next, Howard will host the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen and Lady Plainsmen for another conference double-header scheduled for Monday, January 15. The girls will kick things off at 5:45 p.m. with the boys to immediately follow.

Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College's Kendall Alsup shoots for two during the Lady Hawks' loss on the road at Clarendon College on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College's Jack Pagenkopf lines up a three point attempt during the Hawks' road loss at Clarendon on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Coahoma Junior High basketball update



Courtesy photo
Coahoma 8th grade A team's Bryson Kerby (5) leaps toward the hoop during their basketball game against the Colorado City Wolves on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Special to the Herald

Coahoma met with a very tough Colorado City junior high basketball team Monday night where the Wolves swept the Bulldogs in all three games held at the Coahoma ISD competition gym.
8th Grade A: 50-20, Wolves
Ashton Kimball hit a field goal to start out the game for Coahoma in the first quarter, but the Wolves went on a 19-point run before Bryson Kerby answered back with a successful basket at the free-throw

line. Kerby followed up with another basket for 2 more points with 40 seconds left in the first. Action picked up for the Bulldogs in the second quarter, but the Wolves managed to keep Coahoma to only erasing a point from their lead. The 'Dogs slightly out scored the Wolves 8 to 7. Kerby got the momentum moving for the Bulldogs by easily dropping in two baskets at the free throw line, followed quickly by Ky Kemper who scored 2 from the floor. Kobe Cervantes buried a shot from beyond the arc to

add three more points. Kerby ended the quarter with a field goal as the teams headed into the locker room with the score at 30-13 in favor of the Wolves. Returning for the second half, the Wolves held the Bulldogs to only 7 points total for the rest of the game compared to their 20. Kaden Paul and Kemper contributed to the Bulldogs' score in the second half.
Scores by quarter:
1st, 23-5
2nd 30-13
3rd 40-17
4th 50-20

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Texas A&M struggling, Auburn surging against SEC competition



AP photo
Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy stands on the sideline during the second half of the team's NCAA college basketball game against Alabama, Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(AP) - A look at the upcoming week around the Southeastern Conference:
GAME OF THE WEEKEND: Texas A&M at No. 24 Tennessee: Just a couple of weeks ago, Texas A&M was ranked fifth in the country to match its highest position ever in the Top 25. Now they're unranked and are the only SEC team without a conference win. That puts the Aggies (11-5, 0-4 SEC) in a desperate position heading into Saturday's game at No. 24 Tennessee (11-4, 2-2), which has won two straight. Injuries and suspensions impacted Texas A&M's roster at the start of SEC play, but the Aggies also have been hurt by bad luck. In their last two games, they lost 69-68 to LSU on a 3-pointer in the final second and fell 74-73 at No. 21 Kentucky.
LOOKING AHEAD: Is Auburn for real? Auburn has put itself in great position to earn its first NCAA Tournament berth since 2003. The Tigers are unbeaten in SEC competition and have won 13 straight games, their longest winning streak since 1999-2000. Auburn (15-1, 3-0 SEC) has won three straight SEC games by double figures, the first time it's done that since 2009. Before now, Auburn hadn't even won three straight SEC games by any margin since the 2015 SEC tournament. Auburn plays

three of its next four games on the road, including a Saturday matchup at Mississippi State, which hasn't lost at home all season.
NUMBERS GAME: Florida's Egor Koulechov has shot 13 of 20 from 3-point range in Florida's four SEC games to help the Gators move atop the league standings. He scored the Gators' first 13 points Wednesday in a 71-54 victory over Mississippi State. ... LSU (11-4, 2-1) already has exceeded its win total from last season, when the Tigers finished 10-21. ... Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy became the 23rd coach in SEC history to win 100 conference games when the Rebels beat Mississippi State 64-58 last weekend. Kennedy has a 100-90 record in SEC games over 12 seasons.
IMPACT PERFORMER: LSU's Tremont Waters delivered one of the most spectacular shots of the season Saturday with his off-balance 3-pointer in the final second to give the Tigers a one-point win at Texas A&M. That shot continued the 5-foot-11 guard's remarkable freshman season. Waters leads the SEC in assists (6.1) and ranks fifth in the league in scoring (16.8). He's a major reason why LSU is outperforming preseason

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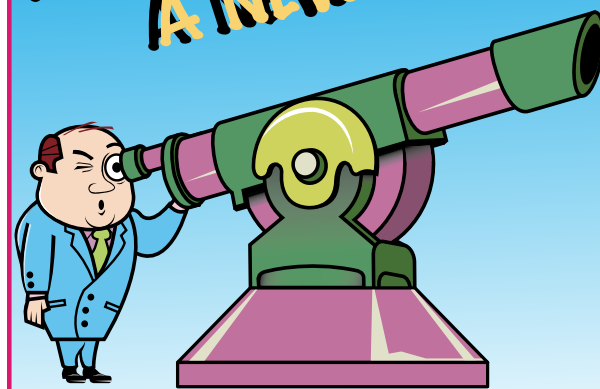
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a day for sweeping reform of small areas of your life -- as in closet-size or drawer-size areas. It will be surprising how much a total reorganization of a cupboard or a wallet can rock your world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's only natural to become bored with things that stay the same for too long. Then again, when change is constant, change is the state that becomes boring. Take this into account as you plan your next move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're feeling adventurous, the best jewels of the day can be mined in the caves of uncertainty, risk and experimentation. So take courage and dig deeper. It will be worth it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In a certain area of your life, usual rules won't seem to apply anymore. Maybe your group imposed these guidelines before you ever even had a chance to hold them up to the light; to test them; to wonder if you agree.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your cosmic gift will be a special charisma. Don't be surprised if those closest to you don't notice it, though. Familiarity breeds

blindness. It's your acquaintances and the total strangers around who will warm to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Momentum is about decisive action. The excitement of a game could help, especially with the right opponent. Unless you are competing against someone much younger or weaker than you, don't hold back. Give it all you've got.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whoever said that calendars are for careful people? No way! They are for people who want to make their dreams come true and also want to keep a record so later they can remember how they did it. Mark up your calendar.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one has it all figured out. No one! So don't plunk down a bunch of money for the answer to your life. Now, a reasonable sum for the answer to a certain problem... well, that's different and (SET ITAL)totally(END ITAL) worth the money today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You show up to work even when you don't feel like it, but to attend social functions out of a sense of duty is not advised. If you're not into it, it's better not to commit yourself. People need to feel liked, not tolerated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To know there's a difference between what things are and what they could be is the unique privilege and pain of hu-

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man existence. You'll make the most of this today. Celebrate every nudge in the right direction, however small.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your escapes will bring you great pleasure. Traveling? A show? Reading? Indulge! As Groucho Marx said, "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The wise and the strong are often merciful too -- at least enough so to forgive every person once or twice. More than that and maybe they aren't so wise and strong after all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 12). Lucky projects will be your bounty! Because you love the job at hand, you pour yourself into the details, creating as much perfection as you can. This attracts fresh interest in you and what you do. You'll cement a stellar deal in April. You'll be applauded by community in July. There's a healing in October. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 44, 49, 4, 17 and 28.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Choosing the right topic to talk about will be key in having a great time with someone.

TAURUS: When you hit it off, it's a roof on fire! And when it's a miss, there's still hope for a gradual burn.

GEMINI: Love deepens as expectations lessen. **CANCER:** It's not like you're looking for someone to solve your problem, although when this happens it's really cool. **LEO:** You'll put your positive attention where it will do the most good.

VIRGO: The best mode for a relationship this weekend? Deeply superficial. **LIBRA:** You might have to sacrifice your official standing as being in the right for the sake of getting along. **SCORPIO:** The refusal to take yourself too seriously will help others relax around you. And if they still can't, take it as a red flag. **SAGITTARIUS:** All the differences will matter. Age, socioeconomic status, race, religion -- they all impact relationships and it wouldn't be realistic to think otherwise. **CAPRICORN:** When it's not what you wanted but there's still something good about it that you can roll with, it's a sign of your own creativity and maturity. **AQUARIUS:** Communication is often about what's not said. **PISCES:** Your interests will meld with another and your tones will resonate together clear and bright. What could be better?

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Sagittarius and Capricorn are good for one another even when they aren't exactly having an easy time of it. With the Sagittarius moon reflecting the Capricorn sun this weekend, they're definitely on a relationship high, in agreement and seeing the profound value that each gives to the other's life: Capri-

corn's stability, encouragement and ethical voice; Sagittarius's passion and fearlessness.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ AJ743 ♥ 8 ♦ 97 ♣ KJ852
- ♠ KQ875 ♥ 943 ♦ AJ ♣ KQ6
- ♠ AK962 ♥ 7 ♦ Q84 ♣ AJ65
- ♠ KJ632 ♥ 10 ♦ 4 ♣ Q98753

- 1. Pass.** There is no good reason to bid again over three notrump, despite your 5-5-2-1 distribution. Granting that such hands generally play better in a suit, the fact remains that you've told partner about your preference for suit play, and he has said he's not interested.
- 2. Six notrump.** This is a matter of simple arithmetic. Partner's jump to two notrump announced 18 or 19 points, and you have 15. The combined total is 33 or 34 points, which means that bidding a slam is mandatory. Your three-club bid was designed to find out if partner had three-card support for spades, and now that he said he hasn't, you have no reason to doubt that notrump is the best denomination.
- 3. Four diamonds.** A slam is clearly imminent here also, but this time there is a good possibility that diamonds will prove a superior medium for the slam. It is certainly reasonable to assume that partner has precisely two spades because of his failure to bid three spades at his last turn. He is therefore highly likely to have five diamonds for his bidding to date. If that is the case, he may find it easier to make six diamonds than six notrump. Your four-diamond bid is, of course, forcing. If partner bids five diamonds over four, you plan to carry on to six.
- 4. Four clubs.** This is a tough choice, but the odds favor suit play over notrump. There are two important differences between this hand and the first one. Your distribution in the former case was 5-5-2-1; here it 6-5-1-1, which is decidedly less satisfactory for notrump purposes. Also, in the first hand you had nine high-card points, giving your side more than the 26 normally needed to make three notrump, while here you have only six points, leaving you a point or two short of 26. In terms of pure probabilities, game is more likely in one of your suits — where your distribution can play a role than in notrump.

Tomorrow: The happenstance squeeze.
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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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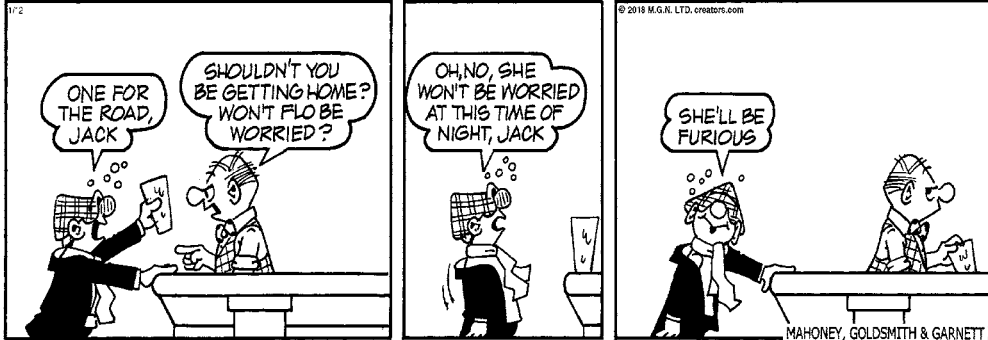
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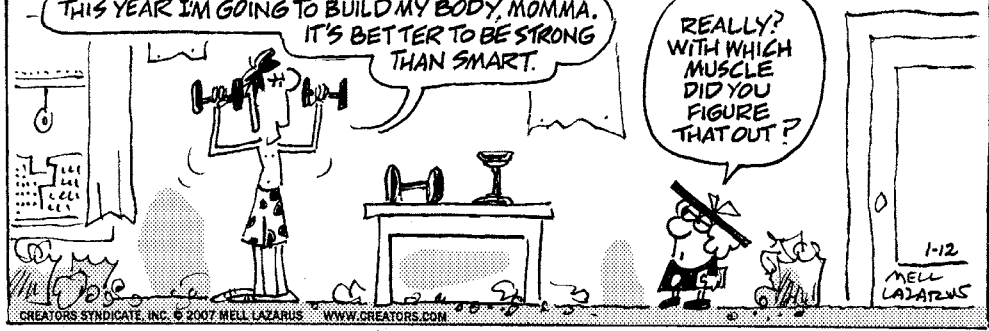
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2018. There are 353 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 12, 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race. On this date: In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain. In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote. The silent film drama "A Fool There Was," which propelled Theda Bara to stardom with her portrayal of a predatory vamp, premiered in New York. In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus. In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a major, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe. Aircraft from U.S. Task Force 38 sank about 40 Japanese ships off Indochina. In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. military should stay in Vietnam until Communist aggression there was stopped. The TV series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward as the Dynamic Duo, premiered on ABC, airing twice a week on consecutive nights. In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television. In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85. In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz. In 1987, Anglican Church

envoy Terry Waite arrived in Lebanon on his latest mission to win the release of Western hostages; however, Waite ended up being taken captive himself, and wasn't released until 1991. In 1998, Linda Tripp provided Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office with taped conversations between herself and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, visiting Bahrain, said he was cheered by news that Iraq's parliament had approved legislation reinstating thousands of former supporters of Saddam Hussein's dissolved Baath party to government jobs, calling it "an important step toward reconciliation." Five years ago: The NHL's four-month lockout finally ended as the league and the players' association completed signing a required memorandum of understanding. Miss New York Mallory Hagan won the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas. One year ago: In yet another aftershock from the chaotic presidential campaign, the Justice Department inspector general opened an investigation into department and FBI actions before the election, including whether FBI Director James Comey followed established policies in the email investigation of Hillary Clinton. President Barack Obama ended the long-standing "wet foot, dry foot" immigration policy that allowed any Cuban who made it to U.S. soil to stay and become a legal resident. Novelist and filmmaker William Peter Blatty, who gave millions the fright of their lives with the best-selling novel and Oscar-winning movie "The Exorcist," died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 89. Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine MacGregor (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 93. The Amazing Kreskin is 83. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 79. Actor Anthony Andrews is 70. Movie director Wayne Wang is 69. Actress Kirstie Alley is 67. Political commentator Rush Limbaugh is 67. Legal affairs blogger Ann Althouse is 67. Writer Walter Mosley is 66. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 66. Radio-TV personality Howard Stern is 64. Writer-producer-director John Lasseter is 61. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 60. Actor Oliver Platt is 58. Basketball Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins is 58. Entrepreneur Jeff Bezos is 54.

Rock singer Rob Zombie is 53. Actor Olivier Martinez is 52. Rapper TBird (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 51. Model Vendela is 51. Actress Farrah Fokke is 50. Actress Rachael Harris is 50. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 48. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 48. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 45. Rock musician Matt Wong (Reel Big Fish) is 45. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 44. Contemporary Christian singer Jeremy Camp is 40. Actress Cynthia Addai-Robinson is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Amerie is 38. Actress Issa Rae is 33. Actress Naya Rivera is 31. Actor Will Rothhaar is 31. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 30. Rock singer ZAYN is 25. Pop/soul singer Ella Henderson (TV: "The X Factor") is 22.

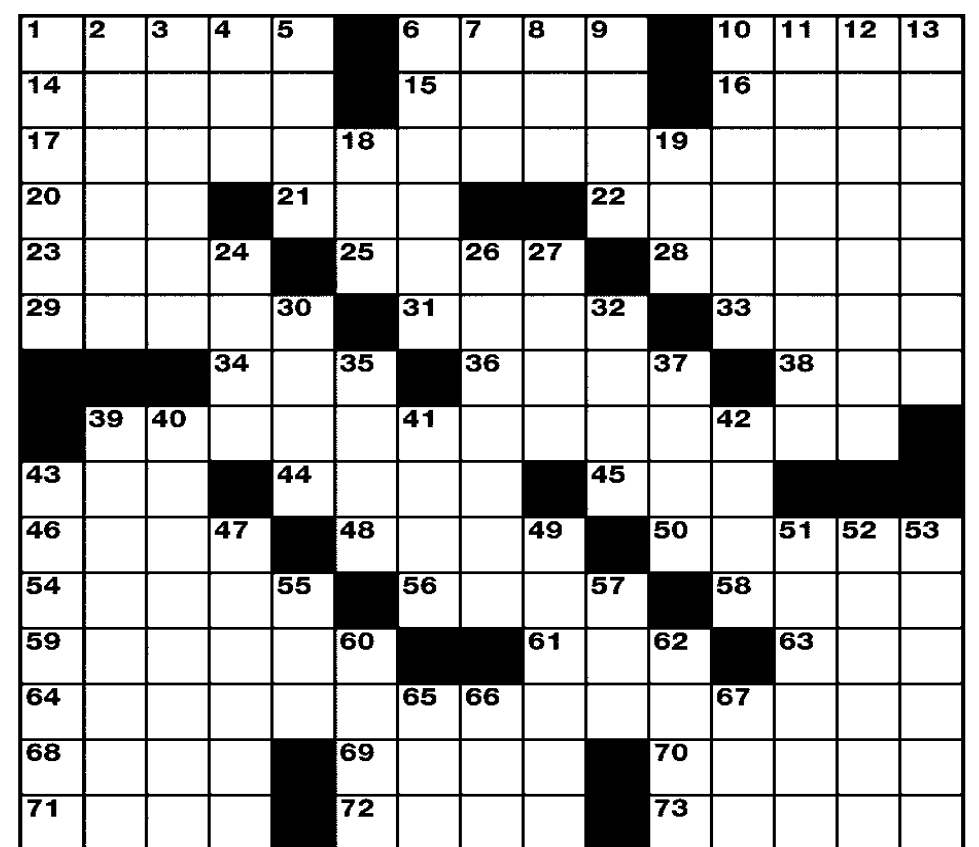
Thought for Today: "Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable." Mohandas K. Gandhi Indian spiritual leader (1869-1948).

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- ACROSS: 1 No longer squeaking, perhaps; 6 Winged symbol of grace; 10 Scandinavian shoe brand; 14 Battery knob; 15 Flaw in logic; 16 Pita's Indian cousin; 17 Embodiment; 20 PC crisis key; 21 Ski slope conveyance; 22 Remove, as a splinter; 23 ESPN media partner; 25 Warm gestures; 28 Argentine "I am"; 29 Mel of mellow melodies; 31 Hiring; 33 Make more perfect; 34 "The mother of all living"; 36 Laments; 38 Unionize, in a way; 39 Accountant's expertise; 43 Prefix for color; 44 Plenty of nothing; 45 One of Frodo's friends; 46 Began to fray; 48 Small-scale thing; 50 King mentioned by Ovid; 54 Way, way out; 56 It may be pitched in a field; 58 Academic challenge; 59 Widely scattered; 61 Put a cork in it; 63 What to call a catamaran; 64 US expansion of 1845; 68 Land of shillelaghs; 69 A close watch; 70 Black-clad dueler of fiction; 71 Head-turning whisper; 72 Petty clash; 73 Olympic weaponry; 8 Robin Hood refreshment; 9 Soonest; 10 Involve in unpleasantness; 11 Where Tutu was Archbishop; 12 Pizzeria fare; 13 Cyclopean; 18 "I'm amazed!"; 19 "I'm amazed!" emotion; 24 Choice for charging; 26 On point; 27 Metaphor for fog; 30 In balance; 32 Trawler gear; 35 Academic challenge; 37 French Indochina neighbor; 39 Cast on tour; 40 Regional aviation fleet; 41 Revise reportage; 42 Pass over; 43 Country/western dance; 47 Roving adventurously; 49 For laughs; 51 Aspiration; 52 Onto the beach; 53 Mad Men staffers; 55 Start of something; 57 Celebrity Roast attire; 60 Polishes off; 62 It's fixed by astronomers; 65 Restorative ritual; 66 ESPN media partner; 67 Outperform



Answer to previous puzzle: BOLAS, CROC, SOME, ERICA, HALO, MUIR, NAMEBRANDS, OSLO, ELATION, TNOTES, ONO, EPCOT, STAN, MANE, OFHAIR, ABEE, ISTO, USAGE, LOT, VETERAN, RIG, ENNU, ERIN, JOVI, MEANSTREAK, ONES, STAND, LSU, WEBCAM, GETSORE, OVER, AMENT, THAT, KITE, LU, AU, MENS, SLAW, EMTS, PROPS

No. 17 Texas A&M women hand No. 6 Tennessee 1st loss, 79-76

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — No. 17 Texas A&M trailed No. 6 Tennessee by two points late in overtime when Aggies guard Danni Williams, with three free throws upcoming, did her best to keep her composure.

"I thought I was going to throw up," Williams admitted afterward with a grin. "I knew I just needed to breathe and relax, and treat them like everyday free throws."

Williams coolly sank all three and scored seven points total in overtime, and the Aggies toppled the Lady Vols 79-76 on Thursday night to hand Tennessee its first defeat of the season.

The Aggies (14-4, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who led 69-62 with 6:41 left in regulation, missed 18 consecutive shots from the field late in the game before recovering in the extra period thanks to Williams' clutch free throw shooting.

She made all five of her attempts from the line in overtime, including when she was fouled on a 3-point attempt with the Aggies trailing 76-74 and 7.8 seconds remaining.

"Yes, we were dead tired and, yes, I probably should have subbed more," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said. "But this team is used to playing those kinds of minutes, and every possession was so important."

Following a timeout, Tennessee had the ball on its end of the court with a chance to win, but Evina Westbrook threw a pass along the left side that bounced out of bounds in front of the Lady Vols bench, resulting in a turnover.

"You've got to at least get a shot off there, and we didn't," Tennessee coach Holly Warlick said. "It's another learning opportunity for us."

Williams was fouled with 0.4 seconds left and made both free throws. She and Khaalia Hillsman each scored 22 points to lead A&M, and Chennedy Carter added 21.

Mercedes Russell led the Lady Vols (15-1, 3-1) with 21.

"It was a battle," Hillsman said of her touted showdown with Russell in the paint. "Just back and forth."

So was the game. The lead changed 17 times and the teams were tied on 10 occasions in an edge-of-your-seat contest.

"We'll go back and get better," Warlick said. "Hats off to A&M, they battled and they got the win. Both teams were getting after it. It was a fun game, and our young kids will learn from this."

Texas A&M won against a top-10 team for the first time since Nov. 30, 2014, when the Aggies defeated No. 8 Duke 63-59 in College Station.

BIG PICTURE
Tennessee: All is certainly not lost for the Lady Vols, despite their first setback of



AP photo

Texas A&M's Anriel Howard (5) dribbles past Tennessee's Jaime Nared (31) in the first quarter of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, in College Station, Texas.

the season. Texas A&M won a national title under Blair in 2011, so the Aggies are no pushovers in league play. Tennessee will no doubt learn from the tight loss and continue pushing on in trying to win its ninth national championship, and first since 2008.

Texas A&M: The Aggies needed this one to boost their confidence, considering

their two previous victories in SEC play came against unranked opponents in Kentucky and Auburn.

POLL IMPLICATIONS
Texas A&M: The Aggies won their third straight and are bound to climb in the rankings after beating the No. 6 team.

Tennessee: The Lady Vols might drop a bit from No. 6, but pollsters will keep in mind it was a tight game on the road against a quality foe.

Tennessee kept it close by outscoring A&M 16-0 off the bench.

HE SAID IT
"We're not in this thing to win games. We're in this thing to win championships." — Blair on handing Tennessee its first loss.

UP NEXT
Tennessee: The Lady Vols' challenging road schedule continues when they play at No. 9 South Carolina on Sunday.



Courtesy photo

Coahoma 7th grade A team's Rowdy Atkins takes the ball towards the basket during their game against the Colorado City Wolves on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

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7th Grade A: 36-11, Wolves

The Coahoma 7th Grade A team was unable to score in the first half as the Wolves dominated them defensively. Returning for the second half of play, Colorado City continued bringing the pressure by adding 12 more to their lead until Isaiah Eleda was able to drop in a field goal before the third quarter ended. That gave just enough push for the team in the fourth as the Bulldogs went a 9-point streak before the final buzzer sounded. The Wolves were kept to only 3 points in

the fourth. Rance Redden, Nick Gonzales, Eleda, and Rowdy Atkins all contributed to the Bulldogs' scores in the fourth.

Scores by quarter:

- 1st: 13-0
 - 2nd: 21-0
 - 3rd: 33-2
 - 4th: 36-11
- 8th Grade B: 31-0, Wolves

The Wolves were able to completely shut down the Bulldogs Eighth Grade B team offensively and defensively as they came away with a 31-0 victory Monday night.

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expectations after being picked to finish last in the conference.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE: Missouri's 83-74 victory over defending national champion South Carolina on Sunday marked the fourth time in school history that the Tigers

have defeated a team ranked fourth or higher. Missouri's last such victory came against No. 4 Baylor on Jan. 4, 2006. South Carolina dropped from fourth to ninth after the game. Two of South Carolina's last three losses have come at Missouri. ... No. 17 Texas A&M's 79-76 overtime victory over No. 6 Tennessee on Thursday leaves No. 4 Mississippi State as the SEC's lone unbeaten team.

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Feds say Texas failed to properly educate disabled students

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Department of Education says Texas for years violated federal law by denying students with disabilities access to proper public education.

Thursday's announcement comes after an investigation in which agency officials visited Texas and determined that the state put an illegal cap on the number of youngsters receiving special education services.

U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement, "Far too many students in Texas had been precluded from receiving supports and services" mandated by federal law.

Gov. Greg Abbott immediately ordered a special education overhaul, giving the Texas Education Agency a week to produce a draft corrective plan.

The federal investigation followed 2016 Houston Chronicle reporting that Texas, in 2004, quietly instituted an arbitrary, 8.5-percent enrollment cap on the number of students eligible for special education instruction.

Texas sales tax collections up as Harvey recovery continues

DALLAS (AP) — Financial experts say Texas sales tax collections for the last few months of 2017 increased by double digits compared to a year earlier partly because of the surge in rebuilding and other recovery from Hurricane Harvey.

Moody's Investor Service issued a report Thursday showing December 2017 sales tax collections increased by 12.3 percent over December 2016. Collections from Aug. 31 through the end of 2017 rose 10.2 percent over collections in 2016.

Sales tax is the largest source of general operating funds for Texas. Gov. Greg Abbott's office had estimated as much as \$150 billion in damage from Harvey, which made landfall Aug. 25 in South Texas.

The report says rebounding oil prices that dipped the last two fiscal years also contributed to the tax collections increase.

Texas police say mom said her baby died during Oklahoma trip

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Law enforcement documents say the mother of a baby reported dead at North Texas gas station originally told police her daughter died on the way home from a trip to Oklahoma.

A Greenville police arrest complaint released Thursday identifies the nearly 2-month-old girl as Alexiana Stevenson. Autopsy results are pending. Police have said they believe the baby died at her mother's Greenville residence and the body was moved.

Police documents say Stephanie Flynn on Monday called 911 from a gas station to report her baby died in the vehicle while driving home from Hugo, Oklahoma.

The mother and her sister, Shawn Flynn, were arrested later Monday on evidence tampering charges for allegedly moving the corpse. Police say both acknowledged they didn't travel to Oklahoma.

Texas governor has record \$43M for likely cakewalk race

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott raised \$9-plus million through the end of last year and now has a record war chest of \$43.3 million to fund a November re-election bid that's not expected to be competitive.

Abbott's campaign announced Thursday that its cash on hand totals now exceed any statewide candidate in Texas history, around double what Abbott had when launching his first gubernatorial run in 2013. The Democrats spent months searching for a viable gubernatorial candidate and their primary now features former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez and Andrew White, son of former Texas Gov. Mark White.

Texas court hears case that could end local plastic bag bans

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' highest civil court is discussing a border city's ban on plastic bags and could ultimately decide to end such prohibitions statewide.

The Laredo Merchants Association is challenging its city's ban on distributing single-use plastic bags at grocery stores and other shops.

The association argued before the Texas Supreme Court on Thursday that existing state law on solid waste disposal supersedes the local ordinance designed to prevent litter. Many Texas cities have plastic bag bans, including Austin. A lower court sided with Laredo, but that was reversed on appeal, prompting state Supreme Court arguments.

Texas mayor, 3 others charged in \$150M health care scheme

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas mayor and three other men have been indicted on federal charges that they conspired to fraudulently bill Medicare for more than \$150 million in hospice and home health services.

Federal prosecutors announced Wednesday that Rio Bravo Mayor Francisco Pena and the others each are charged with conspiracy to commit health care fraud. Additional charges include one of obstructing a health care investigation filed against the 82-year-old Pena.

One of the men owned a collection of health care entities for which Pena, a licensed physician, served as the medical director.

Authorities say kickbacks and bribes were paid to medical directors, including Pena, for certifying that patients qualified for services when they actually did not.

Texas cities mum on specifics of proposals to lure Amazon



This Dec. 16, 2012, file photo shows the skyline at night of Austin, Texas. Austin is one of the many cities vying to land Amazon's second headquarters. While Texas cities trying to land the new headquarters have been vocal about why they think they should win, they've resisted releasing copies of their proposals.

By **JAMIE STENGLE**

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — While Texas cities vying to land Amazon's second headquarters have been vocal about why they think they should win, they've resisted releasing copies of their proposals.

Requests by The Associated Press for information related to the proposals were met with replies including arguments that such information can be kept secret because it would give an advantage to competitors.

Some cities did release employees' emails relating to the bids. A release of emails from Houston offered clues, including a draft of the proposal's two-page executive summary that said it could offer cash and tax incentives from the city, county and state totaling about \$268 million.

Amazon received 238 proposals after issuing the request in September and has said it will announce a decision this year.

Here's a look at some of the information gleaned from the requests and the laws in Texas that allow governmental bodies to keep such proposals secret:

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

In Texas, areas that include cities of Dallas, Austin, Houston and El Paso submitted their bids through regional economic development groups, which aren't required to reveal such information and have declined to do so. Requests for information about the bids, including the proposal and how much public money was used to create and promote them, were made to those

cities. Each said some of the information may be exempt and is asking the state's attorney general for an opinion.

Among the reasons cited by Austin, El Paso and Houston was a law stating that information doesn't have to be released if it would "give advantage to a competitor or bidder." Dallas, El Paso and Austin cited an exemption related to economic development negotiations in which a governmental body is trying to get a business to locate, stay or expand in the area.

Houston's letter to the attorney general adds that it takes no position with respect to the public availability of the requested information but that the city has notified the "third parties whose proprietary information has been requested" that they must submit to the attorney general a legal briefing justifying withholding the information.

Amazon said in its request for proposals in September that "certain aspects" of the project and details about the company "are confidential, proprietary and constitute trade secrets." An Amazon spokesman declined to comment.

TEXAS LAW ON THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Experts in Texas say that the law makes it nearly impossible to get such information.

Kelley Shannon, executive director of the nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, said that a 2015 ruling from the Texas Supreme Court lowered the threshold for asking competitive bidding as an exemption from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act. She said the ruling now allows any company doing business with the government to claim the exemption.

She also said a governmental entity previously had to show that a decisive advantage would be given, but now it's any advantage.

"The people of our state can't really follow the money anymore," Shannon said, adding, "Taxpayers have a right to see how their money is being spent."

Joe Larsen, a First Amendment attorney in Houston and board member of the Freedom of Information Foundation, said it was difficult to get such information even before that ruling, noting that governmental bodies could use the exemption dealing with economic development negotiations, which was also cited by cities in relation to the Amazon request.

Larsen said that not revealing the details of such bids is "basically just shoving the public out of a fundamentally important matter involving the finances of a governmental body."

WHAT EMAILS REVEAL

Most of the cities did release employees' emails related to the bid, including those from Houston that reveal some information about their bid.

One email released from the city includes a draft of the executive summary of Houston's Amazon proposal, which says it will be offering cash and tax incentives that total about \$268 million. It says the city, county and the state are prepared to offer the "competitive package of incentives."

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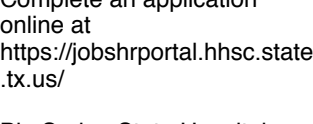
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Earn up to \$3,678.00 per month (DOE)

Psychiatric Nursing Assistants
Job Posting #349800
Varied Shifts
Starting salary \$1,962.85 per month

Contact our Job Center for Job Descriptions or to Arrange a Campus Tour
432-268-7341 or
432-268-7298 or
Complete an application online at
<https://jobshportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/>

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



Come join our team! We are currently hiring for a Class A CDL Driver/Oilfield Pipe Hauler in Big Spring, TX. This candidate will load, transport and deliver pipe and other bulk products in and around the Big Spring, TX oil fields. Full Time w/excellent benefits program. Apply online at www.savageservices.com.

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

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter Telegram in the Big Spring and Coahoma areas. Please call Oscar Ronquillo 432-687-9001

Help Wanted
Anchor truck drivers/installers wanted. No experience necessary.
Benefits include health insurance, paid holidays, paid vacations, uniforms and scheduled days off. Commercial drivers license preferred but not required. Starting pay \$18-\$20 an hour.
Must be at least 21 years old.
432-517-4527

Freda's Trucking Service
Now hiring experienced CDL Drivers for vacuum trucks
Above average wages
Apply at 3128 HWY 137 Lenorah, TX
Joel (432)816-6578
Wallace (432)664-8484
Must pass pre-employment drug screen
DOT physical required

Gang pushers & roustabouts. Experience DOE. Call 432-267-8169

Help Wanted

Help Wanted:
Need Driver
Must have valid driver license
Good driving record.
Dependable
Able to follow directions
Monday-Friday
40 plus hours a week
Occasional weekend.
NO PHONE CALLS

Apply At B & R Septic
2801 W. FM. 700
(Gray building north of fairgrounds)



Hiring Immediately

Top Notch Landscaping is hiring for full time positions! Must have valid driver's license. Please call 432-213-0031

Male drug screen collector. Big Spring office. Apply at 501 Birdwell #22 Mon-Fri 8-4:30

MIGHTY WASH
is now accepting applications Full /Part Time & Seasonal Stop by 1002 Scurry Street/ or online mighty-wash.com

Need Bob Tail/Transport Driver for fuel deliveries. Excellent salary, all medical benefits, retirement plan, vacation and sick leave. Must have CDL, hazmat & good driving record. Come by 1st & Johnson, Park Fuels/Chevron, Big Spring, (432) 263-0033

Needing an experienced Maintenance Person/make ready person with reliable transportation. For job info call Mike Munoz with Maple Properties LLC (432) 264-6337

NEIGHBORS CONVENIENCE STORE
now hiring cooks, cashiers, stockers. All Shifts. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700.

Now Hiring Vacuum Truck Drivers with 1-2 year experience. Starting Pay Rate is \$20.00 an hour. Quarterly bonuses are offered. Health insurance is available after 90 days & 1 week paid vacation after a year. For more information call 432-631-1994

NOW HIRING: RBC Transport, Inc. needs day & night CDL drivers for Water Trucks and Belly Dumps. Tanker endorsement, DOT drug testing & pre-employment screening is required. Please call 432-517-0593 or 432-213-3442

Western Bank is seeking a Full Time Teller/Bookkeeper in Coahoma. Prior experience preferred. Comprehensive benefits package offered. Western Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Email resume to HR@westernbankonline.com or pick up an application at 500 West Broadway, Coahoma, TX 79511.

Help Wanted

Office Assistant and Truck Dispatcher
Znergen is soliciting: The assistant must be at least 18 years old and speak Spanish. The position may include organizing files, scheduling appointments, proofreading, online work and more. The truck dispatcher must have experience and speak Spanish. Please send resumes to:
znergen@outlook.com
915-204-4551

Parks Fuels is looking for a Outside Sales Manager who is capable of warehouse inventory and outside ordering. Excellent starting salary, car expense, retirement, & health insurance. Bring resume to 303 E. 1st St.

Parkview Nursing and Rehab is currently accepting applications for:
*Cook
*Housekeeping/Laundry Aide part time
Must be motivated, caring and that love the elderly. We offer Competitive Pay, Insurance, other benefits and a Great Family working environment! You can apply online at www.parkviewnursing.com or in person at 3200 Parkway.

Parkview Nursing and Rehab is currently looking for a 2p-10p Charge Nurse who is motivated, caring and that loves the elderly. We offer Competitive Pay, Insurance, other benefits and a Great Family working environment! You can apply online at www.parkviewnursing.net or in person at 3200 Parkway Rd.



Pediatric Private Duty Nurse needed in Big Spring for growing department!!
PRN/FT/PT Day RN or LVN Needed!
*Benefits
*Mileage paid
*Competitive Wages
*Sign-On Bonus!!
RN or LVN license required. Call Kristi Young, RN @ 432-550-1721 or fax resume to 432-550-1717 today!

Now Hiring!!!!
Phoenix Lease Services has immediate openings for CLASS A CDL DRIVERS & SHOP HANDS at the Big Spring yard!

WE OFFER:
•Competitive pay
•Benefits
•Sign on bonus
•Quarterly safety bonus

Must pass a DOT drug screen.
Come by the yard at 2705 N. Hwy 87 Big Spring, TX to apply.

Wild West Wingz is now hiring for Grill Cooks, Server's & Hostesses Apply in Person at 1506 E. 4th St.

Help Wanted



Tall City Well Service
Now Hiring

Vacuum truck Drivers
Kill truck driver's And
Hot Oil Operator with Class A CDL and Tanker Endorsement

Apply online www.tcws.com
6001 S HWY 385
Odessa, Tx 79766.
Call 432-924-2535



Citizens Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for the following position:

Teller – Full or Part time

This position includes excellent compensation, a full health insurance package, generous paid time off and a matching 401(k) Plan. We pride ourselves on being a locally controlled institution that retains its employees during the ups and downs of the local economy.

Submit applications at citizensfcu.com or mail to PO Box 425, Big Spring, TX 79720



The Big Spring Herald is hiring for newspaper delivery drivers. Routes run Monday through Saturday. Must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license and insurance. Apply in person at 710 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas. No phone calls please.

WIND TECHNICIAN
Invenergy LLC
Big Spring, TX

Primary responsibilities include performing maintenance and technical support for the Gunsight Energy Center, a 120 MW wind power generation facility.

Qualifications: 1 year of technical experience (mechanical, electrical, I&C, etc.) and/or education in a related discipline; ability to work outdoors in inclement weather, climb ladders without assistance, work at heights greater than 250 ft. and manipulate up to 100 lbs.

For a complete position descriptions please visit the Career Opportunities section of our website at www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities".

Items for Sale



1997 Bobcat 763 Skid Steer Loader in great condition. 1800 Hours. 46 HP. Auxiliary Hydraulics. \$2200. Call: (469)415-2752

Seasoned Oak Firewood. \$395/full cord, & \$215/half cord. Delivered & Stacked. Call 512-913-7406.

Jobs Wanted

Looking to clean houses or sit with elders. Call and I can give ref. 432-816-0422

Miscellaneous

Misc tools, tack, baby items, Too Much to List
Call for appt. 432-816-0422

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

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3151 Briarpark Ste 825
Houston, TX 77042

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger, Fusselman formations, Sneed 5 SWD well 1. The proposed injection wells is located 7.5 miles SouthEast of Big Springs, in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Howard County Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10400 to 13000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
#9665 January 12, 2018

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#9667 January 12, 2018



The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following position in the Big Spring Area.

Contract and Real Estate Manager – Primary responsibilities include the day-to-day responsibility, management, administration, development and implementation of the District's contracts and real estate areas. Works closely with the District's General Manager. Degree in Business or a related field with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree is desired. Minimum five to ten years of progressive experience within the public and/or private sector is desired.

Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432) 267-6341 or www.crmwd.org

*“Bless Those Men
Who Continue To Work
In Severe Weather To
Repair Our Water!
Thanks Guys!”*