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## Pops in the Park 2018



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The City Council Chamber Committee gathered in the Chamber Board Room at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a meeting to discuss plans for Pops in the Park 2018. This will be the 21st Annual Pops in the Park, which will be held at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater on Tuesday, July 3rd 2018.

### Special to the Herald

The 21st Annual Pops in the Park, which will take place at Comanche Trail Amphitheater on Tuesday, July 3rd, is now approaching us.

Pops in the Park combines a family-friendly atmosphere

in the historic and beautiful Comanche Trail Amphitheater with world-class music provided by pre-show entertainment and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

The Pre-Show this year will

feature Spur 327, a four-piece country/classic rock band from Lubbock, Texas. Also included in the pre-show are the Presentation of Colors and the salute to Armed

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## Driver injured in 18-wheeler turnover Thursday



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

First responders from the Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services examine a tractor-trailer that overturned at the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 176 shortly before 3 p.m. Thursday.

### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A truck driver sustained minor injuries Thursday afternoon when his tractor-trailer overturned at the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 176.

"There were minor injuries sustained. He went to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for precautionary measures," said Lt. Brian Gordon of the Big Spring Police Department.

Gordon said the truck driver was the only person involved in the accident.

"He was self-employed, hauling cotton bales," Gordon said. "We wrote him (a citation) for failure to main-

tain a single lane. It appears that speed was a factor, going around the corner."

The accident occurred shortly before 3 p.m. Thursday as the driver was headed toward Big Spring on Highway 176. The truck overturned when the driver failed to negotiate the turn onto Interstate 20, spilling wrapped bales of cotton over the intersection.

Big Spring Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Big Spring Police, and City of Big Spring workers responded to scene of the accident.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com.

## Lunch and Learn with The Life Center



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are The Life Center of Big Spring employees and attendees from last year's Lunch and Learn event held in the Grand Ballroom at Hotel Settles.

### By ERIN STEPHENS

Staff Writer

Spend your lunch hour next Tuesday with The Life Center of Big Spring. The non-profit, faith-based, alternative-to-abortion organization will be hosting a fundraising event at Hotel Settles on Tuesday, February 20 at 11:45 am in the Grand Ballroom.

"This is a fundraiser we have every year, and the pur-

pose is to raise money to help fund the services we offer here in Big Spring," said Life Center Director Tracy Watson. "We'll have lunch, listen to speaker Kirk Walden, and then the attendees will have a chance to give donations at the end of the event. Guests can sponsor a table, and each table has room for about 10 people. For those who don't want to sponsor a table, indi-

vidual tickets are available. For pricing and availability, call The Life Center at 432-606-5041."

TLC of Big Spring supports mothers and fathers experiencing unexpected pregnancies and promotes sexual integrity in the community through three levels of outreach: teaching prevention,

See **LUNCH**, Page 3

## Commissioners to hold special executive session meeting today

### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will hold a special called meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of the County Courthouse.

The main item on the meeting's agenda is an executive closed session, in which the commissioners will plan to

discuss personnel considerations. The commissioners plan to briefly return to open session following the session to give them the opportunity – should the need arise – to take action on the considerations discussed during the meeting.

Also on the agenda is the opportunity for citizen input

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## Our Healthy Circle

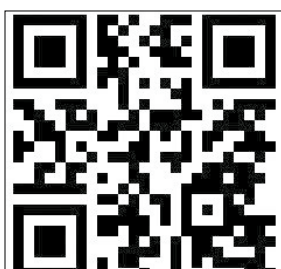
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Our Healthy Circle's lunch n learn took place at the Howard County Library on Thursday. Shawn Harris, FNP, spoke about the importance of heart health and proper blood flow when it comes to healing wounds. The Howard County Library also set up

a resource table filled with heart healthy focused books.



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## Obituaries

### Vickie A. Gonzales



Vickie A. Gonzales, 60, of Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Vickie was born Jan. 26, 1958, in Mertzon, Texas, to Oralia Martinez Armendarez and Wilfredo L. (Willie) Armendarez. She grew up in Big Spring and lived most of her life here. She married Larry Raul Gonzales on March 7, 1975, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1995. She moved to Grand Prairie in 2006 and worked for TEX Commerce Bank in Dallas as an Investment Counselor. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Arlington. Her favorite pastime was her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Mark Gonzales of Grand Prairie, Jayson Gonzales and wife Aman-

da of San Angelo, Juanita Gonzales Valdez and husband Jay of Grand Prairie and Toni and Gabriel Moreno of Grand Prairie. Her grandchildren, Ashley Ramos, Abigail Gonzales and Carlos Gonzales, Lorenzo Gonzales, Isaac Gonzales and Daisy Gonzales, Cristian Jay Valdez and Lexie Valdez, Makailah Moreno and Isabella Moreno. She is also survived by one great granddaughter, Ava Rodriguez, and her mother Oralia Armendarez of Big Spring; and siblings, Teresa and Victor Martinez of Big Spring, Monica and Robert Rios of Bastrop and Marcus Armendarez and Arthur Armendarez, also of Big Spring.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband Larry, and a brother Jesus Jesse Armendarez.

Pallbearers will be Lorenzo Gonzales, Isaac Gonzales, Carlos Gonzales, Cristian Valdez, Jay Valdez and Gabriel Moreno.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Carl Wayman Wells



Carl Wayman Wells, 79, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Gail Cemetery.

Carl was born Aug. 11, 1938, in Coleman, Texas, to Allie Gallo-way Wells and Lloye Wells. He married Pearl Wells on May 21, 1959, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She preceded him in death on March 28, 2015.

Carl is survived by three sons, Edward Wayman Wells and wife Michelle, Perry Wells, and Lloyd Wells and wife Chelsea, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandra Hector and husband Jimmy of Big Spring, and Katharine Wells and Doug Porter of Maine; one brother, Joe Wells and wife Vi of North Dakota; 19 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, Carl was preceded in death by one grandson Caleb Hector, four brothers and three sisters.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOSEPH NONE MARTINEZ**, 26, of 609 State St., was arrested on a charge of duty on striking fixture/Hwy lands.

• **DAVID WAYNE HOLSEN-BECK**, 49, of 803 Baylor Blvd., was arrested on a warrant of unauthorized use of vehicle.

• **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 32, of 1611 S Owens St., was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief in

between \$100 to \$750.

• **NOE SOLIZ JR.**, 56, of 807 S Johnson, was arrested on a warrant of MTR/man/del controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

• **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 29, of 809 Father Delaney St., was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **DONNE KAY ROBERTSON**, 33, of 102 Merrick Rd., was arrested on warrants of parole violation and on fraud use possession

identifying info.

• **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 7600 block of W FM 846.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on I-20/176 overpass, and on 2nd and Gregg, and on 4th and Gregg.

• **THEFT** was reported in the block of 2600 and Fairchild Dr.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RAY ALVARADO JR.**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **DAVID WAYNE HOLSEN-BECK**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of unauthorized use

of vehicle.

• **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging.

• **JOSEPH MARTINEZ**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of duty on striking fixture/Hwy lands.

• **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**,

33, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of parole violation and on fraud use possession identifying info.

• **MARK HOLLIS RYERSON**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession of controlled substance in between one to four grams.

• **NOE SOLIZ JR.**, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of MTR/man/del controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

## Take Note

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lessons will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club. The lessons started Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 28. There will be five lessons at \$25 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 Com-

munity 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 information, call 432-271-2138.

### Maria Quintela Cervantes



Maria Quintela Cervantes, 96, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, in a local hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 1, 1921, near Redford, Texas, and married Manuel C. Cervantes, Sr. Nov. 28, 1938, in Marfa. He preceded her in death Oct. 8, 2008.

Maria moved to Big Spring from Marfa in 1942. She worked at Hall Bennett Hospital and was member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and Cursilistas.

Survivors include granddaughters, Sylvia Milan (Francisco) of Big Spring, Belinda Yanez (Pablo) of San Angelo, Priscilla Haro (Jesse) of San Antonio and Joanne Meek (Justin) of Big Spring; grandsons, Michael Herrera (Irene), Manuel C. Cervantes III (Michelle) and Donald Cervantes (Stephanie) all of Big Spring; daughter-in-law, Margaret Cervantes of Big Spring; sister, Pabla Garcia (Aristeo) of Lake Arthur, New Mexico; 18 great grandchildren; 14 great great grandchildren

In addition to her husband she is preceded in death by two sons, Manuel Cervantes and Manuel Cervantes, Jr.; a daughter, Noemi Herrera; parents, Pablo and Juana Quintela; a sister, Josefa Garcia; three brothers, Manuel Quintela, Daniel Quintela and Enrique Quintela and one great grandson, Richard Haro, Jr.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## 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.



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The Life Center of Big Spring Director, Tracy Watson, speaking at last year's Lunch and Learn event.

## LUNCH

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helping through pregnancy, and healing through restoration. TLC envisions communities where individuals and families make positive decisions for life and relationships based on the word of God.

"All of our services are free and we're supported mainly by donors," said Watson. "Although we're a faith-based organization, clients don't have to be religious to receive services from us. Midland is our main office and we're one of the satellite offices. Midland is currently helping fund our location but we'd like to eventually rely 100% on our community to fund us."

The non-profit organization hopes to expand their current facility to include the same services offered at the Midland location. According to Watson, a plan for "phase 2" of the Big Spring location is already in the works.

"We'd like to eventually have a full-time nurse on staff to conduct sonogram readings and provide education to clients because currently, our clients have to drive to Midland for those services," she said. "We'd like to build and connect to the house next door to make our building larger. Our client base is growing so there is a need for expansion in the near future."

The Life Center assists women and children until a child reaches 2 years of age.

"After birth, we offer parenting classes and we do material assistance which is where we bag up gently used clothing and give it to clients," said Watson. "While pregnant, we offer prenatal classes and mothers can earn 'baby bucks' that

can be exchanged for baby-related items from our boutique. Mothers can earn 'baby bucks' for various things like proof of school attendance, school grades, fathers attending baby education classes, and so much more. Whatever the need is, we try to meet that need. We'd like to someday have a complete baby boutique where mothers can come in and shop."

Kirk Walden will be the guest speaker at this year's Lunch and Learn event. Walden is a former professional golfer and college football broadcast team member with a passion for life and the pro-life cause. His blend of humor and poignancy makes him a powerful messenger of vision and hope, and an advocate for the sanctity of life at a time when core values in our community are being challenged as never before.

Walden is author of *The Wall: Rebuilding a culture of life in America and ending abortion as we know it*. He has more than 30 years of experience in the pro-life arena. His efforts span from political campaigns and public policy to his current work with hundreds of crisis pregnancy ministries across the United States.

"Anyone in the community that either wants to know more about our mission or wants to sponsor us is encouraged to come out and join us," said Watson. "Individuals, businesses, and churches are all welcome to attend. We still have about 5 open tables left and I have room at my table for anyone wanting to attend for free."

For more information, call TLC of Big Spring and ask for Tracy Watson.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

## POPS

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Forces. The retiring of the colors will follow the pre-show, also followed by a video tribute to honor the local men and women who serve our country.

The event will conclude with a spectacular display of choreographed fireworks from one of the nation's leaders in pyrotechnics. The fireworks will be accompanied by live music from the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus.

The Pops in the Park mission is to give back to those who have served our country, and to pay tribute to them for their selfless sacrifice as well as the sacrifices of their families.

Pops in the Park is a community event, and without support from the community it would not be possible. If you would like to donate, please contact the Big

Spring Chamber at 432-263-7641, or send donations to Pops in the Park, 215 W. 3rd-79720 or P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

Vendors' packets will be sent out soon, and if you are wanting to be a vendor you can contact Frances Metcalf at 432-264-2504.

If you would like to volunteer to help with donations, please contact Felicia Guerra at 432-264-2540.

# Texas police mistakenly shoot man who took gun from suspect

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A Texas Panhandle shelter worker who wrestled a gun away from a man holding hostages was then shot by a police officer who mistook him as the suspect.

Amarillo police say they received a report Wednesday of a man holding dozens hostage in the chapel of Faith City Mission, a shelter serving the indigent and others.

An officer confronted a man inside holding a gun and shot him. Police say the investigation revealed the

man who was mistakenly shot had moments earlier fought with the gunman and took away his weapon.

Police say the worker remained hospitalized Thursday with injuries not considered life-threatening.

Authorities say 35-year-old Joshua Len Jones is being held at the Potter County jail on multiple counts of aggravated kidnapping.

Online jail records don't indicate an attorney who's representing him.

# Texas reverses plan to cut more than 100 rehired troopers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety is reversing plans to lay off more than 100 older state troopers as a means of hitting mandated budget cuts.

DPS Director Steve McCraw said in a memo to employees Thursday that the agency won't move forward with

the reduction in force, which had been met with backlash by troopers and lawmakers.

The layoffs targeted formerly retired Texas troopers who were rehired. They had returned to the job under a program that was originally launched in response to struggles to recruit new members to the state's

police force.

McCraw said in a memo that state leaders gave the OK to use other funds to cover the trooper salaries.

Texas has sought to add troopers in recent years while drastically increasing spending on border security.

# Three Texas teenagers arrested for bringing guns to high schools

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Authorities say three Texas high school students face charges after bringing guns to campus a day after a deadly mass shooting at a school in Florida.

The arrests Thursday happened at separate schools in suburban Dallas. Police didn't immediately release information on why the students brought firearms to class.

Flower Mound police said in a statement that a 16-year-old faced felony charges for bringing a small-caliber handgun to school. Police said the gun wasn't loaded but that ammunition was found.

Another unloaded gun was found in the backpack of a 19-year-old student in Garland. The third arrest was in Plano, where police spokesman David Tilley told The Dallas Morning News that a tip had been called in about a student bringing a gun to school.

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Vicky Gonzales, 60, of Grand Prairie, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Amos T. (Ted) Franklin, 77, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at East Side Baptist Church.

Carl Wayman Wells, 79, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Gail Cemetery.

## MEETING

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and comment. If you would like to address the commissioners at the meeting, you should arrive early to fill out a brief form registering your intent to speak.

For more information, contact Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 264-2202.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

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**President's Day Holiday:**  
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March 3-4:  
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March 23-25:  
**Texas Weekend Getaway with Bruce Wood Dance:**  
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April 14:  
**Big Spring Symphony Presents:**  
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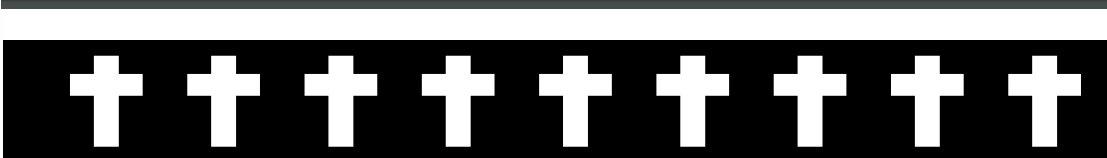
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What is something worth to you? How do you make that determination? Though we may not consciously think through the minute details of every decision, we all make judgments daily based upon how we value different things. Even though value involves more than just money (or should), a quick and easy way to see what you place value on is to look at your bank statement. Where does the majority of your money go?



GREG SURLES

Jesus told a couple of very short parables about value and worth. We find them in Matthew 13:44-46. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of

heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it (ESV).

I would like to make application of these two short stories in three points – desire, recognition, and cost. First, there has to be the desire. Actually, we could say there has to be awareness before desire can be realized. Have you ever had something really good that you never knew existed? We may say something like, "Where has this been my whole life? Or, why has no one told me about this before?" Now that you know, you desire more of it. It may be something that you collect and you will search and search so that your collection can be complete. That's what we see with the merchant in Jesus' story. He was searching.

Are you searching? Do you have a desire for spiritual matters, or is your focus mainly (or solely) on things in this life? Are you searching for a better job so you can afford more ex-

pensive stuff? Are you searching for ways to be more popular among people? What is your ultimate desire?

Second, there is the matter of recognition. If you find an item that you've been searching for, that would complete your collection, you must be able to recognize whether it is the real thing or not. Remember our discussion from a few weeks ago concerning the problem of counterfeit items. You have to know what you are looking for and determine if it's real or not. Back to the merchant in Jesus' story, I wouldn't know a genuine pearl from a fake or be able to distinguish between the value of various pearls.

How do you determine the value of something, especially things of a spiritual nature? We must turn to God and his word to help us recognize value. If we only focus on physical matters, then we will never place value on eternal things. You can spend your whole life accumulating money and stuff, but you will reach a point

when you realize that it ultimately is worthless. You can't take it with you when you die.

Finally, we can desire something and know that it's real, but there is still the matter of cost. Is there something that you want so badly that you would give everything you have in exchange for it? What if there was something that did last forever? What if there was a part of you that could live forever and you could take it with you when you die? Would you want it no matter the cost?

There is a part of you that will live forever – it is your soul. How much is your soul and eternity worth to you? Matthew 16:26, For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in return for his soul? (ESV)

Greg Surles  
Preacher  
Birdwell Lane church of Christ

## Church News

### Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week continues in the series called Big Sandals: Retracing the Footsteps of Kings. Sunday's message comes from 1 Kings 16 and is called Three Kings.

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.

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Feb. 18th- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service as we continue with our Series entitled, "Elephant In The Room." During this series we will journey through 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 and 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, February 20th- Join us each Tuesday for the next 2 weeks from 6 p.m. to 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. to 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.

3 DAY Extravaganza March 30th, 31st & April 1st- Join us as we gather:

Day 1: On Good Friday for our Communion Worship Service on Friday, March 30th at 7 in the Main Sanctuary.

Day 2: Meet us on Saturday, March 31st at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for CCC's Spring Fellowship Chili Cook-off in the Academic Resource Center /A.R.C.

Day3: Closing out this amazing weekend Sunday, April 1st at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Annual Resurrection Sunday Worship Service.

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 7 p.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 or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

"Stand Firm" Women's Conference, sponsored by women from various local churches. Sat. March, 24th at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5 admission requested. Please contact 432-826-9331 with questions. Child care will NOT be provided.

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. 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.

New Connection Groups are meeting now and include "What Does the Bible Say?", "Discovering Who You Are In Christ," "Malachi" starting January 30th, "Love and War" for married couples, "Chasing the Lion," "Men's 33 Series," and "A Walk Through The Gospel." All start at 9:15 on Sunday mornings!

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, and then search for Spring Creek Fellowship Texas. That should take you to our Home Page.

KID CONNECTION: 2/18 Paul preached in Europe, Acts 17:16-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.

Ladies are invited to our "Stand Firm" Women's Conference on Saturday, March 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 and no childcare is provided. This event is sponsored by women from various local churches. For more information please call (432)816-9331.

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 Clint 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. 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups. 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship. 10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service. 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Tuesday-noon-Narcotics Anonymous. 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study. Wednesday- Community Groups-various times and places. Thursday at 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study. Friday-7 p.m.-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous. If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at spring-

creekfellowship.org

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

### First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. This Wednesday, Feb. 14, being Ash Wednesday, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, and the Youth Group meets for dinner at 6:00, followed by Handbells at 6:30, and Youth Group meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The Service Committee is asking everyone to help with the yearly Hygiene Products Drive. Travel or individual size soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and other hygiene products will be collected for distribution to those who need them beginning Sunday, February 18 and continuing through Sunday, February 24.

This congregation is once again participating in a series of Lenten Luncheons with other churches in Big Spring, although First Presbyterian is not hosting any of the meetings. The first of the luncheons is set for noon, February 21, at Holy Trinity Church. The following meetings are: Feb. 28 at First United Methodist Church; March 7 at First Baptist Church; March 14 at the Salvation Army; March 21 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Please join in these meaningful ecumenical opportunities and bring a friend.

The next Prayer Breakfast is set for Saturday, Feb. 24, at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Although these breakfasts are sometimes called the Men's Prayer Breakfasts because the men are doing the cooking, everyone is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

This month's meeting of Presbyterian Women is set for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. in the church library.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for February is Buddy Cochrane. Ushers are Danny Kennemur, Jim Little, Rip Patterson, and Susan Wilson or Dave Wilson.

The lectionary passages for the First Sunday in Lent are Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; and Mark 1:9-15. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "Jesus, We Are Here," by Patrick Matsikenyiri. The choir will present "Your Only Son, Lamb of God," by Twila Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

### Midway Baptist

We would love to see you this Sunday. Come on out and discover the difference for yourself at Midway Baptist Church where we love God, love people and serve both! Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.; Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study; Student Fellowship & Bible Study; Team Kidz 6 p.m. This Sunday Bro Mike is Preaching from Exodus 3:1-5 and has titled the message "Holy Ground." Join us for Worship.

### Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, and loving fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gos

## CHURCH

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pel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., where we are studying the Book of Hebrews. Our Sunday Worship service begins at 11 a.m., and Pastor Tom Lassiter has just recently started preaching through the Book of Jonah. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., our pastor is teaching through Proverbs. If you are looking for a church home where there is lots of love and care, and a strong emphasis on the Word of God, we hope you will come and visit us! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring. Come and be a part of what the Lord is doing here!

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

LCMS First Sunday in Lent Feb. 18, 2018, "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives." We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com). Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. We serve a meal from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. Our adult class is studying Lutheranism 101. The adult class will be led by Pastor Lamb. The youth will have a class led by Dolline Budke.

Our Lenten Services are every Wednesday evening at 7pm. We will not have a Bible Study during this time but we are continuing the meals.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2:00 pm. Come praise and celebrate the world's Savior, Jesus Christ, and drink from the water of God's Word as Pastor Jim delivers the sermon. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening activities and full schedule, contact Pastor Jim at: [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

### First Baptist Church

"God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

FBC invites you to celebrate The Living Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Sunday morning at 10:50. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of classic hymns and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Fruit of The Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. Titled "Goodness: Generous Actions of Justice", hearers will be reminded that the renewed nature of a believer is characterized by a strong desire to be a blessing to others, expecting nothing in return, and demonstrating a readiness to do good. 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](http://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

# Reflections: Winter Games

Skiers fly through the wind like birds landing lightly on the snow, lugers plunge down the chute at 90 mph in a death-defying dive, skaters slice through the ice and downhill skiers carve moguls on the mountain. The PyeongChang Olympics stir memories: the magnificence of the mountains, the silence of the snow, the rush of the wind.

In the classic words from Wide World of Sports, it is "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." In the Vancouver Olympics eight years ago it was the tragic story of Nodar Kumaritashvili's fatal crash on the luge the day before opening ceremonies or Lindsey Vonn's struggle to overcome a bruised leg and win gold in the downhill.

The Winter games remind us of Dan Jansen skating for gold moments after his sister died only to crash into the wall on the final turn. Who can forget

the image of Jansen sitting forlorn on the ice? Four years later he returned to capture the top medal and carried his two-year-old son on a victory lap in memory of his sister.

Two thousand years ago the Apostle Paul used Olympic metaphors to help us understand faith. He wrote, "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the

They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified." (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

The race is different for each of us. Our challenges are unique.



BILL TINSLEY

But we all have a race to run, a challenge to face. No one has the luxury of sitting on the sidelines as a spectator. Faith requires discipline, determination, perseverance and sacrifice. The good news is that we don't have to face our challenges alone. We are surrounded by those who have gone before who cheer us on through our discouragements and defeats. We have One who has run the race and shown us the way. We have One who enters the race alongside us, pacing us and spurring us on to the finish.

The author of Hebrews writes, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:1-3).



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First Baptist Big Spring, along with five other area churches, hosted a large group of teens and adult sponsors at the recent Discipleship-Now event. In this photo, participants hear about the importance of making God first in our lives.

hot coffee.

At 5:30, Discipleship Classes for all age groups meet. The classes are designed so you can join them at any time, even if you were unable to attend previously. These classes present the opportunity to grow in and apply your faith; the selection is:

"Turning Everyday Conversations Into Opportunities to Naturally Share Your Faith". Facilitated by John Long, participants will explore and learn creative, conversational, and natural ways to share the Gospel with those you already know; meets in Room 238(close to chapel and parlor).

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"Authentic Love: Christ, Culture, and The Pursuit of Purity"-Especially for Grades 7-12. There will be separate groups for guys and gals, and topics to be discussed are: holiness, purity, and living Godly lives that reflect the character of Christ in each area of one's life, including sexual purity. Each session will include a video followed by Scripture study and plenty of discussion led by adults who have walked through this in life. Gals' location is Room 212; facilitated by Rebekah Raffini, Morgan Metcalf, and special guests. Guys' location is Room 217; facilitated by Charles Diaz, Bryan Samsel, and special guests.

"Ready to Launch: Jesus-centered Parenting in a Child-centered World". Facilitated by Jonathan

Raffini and parents of former youth, this group will empower participants to parent with Jesus as the focus, and teach parents to develop and implement a Gospel centered approach to parenting. There will be video teaching by J.D. and Veronica Greer, with moderated discussion time. Additionally, there will be testimonies that will encourage and challenge participants how to best prepare their kids to enter the world with Jesus continuing to lead them. This group meets in Room 214(youth room). Also at 5:30, the 'Worship Arts for Kids' program invites all area children to participate in this exciting time of learning about worship through music, drama, and instruments. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional details. 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](http://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 will be played Saturday February 17. For the complete game schedule, and additional information about how to support this fun Bible based sports program, call 432-267-8223 or go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org). Church offices will be closed Monday February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

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### Hawks win, Lady Hawks falter on the road



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Howard College's Jake Hutchings shoots for three points during the Hawk's 77-73 point victory over Frank Phillips on the road on Thursday, February 15, 2018.



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Howard College's Corbyn Cunningham puts up a short jump shot during Howard's 62-61 loss on the road at Frank Phillips on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

### HC splits hardball doubleheader with Ranger

By STEVE BELVIN  
Staff Writer

There was no way Doug Facendo was letting the Ranger Rangers get a doubleheader sweep against the Howard College Hawks.

The Howard first baseman made sure of that by driving in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning of the second game, enabling Howard to come away with a 9-8 win. Ranger won the opener, 3-1 which featured a pitcher's duel between Howard's Brandon Young and Ranger's Amado Almanzar.

Facendo was the catalyst for Howard in the second game. After Ranger scored three runs in the top of the inning to tie the game at 8-8. He drove in the winning run with a base hit with two outs

#### First Game

Young and Almanzar both pitched masterful games. It's just that Young gave up solo home runs to Noah Winkelman and Tucker Burton Howard's only run came in the seventh inning, a solo homer by second baseman to Bryan Sturges.

Young got his second "tough luck" loss. He lost his opening start last week a 1-0 decision. He pitched well this contest, going five-and-two thirds innings, allowing three hits striking out nine and walking three. Mason Hellum and Ryan Williams pitched well for Howard in relief.

Almanzar was equally as efficient, going five innings, allowing no runs on two hits, striking out eight and walking four. Sturges' homer came off reliever Ricky Gerik. The other Howard hits were two singles by Nick Jodway and another single by Mason Peterson.

#### Second Game

The second contest was a hitter's game. The two teams combined for nearly 30 hits. Ranger outhit Howard 18-11 but the Hawks made the most of their hits. Unlike the first game which they left 10 runners on base. They only left three this time. Facendo. Saul Garza and Jacob Martinez led the RBI brigade. Facendo, drove in four, homering in the third, homering in the sixth in addition to his game winning single. Lead off hitter Martinez hit three singles in five-at bats, driving in two runs. Garza, a freshman catcher from Edinburg, hit a towering

See **BASEBALL**, Page 13

### Steer powerlifters score at Crane meet

#### Special to the Herald

Big Spring High School's boys powerlifters took second place in the meet held this past weekend in Crane.

"I was very proud of how our boys competed and pulled together as a team," said Coach Chris McWilliams. "We were missing 2 gold medal winners (from the Fort Stockton meet) at this meet, and if they would have been there, we probably would have brought home the team championship; but regardless, we had many personal bests and are continuing to progress to see how many boys we can qualify

for the Regional Meet."

All four female powerlifters scored personal bests during the meet.

"Our girls were outstanding, as all recorded personal best totals at Crane," said McWilliams. "Carlie Roberts once again won the best lifter award at the meet for the heavier platforms. I am so proud of all our Steers and Lady Steers!"

#### BOYS

Jared Paredez was 2nd in the 114 lb class

Mattox Evans was 5th in the 114 lb class

Morris Norman was 6th in the 114 lb class

Cruz Martinez was 2nd in the 123 lb class

Bryson Ovalle was 1st in the 132 lb class

Joshua Lopez was 2nd in the 132 lb class

Will Woolverton was 9th in the 148 lb class

Caleb Caldwell was 3rd in the 165 lb class

Isaiah Johnson was 6th in the 165 lb class

Kevin Rodriguez was 8th in the 165 lb class

See **POWER**, Page 13

### Houston ends No. 5 Cincinnati's 16-game win streak, 67-62

AP photo



Cincinnati forward Kyle Washington (24) pulls in a rebound between Houston guard Corey Davis Jr. (5) and forward Fabian White Jr. (35) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, in Houston.

No. 7 Wichita State on Jan. 20.

Houston last beat two top-10 teams in a season in 1983-84, when it did that four times en route to the national championship game.

"I think this win sets off some alarms in people's

heads," Corey Davis said.

Cincinnati (23-3, 12-1) had a 50-49 lead with 4:18 left after Jacob Evans' free throw, but Gray hit a 3-pointer to give the Cougars back the lead with 3:32 left. Brooks nailed a 3-pointer from the right wing with two minutes left and Davis came up with a steal and went the length of the court for a layup to give the Cougars a seven-point advantage with 1:47 left.

"We didn't do a good job enough defensively, making them uncomfortable with what they wanted to run," Washington said. "They out hustled us."

The Bearcats entered the game second nationally

See **HOUSTON**, Page 13

HOUSTON (AP) — Defense has been Cincinnati's cornerstone this season.

The Bearcats defense couldn't make up for a second half offensive slump Thursday night, and Houston made Cincinnati pay.

Corey Davis Jr. and Devin Davis each scored 16 points, and Houston beat No. 5 Cincinnati 67-62 to snap the nation's longest winning streak at 16 games.

"You never want to lose, but you learn some things from the loss," Cincinnati forward Kyle Washington said.

Rob Gray chipped in 13 points and Armoni Brooks added 12 as the Cougars (20-5, 10-3 American Athletic Conference) earned their second win this season over a top-10 team after beating then-

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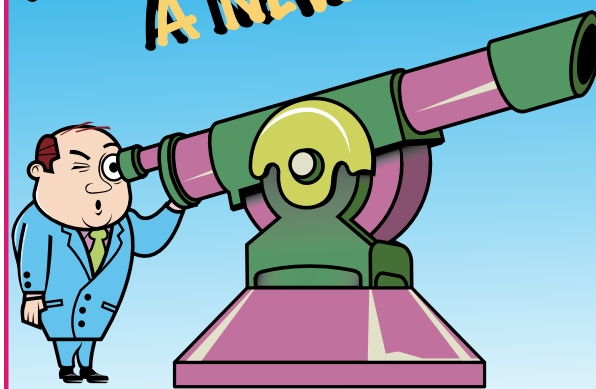
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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 6, 2018  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 13, 2018  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV  
Rule 37 Case No. 0309060

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Status/Permit No. 834216

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. 32 T1S, T&P RR CO / FROST, J A Survey, A-1280, SPRAB-

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ERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.55 miles SE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the

**Legals**

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : WILLIE SCOTT B  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 0845WA  
Lease/Unit Acres : 918.41  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 275.0 F S L, 15.0 F W L  
Survey Lines : 275.0 F S L, 2620.0 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

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Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 275.0 F S L 15.0 F W L  
Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 8 Block: 32 T1S  
Abstract: 1421  
Survey: T&P RR CO / PRICE, W  
Lease Lines: 50.0 F N L 330.0 F W L  
Survey Lines: 713.0 F N L 2313.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432) 848-4855.

#9697 February 9, 16, 23, & March 2, 2018

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Bring on the Dog Days!**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

Happy Lunar New Year. Bring on the days of the Earth Dog. Dog years are times to pull together the way a pack animal would: Find your order in the group, and strive for the good of all.



the inside.

The earthly element is a stable influence. There's nothing tricky about the time ahead. Loyalty and straightforward hard work will be rewarded.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** To be able to give someone a good referral is a gift in and of itself. So if you can't help the situation but you know someone who can, linking the two up could be a huge favor.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You were chosen because you're the best person for the job. Someday the position will be handed to a newcomer. Knowing this is the inevitability of all things, you do your best to make the maximum positive impact.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** With careful conservation of personal energy and resources you'll make it to the triumphant end of a long slog. The first step in this victory will be in realizing that you are indeed on a lengthy journey and not a short race.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Try to explain a television drama to someone who's never watched it. The plot sounds confusing! Yet when you watched from the beginning all events flowed naturally. Today, trust yourself, and don't explain your choices to others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The sign that says "You are here" is the most clarifying and orienting and the best kind of start to the journey. So take stock. These signs don't just come on mall maps. Sometimes they are reflected in the eyes of others.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** To an outsider it may seem that you've got quite a lot figured out, and yet you don't feel that way on

Many things you wanted fell through. Consider that it was for the best. And look at all you have now!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Much will boil down to this: which problem are you trying to solve? Find one that's resistant to solution, because it's an exciting place to start and because you're up to it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Keep an open mind, because your first idea isn't always your best one. And you'll have lots of stellar ideas if you let yourself play around, experiment and stay curious. Don't worry, your aha! moment is coming.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** People associate nervous behaviors with dishonesty, and sometimes this is the case. But the truly dangerous people are the ones who aren't the least bit nervous about their lies.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** How do you know if you're coming up against reality or a mistaken belief about it? Does it change when you change? Does it bend to your will? Reality won't -- ever. And anytime you fight with reality, reality will win.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** If you want to spin in circles instead of move forward with life, worry is absolutely the way to do it. Analysis and speculation will also help. To move forward, lighten up and do some experimenting.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Here comes a magical sense of flow. It's like time stands still and its rules just doesn't apply to you: You're totally engaged with life. This is what you were meant for. Get more of it.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**

**DAY (Feb. 16).** It's said that you can't lead where you haven't traveled -- patently untrue. Look at all of the exploration missions that have proven otherwise! This year will be such a mission. Not only will you have the pleasure of finding new places, emotional states and manners of being, you'll also bring others on your journey. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 9, 32, 48 and 8.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Test your defensive play**

You are West, defending against Four Spades, and this is what you see after leading the king of hearts:

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 10  
♥ 10 6 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ Q J 8 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 7 4  
♦ A J 8 3  
♣ A 7 5

The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Dble Redble Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

South wins your king-of-hearts lead with the ace, East playing the five, and cashes the A-K-10 of spades, East following with the 4-2-6. On a low club lead from dummy, East plays the four and declarer the king. How would you defend?  
\*\*\*

You have to don your thinking cap securely for this one. The first problem is whether to win the club, but before deciding this, you should try to work out what kind of hand declarer must hold for the contract to be defeated.

You start by brushing aside those hands where the contract is inden-

sible. You can't win by conceding defeat. All your thoughts should be focused on hands where South might have four losers.

You know from the bidding and East's high-low in trumps (indicating three of them) that South started with six trumps. He therefore has 10 tricks — six spades, two clubs, a heart and a diamond — after you take the ace of clubs, assuming you give him a chance to cash them.

However, you may be able to score four tricks before South can score 10 — if the cards are divided as you must hope they are. Since you are obviously limited to one trick in clubs and one in diamonds, your only chance is to win two heart tricks. This is possible in only one case, namely, if East started with specifically the J-5 of hearts. Since this is your only hope, you should defend on that basis.

Accordingly, you win the club at trick five and return a low heart. You are rewarded when East wins with the jack and returns a diamond to your ace, and you cash the queen of hearts to set the contract.

In the actual deal, South had ♠ QJ9873 ♥ A82 ♦ Q5 ♣ K3 and was defeated by the low heart return.

Tomorrow: A dazzling accomplishment.  
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	6		1			5		
4				5			8	
3						9	1	6
			4					
					8			3
		9				2	7	
6				4		3		
		2			4			

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!

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

ANSWER:

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This Date In History
Today is Friday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2018. There are 318 days left in the year. This is the Chinese New Year of the Dog.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 16, 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Alabama...

although it's generally believed that he was shot to death by agents of Idi Amin.
In 1988, seven people were shot to death during an office rampage in Sunnyvale, California, by a man obsessed with a co-worker who was wounded in the attack.
In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300 trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board...

California man pleaded guilty in federal court in Riverside to providing the high-powered rifles used to kill 14 people in the 2015 San Bernardino terror attack (sentencing is expected later this year).
Today's Birthdays: Jazz/pop singer-actress Peggy King is 88. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 73. Actor William Katt is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Ingram is 66. Actor LeVar Burton is 61. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 60. Actress Lisa Loring is 60. International Tennis Hall of Famer John McEnroe is 59. Rock musician Andy Taylor is 57. Rock musician Dave Lombardo (Slayer) is 53. Actress Sarah Clarke is 47. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman is 45. Actor Mahershala Ali is 44. Singer Sam Salter is 43. Electronic dance music artist Bassnectar is 40. Rapper Lupe Fiasco is 36. Actress Chloe Wepper is 32. Pop-rock singer Ryan Follese (FAHL'eh-say) (Hot Chelle (SHEL) Rae) is 31. Rock musician Danielle Haim (HYM) is 29. Actress Elizabeth Olsen is 25. Actor Mike Weinberg is 25.

Thought for Today:
"There are two ways to slice easily through life; to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking."
Alfred Korzybski (kohr-ZHIB'-skee)
Polish-American linguist (1879-1950).
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ACROSS
1 Pac-12 school
5 Attempt to mediate
11 Contacts-list abbr.
14 Cool, in the '90s
15 Gaming center
16 Golden Gate or Presidio, in SF
17 WRONG: \_\_\_ after \_\_\_ (very soon)
19 Upper-body muscle
20 Choral platform
21 Musketeer's battle
22 Nonstandard negative
23 Is repentant
25 Rather tall
27 Longstanding squabble
28 Auto radiator part
32 Interior appointments
33 What Tweety calls his adversary
34 RIGHT: \_\_\_ before \_\_\_ (optimistic outlook)
36 Morocco neighbor
37 WRONG: \_\_\_ after \_\_\_ (CIA directive)
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29 Ballpark music maker
30 Train depot displays
31 Strangely scary
34 Tavern diversion
35 As of
37 Horse handicapper's favorite
38 Not clued in
39 Fasting period
40 Some PX patrons
41 Heyerdahl's raft
42 More ecological
43 Recuperation aid
46 Concocted
48 Authorized representative
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53 Pop singer Del Rey
54 Air France secondary hub
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58 Ballet step
59 Sank below the horizon

Answer to previous puzzle
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BART STP RATEDR
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HEYBOBOO WEWIN
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**HOUSTON**

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in scoring defense, allowing 55.9 points per game and leading the nation in field goal percentage defense, holding opponents to 36 percent from the field. Houston shot 48 percent from the floor, including 54 percent in the second half.

"We had a lot of inexcusable defensive breakdowns in the second," Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin said. "We lost shooters for no reason, and then we weren't tough enough to come out of there with the rebound when we got it."

Evans made a layup and was fouled with 18 seconds left to end a drought of 11 minutes, 56 seconds without a field goal. He missed the free throw, but Jarron Cumberland got the rebound and was fouled. He made one of

two free throws, but Fabian White Jr. got the rebound, was fouled and made both free throws with 16 seconds left to seal the win.

"This was not a game that was ever going to be pretty," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said. "It wasn't going to be pretty for them, and it wasn't going to be pretty for us."

Evans led four Bearcats in double figures with 16 points and Cumberland finished with 14. Cincinnati shot 39 percent from the field.

"We didn't execute offensively, adjust to what they were doing to us, and it cost us big time," Cincinnati forward Gary Clark said.

**BIG PICTURE**

Cincinnati: The Bearcats dominated both ends of the floor for the first 8 1/2 minutes in opening up their 13-point lead behind. Cincinnati went cold in the second half, shooting 32 percent

and missing 11 straight 3-pointers.

"I told them the last big road game I thought we had that we played well at was UCLA," Cronin said. "I told them the difference in tonight's game is this team isn't going to go down without a brawl. They will either foul out trying to beat us or they will beat us with their physicality and rebounding and scrapping and fighting because they are in a must-win situation."

Houston: The Cougars helped their NCAA Tournament resume. The Cougars, winners of six of seven, overcame a slow start but played well on defense in the second half to pull off the upset.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Cincinnati: Clark finished with 13 points and seven rebounds, and Washington added 10 points. Cincinnati shot 24 of 32 from the free throw line.

Houston: The Cougars out-rebounded Cincinnati 36-27, leading to a 17-10 advantage in second chance points. Houston finished 7 of 17 from behind the arc, including 5 of 11 in the second half.

**FACES IN THE CROWD**

Minnesota quarterback and Houston alum Case Keenum took a sideline seat across from the Houston bench at halftime to the chant of "Skol!" from the crowd. New England Patriots linebacker Elandon Roberts and Detroit Lions cornerback DJ Hayden, both former Houston football players, were also in attendance.

**UP NEXT**

Cincinnati: Hosts No. 19 Wichita State on Sunday to start a three-game homestand.  
Houston: Travels to Temple Sunday before playing at Memphis on Feb. 22

**POWER**

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Juan Presas was 7th in the 181 lb class  
Ivan Delgado was 1st in the 242 lb class  
Isaiah Rodriguez was 3rd in the 275 lb class  
Daniel Roberts was 5th in the 275 lb class  
Devin Boisvert was 10th in the 275 lb class  
Michael Doporto was 5th in the Super Heavyweight class

**GIRLS**

Janeigh Vanderbilt was 1st in the 165 lb class  
Gabby Lopez was 4th in the 165 lb class  
Carlie Roberts was 1st in the 181 lb class  
Hallie Hyatt was 2nd in the 181 lb class

**BASEBALL**

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two-run homer over the wall in left field.

Howard starting pitcher Chandler Coates, pitched very well; it was the Howard relievers that was kind of shaky. When Coates left the game Howard led 6-1. Somehow he managed to do that while allowing 11 hits. That can be attributed to two inning killing double play and Ranger leaving 11 stranded.

Riding the hot bat of Winkel-

man, Ranger was far from done. Winkelman was in the zone. The freshman outfielder homered, hit four singles and a double, going a perfect six-for-six, driving in half of his team's runs.

Facendo, a New Jersey lad, ended the drama by driving in Martinez, who singled, stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. Game time Howard.

Howard coach Rob Martinez said this about growing pains. "We're a young team. They (pre-season polls) had us ranked ninth in the country. I think we came out here and wanted to do

too much. Our first time playing at home, we went out there and played long swing. I think maybe we thought it would be too easy. It's growing pains, it's a lot for them to take in.

"I thought we pitched well but we left too many men on base. We'll have to learn. how to play under pressure better. We need to learn how to handle it"

Howard is 3-2 and Ranger is 5-2 for the season. The two teams will play another doubleheader Saturday in Ranger.

**Tough day for top Americans at Pyeongchang Olympics**

By **DAVID BRANDT**

AP Sports Writer

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — It was a rough day in Pyeongchang for Mikaela Shiffrin and Nathan Chen.

The 22-year-old Shiffrin finished fourth in the women's Olympic slalom on Friday, failing to win her second medal in as many days. She won gold in the giant slalom on Thursday.

The fourth-place showing was a surprise considering the American standout won the Olympic slalom title four years ago in Sochi when she was only 18.

Shiffrin struggled to describe what happened and why she wasn't attacking the course more.

"I've been skiing aggressively in slalom all season long. I've been confident, comfortable," Shiffrin said. "Coming here and skiing the way I did, really conservative, was a huge disappointment. ... That's how life goes."

Frida Hansdotter of Sweden won gold with a combined time of 1 minute, 38.63 seconds.

In figure skating, Chen was anything but spot-on in the men's short program. The two-time U.S. champion missed on all his jumps, plummeting to 17th place with a tentative and passionless showing.

"I've never been in this spot before," Chen said. "I mean, I thought I did everything right in terms of my general approach going into this. Things just didn't click together."

Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan set an Olympic record with 111.68 points and is more than four points ahead of Spain's Javier Fernandez, who is in second. American skater Adam Rippon is in seventh.

The men's free skating competition is on Saturday.

**MEN'S HOCKEY**

A pair of college players was instrumental in helping the United States secure an important 2-1 win over Slovakia in the preliminary round.

Ryan Donato scored two power-play goals and Troy Terry dominated with his speed. They are two of four NCAA players on the no-NHL Olympic roster.

"Life comes at you fast," Donato said. "Coming in I don't know if I saw myself in that role, but now that I'm here and kind of in that role, it's building up guys like me, Troy and Jordan, our confidence, and hopefully it'll continue to grow and hopefully help the team in a more major, impactful way."

Goalie Ryan Zapolski made 21 saves for his first Olympic victory, which is crucial considering only the top four of 12 teams avoid the qualification round Monday. The regulation win means the U.S. vaults to the top of Group B with four points. Slovakia was second with three, followed by Slovenia and Russia.

The U.S. faces Russia in each team's final preliminary-round game Saturday night. Russia beat Slovenia 8-2 on Friday.

**MEN'S ALPINE SKIING**

Matthias Mayer broke Norway's 16-year grip on the men's Olympic super-G title with his victory on another near-perfect clear and cold day for Alpine racing.

The Austrian skier won the speed race by 0.13 seconds over Beat Feuz of Switzerland, who added the silver medal to his bronze from downhill a day earlier.

Defending champion Kjetil Jansrud of Norway was third — 0.18 seconds behind Mayer — to earn his fifth career Olympic medal.

**SKELETON**

Yun Sungbin of South Korea earned a dominant win in men's skeleton with a four-run time of 3 minutes, 20.55 seconds — a staggering 1.63 seconds ahead of silver medalist Nikita Tregubov of Russia.

It's the largest margin of victory in Olympic skeleton history, and the largest margin in any Olympic sliding event since 1972.



Mikaela Shiffrin, of the United States, reacts to her time during the second run of the women's slalom at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Friday, Feb. 16, 2018.

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The 23-year-old Yun said he felt no pressure to win, even with his home country hosting the Olympics.

"There was no reason to feel any pressure," Yun said. "I mean, it's my home track. So I can really feel at home here. And I think that I always believed it would come out greatly if I do the same things I've always

## MORE MEDALS

— Michela Moioli of Italy won the

gold medal in women's snowboard-cross, overtaking American rival Lindsey Jacobellis about halfway down the course.

Jacobellis placed fourth, continuing her hard-luck career at the Olympics. The sport's most decorated rider, Jacobellis has failed to return to the podium since settling for silver after an ill-advised jump in 2006 while she was clear in the lead.

Julia Pereira de Sousa Mabliveau of France won silver. Defending champion Eva Samkova of the Czech Republic took bronze.

— Dario Cologna of Switzerland be-

came the first cross-country skier to win three Olympic gold medals in the same event by capturing the 15-kilometer freestyle. "Super Dario," as he's known, also won this race in Vancouver in 2010 and Sochi in 2014. The win also gave Switzerland its first gold medal of the Pyeongchang Olympics.

— Dutch speedskater Esmee Visser won gold in the women's 5,000-meter race, finishing in 6 minutes, 50.23 seconds. Two-time defending champion Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic took silver in 6:51.85. Russian skater Natalia Voronina earned

bronze in 6:53.98. The Dutch have won six of seven golds so far in speedskating.

— Hanna Huskova edged Zhang Xin to give Belarus its second gold medal in women's aericals. The 25-year-old Huskova posted a score of 96.14 in the final round of jumping, just ahead of Zhang's 95.52. Kong Fanyu took bronze in a sloppy last round, giving China two medals. Huskova and Zhang were the only two women in the six-person final to land their jumps cleanly.

## First at last: Earnhardt's lone 500 victory still resonates

By DAN GELSTON and MARK LONG

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt was NASCAR's "Intimidator," winning his first Cup championship in only his second full season. Earnhardt had achieved about all there was to do in NASCAR by 1998, including a record-tying seven Cup Series championships.

Winning the Daytona 500 was the only milestone that eluded Earnhardt over the first two decades of his career. Bad luck, missed opportunities and close calls stamped him 0 for 19 in NASCAR's biggest race even though he was typically one of the favorites.

It all changed on Feb. 15, 1998. At 46, Earnhardt was the sentimental choice and, at last, won "The Great American Race." It's a NASCAR moment that has stood the test of time. It included a lucky penny and a pit-road procession never before seen in auto racing.

This is the story of that memorable day, told by men who lived it: his owner (Childress), his crew chief (Larry McReynolds), two fellow championship drivers (Jeff Gordon and Darrell Waltrip), and the race announcer (Mike Joy).

Earnhardt had won 30 races at Daytona entering that day, so despite a 59-race winless streak in the Cup Series, he was the popular pick to end both streaks in the season opener.

Childress: He was always confident racing here. But we all just felt like that was our day. ... We knew we always had a shot. He was a man that could make up everything for us and he did that day.

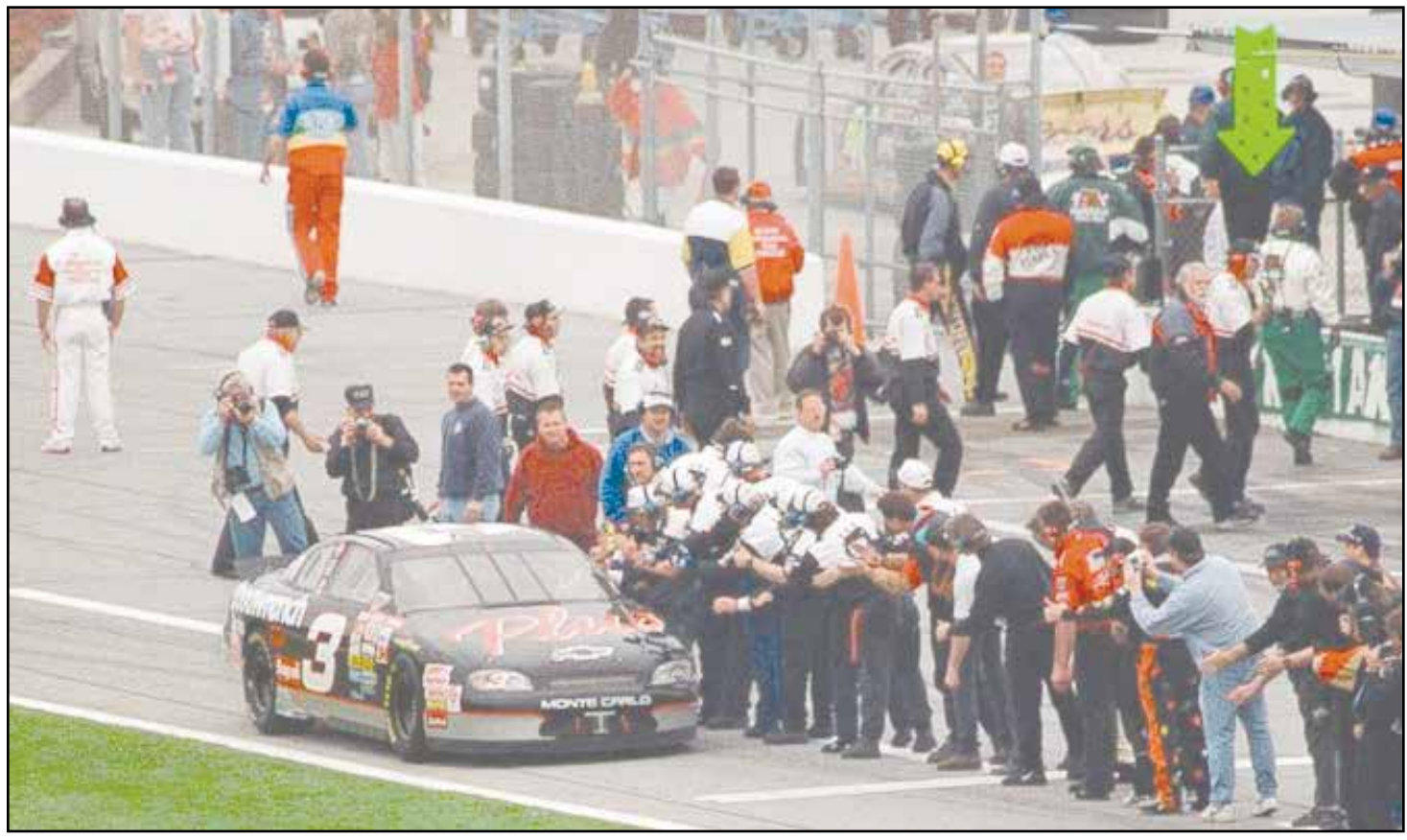
McReynolds: It just seemed like the deeper we got into Speedweeks, the better the car got. I think we finally reached the point that we really felt like the only team that could beat us is if we ended up doing something to beat ourselves.

Earnhardt had a number of fluky failures in the Daytona 500. In 1997, with 10 laps to go and running near the front, he was involved in a late crash on the backstretch. In 1993, Dale Jarrett passed him for the lead on the last lap. In 1991, he obliterated a seagull on the backstretch, damaging his radiator. In 1990, he cut a tire less than mile from the finish line.

McReynolds: You knew until you absolutely saw that checkered flag wave that race was not over, that it was not in the books, that it was not a done deal.

Waltrip: It got down to the end of the race, I said, "Who's leading?" (Crew chief Jeff Hammond) said, "Dale." I said, "Well, he won't win." He never had. Always something would happen, but this day he pulled it off.

As Earnhardt crossed the finish line, the grandstands erupted in celebration. No one expected that emotion to carry onto pit road. As Earnhardt drove



AP photo

In this Feb. 15, 1998, file photo, crew members from many teams congratulate Dale Earnhardt on his first Daytona 500 win, on pit road at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Earnhardt had lost 14 times driving the famed No. 3 car for Richard Childress Racing, and both men desperately wanted to avoid more heartache. It all changed on Feb. 15, 1998. At 46, Earnhardt was the sentimental choice and, at last, won "The Great American Race." It's a NASCAR moment that has stood the test of time. It included a lucky penny and a pit-road procession never before seen in auto racing.

toward victory lane, crew members from nearly every team lined up to congratulate him.

Childress: A lot of people had a love/hate relationship with Dale. But there were so many fans, people that worked on other race teams that were really Dale Earnhardt fans. And to see them all out there, everyone know how important that win was to Dale. I just hugged him and said, "Man, we got it. We got it. We finally got it."

McReynolds: Even the 18 team of Bobby Labonte and Joe Gibbs Racing that had run second to us, they were even out there congratulating Dale.

Waltrip: I remember coming around off Turn 4 and all the cars are backed up on the track. I said to Hammond, "What's going on anyway? How come we can't get on pit road?" He said, "Pit road is full of people and they're all standing out there. Everybody is wanting to congratulate Dale."

Earnhardt credited 6-year-old Wessa Miller for helping him get that elusive win. He met Miller through the Make-A-Wish Foundation following the final practice for the race. Miller gave Earnhardt the penny and told him she had rubbed it and that it would bring him good luck.

McReynolds: The car gets back to the garage area and no Dale. ... Finally, here he comes and he's like a man on a mission. He walks by me like I wasn't even standing there. I see him over in the tool box, digging through drawers. I said, Dale, "What are you doing?" He says, "I got something I've got to do." I

knew he had something in his hand. He kept pulling drawers open. He finally found a tube of weather-strip adhesive like we glue the lug nuts on the wheels. I finally looked at him and he had glue running down his uniform. He had enough glue on this one penny to glue a dollar's worth of pennies on the dash. I finally said, "Dale, I don't know what you're trying to do. Let me help you. I think you're trying to glue this somewhere and then we can go to the hauler and talk about this engine." ... We got the penny glued on the dash.

Childress: The lucky penny the little girl gave him is still on the dash today.

The race still resonates throughout racing — partly because Earnhardt died three years later at the famed track but mostly because he came up short so many times before. There have been better races and finishes, but arguably never a better Daytona 500 moment.

Gordon: There was not a lot of phenomenal racing, yet people go back and say this is one of the all-time greatest races. It's more because of the story.

Waltrip: When an Earnhardt does something, it's a big deal — whether it's Junior or Senior. There have been a lot of incredible Daytona 500s, before that win and after that win. It's certainly one that because of what Dale meant to the sport and what that race meant to Dale that gives that race a little bit more significance than maybe some of the others.

## Thomas scores winner as UTEP clips Charlotte 87-86

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Paul Thomas took an inbounds pass in the wing and drove for the hoop, beating his defender with a spin move to hit a short jumper with two seconds left and UTEP edged Charlotte 87-86 Thursday night in a battle of two teams eager for a win.

UTEP (8-17, 3-10 Conference USA) had lost six in a row before Thursday, Charlotte (5-19, 1-12) has now lost 11 straight.

Charlotte held an 86-83 lead with just under a minute remaining in

a game that saw five ties and seven lead changes. Evan Gilyard's layup pulled the Miners to 86-85 and Charlotte's Jon Davis missed the front end of a one-and-one with 21 seconds left.

Thomas controlled the rebound and UTEP called time with six seconds to go.

Thomas hit the winner as the Miners came out of the huddle and Isiah Osborne stole Charlotte's final possession to end the game.

Osborne and Gilyard scored 22 each

to lead UTEP, Thomas added 15 with 11 rebounds, giving him double-doubles in the last two games.

Austin Ajukwa led the 49ers with 24 points and Andrien White added 21.

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