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City council approves bids

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Accepting bids for goods and services was the name of the game at Tuesday evening's Big Spring City Council meeting.

The council approved bids on lease purchase financing for city equipment, as well as purchase bids on two ambulance chassis, four police squad cars, and an animal control truck.

The city awarded the bid to finance more than \$2 million worth of equipment to Capital One Public Financing at

an interest rate of 2.58 percent, which was the low interest rate among all bidders.

"When we did the proposed budget for the year '17-'18, we had this much equipment - \$2,082,302 of equipment - to be leased," said Big Spring Finance Director Donald Moore. "What we try to do, because this is a much cheaper way to finance things, we try to pay cash for capital things, such as improvements to the water plant, replacing water and sewer pipes, sealcoating the roads...we try to pay cash for that, and the lease the equipment which frees up the cash for those things. There's only a few avenues that the city has to borrow money for things that cost more than they can pay in one year, and leasing is by far the least expensive of the ways to borrow money."

The equipment items leased and their estimated costs include four police, \$223,028; a Super Cab Truck 4x2 and Slide In, \$30,000; a fire truck, \$315,000; a zero-turn mower, \$10,000; a Gator utility vehicle, \$10,000; another utility vehicle,

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Accident on I-20 Tuesday afternoon



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Big Spring police officers inspect a vehicle involved in an accident on Interstate 20 Tuesday afternoon. Big Spring Fire Department and Department of Public Safety first responders also assisted at the scene.

Lords of the Southern Plains



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens
 Pictured from left to right are Shirley LeBlanc, Kenneth LeBlanc, and Tammy Schrecengost holding items that will be on display at the Lords of the Southern Plains exhibit featured at the Heritage Museum. Shirley is holding traditional Native American regalia. Tammy is holding brain-tanned buck skin regalia.



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens
 Above are the LeBlancs' beaded necklace collection (left), which includes necklaces dating back to the late 1700s, and a six piece belt set (right).

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

Shirley LeBlanc and her husband Kenneth LeBlanc are prepping for a Native American themed exhibit and presentation titled Lords of the Southern Plains, coming up on Feb. 3 at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring. This will be their first exhibit

at the museum, but they're known around West Texas for similar exhibits.

"A lot of items that will be shown are original Native American artifacts that were originally from this area, and they've also made a lot of items themselves," said Tammy Schrecengost, director of Heritage Museum.

Some items were purchased by the LeBlancs and others came from various sources like pow wows and antique stores.

Setup for the upcoming exhibit will take place between now and Feb. 3, where all items will be on display in the museum's white room.

The opening reception will begin at 1 pm.

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Accident on FM700 this morning



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens
 Big Spring Police officers and local wrecker services responded to an accident involving two vehicles on FM700 near Cosden Federal Credit Union this morning.

Incumbents file for HC board re-election

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Two incumbents have filed to run for re-election to the Howard College Board of Trustees.

Adrian Calvio, incumbent in Precinct 3, and Max Barr, incumbent in Precinct 4, have each filed to run for re-election to the board, which provides elected governance of Howard College and its satellite branches across West Texas.

Calvio was originally appointed to the board in June of 2013, replacing Larry McLellan when he became mayor of Big Spring. He was then elected to the seat in 2014. He has served since Dec. 2015 as secretary of the board.

Barr was also originally appointed to the board. His

appointment came in Feb. 2009, after the death of long-time board member Don McKinney. He was elected in 2010, and then re-elected in 2012. He has served since May 2014 as vice-chairman of the board.

Calvio both attended and worked at Howard, attending Howard on a music scholarship before transferring to Texas State University where he received his bachelor's degree in applied sociology. He later obtained his master's degree from Texas Tech.

As an employee, Calvio has served both as Director of Outreach and as an assistant professor in sociology.

"My experience there at Howard College, being on both the administrative side and the faculty side, I think

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Obituaries

Eugena "Gena" Lynn Aslin



Eugena "Gena" Lynn Aslin was called home to be with our Lord and Savior Jan. 19, 2018. She was born March 14, 1962 in Big Spring, Texas.

Those left to cherish her memory are three children, Angie Tijerna and husband Christopher of Plano, Terri Rickman and husband Christopher of Lubbock, and Franklin Rodgers and wife Christina of Spur; four grandchildren, Michael Hernandez, Bailey Rogers, Mattison Bonnilla, and Harley Ward; three sisters, Belinda Ingram, Cathleen Feaster, and Tammy Carson; one brother, Chip Ingram; and adopted sister, Sheri Monique Ingram; as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

Gena was preceded in death by her husband Rick

Aslin, parents Charlsa (Crittenden) Nichols (who spent much of her life in the Big Spring and Ackerly area and later settled in Shawnee, Okla.), and Lynn Ingram of Knott, Texas; grandparents, Lottie Lee (Williams) and Emmet Eugene "Gene" Crittenden of Ackerly, Texas, and George and Myrtle Ingram.

Gena attended Howard College where she received her LVN license in 1990. She worked taking care of others, which was her passion, from 1990 thru 2017, until she had to allow others to take care of her. She loved the outdoors, was a true animal lover and a true friend to many. She had a close relationship with God and relied on his word daily.

A memorial service officiated by Derrick Loony of Big Spring will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at the Worship Center, 12701 Indiana Ave. Lubbock, Texas.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **GARRETT WAYNE ROBINS**, 24, of 5505 Walter Rd., was arrested on the charge of driving while license suspended or invalid.

- **NATASHA JUDY LOYA**, 29, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested on the charge of driving while license suspended or invalid.

- **BRENDA LUNA GONZALES**, 43, of 2402 E Marcy, was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 33, of 818 West 8th, was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in that 1300 block of Virginia Ave.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

- **PHILIP SHAWN HORTON**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of terroristic threat, and two counts of possession of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

- **GARRETT WAYNE ROB-**

- **BONS**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on the charge of driving while license suspended or invalid.

- **SAM JASON WOODSON JR.**, 24, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, and possession of dangerous drug.

- **KENNY WAYNE HOLCOMBE**, 31, was arrested by TXCOMP on a charge of violation of motor fuel.

- **NATASHA JUDY LOYA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on the

charge of driving while license suspended or invalid.

- **ROBERTO PEREZ-RAMIREZ**, 37, was arrested by TXCOMP on a charge of violation of motor fuel.

- **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of another agency.

- **BRENDA LUNA GONZALES**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of another agency.

Take Note

- Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 a per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

- 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 has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. 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 Mason-

ic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ 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

Sharon Whetsel



Sharon Whetsel, 72, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 1, 1945, in Big Spring and married John "Sonny" Whetsel Aug. 11, 1962, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death March 21, 2000.

Survivors include one son, Terry Whetsel, and one daughter, Nancy Conner and husband Chad, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

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

Elton A. Weaver



Elton A. Weaver, 95, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral services with military honors will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at the Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Lancaster Weaver of Big Spring; three daughters, Carol Broughton and husband, Mark of Amarillo, Linda O'Neal of Trinidad, Texas, and Wanda Turner and husband, Robert of Coahoma; three brothers; 10 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Weaver; his parents, Andrew and Mary Weaver; three brothers; four sisters; a son-in-law; and two stepsons

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Hilltop Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block in Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carlton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on MM 172 E Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on MM 179 E Interstate 20. Four people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 2300 Mishler. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 5th on Young St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Hillside Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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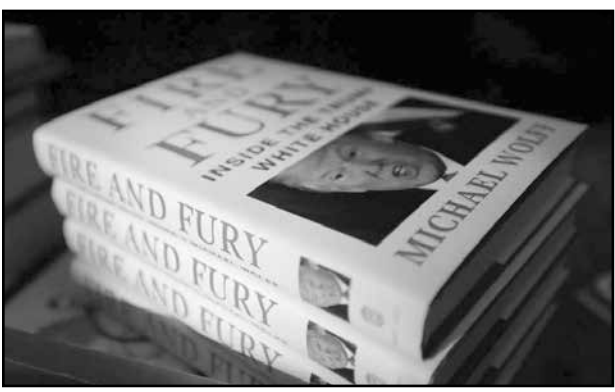
'Fire and Fury' sales exceed 1.7 million

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury" is well on its way to becoming one of the fastest selling nonfiction books in recent years.

"Fire and Fury" has sold more than 1.7 million copies in the combined formats of hardcover, e-books and audio, publisher Henry Holt & Co. told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Published less than three weeks ago, Wolff's tell-all about the Trump administration remains No. 1 on Amazon.com and other lists.

amples over the years including Bill Clinton's "My Life" and Sarah Palin's "Going Rogue," both of which were million sellers after two weeks of publication. The standard for fiction, unlikely to be matched any time soon, is the final Harry Potter book. Released in 2007, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" sold more than 8 million copies in its first 24 hours.



In this Jan. 5, 2018 file photo, copies of the book "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" by Michael Wolff are displayed at Barbara's Books Store in Chicago.

Holt president and publisher Stephen Rubin told the AP recently that he first learned about a possible Trump book when he and Wolff dined late in 2016. It was soon after Trump's surprise election, and Wolff mentioned that he had a "really good chance" to get White House access for the new administration. Rubin, who had released Wolff's 2008 biography of Rupert Murdoch, "The Man Who Owns the News," said he quickly worked out a deal to publish the Trump book.

In announcing "Fire and Fury" last November, Holt promised a "white-hot light on a president who made it possible for his family to take over 'the people's house,' even as other members of Trump's inner circle tried to govern while serving

their unpredictable and often vituperative boss."

Rubin has said he was hoping Trump would tweet about "Fire and Fury," and sales exploded after Trump not only tweeted but also threatened to sue. An initial print run of 150,000 proved not nearly enough, and only over the past week did Amazon have hardcovers immediately on hand.

"A 150,000 first printing, in today's world, speaks to being widely confident in what we had," Rubin said. "Did we know it would turn out like this? Of course not. No one would know that. But we knew we had a really good book that was going to make noise."

BOARD

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I bring that experience with me that some of the other board members haven't had in a long time," Calvio said. "They were certainly in touch with what Howard was doing, as they make a lot of the decisions, but having been on the faculty and administrative sides of those decisions, I was able to bring a different insight to some of the questions that were being asked and some of the budget processes during that time. I still put a lot of value in that, especially during budgeting processes."

Barr has deep ties to the local agricultural community. He was named Howard County Ag Producer of the Year in 2002, and has more than 35 years' experience in farming and ranching, has served on the boards of the Big Spring Co-Op Gin, the Howard County Farm Bureau, and the Howard County Farm Service Agency County Committee.

"I have a connection with the Ag community. I know how all that community works. That's part of our tax base, a pretty big part of the tax base," he said. "My wife was a school teacher, she's retired, so I have some connection with the education part of it too. Kind of what both sides are, the taxpayer side and the staff side too. I think I can bridge the gap."

Both men said continuing to educate the community was the primary goal for the upcoming years at Howard College.

Calvio emphasized the importance of educating non-traditional students, especially the parents and guardians of primary and secondary school children.

"I think where we're missing the boat in education is not educating the grandmothers and the grandfathers, and the mothers and fathers of these students that we're trying to get educated as well," he said. "I think college in general are starting to learn over time that educating the guardians is just as important as educating students, because once they leave educators hands, they have to go home, and if there's no buy-in at the house, then whatever they learn that day kind of goes out the window and they have to start all over the next day. So it's a vicious cycle."

Barr said retaining students and ensuring that they earn their certificate or degree is important.

"We need to continue our growth, plus we have a goal set on retaining students from year to year and getting them a two-year, either certificate or degree," he said. "We need to improve that and work on that. We need to get our facilities in a little bit better shape. Our computer system was 10 years old. It didn't work too good. So we replaced that, and continue with that, updating that and trying to stay modern with it."

While no other candidates have filed yet for election to the College Board, filing continues through Feb. 16. For information about filing to run, contact Howard College at 432-264-5000, or the Howard County Election Administrator at 432-264-2273. The election will be held May 5.

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COUNCIL

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\$10,000; a box-style ambulance, \$125,000; a Scrapper 623K work vehicle, \$760,775; a Maintainer work vehicle, \$246,000; a "One-Arm Bandit" truck, \$330,000; a Robinair 1234YF AC machine, \$6,499; and a Grasshopper zero-turn mower, \$16,000.

The costs given are the value of the equipment, not the payments the city will be responsible for under the lease; those payment amounts were not immediately available.

Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson received praise from council members for a cost-saving initiative the department worked out to save on the purchase of ambulances. For a few years, the city and fire department have had a program in place to purchase one new ambulance per year to replace aging and worn-out equipment.

"We started looking at some options. We evaluated the condition of the boxes that sit on the chassis of the ambulance, and we have two of them that are in really good shape," Ferguson told council members. "With your permission, what we did was we went out for bid for chassis, and we can take the existing boxes and put them on brand-new chassis. The company will refurb the chassis, put in new plexiglass, new paint, new A/C, new stickers...they're basically keeping the structural components of the box. So we're getting two brand-new ambulances for the price of one."

Not only that, but the two ambulances will actually cost less than was budgeted for the purchase of a single ambulance.

"Once we complete this project, it will come under budget, it looks like, barring anything weird, but we budgeted \$125,000 and it looks like we should come in at \$122,000 or \$123,000 for two new ambulances," said Ferguson. "We had five bids in for the chassis, it's a Chevrolet 3500. Pollard Chevrolet is who we recommend. They were not the low bid, but they were within \$450 of the low bid. They're a local company and we'd like to purchase locally if we can."

Councilman Jim DePauw congratulated Ferguson on the clever solution.

"Well done, chief! Thank you for your work on that," he said. "I would imagine by the time you had the other ambulances shipped up here, the fuel and the labor to go get it or whatever would probably make Pollard the low bidder on that anyway, wouldn't it?"

"Yes sir, if not a wash. It would be really close anyway," Ferguson responded.

Other council members praised Ferguson during

their Council Input remarks at the close of the meeting.

Other bids awarded at the meeting included one on four police cars to Lake Country Chevrolet for \$48,245.60 each, or a total of \$192,982.40; and an animal control truck to Rockdale Ford for \$25,320.

In other bid-related business, the council approved advertising for bids for upgrades at the Lancaster Pump Station. The 2017-2018 budget included \$1.5 million to finish filter upgrades at the station which began last year.

The council also:

- Approved a presentation from Economic Development Corporation Director Terry Wegman on the EDC's annual audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2017, showing no discrepancies.
- Heard a discussion of downtown parking featuring Chuck Rosenbaum of CDR Properties. Rosenbaum's office is located in the 100 block of South Main. Changes made to the street structure due to construction of the Train Car Cigar Bar have narrowed Main Street in front of the office to one lane, eliminating the possibility of street parking. Rosenbaum requested that the council allocate two parking places nearest to the office as timed parking. The council said they would examine the issue.
- Heard the first reading of an ordinance allocating funds to pay for a records management system for the Police Department, using grant money from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and making up the difference with money from the Federal Forfeiture Fund.
- Granted Permission to Public Works Director Johnny Womack to seek recreational trail grant funds for Comanche Trail Park to provide walking trails near the Historic Spring site.
- Granted permission to seek funding from the Leon Bosque RC&D Supplemental Environmental Projects Program for electronics disposal.
- Heard the first reading of an ordinance calling for the May 5 General Election. City Council seats for districts 2, 4, and 6 are up for election.
- Approved the renewal of the contract with Dr. Robbie Cooksey as Medical Director for the Fire Department/EMS.
- Approved an airpark lease agreement with Moventas for Building 1101, an alert hangar at the airpark.

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This week I will continue with the western books. "The Resurrection Kid" by T. T. Flynn (LP W FLY T) is a Western Quartet that contains the following four short stories: "Death's Deputy" is the story of Lon Hagerman, a gunfighting lawman in pursuit of a powerful criminal. In "Death Takes a Tally," Mike McBride has just reached his majority and been given half interest in the cattle being driven to market, but death shows up on the trail. "Killer Come Home" tells the story of Reno Kid, outlawed by a grasping rancher who has leased what was the Considine Ranch for tremendously valuable water rights. The Reno Kid intends to change all that. "A Gun for the Resurrection Kid" tells the story of Doc Jeffrey who with his sister, Sue, lends physical and spiritual aid to those in need. There are surprises for them both when they find outlaw and bandit Johnny Starr on the trail, nearly



MONICA MARTINEZ

dead from bullet wounds.

In "The Jensen Brand" by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W), not much has changed since legendary gunfighter Smoke Jensen and his wife Sally tamed the land two decades ago. When Smoke is injured swapping bullets with some cow thieves, Sally puts out a call for help to Matt, Ace, and the rest of the Jensen clan, but time is running out. The bloodthirsty rustlers are ready to strike again, and there are lots more of them. Sugarloaf's last defense is the Jensen twins. Denise and her brother Louis, have just returned from their schooling in Europe. Louis is studying to be a lawyer and is too sickly to defend the ranch, but Denise can ride like a man, shoot like her daddy, and face down the deadliest outlaws like nobody's business. There will be plenty opportunity to prove she's got Jensen blood in her veins, cold, deadly, and playing for keeps.

"Gunsmoke and Trail Dust" by Bliss Lomax (LP W LOMB) finds a group of Mormon homesteaders in a grave discussion about their potential leader Webb Nichols. The special meeting comprising the big cow outfits of the

county has turned into a deluge of hot words and very pointed accusations. As long as homesteaders like Webb Nichols and Shad Caney cover up for the rustlers, they're asking for trouble from the big cattlemen. The Association decides to bring matters to a head by calling in Clay Roberts, a lone wolf stock-detective with a reputation for getting results. Roberts has a couple of strikes on him from the beginning in Deputy Sheriff Dufors, a weak and embittered tool of the homesteaders, and in Nichols and Caney, whose bitter, unreasoning feud is carried on by their children during school hours making life miserable for the pretty new schoolteacher. Dealing with the rustlers could be the least of his troubles.

"Reckoning at Lansing's Ferry" by Luran Paine (LP W PAI L) is A Circle V Western that tells the story of Ben Albright, a pioneer of the Texas cattle drives who had made the drive successfully five times in the past. This spring he was in charge of two thousand longhorns and six men, one of whom, Case Hyle, was unknown to him as he had been hired on the trail. This was the time of Reconstruction and he faced a new enemy, Yankee

soldiers and families who were being granted land in the South. He knew that up ahead was Lansing's Ferry, formerly a trading post and ferry service run by Ewell Lansing. With Ewell's death, Albright had learned that Northerners had moved in, and the growing settlement at Lansing's Ferry had caused trouble for two earlier drives which had ended in the deaths of four men. To add to his trouble, Albright's sister had died, leaving him in charge of his seventeen-year-old niece. He had no choice but to bring her on the trail. His trail boss and the new man had both taken an interest in her. For Albright, the trail ahead was rife with potential dangers from both the outside and among his own men.

More western books next week but until then I leave you with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

Library's hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30.

Texas senator stands trial in fraud case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas state senator is facing fraud charges in connection with his role at a now-defunct oil field services company that federal prosecutors say was a Ponzi scheme.

The federal criminal fraud case against Democratic Sen. Carlos Uresti of San Antonio opened Monday. The nearly dozen charges against Uresti include securities fraud, wire fraud and money laundering. His co-defendant Gary Cain faces nine felony charges and is being tried alongside the lawmaker.

Prosecutors say Uresti pushed a client to invest large portions of a settlement she received in a wrongful death lawsuit in Four-Winds Logistics, a fracking sand company that went bankrupt in 2015. Prosecutors say Uresti and Cain lied to investors to make money.

Uresti's attorney says the lawmaker had no knowledge the company's head was squandering money on expenses unrelated to the company's business.

Texas 16-year-old charged in high school cafeteria shooting

ITALY, Texas (AP) — A 15-year-old girl who was wounded in a Texas high school shooting is "in good spirits," and the 16-year-old boy suspected of opening fire in the cafeteria has been charged as a juvenile with aggravated assault, officials said Tuesday.

School District superintendent Lee Joffre told reporters outside Italy High School that he visited the girl at a Dallas hospital.

"It is an amazing demonstration of her strength that she was able to survive this," he said of the girl, who authorities have not identified. Joffre did not provide details about her condition. He said in a statement released to the community later in the day that she was shot multiple times.

The teenage boy who was arrested not long after the shooting Monday morning at the school south of Dallas was meanwhile charged

with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, the Ellis County district attorney's office announced Tuesday.

A preliminary hearing in juvenile court is scheduled for Wednesday. He was being held at a juvenile detention center.

Police have not released the suspect's name and Italy police Chief Michael Taylor did not respond to a request for comment.

Cassie Shook, a 17-year-old junior at the school, earlier told The Associated Press that she was driving up to the cafeteria Monday when she saw "the doors fly open and everyone screaming and running out of the building." She said she was angry when she learned who the suspect was because she had complained about him at least twice to



AP photo

In this photo from video by KDFW Fox4, law enforcement personnel gather outside the high school in Italy, Texas, following an active shooter incident at the school Monday morning, Jan. 22, 2018.

school officials, including a vice principal.

"This could have been avoidable," she said. "There were so many signs."

Tina Haight, whose daughter attends the school, told KDFW-TV in Dallas that she had complained to school ad-

ministrators after the same boy threw scissors at her daughter in anger.

Joffre said Tuesday that he couldn't comment on disciplinary actions involving students, but that the school

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Suspect on Texas 10 Most Wanted list captured in California

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A suspect on the Texas 10 Most Wanted list has been caught in California after months on the run.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Tuesday announced the arrest of 32-year-old Blake Everett Reed.

A DPS statement says Reed was captured Sunday at a home in Cayucos (ky-YOU'-kohs), California.

Investigators say Reed has ties to Wood and Smith counties in East Texas. Reed in September 2016 was accused of assaulting a woman in Wood County, then arrested on counts including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was freed on bond.

Authorities say Reed was sought — since May 2017 — on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, harassment of public servant, assault of a public servant, assault, plus evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Commission begins discussing Texas school finance overhaul

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A special commission has begun discussing how to remake Texas' school finance system, 18-plus months after the state Supreme Court declared it deeply flawed but still barely constitutional.

That ruling spared the Legislature from having to overhaul how Texas pays for educating around 5.3 million students. Instead, many top Republicans backed unsuccessful voucher plans offering public money to children attending private schools.

Gov. Greg Abbott then convened a bipartisan group of lawmakers and education leaders which met Tuesday to weigh new ideas before the Legislature next convenes in 2019.

Top conservatives chiefly want a system that will cut local property taxes, which have skyrocketed because they pay for the bulk of public school costs.

Other members argue that property taxes won't fall without Texas dramatically increasing state spending on classrooms.

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Undersea quake sends Alaskans fleeing from feared tsunami



Abdulai Salam and his daughter Mina at about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, wait for the all-clear at Homer High School during a tsunami alert for Homer, Alaska. The city of Homer issued an evacuation order for low-lying areas shortly after an earthquake hit.

By **MARK THIESSEN and BECKY BOHRER**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A powerful undersea earthquake sent Alaskans fumbling for suitcases and racing to evacuation centers in the middle of the night after a cellphone alert early Tuesday warned that a tsunami could

smash into the state's southern coast and western Canada. The killer wave never materialized, but people endured several tense hours in shelters, waiting for a potential catastrophe that they feared could wipe away their communities at any moment.

The magnitude 7.9 quake in

the Gulf of Alaska triggered the jarring alert that awoke people shortly after midnight. Fleeing motorists sometimes clogged the only highway out of their towns in the rush to get to higher ground. Many took refuge at schools and other shelters.

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Tech and consumer-focused companies rise; Netflix leaps



This Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks are mixed, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, as technology and consumer-focused companies rise but consumer goods makers like Johnson & Johnson take losses.

By **MARLEY JAY**

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks are rising Tuesday with technology and consumer-focused companies leading the way. Netflix is surging after saying it gained more than 8 million subscribers at the end of 2017. Household goods makers including Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble are sinking following disappointing quarterly reports. Bond yields are down after rising to three-year highs in the last few days. That's helping high-dividend companies like utilities.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 6 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,839 as of

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2 dead, 17 injured in Kentucky school shooting; suspect held



first fatal school shooting of 2018.

The shooter will be charged with murder and attempted murder, Kentucky State Police Lt. Michael Webb said.

"He was apprehended by the sheriff's department here on site, at the school, thankfully before any more lives could be taken," Webb said.

Police did not release any identities, nor did they describe a motive. Webb said detectives are looking into his home and background.

Students ran for their lives as the student began shooting inside an atrium just before morning classes would have begun at Marshall County High School. Many jumped into cars or ran down the highway, some not stopping until they reached a

McDonald's restaurant more than a mile away. Parents left their cars on both sides of an adjacent road, desperately trying to find their teenagers.

"They were running and crying and screaming," said Mitchell Garland, who provided shelter to between 50 and 100 students inside his nearby business. "They were just kids running down the highway. They were

trying to get out of there."

A half-dozen ambulances and numerous police cars converged on the school, along with officers in black fatigues carrying assault rifles. Federal authorities responded, and Sen. Mitch McConnell sent staffers. Gov. Matt Bevin rushed from the Capitol to the scene.

Two 15-year-olds were killed: A girl died at the scene, and a boy died later at a hospital, the governor said,

adding that all of the victims are believed to be students. He said 12 of those injured suffered bullet wounds. Five were flown about 120 miles (193 kilometers) to Nashville, Tennessee's Vanderbilt University Medical Center, spokeswoman Tavia Smith said.

"This is a wound that is going to take a long time to heal," Bevin said.

The attack marked the year's first

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Authorities investigate the scene of fatal school shooting Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018, in Benton, Ky. Kentucky State Police said the suspect was apprehended by a Marshall County deputy.

By **KRISTIN M. HALL and DYLAN LOVAN**

BENTON, Ky. — A 15-year-old student opened fire with a handgun inside his rural Kentucky high school Tuesday, killing two classmates, injuring 17 others and sending hundreds fleeing for safety.

Police were seen leading a teenager away in handcuffs. It was the nation's

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district adheres to regulations established by the Texas Education Agency.

"I have confidence that our administration always addresses the Texas education code appropriately," he said. Shook said the girl

who was shot had moved to the school district a few months earlier. She said the girl had briefly dated the suspect, but that she did not know much about her.

Ellis County sheriff's Sgt. Joe Fitzgerald said authorities would inquire about any dating history involving the two as part of the investigation.

Fitzgerald said officials know where the suspect obtained the handgun used in the shooting but he declined to publicly reveal that information.

Agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives searched the school for weapons and explosive devices before students arrived

Tuesday. Joffre said law enforcement officers would be on campus through the day.

"It was an extra assurance for us to be ready for our students today," he said.

Italy, a town of about 2,000 people that dubs itself "The Biggest Little Town In Texas," is about 40 miles (65 kilometers) south of Dallas.

Civil rights leader Wyatt Tee Walker dies; worked beside MLK

CHESTER, Va. (AP) — The Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, who helped assemble the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "Letter From Birmingham Jail" from notes the incarcerated King wrote on paper scraps and newspaper margins, has died.

He was either 88 or 89. Family records showed different years of birth, said his daughter, Patrice Walker Powell, who confirmed his death.

Powell said her father died Tuesday morning at an assisted living facility in Chester, Virginia.

Walker was brought in by King to be the executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, three years after the civil rights or-

ganization was founded.

He already was a top civil rights leader in Virginia, where he had led a "Pilgrimage of Prayer" in Richmond against school segregation on New Year's Day 1959.

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For Alaskans accustomed to tsunami threats and regular tsunami drills, the warning still created some fretful moments. The phone message read: "Emergency Alert. Tsunami danger on the coast. Go to high ground or move inland."

Keith Perkins got the phone alert and later heard sirens going off in his hometown of Sitka. He said people on Facebook were talking about whether the threat was real and what they should do.

Given the magnitude of the earthquake, Perkins said, he thought it best to head to the high school, a tsunami evacuation point, even though in the past he felt his home was probably high enough.

"I figured I'd probably just better play it safe," he said.

Hours later, the warning was canceled and people returned home for an hour or two before the workday began.

There were no reports of damage, not even on Kodiak Island, the closest land to the epicenter. But people reported on social media that the shaking was felt hundreds of miles away, in Anchorage, the state's largest city, which was not under a tsunami threat.

Eleanor King in Kodiak was jolted awake by the earthquake, which she said felt similar to Alaska's 1964 magnitude 9.2 earthquake — the strongest on record in North America. That quake generated tsunamis that claimed about 130 lives as far south as California.

"It started out just like the big one," King said of Tuesday's quake. "It was very slow and rolling ... That's what scared us."

At the diner she runs, King permitted a little levity after the all-clear was sounded. King's Diner invited people to breakfast on its website: "Hungry? Tsunami got you up early."

By the time, her customers started arriving, the excitement had passed, and people quietly ate their meals, speaking little of the quake.

The quake was recorded at 12:32 a.m. in the Pacific Ocean about 170 miles southeast of Kodiak, home to one of the nation's largest Coast Guard bases. Kodiak is about 200 miles (321 kilometers) south of Anchorage.

The temblor prompted a warning that spanned thousands of miles of Alaska's southern coast, from Attu in the Aleutian Islands to Canada's border with Washington state.

In parts of British Columbia, officials banged on doors to rouse people from their sleep.

"I just heard the firetrucks going around, honking their horns and on the loud speaker saying there is a tsunami warning," said Gillian Der, a geography student at the University of British Columbia. "It was very apocalyptic."

Elsewhere in the U.S., Washington state, Oregon, California and Hawaii were under tsunami watches. Officials in Japan say there was no tsunami threat there.

Reports varied about how long the shaking lasted, depending on location.

In the popular cruise-ship town of Seward, about 110 miles (177 kilometers) south of Anchorage, Fire Chief Eddie Athey said the quake felt like a gentle rattle that lasted for up to 90 seconds.

"It went on long enough that you start thinking to yourself, 'Boy, I hope this stops soon because it's just getting worse,'" Athey said.

The earthquake woke Kodiak Police Lt. Tim Putney from a dead sleep. He said it shook for at least 30 seconds but acknowledged that his estimate might be skewed by sleeping through some of it.

"I've been in Kodiak for 19 years. That was the strongest, longest-lasting one I've ever felt," he said by telephone.

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center categorized the shaking as light.

John Bellini, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center, said there had been more than two dozen aftershocks as of about 6:30 a.m. The biggest had a magnitude of 5.3.

The earthquake was initially reported as magnitude 8.2, but better calculations can be made as more data comes in, Bellini said.

Larry LeDoux, superintendent of the Kodiak Island Borough School District, estimated that about 500 people took shelter at the high school. He described the atmosphere inside as calm, with people waiting for updates.

In Seward, at the southern end of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, residents retreated to higher ground or left on the only road out of the city, the fire chief said. He described it as a controlled evacuation similar to people driving home from a holiday fireworks show.

Spacewalking astronauts give new hand to robot arm

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Spacewalking astronauts gave a hand to the International Space Station's big robot arm Tuesday.

As the federal government geared back up 250 miles below, NASA astronauts Mark Vande Hei and Scott Tingle successfully installed the new mechanical gripper.

Because of the lingering effects of the government shutdown, the spacewalk got started in the morning without coverage on NASA TV. An on-air message simply stated: "We regret the inconvenience." Nearly an hour into the spacewalk, however, NASA TV came alive and began broadcasting the event with typical blow-by-blow commentary.

Space station operations were largely unaffected by

the three-day shutdown. Considered essential personnel, Mission Control kept watch as usual at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Vande Hei performed a similar spacewalk last October, when he replaced the first of two original hands on the Canadian-built arm. This second new hand will go on the opposite end of the 58-foot arm, able to move like an inchworm by grabbing hold of special fixtures.

The bulky bundle of latches — more than 3 feet, or a meter, long and weighing more than 440 pounds, or 200 kilograms — needed to be replaced because of wear and tear. It's been in orbit, grabbing cargo capsules and performing other chores, since 2001.

Tingle had to use extra muscle to release a stubborn bolt securing the spare mechanical arm.



AP photo

NASA astronauts Mark Vande Hei, top, and Scott Tingle work outside the International Space Station on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, to give the robot arm a new hand.

"Nice work," Vande Hei said. "And the crowd goes wild," chimed in Mission Control.

Next, the spacewalkers wrested the old, degraded hand from the robot arm. Once the new hand was in place, a software issue cropped up briefly. Six hours into the spacewalk, NASA declared victory.

The spacewalk lasted 7 1/2 hours.

It was the first spacewalk for Tingle, who arrived last month, and the third for Vande Hei.

"Make us proud out there," astronaut Joe Acaba told the spacewalkers from inside. "We'll have hot chow for you when you get back."

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3 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 11 points, or 0.1 percent, to 26,202. The 30-stock index was pulled lower by the losses from Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble, as well as declines in Goldman Sachs and Boeing. The Nasdaq composite jumped 48 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,456. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 4 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,609.

EVERYBODY'S WATCHING: Netflix said it picked up 8.3 million subscribers in the fourth quarter, a much stronger result than the company and analysts had expected. That came even though Netflix raised the price of its most popular plan in the U.S. The streaming video company's stock soared \$23.16, or 10.2 percent, to \$250.75.

Big technology companies also rallied. Apple gained \$1.05 to \$178.05 and Facebook rose \$2.66, or 1.4 percent, to \$188.03. Online retailer Amazon climbed \$28.09, or 2.1 percent, to \$1,355.40.

TARIFFS: Solar power companies spiked in early trading after President Donald Trump approved tariffs on imported solar-energy components in a step intended to help U.S. manufacturers. The tariffs start at 30 percent and they're aimed at cheaper imports places like South Korea and China. The latter country called the measures an abuse of trade remedies.

Raymond James analyst Pavel Molchanov said investors sent the stocks higher because they were relieved the administration didn't implement a larger tariff that might have hurt their businesses more se-

verely. He said the extra costs will stop some projects from being built, but added that solar power capacity in the U.S. should keep growing at a rapid pace over the next few years.

First Solar rose as much as 8.6 percent before turning lower and falling 18 cents to \$68.78. SunPower gained 6.8 percent early on, but later fell 59 cents, or 6.8 percent, to \$8.13. JinkoSolar Holdings sank \$1.60, or 6.8 percent, to \$21.77 and Canadian Solar declined 21 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$15.56.

The administration also placed a tariff of 50 percent on large washing machines and some components. Whirlpool climbed \$6.03, or 3.6 percent, to \$172.68.

CONSUMER GOODS: Johnson & Johnson dropped after the health care giant disclosed sharply higher spending on production, marketing, administration and research, offsetting a big jump in sales. A federal appeals court also ruled against Johnson & Johnson, saying a patent on its rheumatoid arthritis drug Remicade isn't valid. Remicade is its biggest-selling drug. Its stock shed \$6.11, or 4.1 percent, to \$142.03.

Tide detergent maker Procter & Gamble lost \$3.25, or 3.5 percent, to \$88.65. The company reported a bigger profit and better sales than Wall Street expected, but analysts said its profit margins were weak.

Rival Kimberly-Clark moved higher after it said it will cut 5,000 to 5,500 jobs, or 12 percent to 13 percent of its staff, close or sell some low-margin businesses and close or sell about 10 manufacturing facilities as it tries to cut costs. Its stock added 83 cents to \$117.74.

BONDS: Bond prices turned higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.62 percent from 2.66 percent. For the last few days, the

10-year yield has been at its highest level since September 2014.

The increase in bond prices came after the Bank of Japan did not cut back its monetary stimulus programs. While growth has ticked higher, the central bank will continue making massive asset purchases and will keep using negative interest rates to spur inflation. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index jumped 1.3 percent and South Korea's Kospi climbed 1.4 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.7 percent.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 90 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$64.47 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 93 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$69.96 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline rose 3 cents to \$1.91 a gallon. Heating oil added 3 cents to \$2.09 a gallon. Natural gas jumped 22 cents, or 6.8 percent, to \$3.44 per 1,000 cubic feet.

METALS: Gold rose \$4.80 to \$1,336.70 an ounce. Silver lost 8 cents to \$16.91 an ounce. Copper fell 9 cents to \$3.11 a pound.

CURRENCIES: The dollar slid to 110.32 yen from 110.99 yen. The euro edged up to \$1.2288 from \$1.2258.

GLOBAL GROWTH: The International Monetary Fund estimated that the world economy expanded at a 3.7 percent annual pace last year, the fastest since 2011, and said it believes growth will accelerate to 3.9 percent in 2018-19. The IMF noted surprisingly strong growth in Europe and Asia and predicted that U.S. tax cuts will give the American economy a short-term boost.

Germany's DAX climbed 0.7 percent and the British FTSE 100 rose 0.2 percent. France's CAC 40 fell 0.1 percent.

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fatal school shooting, 23 days into 2018, according to data compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, which relies on media reports and other information. The anti-violence group Everytown for Gun Safety has counted at least 283 shootings at schools since 2013.

Bevin said earlier in a statement that "It is unbelievable that this would happen in a small, close-knit community like Marshall County."

Marshall County High School is about 30 minutes from Heath High School in Paducah, Kentucky, where a 1997 mass shooting killed three and injured five. Michael Carneal, then 14, opened fire there about two years before the fatal attack at Columbine High School in Colorado, ushering in an era when mass school shootings have become much more common.

Meanwhile, in the small North

Texas town of Italy, a 15-year-old girl was recovering Tuesday after police said she was shot by a 16-year-old classmate in her high school cafeteria on Monday, sending dozens of students scrambling for safety.

Tuesday's shooting happened as students gathered in a common area, just before the day's first classes. Sixteen-year-old Lexie Waymon said she and a friend were talking about the next basketball game, makeup and eyelashes when gunshots pierced the air.

"I blacked out. I couldn't move. I got up and I tried to run, but I fell. I heard someone hit the ground. It was so close to me," Waymon said. "I just heard it and then I just, everything was black for a good minute. Like, I could not see anything. I just froze and did not know what to do. Then I got up and I ran."

Waymon did not stop running, not even when she called her mom to tell her what happened. She made it to the McDonald's, her chest hurting, struggling to breathe. "All I could

keep thinking was, 'I can't believe this is happening. I cannot believe this is happening,'" she said.

It was chaotic outside the school as parents and students rushed around trying to find each other, said Dusty Kornbacher, who owns a nearby floral shop. "All the parking lots were full with parents and kids hugging each other and crying and nobody really knowing what was going on," he said.

Barry Mann said his 14-year-old son was put on a bus and taken to another school to be picked up.

"He gave me a call as soon as he run out the door and I didn't know what was happening to him," he told the AP. "It sounded like his heart was in his throat."

Garland said his son, a 16-year-old sophomore, jumped into someone's car and sped away before joining others inside his business.

"Everyone is just scared. Just terrified for their kids," Garland said. "We're a small town and we know a lot of the kids."

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Big Spring basketball falls to Snyder

Lady Steers lose to Lady Tigers | Steers search for district win



Tony Claxton photo (tonyclaxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Lexie Delafuente dives for a loose ball during the Lady Steers' 45-29 loss to district rival Snyder at home on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

By **STEVE BELVIN**
Staff Writer

Good thing it wasn't senior night at Tuesday's Big Spring-Snyder basketball game. It would have been short. There were hardly any seniors to be featured as the Lady Steers and Lady Tigers squared off. Both teams are so youthful is that the only senior was Big Spring guard Alexis Delafuente. One could say the basketball future looks bright in Big Spring and Snyder.

Back to the game. These Lady Tigers, with three freshmen in their starting lineup, defeated Big Spring 45-29 in conference play. Meanwhile the Lady Steers are not quite as young, they start four juniors and one sophomore. Both teams did show their youth with their share of errant passes and travelling violations, but

they also showed they could be future powerhouses by making some nice plays.

It was the second meeting for the two teams, Snyder won in Snyder, 56-34. It was Big Spring however who controlled the game early, leading 6-5 after one and 12-11 at the half. That was thanks to Junior Kayleigh Penny, who relentless went to the basket. She scored eight points in the first half. However due to foul trouble she wasn't much of a factor in the second half, only scoring two points fouling out late in the third quarter.

In the third quarter Alize Conner turned the tide of the game for Snyder. Coming off the bench the junior forward torched Big Spring for 12 second half points. Shooting from the outside, she scored eight straight

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Tony Claxton photo (tonyclaxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Abel Clark is fouled during a shot attempt during the Steers' 70-60 loss to district rival Snyder on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

By **STEVE BELVIN**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Steers played like a team that needed a district win. They swooped and they ducked, they scratched and they clawed, but it just wasn't enough to get past the visiting Snyder Tigers as they Steers went down 70-60.

It happened on a night when Big Spring ran into a good shooting Tigers team, a team that kept its poise despite a pesky Steers trapping defense. Snyder converted its fast break points at times and other times they got into their half court offense and patiently scored.

The Steers on the other hand looked uncertain in the early going, throwing away passes and missing easy shots. They found themselves trailing 14-9 after the first quarter. Behind

some dominating rebounding Snyder went on a tear quickly in the second quarter, taking a 25-14 lead. But Big Spring stormed back in the latter part of the quarter, ignited by a couple of three-pointers from John Ibanez and baskets by Jerimiah Cooley and Abel Clark. Big Spring trailed 31-24 at the half.

In the second half Big Spring was much better offensively, it made 50 percent of its shots. The only thing about that is Snyder was equally as efficient. Snyder went up by as much as 14 in the second half. and Big Spring cut it as low as eight, but the Tigers always stayed ahead.

The Steers did exhibit a balanced scoring attack, placing four players in double figures. Ibanez, a smooth left-handed shooting guard, led the way

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BSJH basketball takes on Brownwood Lions

Special to the Herald

Lady Steers 8th Grade A

The 8th grade A team Lady Steers took one on the chin against the Brownwood Lady Lions Monday evening, losing by the score of 35-25. It was a cold shooting night for the Lady Steers, but they played great defense.

Ryen Terrazas played well on offense with 8 points. Alex Enriquez played hustled on defense.

Lady Steers 7th Grade A

The 7th grade A team played a hard fought game against the Cubs. The game was the most well played and executed game of the season, scoring a majority of their points through the

execution of their press break.

The A team lost to Brownwood by 36 earlier in the season and returned to lose by less than ten. Monica Gutierrez played aggressive defense causing several turnovers. Kaydence Canales had 12 steals. Daniah Wrighter and Kourtney Moore fought hard under the basket to score a combined total of 13 points. Top defenders of the game were Monica Gutierrez and Gisselle Holguin. Top offensive players of the game were Elaina Arredondo and Loni Mendez.

Lady Steers 7th Grade B

The 7th grade B team fell by just 2 points in a hard fought battle. Jalen Sykes led the way with

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LeBron James becomes youngest to 30,000 points in Cavs' loss

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LeBron James has made it a point not to revel in his accomplishments. He allowed himself a moment to savor this milestone, though.

James became the youngest ever to join the NBA's 30,000-point club.

He became the seventh player with 30,000 career points when he hit a jumper with one second left in the first quarter of the Cleveland Cavaliers' 114-102 loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

"I don't ever fully appreciate what I do anytime I accomplish something, no matter if it's a win or a loss," James said. "I'm looking forward to the moment when I can be done with the game and I can sit back with my family and my friends and we can drink some wine and talk about all the accomplishments that I

had and feats I was able to accomplish."

James, who needed seven points to reach the milestone, finished with 28.

He was recognized by the arena before the second quarter and got a standing ovation from Spurs fans. James patted his heart and said "thank you so much."

"Just a special moment," James said. "I just started thinking about everything that my journey (has en-

tailed) from being a kid that first picked up a basketball when I was five years old to first starting playing organized basketball when I was nine and all the way up until this point. I give a lot of thanks to a lot of people. It's just a special moment."

"It's something I never set out to do. I'm not even a score-first guy when it comes to playing basketball. I love

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No. 14 Tech has big rally to beat Oklahoma State 75-70

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Basketball Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Keenan Evans reiterated a message to his Texas Tech teammates after the senior struggled shooting the ball in a couple of big losses by the No. 14 Red Raiders.

"I was going to be that guy that set the tone, whether it was aggressive on offense, or aggressive on defense," Evans said. "I was trying to be that guy that was kind of everywhere ... just making tough plays and trying

to get us going in any way possible."

Evans scored 22 of his 26 points after half-time Tuesday night, and Texas Tech rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat Oklahoma State 75-70 and avoid a third straight loss.

Evans hit a 3-pointer with 3:52 left that put the Red Raiders ahead to stay. That came only 40 seconds after his rebound and assist to Jarrett Culver, whose breakaway dunk gave Texas Tech (16-4, 5-3 Big 12) its first lead since the first half, and before

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AP photo

Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver (23) lays the ball up in front of Oklahoma State's Jeffrey Carroll (30) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas.

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North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 8 4
♥ 9 3
♦ K 6
♣ K Q J 9 2

WEST
♠ 10 6 3
♥ K 10 8 5 4
♦ Q 10 8
♣ A 7

EAST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ A J
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ Q 7 6 2
♦ A J 5 3
♣ 10 6

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
1 ♣ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

with the king and returned the eight or ten, South would have gone down one. The question that arises, therefore, is whether you should have made that play, since it would have established declarer's queen as a trick that he could not otherwise get.

The answer is yes. For his three-notrump bid, South is virtually certain to have the A-Q of spades and ace of diamonds, as well as the queen of hearts he is already known to hold by virtue of East's jack return.

However, this translates into only six tricks for declarer. Even if you give him a free heart trick by overtaking East's jack, he won't have enough tricks to make three notrump without establishing dummy's clubs. By overtaking the heart jack at trick two and continuing hearts, you can thus ensure getting four heart tricks and a club before South can score nine tricks — and who could ask for anything more?

It is true that if East started with the A-J-x of hearts, overtaking the jack would cost you a trick and maybe make you feel a bit foolish. But your primary duty as a defender is to defeat the contract, and that consideration always supersedes the question of whether declarer goes down one or two.

Tomorrow: The power of inferential thinking.
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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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!

3	8	1	7	2	5	9	6	4
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1	7	1	8	3	4	6	2	5
4	6	2	9	8	6	5	1	3
5	4	3	9	1	2	7	8	6

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Pluto Conjunction

You can't see your own face. The mirror shows you a representation that's limited in dimension. A picture shows you an even flatter, static version. Your brain fills in quite a lot, but ultimately others experience your face, your presence and your being in a way that you can only glimpse. And glimpse you will with this lineup of Mercury and Pluto.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Of course you have more power than you are exercising, but you wisely weigh the consequences of each action. True influence isn't about what you can get people to do; it's about what you can inspire them to want to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The absence of a person can be a presence -- a presence so strong it dominates the room, the hour, the talk and the feeling of the day. This is how humans can transcend the apparent laws of space and time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be the one with the cool news soon enough. Today you'll get a chance to practice reacting to the cool news of others. In a way, you're modeling the reaction you'd like to get when it's your turn to be the messenger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Setting yourself up for success will be a matter of casting the right people in the right roles of your life. You need someone to impress, someone to learn from and someone to cheer you on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll talk on a number of broad topics and make people laugh, too. But your secret to relating to people is not in expressing yourself exceptionally well; rather, it is in observing exceptionally well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If it's true that the external circumstances somehow exist to balance and harmonize what's going on inside you, you should be able to change your interior world through a rearrangement of your environment.

LIBRA (Sept.)

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



23-Oct. 23). It is your desire to be a delight to others. You won't have to do too much to achieve this effect -- maybe slightly more than your usual self-care and making an effort to put yourself in their presence. That's it!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). "How my achievements mock me!" said one character in a Shakespeare play. It's also the sentiment of everyone who's ever done something remarkable and been daunted by the prospect of repeating it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because you know yourself well, you will see the world with greater accuracy. You can take your strengths and failings out of the equation and try for an unbiased view, to whatever extent that is possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Plant your affection and something will grow. Maybe it won't be what you expected. Every location is different, and some ground is more fertile than other ground. But something will come of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To think deeply into seemingly shallow things is the tendency shared by poets and storytellers, mystics, inventors, designers and pied pipers of all sorts. Caution: Some frivolous wastes of time really are just that. Be discerning.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't learn what you already know. This is why you might have to kick around some of the beliefs and stories inside your head to see how sound they really are. Believing in untrue things can prevent future learning.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 24). You'll accomplish much by thinking positively and

strategically and then acting on what you plan. You really do need a mentor, though, to keep you on track. Seek qualified candidates now and by March you'll be on a plan you can stick to. You'll be celebrating major success milestones in April and August. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 31, 20 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Am I or am I not meeting up with Channing Tatum on the astral plane? I think I am. I'm not crazy. I'm an accountant for a busy bakery, and I have plenty of family and friends around me, who do not have any idea about my double life as girlfriend on the astral plane. I've been dying to tell someone that I visit Channing Tatum in my dreams almost every night, but I'm afraid it would change how the person thinks of me. My question is: Is it wrong? -- Anonymous Aries"

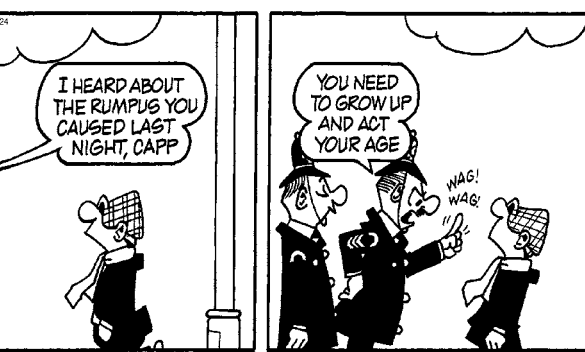
Do you mean to ask whether it's wrong because Channing Tatum is married with children, or do you mean to ask whether it's wrong because you're an Aries and he's a Taurus -- next-door neighbors on the zodiac wheel who can get along brilliantly as long as they are not fighting like siblings? Or do you mean to ask whether it's wrong because there are so many millions of others who also happen to be meeting up with Channing Tatum on the astral plane? Whether it's wrong or right is not for me to say. I would, however, encourage you to exercise your sparkling imagination and zest on this plane in big and exciting ways, dear Aries!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Neil Diamond wrote songs for the likes of Elvis Presley, The Monkees and The Hollies, in addition to topping the charts with his own hits, such as "Sweet Caroline" and "Solitary Man." The legendary Aquarius was born with the moon and Venus in Capricorn, the sign of ever-young expressions of art and life. No amount of success will quell his inner drive to do even better.

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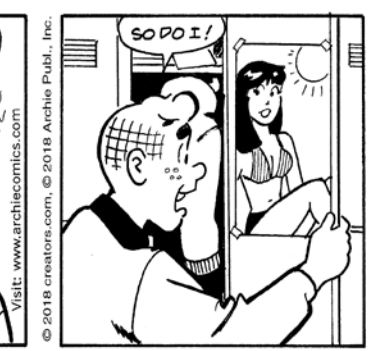
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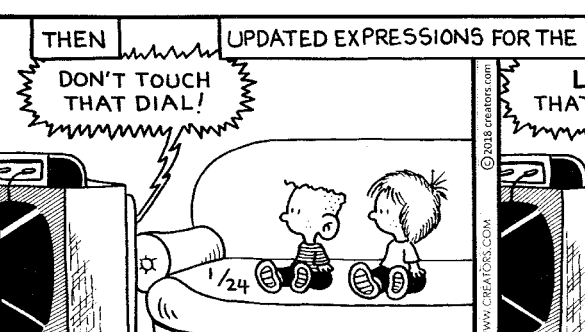
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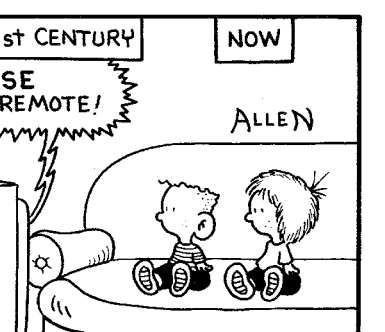
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NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2018. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

On this date:

In A.D. 41, Roman Emperor Caligula, 28, was assassinated by members of the Praetorian Guard after a reign of nearly four years; he was succeeded by his uncle Claudius.

In 1742, Charles VII was elected Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1939, at least 28,000 people were killed by an earthquake that devastated the city of Chillan in Chile.

In 1942, the Roberts Commission placed much of the blame for America's lack of preparedness for Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, British statesman Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1975, the extremist group FALN bombed Francaes Tavern in New York City, killing four people.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite, Cosmos 954, plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 84.

In 2003, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge was sworn as the first secretary of the new

Department of Homeland Security.

Ten years ago: Congressional leaders announced a deal with the White House on an economic stimulus package that would give most tax filers refunds of \$600 to \$1,200. French bank Societe Generale announced it had uncovered a 4.9 billion euro (\$7.14 billion) fraud by a single futures trader. Italian Premier Romano Prodi resigned after his center-left coalition lost a Senate confidence vote.

Five years ago: Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the lifting of a ban on women serving in combat. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee opened a hearing into President Barack Obama's nomination of Sen. John Kerry to be secretary of state. President Obama appointed Mary Jo White, a former prosecutor, to head the Securities and Exchange Commission. New Orleans Hornets owner Tom Benson announced he was changing his team's nickname to the Pelicans for the start of next season.

One year ago: President Donald Trump moved swiftly to advance the controversial Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines, signing executive actions to aggressively overhaul America's energy policy and deal a sharp blow to Barack Obama's legacy on climate change. The 89th annual Academy Awards nominations were announced; the retro musical "La La Land" received a record-tying 14 nods; eight went to eventual best picture winner "Moonlight."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Maren (Film: "The Wizard of Oz") is 99. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 82. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 79. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 77. Singer Aaron Neville is 77. Actor Michael Ontkean is 72. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 68.

Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 68. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 67. South Korean President Moon Jae-in is 65. Actor William Allen Young is 64. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 60. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 57. Country musician Rainwater

(Lonestar) is 55. Obama White House budget director Shaun Donovan is 52. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 51. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sleepy Brown (Society of Soul) is 48. Actor Matthew Lillard is 48. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 47. Blues/rock singer Beth Hart is 46.

Actor Ed Helms is 44. Actor Mark Hildreth is 40. Actress Tatyana Ali is 39. Rock musician Mitchell Marlow (Filter) is 39. Actress Carrie Coon is 37. Actor Daveed Diggs is 36. Actor Justin Baldoni is 34. Actress Mischa Barton is 32.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Colosseum locale
 - 5 Greeting at a luau
 - 10 Sound of a comics punch
 - 14 Biblical paradise
 - 15 Red ___ (Snopy's pilot foe)
 - 16 Stereo system
 - 17 Best-selling 1920s 34 Across
 - 19 Dry as a desert
 - 20 Dwell
 - 21 Casino employees
 - 23 Hamilton's bills
 - 25 French cap
 - 26 Customary ways
 - 30 Barbecue residue
 - 33 Give the slip to
 - 34 Assembly line product
 - 35 Passports, for short
 - 38 Uninteresting to a particular person
 - 42 Collector's goal
 - 43 Back in the old days
 - 44 Banisters
 - 45 Participant in a sprint
 - 47 Poetry selections
 - 48 Make off with
 - 51 Male deer
 - 53 Finny swimmer with whiskers
 - 56 Numerous
 - 60 Border on
 - 61 Gridiron gadget
 - 64 Network junction point
 - 65 Climbing plants
 - 66 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
- DOWN
- 1 Boxing official
 - 2 Fragrance
 - 3 "A ___ technicality!"
 - 4 Wraps things up
 - 5 Dwellings
 - 6 Filled (with)
 - 7 Raw mineral
 - 8 Grasp
 - 9 Pay (up)
 - 10 Largest mammals
 - 11 Personnel person
 - 12 In flames
 - 13 Central point
 - 18 Pot holder with a thumb
 - 22 "Honest" prez
 - 24 Pieces of a tea service
 - 26 Group in a coop
 - 27 Skin-cream additive
 - 28 Intrude, with "in"
 - 29 Altar vow
 - 31 Leave speechless
 - 32 Move like a bunny
 - 34 Tennis great Arthur
 - 35 "... but you know how ___"
 - 36 Proofreader's mark
 - 37 Fresh talk
 - 39 List-shortening abbr.
 - 40 State south of Seattle
 - 41 At a great distance
 - 45 Traveled like Huck Finn
 - 46 ___ Baba
 - 47 Small suitcase
 - 48 Barely sufficient
 - 49 Off-limits
 - 50 Piano practice piece
 - 52 Helps oneself to
 - 54 Satirical routine
 - 55 Home to honey handlers
 - 57 Pre-weekend shout
 - 58 Beetle Bailey dog
 - 59 Cause of goosebumps
 - 62 Espionage org.
 - 63 Moose cousin

Thought for Today:

"God gives us relatives; thank God, we can choose our friends."

Addison Mizner
American architect
(1872-1933).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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TECH

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a jumper by Lindy Waters put the Cowboys ahead one last time.

"He's a terrific player. I'm not surprised that he played well at all. Good players go through things like that for a couple of games," Oklahoma State coach Mike Boynton said. "He's not going to let that keep him down."

Culver, the freshman guard playing in his hometown, finished with 25 points and four 3-pointers.

Jeffrey Carroll had 16 points for Oklahoma State (13-7, 3-5), which was coming off an overtime win three days earlier over then-No. 4 Oklahoma.

And the Cowboys still had a 14-point lead with 15 minutes left.

Evans was a combined 5-of-20 shooting, 2-of-13 on 3-pointers, as Tech lost twice on the road last week.

After making 1 of 4 shots before halftime against the Cowboys, he was 6 of 9 in the second half.

"Keenan didn't play any different tonight than he has been. He's a great shooter," Tech coach Chris Beard said. "He's remained aggressive."

BIG PICTURE

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys have lost all four of their true road games, all in Big 12 play.

At home, they have won their last three games in overtime or on the final shot in regulation.

Texas Tech: After a tough

week on the road, the Red Raiders got a much-needed boost with an impressive comeback after halftime. They made only one of 12 field goals in the final 10 minutes of the first half, but made 15 of 28 after halftime, including 6 of 9 3-pointers.

TAKING A PUNCH

"Every game, you're going to get punched, the other team is going to go on runs, and you've got to respond," Beard said. "Tonight, above all, what I'm most proud of is just the grit, the composure. I didn't think there was much panic out there, even when we were trying so hard to play well and we just weren't."

RANKING SUCCESS

Even though the Red Raiders are out of the Top 10 for the first time in three weeks, they are still among the nation's top 15 teams for three straight weeks for the first time since 1995-96.

BEFORE THE BREAK

Carroll had a go-ahead bank shot with 5:50 left in the first half that started a half-ending 18-5 run that put Oklahoma State up 37-25.

Carroll had a 3-pointer 36 seconds after that as part of eight straight points for the Cowboys.

UP NEXT

Oklahoma State plays at Arkansas on Saturday in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

Texas Tech also steps out of conference play for one of the early games Saturday in the Big 12/SEC Challenge, at South Carolina, a Final Four team last season.

Otto, Jones represent Howard County



Courtesy photo

Over the weekend, youth golfers from West Texas converged on San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club for the West Texas PGA Junior Champions New Year's Classic. Howard County faired very well in the field. Forsan senior Jillian Jones (left) took first in the 15-18 division for the girls, and Big Spring senior Nolan Otto took first place in the 15-18 boys division.

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10 points followed by Mia Bustamante with 6. Genna Bedinger, Emily Matthews, Kiersten Furuya and Neli Mendez were awesome on defense. Maria Villalobos and Mikiah Gibson were a great help on offense. They didn't give up without a fight.

Steers 8th Grade A

8th grade A team took on a fantastic Brownwood Lions team and held their own against them. It was a back and forth affair for both teams, with the lead changing hands more than a dozen times between the teams.

The Steers' shots went cold in the 4th as Brownwood was able to get the upper hand in the latter half of the 4th. Javarious Ford and Kaegan Mitchell made it tough on the Brownwood Lions defense with many drives into the paint and causing them to get fouled in the process, while Nico Francino, Chris Martinez, and Arron Yanez were making it rain from anywhere on the court. Saquan Fizer and Gabriel Baeza Held their own impressively well in the paint against two Brownwood big men who were at least 6'4". Offensive standouts were, Ford, Mitchell, and Yanez. While the

defense was led by the pick pocketing duo of Nico Francino and Chris Martinez, with both having at least 5 steals between them.

The A team will be traveling to Andrews Thursday for the beginning of their tournament against Seminole at 8 o'clock, then action will continue on Saturday.

Both teams will return to action Monday against the Snyder Tigers.

Steers 8th Grade B

The 8th grade B team took on the Brownwood Lions in what amounted to a back and forth affair with both teams playing stingy defense throughout.

The game started off with a low scoring first quarter as both teams could only muster 7 points apiece. In the second quarter Roman Perez was able to find a crack in the armor and finally able to put some pressure on the Brownwood defenders, causing them to foul him and send him to the line a few times in the second quarter.

After halftime, with the Steers down five in the fourth with 3 minutes to go, momentum switched in

favor of the Steers. The Steers were able to answer with an 8-0 run to run the score to 33-30. Then Brownwood made a last second three to tie the game as the clock expired and the game went to overtime. In their second overtime of the year for the Steers, the Steers were able to make clutch free-throws when it mattered to put the Brownwood Lions away 39-37. Offensive leaders were Roman Perez and Jesse Hernandez, while Adrien Juarez and Matthew Chavarria brought there A game on defense. David Mendez in his second game back played extremely well as well.

Steers 7th Grade A

In a home game Monday night against Brownwood. The Steers came up short 39-27.

Tanner Purcell and Ian Ga-

lan played with tremendous hustle and grit.

Chris Salazar and Sema'J Wright ran the floor well.

Cayde Bryans and Karim Rayford played pretty good defense which kept both themselves and the team stay out of foul trouble.

Eli Cobos and Nicholas Garcia Started a block party in the paint stuffing out 3 people a piece.

Sergio Ybarra And Derrick Walleck led the team in scoring with 21 combined points.

The Steers look to upset the Andrews mustangs at 4pm Thursday in the first game of the Andrews A-team tournament.

Steers 7th Grade B

Monday night the 7B boys took on the Brownwood Lions and were unable to come up with the win. Final Score

was 23-14. Even though the young Steers dropped the contest, they fought for 4 quarters and never gave up. Leading the Steers was Issac Gonzales with 5 points, 7 rebounds, and 8 steals.

Also contributing for the Steers were:

Ismael Castillo with 4 points and 7 steals

Korbin Olsen with 2 points, 3 steals, and 3 rebounds.

Aarron Gonzales, Johnny Marquez, and Kelby Olivarez also added one point from the free throw line. Next up for the Steers are the Tigers from Snyder for their 3rd math-up of the year and look to win the series next Monday night the 29th. Tip off for the B team will be at 5 p.m. at home at the E.C. Roberson Jr. High Gymnasium.

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Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny puts up a short jump shot during the Lady Steers' 45-29 loss to district rival Snyder at home on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

LADY

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points against Big Spring in the third quarter. She led all scorers with 16 points.

Big Spring junior forward Logan Terrazas tried her best to keep Big Spring in contention, scoring all of her 10 points in the second half, but the Lady Tigers had balanced scoring. Freshman Kamiah Davis and junior Nicole Martinez each scored seven points

The Lady Steers travel to Abilene to

play Wylie. Game time is 7:30 p.m..

BIG SPRING- Alexis Starr 2-0-5; Kayleigh Penny 3-4-10; Logan Terrazas 5 0 10; Aissa Cervantes 1-2-4; totals 11-6-29

SNYDER- Melanie Martinez 1-0-2; Kamih Davis 2-2-7; Natalee James 3-0-7; Angella Murillo 2-1-5; Haley Humphrey 2-0-4; Alize Conner 6-3-16; totals 17-7-45.

Big Spring - 06-06-09-08-29

Snyder - 05-06-16-18-45

Records- Big Spring (8-14, 0-5); Snyder (12-15, 3-2)

JV- Big Spring 42, Snyder 22.

STEERS

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with 15 points, including three threes. Cooley, who just missed a couple of big dunks, scored 14 points. Sophomore C.J. Harris, a 6-foot 4 forward scored 10 points as did fellow sophomore Abel Clark. Point guard Dimas Garcia was a defensive force for Big Spring, constantly hawking the ball while coming away with three steals to go along with his seven points.

Snyder held the edge over Big Spring in three-point shooting and rebounding. The Tigers made seven threes with Trey Sanmiego and Nathan Kendrick combining to make five of them. Snyder also won the battle on the boards, 30-21.

Despite still searching for the first district win Big Spring coach Krise Hise liked what he saw from his young team Tuesday night. "I saw

our kids stick to the game plan," Hise said. "We executed what we wanted to do. We wanted to make them shoot from the outside and we did. I seen a lot of those kids (Snyder) hit shots tonight that we haven't seen them hit before. Got to give it to them, they hit the shots. Snyder played well tonight, I thought we played well."

Big Spring will play Wylie Friday night there. Game time is 7:30.

BIG SPRING- Dimas Garcia 3-1-7; Zephaniah Nelson 2-0-4; Elijah John Ibanez 5-2-15; Jehermiah Cooley 5-4-14; Abel Clark 3-4-10; C.J. Harris 4-2-10; totals 24-13-60.

SNYDER- Trey Sanamiego 6-4-19; Nathan Kendrick 4-1-12; Christian Gama 3-1-7; Cedric Quiorz 2-0-5; Wesley Barron 5-1-11; Talon Vandergrift 3-0-6; T. Leonard 4-1-9; totals 27-8-70.

Big Spring 09-15-22-14-60

Snyder - 14-17-25-14-70

Records- Big Spring (5-19, 0-3); Snyder (16-13, 2-2)

LEBRON

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getting my teammates involved and seeing my teammates be excited about scoring and me getting assists. For me to sit here and be the youngest player ever to reach 30,000."

He missed his first two midrange jumpers against San Antonio before making two driving layups and a 20-footer. He hit the milestone jumper over Danny Green from 19 feet out. The Cavaliers were unable to celebrate immediately because the Spurs had an opportunity for a last-second shot.



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