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## Shackelford honored for Air Force service



**HERALD photos/Roger Cline**  
 Left, Duane Shackelford was honored by Hangar 25 Air Museum for his service in the U.S. Air Force Tuesday. Shackelford served in Bahrain during the Persian Gulf war. Above, a table with flags, photos, documents, and other memorabilia of Shackelford's military service was on display at the event.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 Today he cares for Big Spring's children after school as director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, but for more than 15 years, Duane Shackelford was a member of the

United States Air Force, serving our country in such far-flung locations as Okinawa, Japan; Anchorage, Alaska; and Bahrain. Tuesday evening, Shackelford was recognized for his service as Hangar 25's Honored Veteran for February. "I was in the Air Force for 15 years, two months, and 25 days. I retired as

an E-6 Tech Sergeant," Shackelford said. "I spent the majority of my time working in base supply, and supplied the inventory management system." Shackelford said his experience in the service was a great preparation for his future life. "I think the Air Force prepared me for real life. I was a boy when I came into the military," he said. "It helped me to learn and grow up. It taught me all different kind of leadership

skills, communication skills, how to help people, how to serve, how to be the person that, not only the military, but my mom and my family and God wanted me to be. So I give kudos and give a salute to the military for that." The honor from Hangar 25 is an uplifting one, Shackelford said. "I think that it's wonderful," he said. "It's so warm and so elating to know

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## Surge Energy hosts dinner for volunteer firefighters



**HERALD photo/Erin Stephens**  
 Surge Energy CEO Dexter Burleigh, right, presents a \$5,000 check and a plaque to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department First Assistant Chief Pepper Sullivan Tuesday night. The money will be used for communications, firefighting foam, and personal protective gear for HCVFD firefighters.

**By ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Oil sales company Surge Energy, based in Ackerly, hosted a dinner at Hotel Settles for both the Ackerly Volunteer Fire De-

partment and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday night. "One of the main reasons we wanted to do this is because I share with the Surge team every morning that we need to protect ourselves, the people around us, the environment, and the company," said Surge Energy Production

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## Life Center hosts pro-life speaker Walden



**HERALD photo/Erin Stephens**  
 Pro-life speaker Kirk Walden addressed the crowd at a benefit luncheon held by the Life Center of Big Spring at the Hotel Settles Tuesday.

**By ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Life Center of Big Spring hosted a benefit lunch in the Grand Ballroom at Hotel Settles Tuesday. Attendees enjoyed a lunch that began at 11:45 am. After lunch, guest speaker Kirk Walden took the stage. Walden is a former professional golfer and college football broadcast team member with a passion for life and the pro-life cause.

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## Obituaries

### Tim Newton



Tim Newton, 56, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in a San Angelo hospital. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Tim was born on Jan. 19, 1962, in Big Spring to David and Mary Jean (Brigance) Newton and married Debbie Butler March 24, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He had lived in Big Spring all his life and was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church. Tim loved to hunt, fish and farm. He was a 4th generation farmer and his sons will follow in his footsteps. He was a supporter of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Newton; two sons, Austen Newton and wife, Megan and Andrew Newton; and a daughter, Katie Newton; mother, Jean Newton; sister, Carol Callaway and husband, Dave and her daughter, Melissa; sister-in-law, Marcia Newton; two nephews, Keith Newton and wife, Cerissa; Kyle Newton and wife, Tori; mother and father-in-law; Jim and Novena Butler; three sisters-in-law, their husbands and their children.

He is preceded in death by his father and brother, D.L. Newton.

In lieu of flowers please make donation in his memory to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch at [www.calfarley.org](http://www.calfarley.org)

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Dorothy Jean Hinckley



Dorothy Jean Hinckley was born on Nov. 9, 1924, in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, to Walter and Reba (Holdridge) Kelly. Jean passed from this life in Oklahoma City on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at the age of 93.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Walter Kelly and a sister Norma Lea Kelly. She was a loving wife to her late husband, Dr. De L. Hinckley, Jr.; loving mother to her children, David (Lyn) Hinckley of Moore, Oklahoma, Deede (Dr. Richard) Cauley of Big Spring, Texas, Jim (Susan) Hinckley of Tuttle, Oklahoma and Debbie (Mark)

Dillard of Murphy, Texas; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Epworth Villa, 14901 N. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, OK. The graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday Memorial Park Cemetery (Tulsa) followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church Mason Chapel.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Oklahoma City University, Attention, Dept. of Advancement "De and Jean Hinckley Scholarship Fund", 2501 N. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106.

Ninde Brookside Chapel 918-742-5556. [www.ninde.com](http://www.ninde.com).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARIA ESTELLA FLORES**, 40, of 1609 S Bell St., was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and on a warrant of theft of property.

- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 45, of 1407 Princeton Ave., was arrested on a warrant of unauthorized use of vehicle.

- **DUSTY DALE GRUBBS**, 40, of 1082 S County Rd., was ar-

rested on warrants of no driver's license and possession/purchase.

- **TEODORO DIAZ**, 63, of 608 N 8th, was arrested on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

- **JAY HENRY BARFIELD**, 44, of 1606 N 10th St., was arrested on two warrants of other agencies, possession of dangerous drug, driving while license suspended, failed to maintain financial responsibility.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 300 block of S Gregg.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of S Gregg.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Rd.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 Stanford Ave.

- **9-11 HANG UP** was reported in the 800 block of W FM 700.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JOHN HENRY BARFIELD**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on warrants on driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear, and on charges of possession of dangerous drug, and driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

- **TEODORO DIAZ**, 63, was ar-

rested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

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- **DUSTY DALE GRUBBS**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of no driver's license and possession/purchase.

- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of unauthor-

ized use of vehicle.

- **DEARIES QUINCY JONES**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving with license invalid with previous conviction and poss of controlled substance in between 4 to 28 grams.

- **ADRIEN MARTINEZ**, 36, was arrested by DAW on a warrant of forgery financial instrument.

## Take Note

- You are invited to the Mitchell County Citizens Dance, which will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Colorado City Civic Center, located at 157 W. 2nd St. in Colorado City, Texas. For more information please call Faye Herm at 325-728-3033.

- 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 appreci-

ated. 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.

### John Rodriguez

John Rodriguez, 20, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Carol Mathis



Carol Mathis, 57, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial service will be at 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at My Redeemer Church located at 1008 Birdwell Lane.

Carol was born Oct. 29, 1960, in Big Spring, Texas, to Blanche McKluskey Becker and Jack Becker, Sr.

She is survived by one daughter, Hilary Garza and husband Anthony of Big Spring; three grandchildren, all of Big Spring; one sister, Sharon Clark of Big Spring, one brother, Curtis Becker of Stanton and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Buddy Becker and Christopher Becker and a brother-in-law Nicky Clark.

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block N Wasson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Todd Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block in S Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W 6th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 10000 block of CR 12. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of NE 10th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6400 block of S Service Rd. No transport.

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

## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

### THURSDAY

- **GriefShare** is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call 432-466-3583 for info.

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# SHACKELFORD

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that people will remember you and they will recognize you for your service and the time you spent in the military. It's a wonderful thing, and I wholeheartedly appreciate what they've done for me, and my family appreciates it. I can't say enough thank yous. Thank you, thank you, thank you, and thank you."

Shackelford spoke for about 45 minutes to those gathered in the Hangar 25 Briefing Room about his experiences in the military, including tours of duty in Okinawa, where he braved typhoons and spent long hours cleaning up the base following each of those Pacific hurricanes; to the 100-below-zero winters of Minot, North Dakota; to the significantly warmer climate of Anchorage, Alaska, where he

learned to ski; to the heat and sand of Bahrain during the Persian Gulf War.

Shackelford served in the Persian Gulf from August, 1990 through April, 1991; where he navigated the politics of both the American military and local Middle Eastern culture to keep his unit supplied. It was a very uncertain time for many servicemen, he said.

"Our orders actually said we were there for 90 days. As a GI, that's an important number for you. You realize when you're time is going to be up," he said. "After our second day of being there, we were briefed by our commanding officer that we were going to be there 'for the duration.' Well, 'duration' does not register because it's not a number. When you're in the Air Force you always have numbers, whether you're 'X'ing off a number or checking off a number. So that was one of the most difficult things of being there: not knowing when you're going to leave."

Following Shackelford's speech, Jim DePauw of the Hangar 25 board presented the veteran with a plaque; a flag from Texas Senator Kel Seliger that has flown over the state Capitol Building in Austin; and a certificate for another flag from U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington, scheduled to arrive soon, which has flown over the U.S. Capitol building.

Shackelford also received a painted wooden yellow ribbon bearing his name and the initials "USAF," and a cap with the words "Thank you, veterans."

A cake and punch were served as refreshments following the event.

For more information about the Hangar 25 Air Museum, call 432-264-1999.

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

# SURGE

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Superintendent Steve Rodriguez. "The fire departments complete all of the things that I mention to the team every morning. This is why we feel it's important to support the fire department; we share the same values."

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department currently employs 42 firefighters.

Sullivan echoed Rodriguez's statement about the two organizations sharing the same values.

"We already have contacts at Surge Energy that we work with," said HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan. "There's no use in getting people killed in a hydrocarbon fire, for example. I have the best hydrocarbon fire-fighting team in West Texas in my opinion. Hydrocarbon fires are considered a specialty fire and we're better trained at handling them than the City of Big Spring. Surge Energy is a hydrocarbon company, taking oil, sorting it in tanks, and shipping it off. It's our job to help protect Surge's assets because an unabated fire could cost them over a million dollars. If we can get in there early on, block it in, and extinguish it, we can cut the million dollar loss down to a \$50-\$100 thousand dollar loss. We feel honored to be in partnership with Surge Energy."

Money donated to the HCVFD will be used for communications, firefighting foam, and personal protective equipment for firefighters.

The dinner was a closed event for Surge Energy employees and firefighters that were in attendance. Surge Energy CEO Dexter Burleigh was the main speaker.

"This is the second event we've hosted like this," said Rodriguez. "Last year, we did a similar event for the firefighters. Surge is a safety-driven company and one of our main goals is to make sure everyone gets back home safe to their family and friends."

Surge Energy is a production company focused on the acquisition and development of onshore oil and gas properties in the United States. The company is headquartered in Houston and currently holds approximately 83,000 net acres in the Permian Basin.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

# Storm system brings flooding, freezing rain, snow to Midwest



Workers block off a side road near Park Street in Kalamazoo Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 due to flooding. Heavy rain and melting snow are combining to cause flooding and road closures in parts of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

CHICAGO (AP) — A storm system that's brought rain, ice and snow to the Midwest and Great Plains was blamed for fatal crashes in three states, including an accident that left four people dead in Nebraska.

The storm system stretched from Texas, where National Weather Service officials say three tornadoes hit, to the Great Lakes states and forced some schools to close. The weather service issued winter weather advisories for parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, North Dakota, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Flood warnings were in effect in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan with flood watches in Texas and Arkansas.

Two twisters struck early Tuesday in a rural area near Joshua, Texas, destroying at least two mobile homes and severely damaging several others. A mother and her disabled daughter were injured when one tornado demolished their mobile home.

The third tornado struck a short time later in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto. No injuries were reported there. The weather service said all three tornadoes were weak EF0 ones with winds ranging from 65 to 85 mph (105 to 137 kph).

After the tornadoes came the rain. Up to 4½ inches of it fell in the Dallas-Fort Worth area by 8 p.m. Tuesday, causing some flooding.

Speed and slippery pavement caused a Tuesday morning crash between a pickup truck and a semitrailer that killed four people on Interstate 80 in eastern Nebraska, police said. The three men and one woman killed were from Colorado, authorities said. Roads were icy and snowy after the storm system passed through overnight.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said a 38-year-old woman died and two other people were injured in a collision on an icy highway late Monday. In Minnesota, state police say winter weather has contributed to 400 crashes and 250 spinouts, including two fatal accidents. As much as a half-foot of snow is expected

in some areas. Arkansas weather service forecasters say some areas could see 8 inches (20 centimeters) or more of rain this week.

In Kansas, freezing rain and ice led Gov. Jeff Colyer to cancel plans to sign a proclamation about the importance of being prepared for severe weather. The weather also caused minor power disruptions, business closings and the cancellation of school and other events.

The Mackinac Bridge, which links Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas, was closed to traffic Tuesday afternoon because of falling ice from the cables and towers. Workers were stationed at both ends of the 5-mile (8-kilometer) bridge between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron to provide instructions to travelers.

As much as 4 inches (10 centimeters) of rain fell overnight Monday

into Tuesday

in the Chicago area, and more rain was falling Tuesday afternoon. The heavy rain combined with melting snow and frozen ground will lead to rising waters on area streams and rivers, forecasters said, creating the potential for flash flooding.

Weather service officials urged motorists not to drive onto flooded roadways and to find alternate routes.

Schools in Missouri and Wisconsin canceled classes or delayed start times Tuesday. High water closed roads in Michigan.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Patrick Fader, 76, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. this evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carol Mathis, 57, died Thursday. Memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Friday at My Redeemer Church located at 1008 Birdwell Lane.

David Orlando Yanez, 50, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John Paul Rodriguez, 20, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. An account has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

# LIFE

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"We thought this was a wonderful event," said The Life Center Director Tracy Watson. "The speaker was funny and he related to people. His speech was very encouraging and reaffirming to what our mission is here in Big Spring, and that's to support life and parents. There were churches, community members, and businesses represented at our event. There were supporters that have already come alongside us with

support and donated, but there were a lot of new faces who got to hear what we do, for the first time. We appreciate the city of Big Spring for supporting us for two years. We look forward to next year and hope we have a packed house."

TLC is non-profit, faith-based, alternative-to-abortion organization. The organization supports mothers and fathers experiencing unexpected pregnancies and promotes sexual integrity in the community.

For more information contact TLC of Big Spring at 432-6065141.

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I have more western-genre books for you this week:

In "This Nettle Danger" by William MacLeod Raine (LP W RAI W), Bruce Sherrill is a ranch owner and also the leader of the Hoeman, underdog farmers, in their struggle with the big ranchers who resist the settlement of the government land that has been free to them for grazing. Sherrill is wounded in a gunfight with the ranchers and is forced to seek refuge in the home of his most violent opponent, Cliff Applegate. Applegate's daughter, Linda, hides him instead of turning him over to her father or brothers. From that moment until the time when she realizes he must keep a rendezvous with almost certain death, her love for Sherrill fights her loyalty to her family.

In "The O'Malleys of Texas" by Dusty Richards (LP W RIC D), Texas Rangers Harp and Long John O'Malley patrol a vast unguarded range, picking off the brutal Comanche while protecting the families of soldiers off fighting at the front. Bullet by bullet the O'Malleys distinguish themselves as two of the bravest gunfighters to ever wear the Ranger's Star. At war's end, the Rangers are disbanded, but Harp and Long John are not through fighting yet. They sign on with a cattle drive that will take them across the most treacherous and deadly stretch of the American frontier. Beset by ruthless enemies inside and outside the camp, Harp and Long John aim dead straight for the future where a great ranching fortune awaits back in a Texas they will change forever.

"Outlaws of the Brasada" by Les Savage, Jr. (LP W SAV L) is a Western Duo that contains "Gunstorm Ghost" that tells the story of Dan Barrister the son of a famous gunfighter known as Fanner Barrister. Fanner was better and more feared than Dan, but he was killed and now Dan is intent on eluding the same fate and wants to hang up his guns. Lon Preebe makes Dan an offer: join him or face his gunslingers. Dan dares to refuse Preebe's offer, knowing it will mean at least one more showdown. "Outlaws of the Brasada" follows the story of Emery Bandine, a brushpopper who had returned from the Civil War to recover from an injury. Conditions were harsh and he could barely

feed his family. He started to gather a stake by rounding up unbranded cattle in the brush country, but couldn't afford to pay for medical care for his young wife who died giving birth to their third child, who never took a breath. Bandine was left with two young children and vowed they would never know such poverty. When Major Nadell declares Bandine's cattle are to be confiscated for the commissary of the occupying troops, Bandine refuses to give up his cattle and is faced with the task of fighting the occupation while trying to protect his children.

In "The Devil's Range" by Lee E. Wells (LP W WEL L), Larry Crane set up shop and waited for business, but he wasn't prepared for the raw hatred that greeted him. The town was cow country, and no one was going to let rich green graze be chopped up into farms and sold to strangers. Crane had to learn fast how to use a gun because the people were not going to stop at anything to get rid of him and his kind, when their whole way of life was at stake. When the trail herds started to arrive, things would get hot.

"Red Clark o'Tulluco" by Gordon Young (LP W YOU G) finds Red Clark, Tom Jones, and Billy Haynes forking borrowed horses and hightailing it out of town as wanted men being pursued by a swarm of galloping punchers. It's up to Red to keep the three of them alive, and find out why the town was so quick to brand them as outlaws. Red will have to draw on all the knowledge and skills he learned from his father, the former sheriff of Tulluco. There'll be no shortage of quick-thinking and quick-shooting before old wrongs and new murders are righted.

That's all the western books for now so until next time I leave you with a quote from Edith Lovejoy Pierce: "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

*The Howard County 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. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432)264-2263. Our website is <http://howard-county.ploud.net>. Our facebook page is [www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary).*



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## Texas parole board recommends killer be spared from death

By WILL WEISSERT and MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, in a rare decision, unanimously recommended Tuesday that the death sentence of convicted killer Thomas "Bart" Whitaker be commuted.



Whitaker

Whitaker is scheduled for lethal injection Thursday for masterminding the fatal shootings of his mother and brother at their suburban Houston home in 2003. Whitaker's father, Kent, also was shot in the attack but survived. He said he

wants his 38-year-old son to live. The recommendation from the seven-member panel goes to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who can accept it or reject it. The governor appoints the parole board.

It's only the fourth time since the state resumed executions in 1982 that the parole board has recommended clemency within days of an inmate's scheduled execution. In two of those cases, then-Gov. Rick Perry rejected the board's recommendation and those prisoners are among the 548 executed in Texas, more than any other state.

David Gutierrez, the parole board's presiding officer, said the panel recommended the governor commute Whitaker's sentence "to a lesser penalty." Jurors who convicted him and sentenced him to death in 2007 had only one other option, life imprisonment.

In the clemency petition, Whitaker's attorneys said his execution would "permanently compound" his father's suffering and grief, and compared the case to the biblical story of Cain and Abel, where God sent Cain to "restlessly wander" after killing his brother.

Kent Whitaker has said he's seen "too much killing already," has forgiven his son and believes his son is a changed person.

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# KILLER

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Whitaker, his son's attorney and supporters awaited the decision in a conference room in the Texas Capitol. As lawyer Keith Hampton read the outcome, Whitaker covered his face with his hand and wept softly. After about 15 seconds, he looked at Hampton and murmured, "Thank you."

"I never, ever believed that we were going to get a unanimous decision in favor," he said as he and Hampton headed immediately across the building to Abbott's ceremonial office — even though the governor wasn't there — to plead with the governor that he honor the board's recommendation.

"The best we were hoping was a 4-3," he said. "This is beyond amazing. I can't tell you." At his trial, Bart Whitaker said he took "100 percent" responsibility for planning and carrying out the killings. Prosecutors said he hated his parents and hoped to collect an inheritance.

"I think it's the wrong decision and clearly the wrong decision," said Fort Bend County District Attorney John Healey, whose office prosecuted Whitaker and convinced a jury to convict him and send him to death row.

He said Tuesday that he didn't know if he could speak with Abbott before the governor made a decision.

"I don't know if that's part of the allowed protocol," Healey said. "It's a unique situation."

Evidence showed the murder plot included two of Whitaker's friends and was at least Whitaker's third attempt to kill his family. The shooting was made to look like an interrupted burglary at the family's home in Sugar Land, southwest of Houston, and Bart Whitaker was shot in the arm to draw attention away from him.

About six months after the shootings, he disappeared. A year later, he was apprehended in Mexico.

The gunman, Chris Brashear, pleaded guilty in 2007 to a murder charge and was sentenced to life in prison. Another man, Steve Champagne, who drove Brashear from the Whitaker house the night of the shootings, took a 15-year prison term in exchange for testifying at Whitaker's trial.

In 2007, death row inmate Kenneth Foster was spared and his sentence commuted to life. The board had voted 6-1 in favor of a commutation. Perry said Foster and a co-defendant in a fatal robbery in San Antonio should not have been tried together for capital murder. Foster was the getaway driver in the slaying and both he and a partner received death sentences. His co-defendant was executed.

In 2004, Perry overruled the parole board's 5-1 vote favoring clemency and convicted killer Kelsey Patterson was executed. He took the same action in 2009 in the case of death row inmate Robert Lee Thompson, who was executed despite a favorable 5-2 ruling from the board.

# Evangelist Billy Graham, who reached millions, dies at 99

By RACHEL ZOLL

Associated Press

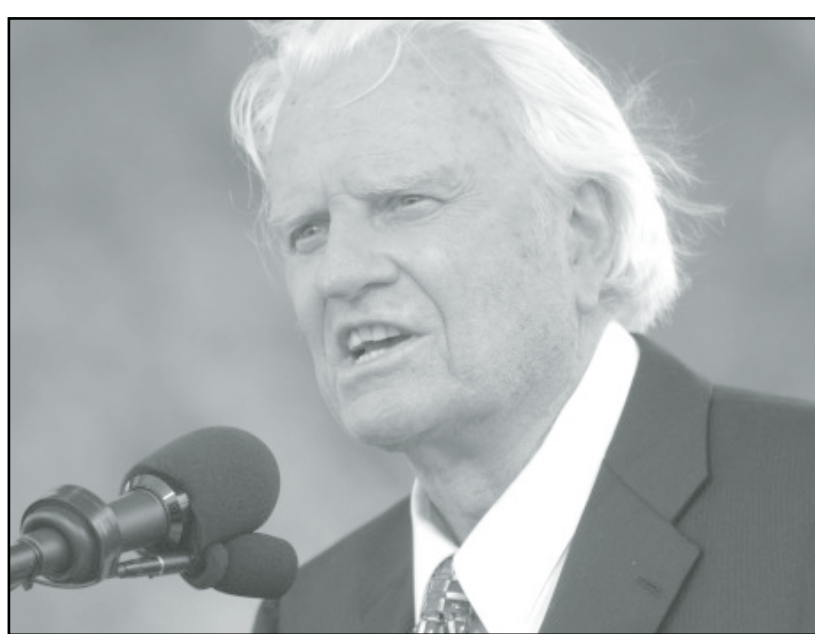
MONTREAT, N.C. — The Rev. Billy Graham, who transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died Wednesday. He was 99.

Graham, who long suffered from cancer, pneumonia and other ailments, died at his home in North Carolina, spokesman Mark DeMoss told The Associated Press.

More than anyone else, Graham built evangelicalism into a force that rivaled liberal Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in the United States. His leadership summits and crusades in more than 185 countries and territories forged powerful global links among conservative Christians, and threw a lifeline to believers in the communist-controlled Eastern bloc. Dubbed "America's pastor," he was a confidant to U.S. presidents from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush.

In 1983, President Reagan gave Graham the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor. When the Billy Graham Museum and Library was dedicated in 2007 in Charlotte, former Presidents George H.W. Bush, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton attended.

"When he prays with you in the



AP photo

In this June 26, 2005 file photo, the Rev. Billy Graham speaks on stage on the third and last day of his farewell American revival in the Queens borough of New York. A spokesman said on Graham has died at his home in North Carolina at age 99.

Oval Office or upstairs in the White House, you feel he's praying for you, not the president," Clinton said at the ceremony.

President Donald Trump tweeted: "The GREAT Billy Graham is dead. There was nobody like him! He will be missed by Christians and all religions. A very special man."

Beyond Graham's public appearances, he reached untold millions through his pioneering use of prime-time telecasts, network radio, daily newspaper columns,

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# HCJLA

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## GRAHAM

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evangelistic feature films and globe-girdling satellite TV hookups. Graham's message was not complex or unique, yet he preached with a conviction that won over audiences worldwide.

"The Bible says," was his catch phrase. His unquestioning belief in Scripture turned the Gospel into a "rapier" in his hands, he said.

A tall, striking man with thick hair, stark blue eyes and a firm jaw, Graham was a commanding presence at his crusades. He would make the altar call in his powerful baritone, asking the multitudes to stand, come down the aisles and publicly make "decisions for Christ," as a choir crooned the hymn "Just As I Am."

By his final crusade in 2005 in New York City, he had preached in person to more than 210 million people worldwide. No evangelist is expected to have his level of influence again.

"William Franklin Graham Jr. can safely be regarded as the best who ever lived at what he did," said William Martin, author of the Graham biography "A Prophet With Honor."

Born Nov. 7, 1918, on his family's dairy farm near Charlotte, North Carolina, Graham came from a fundamentalist background that expected true Bible-believers to stay clear of Christians with even the most minor differences over Scripture. But as his crusades drew support from a widening array of Christian churches, he came to reject that view.

He joined in a then-emerging movement called New Evangelicalism that abandoned the narrowness of fundamentalism to engage broader society. Fundamentalists at the time excoriated the preacher for his new direction, and broke with him when he agreed to work with more liberal Christians in the 1950s.

Graham stood fast. He would not reject people who were sincere and shared at least some of his beliefs, Martin said. He wanted the widest hearing possible for his salvation message.

"The ecumenical movement has broadened my viewpoint and I recognize now that God has his people in all churches," he said in the early 1950s.

In 1957, he said, "I intend to go anywhere, sponsored by anybody, to preach the Gospel of Christ."

His approach helped evangelicals gain the influence they have today. Graham's path to becoming an evangelist began taking shape at age 16, when the Presbyterian-reared farmboy committed himself to Christ at a local tent revival.

"I did not feel any special emotion," he wrote in his 1997 autobiography, "Just As I Am." "I simply felt at peace," and thereafter, "the world looked different."

After high school, he enrolled at the fundamentalist Bob Jones College, but found the school stifling, and transferred to Florida Bible Institute in Tampa. There, he practiced sermonizing in a swamp, preaching to birds and alligators before tryouts with small churches. He still wasn't convinced he should be a preacher until a soul-searching, late-night ramble on a golf course.

"I finally gave in while pacing at midnight on the 18th hole," he said. "All right, Lord, I said, 'If you want me, you've got me.'"

Graham, who became a Southern Baptist, went on to study at Wheaton College, a prominent Christian liberal arts school in Illinois, where he met fellow student Ruth Bell, who had been raised in China where her father had been a Presbyterian medical missionary.

The two married in 1943, and he planned to become an Army chaplain. But he fell seriously ill, and by



In this Dec. 12, 1961 file photo, Evangelist Billy Graham, left, talks with President John F. Kennedy during a call at the the White House in Washington.

AP photo

the time he recovered and could start the chaplain training program, World War II was nearly over.

Instead, he took a job organizing meetings in the U.S. and Europe with Youth for Christ, a group he helped found. He stood out then for his loud ties and suits, and a rapid delivery and swinging arms that won him the nickname "the Preaching Windmill."

A 1949 Los Angeles revival turned Graham into evangelism's rising star. Held in a tent dubbed the "Canvas Cathedral," Graham had been drawing adequate, but not spectacular crowds until one night when reporters and photographers descended. When Graham asked them why, a reporter said that legendary publisher William Randolph Hearst had ordered his papers to hype Graham. Graham said he never found out why.

The publicity gave him a national profile. Over the next decade, his massive crusades in England and New York catapulted him to international celebrity. His 12-week London campaign in 1954 defied expectations, drawing more than 2 million people and the respect of the British, many of whom had derided him before his arrival as little more than a slick salesman.

Three years later, he held a crusade in New York's Madison Square Garden that was so popular it was extended from six to 16 weeks, capped off with a rally in Times Square that packed Broadway with more than 100,000 people.

The strain of so much preaching caused the already trim Graham to lose 30 pounds by the time the event ended. It remains his longest revival meeting ever.

As his public influence grew, the preacher's stands on the social issues of his day were watched closely by supporters and critics alike. One of the most pressing was the civil rights movement. Graham was no social activist and never joined marches, which led prominent Christians such as theologian Reinhold Niebuhr to publicly condemn Graham as too moderate.

Still, Graham ended racially segregated seating at his Southern crusades in 1953, a year before the Supreme Court's school integration ruling, and long refused to visit South Africa while its white regime insisted on racially segregated meetings.

In a 2005 interview with The Associated Press, before his final crusade which was held in New York, Graham said he regretted that he didn't battle for civil rights more forcefully.

"I think I made a mistake when I didn't go to Selma" with many clergy who joined the historic Ala-

bama march led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "I would like to have done more."

Graham more robustly took on the cause of anti-Communism, making preaching against the atheist regime part of his sermons for years.

As America's most famous religious leader, he golfed with statesmen and entertainers and dined with royalty. Graham's relationships with U.S. presidents also boosted his ministry and became a source of pride for conservative Christians who were so often caricatured as backward.

But those ties proved problematic when his close friend Richard Nixon resigned in the Watergate scandal, leaving Graham devastated and baffled. He resolved to take a lower profile in the political world, going as far as discouraging the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a founder of the Moral Majority, from mixing religion and politics.

"Evangelicals can't be closely identified with any particular party or person. We have to stand in the middle, to preach to all the people, right and left," Graham said in 1981, according to Time magazine. "I haven't been faithful to my own advice in the past. I will in the future."

Yet, in the 2012 election, with Graham mostly confined to his North Carolina home, he all but endorsed Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney. And the evangelist's ministry took out full-page ads in newspapers support a ballot referendum that would ban same-sex marriage.

His son, the Rev. Franklin Graham, who runs the ministry, said his father viewed the gay marriage question as a moral, not a political, issue. Graham's integrity was credited with salvaging the reputation of broadcast evangelism in the dark days of the late 1980s, after scandals befell TV preachers Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker.

He resolved early on never to be alone with a woman other than his wife. Instead of taking a share of the "love offerings" at his crusades, as was the custom, he earned a modest salary from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

His ministry was governed by an independent board that included successful Christian businessmen and other professionals — a stark departure from the widespread evangelical practice of packing boards with relatives and yes-men.

"Why, I could make a quarter of a million dollars a year in this field or in Hollywood if I wanted to," Graham said. "The offers I've had from Hollywood studios are amazing. But I just laughed. I told them I was staying with God."

## Judge approves shutdown of large California homeless camp

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Southern California authorities took steps Tuesday toward shutting down a large homeless encampment and relocating hundreds of tent-dwellers to motel rooms under a court-supervised deal with lawyers who sued to protect their rights.

Scores of people hauling suitcases and pet dogs lined up in the encampment Santa Ana River to speak with county workers tasked with placing the homeless in motel rooms for up to 30 days as sheriff's deputies begin clearing the trash-strewn site.

County officials said the challenge was ensuring they were reaching some 600 homeless tent-dwellers who had been living on the two-mile (3.2 kilometer) long stretch of the riverbed bike trail since last summer, and not others heading to the encampment solely to seek a motel voucher.

"It makes it very difficult for us to help everybody," said Frank Kim, the county's chief executive officer, adding that he saw people arrive with sleeping bags at the encampment over the weekend. "We're going to help everybody but not everybody is going to get a motel voucher."

County workers set up the triage stations to help the homeless after U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter lifted an order blocking deputies from making arrests along the trail, saying the homeless were given ample notice it was time to move.

Carter, who is known for his unconventional approach, set up an impromptu courtroom with a table and folding chairs in a parking

lot near the riverbed and said he would remain on site to address any problems. He also had a gray shed brought to the parking lot, and asked lawyers whether it might be an option to temporarily house some homeless.

The deal came after advocates sued to protect the rights of evicted tent-dwellers, who say they were driven to the trail near the baseball stadium for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim by a crackdown on loitering in surrounding cities. The county must conduct clinical assessments of participants and provide food and storage for their belongings. Participants must speak with a case worker and abide by motel rules.

The case in the county of 3.2 million people between Los Angeles and San Diego is being watched by advocates elsewhere who are also grappling with a rise in homelessness amid soaring housing costs.

On the trail, tent-dwellers were packing up belongings that county workers helped load into vans. Officials were working their way down the trail, and said they didn't know if they'd have enough motel rooms immediately and might need to close the encampment in phases.

Larry Ford, one of the plaintiffs, looked at the long line of people and said he wasn't sure how long

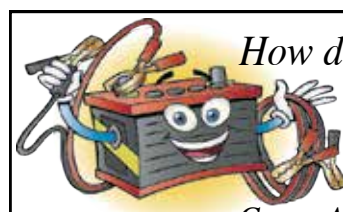
it would take for him to get indoors.

"I don't see they're going to get me a place," the 53-year-old said. "I'm just another person who needs a motel."

Carter said he was concerned that moving too slowly might draw new people into the riverbed as the county is trying to get long-time residents out.

Since the deal last week, county officials have moved more than 200 people out of the encampment and believe another 140 still need help, said Susan Price, the county's director of care coordination.

Carol Sobel, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said those lined up probably lived there but may have resumed sleeping in parks or on sidewalks after the county announced plans last month to close the encampment, fearing they'd be arrested if they stayed.



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## Bufs get Bi-district trophy and revenge on Haskel with 53-36 win



Courtesy photo

The Forsan Buffalo varsity basketball team stands with their Bi-District Championship trophy after defeating Haskel 53-36 in Colorado City on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

By **STEVE BELVIN**  
Staff Writer

**COLORADO CITY-** This time the Forsan Buffloes handled their business. Unlike last year when they faltered in the opening round of the state basketball playoffs against the Haskell Indi-

ans, the Bufs made amends with a resounding 53-36 win over Haskell in Class 2A bi-district play. It propels the Buffloes into the area round against Anthony, a winner over Smyer. The time and date has yet to be set. "It's a lot better," said Forsan coach Cory Richardson. "After

last year it was very, very important we come back and win this year." It was all business for the Buffloes this year after last year's upset loss to the fourth seeded Indians in the very same Colorado City gym. The Indians tried to keep the tempo at a relatively slow pace,

and they did for a good part of the game, but when the Bufs turned up the pressure, Haskell began to wilt. Haskell led 8-5 the first three minutes of the game behind the three-point shooting of Caleb Wheat. Wheat scored 11 of his team leading 14 points in the first half, and

Haskell hung close trailing 27-22 at the half. Forsan was paced by guards Garrett Evans and Kobe Richardson, who combined for 16 first half points. The Bufs broke the game open at the start of the third quarter. See **BUFFS**, Page 13

## Lady Steers defeat Lamesa 7-1



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

A Big Spring big hitter, Abby Luna, hits a home run during the Lady Steer's 7-1 home win over Lamesa on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.



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Big Spring third baseman Cassidy Martinez tags out the runner during the Lady Steer's 7-1 home win over Lamesa on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.



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Big Spring center fielder, Leah Davila, runs down and catches a long fly ball during the Lady Steer's 7-1 home win over Lamesa on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

## Lady Buffs' season closes with 40-26 loss to Haskell

By **STEVE BELVIN**  
Staff Writer

**COLORADO CITY -** Something had to give. It was two of the most touted Class 2A girls teams in the state playing for a trip to the regional tournament. In this one it was the Haskell Maidens coming away with a 40-26 win over the Forsan Lady Buffloes in regional quarterfinal action. The Maidens, 34-1 for the season and riding a 20-game win streak, proved why they are ranked No. 13 in the state as they were just too much

for the Lady Buffs, who had won 17 straight themselves. What's more impressive, is that Haskell basically closed five players. The only substitution Haskell made came when post player Hollyn Hadaway fouled out with one minute left in the game. Haskell won this game with an aggressive 1-3-1 zone defense, one that constantly sagged back to protect the rim against the taller Forsan front line. The Forsan trio of Jenna Evans, See **LADY BUFFS**, Page 13

## Mustangs hangle Bulldogs 22-1

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs lost to the Shallowater Mustangs 22-1 in high school baseball action Tuesday in Shallowater. Bracy Bacon hit a single in the top of the 4th to bring home Trey Brumley from third base for their only run of the game. Bacon went 2 for 2 at the plate to lead the Bulldogs in hits for the game. Zach Holmes went 1 for 3, Gage Hill went 1 for 2, and Logan Franklin went 1 for 1 at the plate. Next up, the Bulldogs will play in a tournament at Post which begins Thursday and continues through Saturday.

## Bulldogettes win close game

Special to the Herald

Coahoma pitcher MaKynlee Overton stopped a Ralls Lady Rabbits rally in the top of the 7th to ensure the Bulldogettes' 9-8 win in a very hard-fought softball game on a freezing Tuesday night in Forsan. With the tying score on second base, Overton struck out Kenley Yocom but the ball came loose from catcher Kinzee Canalas' glove. Yocom made a dash towards first but was easily tagged by first baseman Casie Grant to end the game. "The girls did an excellent job," said Alex Orosco, head coach for the Bulldogettes. "Elements are always tough to play against, and they got cold. It was

cold for everybody, but the girls did a great job." A cold front blew into Howard County late afternoon dropping the temperature downward as the game progressed into the evening hours. Strong, chilly winds blew through the entire game as the players tried to stay warm on the field and fans wrapped themselves in blankets. The Bulldogettes picked up 5 runs in the bottom of the 2nd to take the lead 5-0 thanks to hits by Lexi Montelongo, Kamri Kemper, and Jaydan Mann. Mann hit a home run on a fly ball to left field advancing Kemper from second base to home plate. In the top of the 3rd, Ralls scored two runs from a ground ball hit by Belle Cararez. The

Lady Rabbits went on to take the lead in the top of the 4th 6-5. Coahoma tied the score 6-6 in the 5th when Grant hit a powerful fly ball to center field sending Reagan Deel to home plate. Grant doubled on the play. Coahoma then added three more to pad their lead in the bottom of the sixth. At the top of the seventh, the Bulldogettes looked to ready to add their third win of the season after Overton put the first two batters away first with a strike out and then a ground out to second base. Then the freshman walked the next two batters and Fankie Torres doubled on a fly ball to center field bringing home two runs for Ralls. See **CHS**, Page 14



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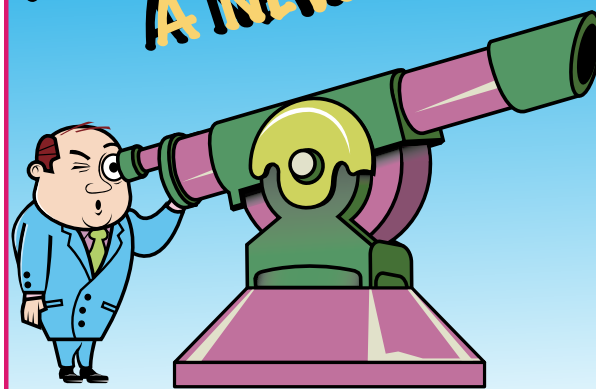
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: James J. Napper Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1370 Stanton, Texas 79782

DATED the 16th day of February, 2018.

James J. Napper Attorney for Betty Jane McKim State Bar No.: 00784661 P.O. Box 1370 Stanton, Texas 79782 Telephone: (432) 756-2838 Facsimile: (432) 756-2992 E-mail: napperlawoffice@gmail.com

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To: Unknown Heirs at Law of Ricky Lee Williams, Deceased & Unknown Heirs of Annie P. Blake, Deceased

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, March 26, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was

**Legals**

filed in said court on the 27th day of December, 2016, cause number 51608 in the entitled cause styled.

U.S. Bank National Association Vs Ricky Williams, II, Et Al

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real Property - Other

Plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2, its successors in interest and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit against Defendants Ricky Lee Williams, II, Julius Ezekiel Williams, LaToya Felice Williams, Allante Williams, Denise Richard, Charlotte Marie Bradford, Stephanie Blake-Richardson, Yolanda Yvette Blake, Janice Renee Bradford, the Unknown Heirs at Law of Rickey Lee Williams, the Unknown Heirs at Law of Annie P. Blake and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title and interest in 3709 Hamilton St, Big Spring, Texas 79720 and legally described to wit:

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There are three kinds of luck: the kind you are born into, the kind you stumble into and the kind you make by putting yourself in situations with great potential. Of course, you can only really control the last kind. And you will today!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).**

Happiness doesn't always make you smile. Sometimes it makes you holler, sometimes it makes you cry and sometimes it dumbfounds you into a state of perfect, blissful neutrality.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).**

You figure out that you simply don't need as much as you thought you would, so you can let go and watch your energy level rise. Also, your connection with a fire sign (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius) will raise your energy.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).**

Thinking back to your behavior from your younger days will make you cringe. Years from now, you'll cringe about something you did just yesterday. But it's all growth, trying and learning. Stay light, laugh, forgive and keep going.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**

Friends and stories will be the great treasure of your day. You'll be surprised by what some people remember about your times together and this will add to your own recollections.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**

Time can seem like a bully. But bullies can be stopped. Stand up to time -- show it

**work picture. A faithful companion is along for the adventure come June. November brings domestic improvements. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 28 and 10.**

**COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT ... SELF-PARENTING (PART THREE):**

Adulting is essentially a journey toward becoming the ideal parent of yourself. If you're a Taurus, the biggest self-parenting challenge is the issue of willfulness. Taurus are gifted with tremendous tenacity and determination. The flip side of that talent is stubbornness and obsessive tendencies. Have you ever tried to move a 2,000-pound bull? As a Taurus, once you decide on something, you will dig in your heels and no amount of force can move you from that decision.

Effective parenting of willful children involves helping the child (SET ITAL) want (END ITAL) to do the right things, and the same goes for Taurus self-parenting. The successful Taurus will recognize his or her own tremendous willfulness, and then instead of fighting it, will find ways of coaxing things along. Taking baby steps in the right direction will work. Rewards systems will work. Sometime distractions are a huge help.

As a Taurus, to oppose yourself is futile, as you have something akin to "oppositional defiance disorder" regardless of who is telling you what to do. Also note that behavioral breakthroughs rarely come from a frustrated mind. If you're a Taurus and you've come to an impasse with getting yourself to adopt a desired behavior, try walking away from the problem for a while. Progress will be born in a gentle, playful approach.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**

In the "Twilight" movies, Ashley Greene played a vampire who could see into the future -- fitting for Pisces, the most psychic of the zodiac. Greene has her sun, Mercury and Jupiter all in the prescient sign. Look for the versatile Greene in several upcoming projects, including the horror flick "Snowblind" and the comedy "Antiquities" with Mary Steenburgen.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21).**

You have changed your definition of success. Because of this, the wins you create this solar return will favorably affect more people than ever before. Your investment in learning will transform your

who's boss. Take control of your schedule by filling it with what you want to do instead of reacting to every petty demand that's made of you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**

You know when people say they're ready, but then it turns out that they are not ready at all? It irritates you so much that you'll take extra measures today just to make sure you're not "that person."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**

Sometimes the conditions are perfect for slipping into a sweet spot of productivity. Then there are days like today, when you have to practically bribe yourself to get your head in the game. Hey -- that's not a bad idea!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

You've seen time and again how apparently small and trivial events can have disproportionately influential consequences. Today will present another instance of this, though it will take you months to detect the moment.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).**

You're really not sure where the next lucky break is coming from -- the last one was so long ago that you're starting to forget it. This is a fine time to arrange for yourself to be in as many potential hot spots as you can foresee.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

There's a point in which trying too hard to change a negative behavior becomes an even more negative behavior. Obsessing over improvement is not improvement. Try self-compassion and acceptance.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**The trickless double**

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ 5			
♥ K J 6			
♦ A Q 10 7 4			
♣ A J 9 5			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A 8 4	♠ K Q J 10 9 6 2		
♥ 8 4	♥ 5 3		
♦ J 2	♦ 9 8 5 3		
♣ K 10 8 7 4 3	♣ —		
SOUTH			
♠ 7 3			
♥ A Q 10 9 7 2			
♦ K 6			
♣ Q 6 2			

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ 3♠ 4♥ 4♠  
5♥ Dble

Opening lead — eight of clubs.  
When your partner makes an unusual bid, you're supposed to try to figure out what it means. Sometimes partner's bid may be so weird that you know at once it can't mean what it professes to mean. The problem then is to work out what it does mean, and this is not always an easy task.  
Let's say you're West and your partner doubles five hearts in the

sequence shown. It does not make much sense to conclude that East has just found a couple of aces he overlooked when he bid three spades over one diamond. Normally such an overcall denotes an acute absence of defensive tricks.  
The double of five hearts therefore cannot be based on high cards, but must instead be lead-directing — more specifically, showing a hand containing a void. Partner is expressing his belief that if you lead his void suit, it will improve your side's chances to defeat the contract.  
Since the double bars a spade lead, you must choose between a diamond or a club. In theory, East could be void of either suit, but from a practical standpoint, the odds heavily favor the void being in clubs. This conclusion is reached by assuming that North-South are far more likely to hold seven clubs in their combined hands than 11 diamonds.  
With a club lead, the contract goes down one or two tricks, depending on whether declarer takes the club finesse at trick one. If he does, East ruffs and returns a spade, and another club lead puts South down one. If declarer plays the ace of clubs on the first trick, he goes down two.

Tomorrow: Minus one equals plus two.  
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**SUDOKU**

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	1	7		9	8			
		8		7		1		
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**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!

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

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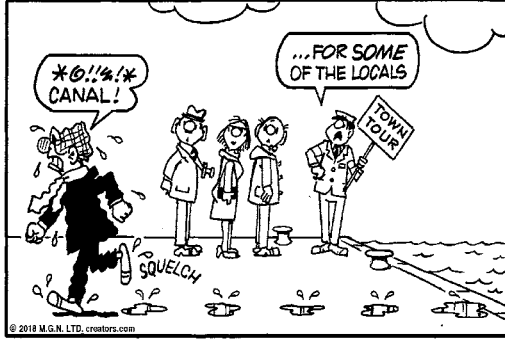
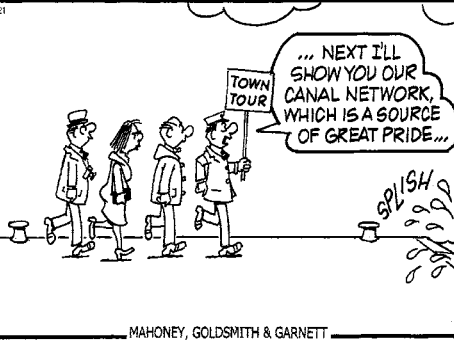
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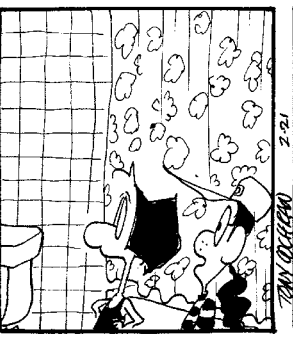


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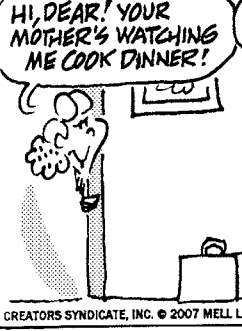
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2018. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 21, 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam.

On this date: In 1437, James I, King of Scots, 42, was assassinated in Perth by a group of conspirators led by Walter, Earl of Atholl; his 6-year-old son succeeded him as James II.

In 1513, Pope Julius II, who commissioned Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, died nearly four months after the project was completed.

In 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated. In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were able to prevail after 10 months of fighting.

In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.

In 1947, inventor Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which used self-developing film to produce a black & white photograph in 60 seconds.

In 1958, the USS Geogon (SS-567) became the first American submarine to complete a round-the-world cruise, eight months after departing from Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.

In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1986, Larry Wu-tai Chin, the first American found guilty of spying for China, killed himself in his Virginia jail cell.

In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi (yah-mah-GOO'-chee) of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics; Midori Ito (mee-doh-ree-ee-toh) of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan of the U.S., the bronze.

Ten years ago: Serb rioters broke into the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade and set fire to an office during protests against Western support for an independent Kosovo. President George W. Bush concluded his six-day African tour in Liberia, where he offered help to lift the country from years of ruinous fighting. A Venezuelan plane crashed in the Andes, killing all 46 on board. Author Robin Moore, who wrote "The French Connection" and "The Green Berets," died in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, at age 82. Former Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham (MEE'-kuhm), who was removed in a 1988 impeachment trial, died in Phoenix at age 83.

Five years ago: Drew Peterson, the Chicago-area police officer who gained notoriety after his much-younger fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, vanished in 2007, was sentenced to 38 years in prison for murdering his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

One year ago: President Donald Trump condemned recent threats against Jewish community centers in the U.S. as "painful reminders" of lingering prejudice and evil; the president also denounced "bigotry, intolerance and hatred in all of its very ugly forms" during his first visit to the new Smithsonian black history museum. Conservative writer Milo Yiannopoulos (MY'-loh yuh-NAH'-poh-lihs) resigned as an editor for Breitbart News, apologizing for comments he'd made in video clips in which he appeared to defend sexual relationships between men and boys as young as 13.

Today's Birthdays: Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe (moo-GAH'-bay) is 94. Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 91. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 85. Actor Gary Lockwood is 81. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 79. Actor Peter McNery is 78. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 78. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 75. Actress

Tyne Daly is 72. Actor Anthony Daniels is 72. Tricia Nixon Cox is 72. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 71. Rock musician Jerry Harrison (The Heads) is 69. Actress Christine Ebersole is 65. Actor William Petersen is 65. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 63. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 60. Actor Kim Coates is 60. Actor Jack Coleman is 60. Actor Christopher Atkins is 57. Rock

singer Ranking Roger is 57. Actor William Baldwin is 55. Rock musician Michael Ward is 51. Actress Aunjanue Ellis is 49. Blues musician Corey Harris is 49. Country singer Eric Heatherly is 48. Rock musician Eric Wilson is 48. Rock musician Tad Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 45. Singer Rhiannon Giddens (Carolina Chocolate Drops) is 41. Actor Tituss Burgess is 39. Actress

Jennifer Love Hewitt is 39. Comedian-actor Jordan Peele is 39. Actor Brendan Sexton III is 38. Singer Charlotte Church is 32. Actress Ashley Greene is 31. Actress Ellen Page is 31. Actor Corbin Bleu is 29. Actress Hayley Orrantia is 24. Actress Sophie Turner is 22.

Thought for Today:

"In scandal, as in robbery, the receiver is always as bad as the thief."

Lord Chesterfield English author and statesman (1694-1773).

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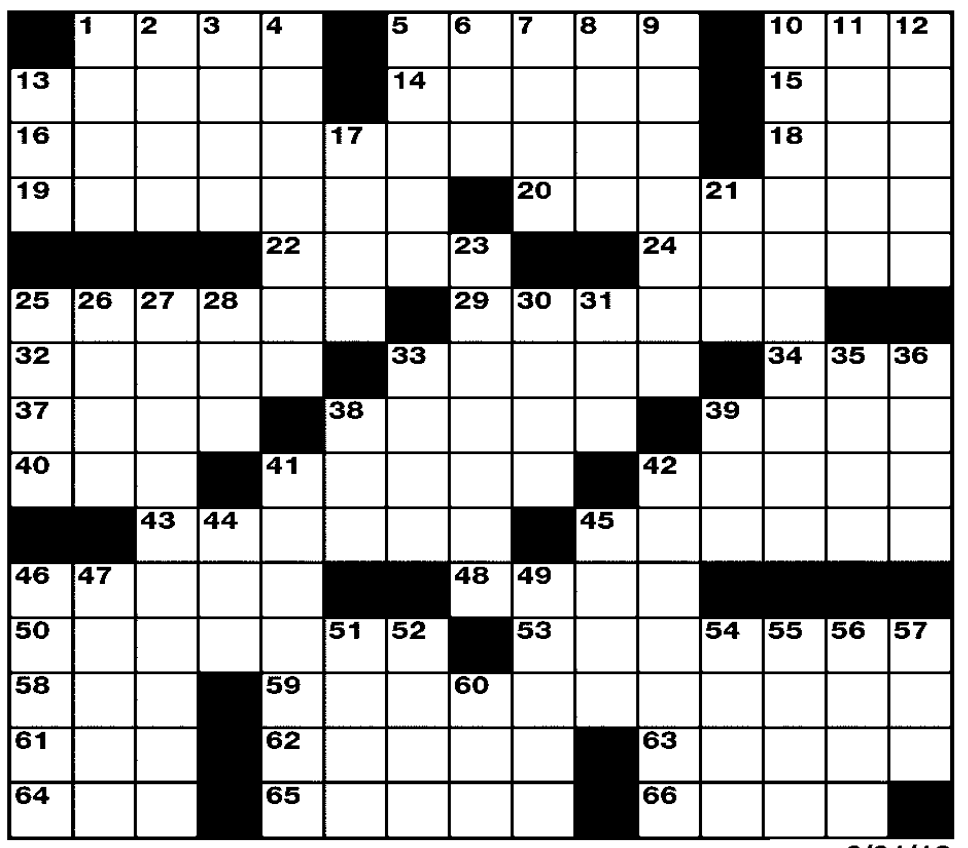
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- ACROSS 1 Savings protection org. 5 Respectful refusal 10 UK network 13 Kagan of the Supreme Court 14 Musical work with arias 15 "That's impressive!" 16 Freebie with some sandwiches 18 1910s conflict, for short 19 Last Supper attendee 20 Prepared to be knighted 22 Snow queen in Frozen 24 Wedding-cake figurine 25 Camel's South American cousin 29 Maid \_\_\_ of Sherwood Forest 32 Horse sound 33 Customary behavior 34 Phone letters above 4 37 Prefix meaning "billionth" 38 Took a siesta 39 Letting in customers 40 Gorilla or gibbon 41 Worker made of metal 42 Windblown snow pile 43 See 56 Down 45 Taken care of 46 Actor Carell 48 Ladder rung 50 Dressed up fussily 53 Good-natured

- 58 Visibly embarrassed 59 Finger adornment 61 Electrified fish 62 Place to apply rouge 63 Common coffee-break time 64 Language suffix 65 Commuter train stops 66 Fruit stalk DOWN 1 Resell quickly 2 Art \_\_\_ (1920s style) 3 Tattooists' supplies 4 Pasadena engineering school 5 Front tips of airplanes

- 6 Antonym: Abbr. 7 Be looking for 8 Neighbor of Pakistan 9 Welsh \_\_\_ (cheesy dish) 10 Target on a lane 11 Acknowledged applause 12 Reprimand mildly 13 Clean-air org. 17 Jazz great Fitzgerald 21 Historical period 23 Warrior women of myth 25 Kournikova of tennis 26 Spring through the air 27 Bit of Christmas debris 28 Back in time 30 Aid in illegality

- 31 \_\_\_ of (finished with) 33 Boxcar rider 35 Considerable weight 36 Fascinated by 38 Hairstyles 39 Raw mineral 41 Stage, as a historical battle 42 Portrays 44 Holiday lead-in 45 Prefix for final 46 Shopping binge 47 What fills a forest 49 Discussions 51 Cavern sound 52 Sketched 54 Work without \_\_\_ (act riskily) 55 Cause of ruin 56 With 43 Across, Schindler's List star 57 Source of shade 60 Japanese cash



Answer to previous puzzle: MILD IDOL SLAM ANEW COVE SCOPE RAVE IDEA CHAOS SWEET CORN OOMPH HERBAL SHOO PEAR TITLDO ADORB TOIL BEAK GURU BOT USDA EAST EMIT ESSAY SLOTHS NIASA EATS CRAFTS APART LEMON DROP DEUCE ODR MAXI MODUS OGLE TIMIN SINIP PEITS



# Renovation of Coahoma fields ongoing

## Bulldogs/Bulldogettes find alternate venues for home games

**Special to the Herald**

With the arrival of baseball and softball season, many Coahoma Bulldog and Bulldogette fans may be racking up miles to see the teams play live.

Both home fields are currently under construction to install artificial playing fields, new fencing, and upgrades to the dugout areas. The renovations are part of several projects funded through a \$4 million bond passed by voters in the Nov. 7, 2017 election.

intendent Dr. Amy Jacobs, both projects are currently on target to have the fields ready by the third week of March.

"The plan is for the upgrades to the baseball and softball dugouts to be completed shortly after the fields are completed. Once the fields are installed at the stadiums, we should be ready to go," Jacobs said. "As soon as Spring Break is over, we hope to be back on our own fields for home district games."

For now, both teams will be playing

either on their opponents field or at a neutral location.

"Our neighboring schools have been very helpful in partnering with us as we go through this transition," Jacobs said.

Coahoma softball and baseball fans can keep up with the action at home or at the game with the app Game Changer. The app provides updates during the game.

Other bond projects are expected to begin renovation or construction later this spring or early summer. They

include the installation of keyless door entryways at each campus, creation of a foyer area for the Coahoma ISD competition gym, renovations to parking lots, bus lanes and the junior high courtyard area, along with the completion of roofing upgrades to several of the district's buildings.

The target date to begin the installation of artificial grass at the football field as well as upgrades to the track facilities and construction of the new concession stand at the football stadium is in late spring.



Courtesy photos of revonation site

### LADY BUFFS

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Chassidy Grantham and Emily Garcia was held to a combined five points. In the meantime, Forsan could never get their outside game going. Macey Evans did heat up in the fourth quarter, scoring all eight Forsan points in that quarter alone. Haskell led 27-18 heading into the final quarter.

It was grind all the way. Neither team lit the scoreboard up. Haskell led 14-9 at the half, and Forsan stayed close thanks to reserve Mikahela Willard who made two three-pointers.

Garcia started things off for Forsan by making a free throw to start the third quarter, but over the next four minutes Haskell outscored Forsan 9-4 to take control of the game. Their success came by hitting the boards relentlessly, getting seven offensive rebounds in the quarter alone.

Haskell held a 34-24 rebounding edge in the game. Hadaway led the way with eight boards. Taylor Manske and Ariel Martinez had seven rebounds each. For Forsan, Grantham had eight rebounds and Jenna Evans had six.

Forsan coach Lloyd Vedder credited Haskell's defense and Forsan's cold outside shooting to the loss.

"The thing about it is, we knew it would be a lot of sagging back. We had to be able to hit the shots. We got a lot of good looks but the shots just didn't fall. You know I always feel good when we hold somebody to 40 or less; tonight we scored 26," he said. "This team has come a long way. I look back, we started 2-3 and were just trying to get 20 (points) against Klondike. Who would've thought we would get this far?"

Haskell advances to the Region I-2A tournament this weekend at the Texan Dome in Leveland. Forsan finishes with a 25-6 mark and will only lose two players from this team for next year.

- FORSAN**  
Rylee Evans 0-3-3  
Chassidy Grantham 1-0-2  
Macey Evans 4-3-12  
Emily Garcia 1-1-3  
Mikahela Willard 2-0-6  
team total 8-7-26
- HASKELL**  
Taylor Manske 6-3-15  
Airel Martinez 0-3-3  
Hollyn Hadaway 2-2-6  
Landry Hanson 4-1-11  
Cierra Taylor 2-0-4  
team total 14-9-40
- SCORES BY QUARTER**
- |         |             |    |
|---------|-------------|----|
| Forsan  | 05-04-09-08 | 26 |
| Haskell | 08-06-13-13 | 40 |

### BUFFS

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Their press quickly forced three straight turnovers, resulting in a quick eight points. By the time Evans had hit his third three-pointer of the game, Forsan had opened a 40-22 lead just four minutes into the third. Point guard, Nate Vidal, capped the quarter off by nailing a fade away three right at the buzzer.

"We did some different things defensively in the second half. We got into a little bit of a zone. We felt like it would give them some trouble, and it did. We're a team that likes to shoot the ball, but I thought we did a good job of being patient with the ball," coach Richardson said.

Kobe Richardson led all scorers with 18 points. Evans scored 15 points, and Bryce Hergert scored 11.

Coach Richardson likes his team's chance against Anthony.

"Anthony is not as good as last year, but they are still good. They have a good post presence. We match up because we can go eight (players) deep," he said.

The 27-4 Buffaloes take a No. 18 state ranking into their game with Anthony.

- FORSAN**  
Garrett Evans 6-0-15  
Bryce Hergert 5-0-11  
Kobe Richardson 7-3-18  
Ehren Hillger 3-0-6  
Zane Riffe 1-0-2  
Nate Vidal 1-0-3  
team total 25-3-53
- HASKELL**  
Cutter Medford 2-0-4  
Aaron Skiles 1-0-3  
Logan Burson 1-0-2  
Caleb Wheat 5-0-14  
Tanner Thomas 3-1-9  
Kyle Hoover 3-1-7  
team total 15-1-36
- SCORES BY QUARTER**
- |         |             |    |
|---------|-------------|----|
| Forsan  | 18-09-16-10 | 53 |
| Haskell | 15-07-07-05 | 36 |

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# The coming home of a CHS graduate

**Special to the Herald**  
The Tuesday night game between the Bulldogettes and the Lady Rabbits was a sort of homecoming for Ralls Head Coach Breanna Guerrero.

The last time she was on a softball field with Coahoma, she was suited up as a Bulldogette.

Ralls, a 2009 Coahoma High School graduate, took over the reins this year as head softball coach of a strong Ralls program. She said she was glad to have the chance to go head-to-head with her old high school team.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Guerrero whose maiden name is Conner. "Coahoma definitely has a rich history in softball. This was a respect game for me. I respect the pitchers they have. I respect this team. I think they are one of the best in the area, and I want my girls to experience the best before we go into district."

Although Guerrero was excited to be playing against her alma mater, she and her team were there to win a game and they almost did.

After Coahoma jumped out to

a 5-0 lead early in the game, the Lady Rabbits staged a comeback zooming ahead 6-5 by the top of the 4th. Heading into the 7th, Coahoma had managed to pull ahead once more at 9-6 and looked to easily put away the game with two out when Ralls' Fankie Torres doubled on a fly ball to center field bringing home two runs. Coahoma was able to end the threat and won by 1 run at 9-8.

Guerrero said she was impressed by the Coahoma team.

"I think they are fantastic," she said. "They have what it takes to go deep (in the playoffs). Their pitching staff is great. They have a lot of great hitters. They have what it takes, and I just expect great things out of them."

After the game, a few of the Coahoma team members ran up to Guerrero to give her a big hug.

"Growing up in Coahoma during Summer Club ball, I coached a few of them, so it's really pulling at my heart and it's really surreal to get to play against them as the opposing high school coach and see them grow up" she said.



Courtesy photos of Ralls softball coach Breanna Guerrero

## CHS

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With a full count, Overton struck out the last batter to get the win for the Bulldogettes. Overton's cool-headedness in tight-game situations is a definite advantage for the Bulldogettes, Orosco said.

"I think McKynlee has ice-cold water in her veins," Orosco said. "She is fazed by very little, and I am glad she is on our team."

Overton is credited with the win. She faced 14 batters, threw 60 pitches and got 39 strikes over three innings. She struck out 6 in the game. Grant started the game and faced 22 batters, threw 101 pitches and got 54 strikes over four innings. She struck out 5.

Kemper went 2 for 4, Mann went 3 for 2, and Deel went 2 for 2 at the plate. The Bulldogettes will be back in action when face Post on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Lexi Montelongo	4	2	1	1	0	0
Kamri Kemper	4	2	2	0	0	1
Jaydan Mann	3	2	2	3	1	1
MaKynlee Overton	2	0	0	0	1	1
MaKayla Overton	3	0	1	1	0	1
Reagan Deel	2	2	2	0	2	0
Cassie Grant	3	1	1	1	1	0
Kinzee Canales	3	0	0	0	0	2
Ashley Romero	3	0	1	0	0	0

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Ralls	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	8	4	2
Coahoma	0	5	0	0	1	2	X	9	10	5



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Business Meetings	Photo Shoots

\*\*Seats up to 100 depending on event\*\*

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